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Mr. Lawrence Noble
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Dear Mr. Noble:

The purpose of this letter is to file a formal complaint regarding the publication of a newspaper called the *Southeast Texas Times* by Mr. Stephen E. Stockman, a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 9th District of Texas (the 1994 election is Mr. Stockman's third attempt at this office, his previous campaigns having been the Republican primary and runoff in 1990 and the general election in 1992). Although no mention of Mr. Stockman's involvement is made in the paper's masthead, we believe that the evidence presented in this complaint clearly establishes that the publication of the *Southeast Texas Times* was begun by Mr. Stockman for the specific purpose of promoting his 1994 campaign.

Early in 1993, copies of a previously unknown newspaper called the *Southeast Texas Times* began appearing in a number of communities throughout the 9th Congressional District. The following lines of evidence substantiate the connection between Mr. Stockman, the *Southeast Texas Times*, and the use of the paper in the promotion of his campaign:

(1). An examination of Stockman's Oct. 15, 1992 FEC quarterly report (Attachment 1) reveals that Mr. Jeff Van Fleet, who is variously listed as the paper's Managing Editor (e.g., Attachment 12a, page 2) and President (e.g., Attachment 12j, page 2), was a paid consultant during Stockman's 1992 campaign. Mr. Van Fleet's name also appears on the "Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession" for the *Southeast Texas Times* that was filed at the Galveston County Courthouse (Attachment 2).

(2). Evidence of Mr. Van Fleet's involvement in Mr. Stockman's 1994 campaign comes from a letter written by Mr. Van Fleet (on Mr. Stockman's behalf) and sent to various "Republican leaders" throughout the 9th Congressional District (Attachment 3). The letter, dated October 6, 1993, attempts to discredit both Mr. John LeCour (one of Mr. Stockman's opponents in the 1994 Republican Primary) and one of his consultants (who Mr. Stockman also ran against during the 1990 Republican Primary).

(3). Although the business address of the *Southeast Texas Times* is given as 190B2 Gulf Freeway Suite 115, League City, TX 77573 (Attachment 12a, page 2), this is simply the address of a local postal box (Attachment 4). More revealing is the telephone number listed on Van Fleet's business

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Paid for by Friends of LeCour, Diane Clark, Treasurer

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card (Attachment 5) and in the paper itself for placing announcements in the community calendar (i.e., "community briefs"), as well as for advertising and subscription information (e.g., Attachment 12a, pages 3, 7 & 11). The number, (713) 996-6900, is identical to that used by the Stockman campaign (e.g., Attachments 6, 11, and 12j, page 2) and that listed in the phonebook for Stockman's home (Attachment 7). Indeed, by their own admission, Mr. Stockman and Mr. Van Fleet have been putting the *Southeast Texas Times* together in Mr. Stockman's home since the paper's inception.

(4). Further direct evidence that confirms the role and importance of the paper in Mr. Stockman's '94 campaign is provided by a mailing he sent to potential supporters on July 30, 1993 (Attachment 8). In that mailing, Stockman acknowledged his intent to run for Congress in 1994 and included a volunteer form that described how interested individuals could assist his campaign by volunteering their time and talent in the publication of the *Southeast Texas Times*. (Note: Mr. Stockman first made his 1994 ambitions known to a number of close supporters shortly after his defeat in the November 1992 general election. He made a more public acknowledgment of his intentions in January of 1993 when he spoke to a number of state lawmakers and Party officials in Austin while attending the swearing-in ceremony of the 73rd Texas Legislature).

(5). In a sworn statement of personal knowledge (Attachment 9), David A. Brannon (a former 1992 Stockman campaign worker), identifies Mr. Stockman as the individual who requested him to write an article for the first issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*. The statement also identifies Mr. Jeff Van Fleet as the Jefferson County/Beaumont area coordinator for the Stockman campaign in 1992.

(6). In recent issues of the *Southeast Texas Times*, the paper has advertised the availability of copies of the World War II "Japanese Surrender Document" that readers can order for $19.95 (e.g., see p. 9 of Attachment 12i). We believe that the copies of this document are the same ones "Friends of Steve Stockman" (Mr. Stockman's '92 campaign committee) paid for in a disbursement to a Mr. Henry J. Kjellander on 10/14/92. The purpose of the disbursement is listed as "World War II doc.". Copies of both the appropriate page from Mr. Stockman's FEC report and the ad that is now appearing in the *Southeast Texas Times* are included in Attachment 10.

(7). Numerous ads and announcements for Rush Limbaugh Parties (which are a Stockman campaign activity used to attract new volunteers (see Attachment 11)), are found throughout the *Southeast Texas Times* (e.g., Attachment 12b, page 2; Attachment 12f, pages 2 and 11) -- events that receive collateral publicity from the frequent mention of Rush Limbaugh in the paper's news and editorial coverage (e.g., Attachment 12, page 1; Attachment 12e, page 1), as well as the many plugs his show receives in various unattributed ads that frequently appear in the paper (e.g., Attachment 12b, page 5; Attachment 12i, page 3; Attachment 12j, pages 3 and 5).

(8). Attachment 12 includes nine recent annotated copies of the *Southeast Texas Times* that document numerous references to: (i) Mr. Stockman, his wife, his campaign, and groups that have promoted his candidacy, (ii) the incumbent, Rep. Jack Brooks, and (iii) discussions of various issues that Mr. Stockman has raised in his previous campaigns for Congress. **Note: All future issues of the *Southeast Texas Times* that are published while this complaint is being resolved, as well as any past issues we obtain that are not already included in this report, will be similarly annotated and submitted as addendums to this document.**

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(9). As revealed by a cursory examination of Mr. Stockman's 1990 and 1992 FEC contribution reports (i.e., "Stockman for Congress" and "Friends of Stockman") and various pieces of his past campaign literature, many individuals who have placed ads or written columns for the *Southeast Texas Times* are former Stockman contributors or volunteers (Attachment 14).

(10). Finally, note that beginning with the June 1993 issue (Attachment 12f), the phrase "Serving Galveston, Harris, and Jefferson Counties" was added to the paper's front page banner. These three Counties account for more than 97% of the registered voters in Texas C.D. 9.

From Mr. Stockman's perspective, there are a number of potential advantages to promoting his political candidacy through the publication of the *Southeast Texas Times*:

(i) it provides him with a media outlet over which he has complete news and editorial control (a major consideration, given the often unfavorable press coverage he received during his 1990 and 1992 campaigns, Attachments 15a-c),

(ii) the absence of an FEC disclaimer, or the mention of Mr. Stockman's name in the paper's masthead, creates the appearance that any articles written for the paper which promote Stockman's candidacy or attack his opponents have originated from a credible third party source,

(iii) the paper's "Letters to the Editor" column and "Citizens Poll" (which includes frequent references to Rep. Jack Brooks, as well as issues raised by Stockman during his '90 and '92 campaigns) provides a way for Stockman to identify like-minded individuals that he can add to his mailing list of potential contributors and volunteers,

(iv) the location of the paper's main office and production facilities in Mr. Stockman's home permits the ready diversion and duel use of the paper's resources (paid staff, computers, printers, photographic equipment and supplies, telephones, fax machine, etc.) in direct support of Mr. Stockman's campaign activities (e.g., the production of campaign literature), and

(v) it provides a way of financing the publication and distribution of what is essentially campaign material by paid subscriptions and advertising; thus, circumventing federal restrictions on corporate campaign contributions and the $1000 limit on individual contributions mandated by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as amended). This potential is clearly supported by the numerous instances in which past Stockman political contributors have placed ads in the paper (Attachment 14)

According to FEC Advisory Opinions 1990-5 & 1990-9 (and the other Advisory Opinions cited therein), the use of a newspaper or newsletter to promote a candidate in this manner constitutes a campaign activity that falls under the jurisdiction of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and is therefore subject to Commission regulation. In light of the absence of an FEC disclaimer or any other clear acknowledgment of the relationship between the *Southeast Texas Times* and Mr. Stockman, and because the publication of the paper is supported entirely by the sale of subscriptions and advertisements that go unreported as campaign contributions, we believe that the publication of the *Southeast Texas Times* represents a clear violation of the Act.

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Based on the above, the considerable exposure that Mr. Stockman and his campaign have already received through publication of the *Southeast Texas Times*, and the potential for the continued misuse of the paper from now through the Republican primary in March, we strongly urge that the FEC consider the following actions as part of the final resolution of this complaint:

1. That an immediate court order be issued to cease all further publication of the *Southeast Texas Times*.
2. That the paper be audited and that a complete and public financial disclosure be made of all receipts and expenditures (whether monetary, in-kind, or in the form of donated supplies and equipment).
3. That all income, expenditures, and debts incurred by the paper during the course of its publication be considered those of Mr. Stockman's principal campaign committee ("Friends of Stockman").
4. That all income arising from the sale of advertising, subscriptions, and donations (both monetary and material), be refunded to the original source or, where the contributing party has agreed (and FEC regulations permit), counted against the campaign contribution limits set forth for individual contributors by Federal law.
6. That Mr. Stockman be prohibited from terminating his present principal campaign committee and starting a new one for the purposes of isolating his 1994 campaign from any debts arising from the actions taken above.
7. That all subscribers and advertisers of the paper be notified of this complaint and the resulting actions taken by the FEC.
8. And, finally, that because of the considerable benefit that Mr. Stockman and his campaign have already received as a result of the paper's advertising-based publication, any further use of the name *Southeast Texas Times*, or any obvious derivative thereof, be prohibited.

Our belief in the necessity of taking these actions is based on the history of questionable tactics Mr. Stockman has employed during his previous campaigns for Congress. Specifically, during the 1990 Republican runoff in Texas CD 9, newspaper reporters uncovered major discrepancies between official records and academic and employment credentials claimed by Mr. Stockman in his campaign literature. This discovery, combined with revelations of similar inaccuracies in Mr. Stockman's attacks on his Republican opponent, led to a significant (and largely critical) increase in the coverage of his campaign by the local media (Attachments 15a and 15b). We believe that the growing inability of Mr. Stockman to obtain favorable press coverage (a situation that persisted through his 1992 campaign, e.g., see Attachment 15c) was one of the principal reasons behind the creation of the *Southeast Texas Times* -- a move that has given Mr. Stockman a media outlet over which he has complete news and editorial control. We also believe that the absence of any official mention of Mr. Stockman's name in the paper's masthead is a deliberate attempt to conceal his involvement so that any articles that either promote his candidacy or attack his opponents will have the appearance of having originated from a credible third party source. Specific examples of articles of both types are found throughout the paper and have been carefully documented in Attachment 12 of this complaint.

In summary, we believe that the documentation included in this complaint provides unambiguous evidence that Mr. Stockman has: (i) used the *Southeast Texas Times* for the primary purpose of

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promoting his political candidacy, (ii) financed the publication and distribution of what is essentially campaign literature by paid subscriptions and advertising in an effort to circumvent the contribution limits and restrictions imposed on federal candidates by the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (as amended), and (iii) deliberately concealed his association with the *Southeast Texas Times* to avoid the use of an FEC disclaimer that would otherwise discredit the apparent independence and objectivity of articles that appear in the paper that promote his candidacy or attack his opponents.

Based on the considerable benefit that Mr. Stockman and his campaign have already derived from the publication of the *Southeast Texas Times*, we believe that a quick resolution of this complaint that includes both a court order to cease publication, as well as the imposition of a significant civil penalty, is warranted. The need for quick action is particularly acute because of: (i) the limited time between now and the March 8th primary, and (ii) the rapidly growing role that the *Southeast Texas Times* and its staff (including the Managing Editor, reporters, and photographers) have assumed in Mr. Stockman's campaign (e.g., see Attachment 3). In addition, there are recent indications that the Stockman campaign is using the *Southeast Texas Times* to promote a possible fundraising appearance for Mr. Stockman by Rep. Robert Dornan (R-CA) (e.g., see the highlighted announcements on pp. 2 & 3 of the September B issue -- Attachment 12j). Mr. Stockman used a similar tactic (a fundraising appearance by Lt. Col. Oliver North) to kick-off his 1990 campaign for Congress.

For the above reasons, your prompt attention in this matter would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Clifford

Stephen M. Clifford
Campaign Consultant
Friends of LeCour

PS: Should any further information be deemed necessary to support the connection between Mr. Stockman and the *Southeast Texas Times*, please feel free to contact the LeCour campaign at (713) 480-4359. Thank you.

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cc: M. B. Hughes, Attorney-at-Law

Signed and sworn to before me on this 27 day of December, 1993.

Ramona Kielty
Notary
Harris County, Texas

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Notary Public, State of Texas
Commission Expires 3-12-97

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Home addresses:

John R. LeCour (Candidate)
16023 Lost Rock Ct.
Webster, TX 77598

Stephen M. Clifford (Consultant)
2522 Tall Ships
Friendswood, TX 77546

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List of Attachments & Background Information

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Attachment 5 **Business card of Mr. Jeff Van Fleet which lists 996-6900 as the business telephone number of the *Southeast Texas Times*.** As seen in Attachments 6 & 7, 996-6900 is also the number listed for Stockman for Congress and Mr. Stockman's home.

Attachment 6 **Examples of Stockman campaign literature listing 996-6900 as the telephone number of Stockman for Congress.**

Attachment 7 **Copy of page from a local phone book that establishes 996-6900 as Stockman's home telephone number.** This number is cited in association with a variety of Stockman campaign activities, but most tellingly it is also listed as the paper's number on Mr. Van Fleet's business card (Attachment 5) and throughout early issues of the paper itself as the number to call for subscription and advertising information.

Attachment 8 **"Dear Concerned American" letter from Stockman to potential campaign supporters, dated July 30, 1993, that requests volunteers for the Southeast Texas Times.** In this letter Mr. Stockman clearly states his intent to run for Congress in 1994. The letter also includes a request for volunteers for both his campaign and the *Southeast Texas Times*. Note again the

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listing of Stockman's home telephone number (996-6900) and the absence of an FEC disclaimer.

Attachment 9 **Sworn statement of personal knowledge by David A. Brannon (a former 1992 Stockman campaign worker) that identifies Mr. Stockman as the one who recruited him to write an article for the first issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*.** This statement identifies Mr. Stockman as the individual who solicited Mr. Brannon to write an article on "Sodomites in the Military" for the first issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*. It also identifies Mr. Jeff Van Fleet as the Jefferson County/Beaumont area coordinator for the Stockman campaign in 1992.

Attachment 10 **Copies of the *Southeast Texas Times* ad for WWII "Japanese Surrender Document" and the "Friends of Steve Stockman" 1992 FEC disbursement to a Mr. Henry J. Kjellander on 10/14/92 for a "World War II doc."** In recent issues of the *Southeast Texas Times*, the paper has advertised the availability of copies of the World War II "Japanese Surrender Document" that readers can order for $19.95 (e.g., see p. 9 of Attachment 12i). We believe that the copies of this document are the same ones "Friends of Steve Stockman" (Mr. Stockman's '92 campaign committee) paid for in a disbursement to a Mr. Henry J. Kjellander on 10/14/92. The purpose of the disbursement is listed as "World War II doc."

Attachment 11 **Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress announcements, postmarked 6/2/93, 6/22/93, and 8/9/93.** These announcements clearly establish that the Rush Parties advertised in the Southeast Texas Times are a Stockman campaign activity. Note both the listing of Stockman's home telephone number (996-6900) and the absence of an FEC disclaimer on all three announcements.

Attachment 12 **Annotated copies of the *Southeast Texas Times*.** Annotated copies of the following issues are included:

12a. First issue (undated)
12b. March
12d. April B
12e. May
12f. June
12g. July
12h. July B
12i. September
12j. September B

(Prior to the September B issue, the only issue we believe we're missing is the April 'A' issue. Issues that we have in our possession and that were published after

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the September B issue are currently being annotated and will be sent along shortly as addendums to this complaint).

To document the association between Mr. Stockman, his campaign, and the *Southeast Texas Times*, each issue of the paper has been annotated using the following alphabetic key:

KEY:

Campaign issues cited by Mr. Stockman in his previous campaigns for Congress (as established by citations from his campaign literature in Attachment 13):

A. Jack Brooks/Congress
B. Homosexuality
C. Abortion
D. Term Limits
E. Taxes/Budget
G. National Endowment for the Arts/Pornography
H. Space Program
I. Gun Control
J. Death Penalty/Crime
K. "Christian" Concerns/Values (e.g., Sex Education, Condoms, Home Schooling, Parents Rights, etc.)
L. Health Care

Other evidence linking the *Southeast Texas Times* with Mr. Stockman and his campaign:

M. Known Stockman contributors or supporters (see Attachment 14).
N. Explicit references to Mr. Stockman, his wife, and his campaign.
O. Mr. Stockman's home phone number (996-6900, Attachment 7)
P. Explicit references to Rush Limbaugh and/or Limbaugh Parties (see also Attachment 11)
Q. Explicit references to groups and organizations that have actively supported Mr. Stockman in the past (e.g., YCT and Southeast Texas Roundtable, see Attachment 16).
R. Copies of the World War II Japanese surrender document that we believe were purchased with campaign funds during Mr. Stockman's '92 campaign (see Attachment 10).

Attachment 13 **Annotated copies of various pieces of Stockman campaign literature highlighting issues he raised during his 1990 and 1992 campaigns.**

Key to issues cited:

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A. Jack Brooks/Congress
B. Homosexuality
C. Abortion
D. Term Limits
E. Taxes/Budget
G. National Endowment for the Arts/Pornography
H. Space Program
I. Gun Control
J. Death Penalty/Crime
K. "Christian" Concerns/Values (e.g., Sex Education, Condoms, Home Schooling, Parents Rights, etc.)
L. Health Care

Attachment 14 **Documentation of Stockman supporters and campaign contributors who have written columns or taken out ads in the *Southeast Texas Times*.** (The following is not intended as a complete or exhaustive list of supporters, contributors, or the total amounts contributed by these individuals to Mr. Stockman's campaigns, but represents the results of a quick survey of Stockman campaign literature and FEC reports). References to the following individuals are highlighted in the attached copies of Mr. Stockman's 1990 and 1992 FEC reports and campaign literature. References to these individuals and businesses in the *Southeast Texas Times* are identified with the letter 'M' in the annotated copies of the paper that are found in Attachment 12.

Political Contributor:	*Ad in Southeast Texas Times:*
Charles Allison	Allison Technical Services
David Barton	Wallbuilders, Inc.
Ken Clark	Clark Services, Committee of Correspondence
Dr. Robert Feldtman	Valley Tech Corp.
Wayne Hauffler	Glorious Godly Graphics
Al Lee	MAGEC Software
Russell Little	Attorney
H. Richard Reed	Bubba's Shack Restaurant, owner
John Dixon	Pearland Discount Furniture, owner

Other Individual Contributors & Supporters:

Dan Norton
Jeff Van Fleet
John Vogel
Wally Wallingford
Lorn Westfall

Attachment 15 **Examples of press coverage Stockman received during his 1990 and 1992 campaigns:**

15a. Newspaper article "Questions surround Stockman: Records dispute candidate's employment, education claims", *Beaumont Enterprise*, dated 3/23/90.

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15b. Editorial "Stockman's distortions cap muddy campaign", *Beaumont Enterprise*, dated 4/8/90.

15c. Alan Bernstein's column, "National convention continues to have ripple effect locally," *Houston Chronicle*, 8/23/92.

Attachment 16

Copies of candidate "comparisons" distributed by the Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) and the Southeast Texas Roundtable to promote Stockman's candidacy. The two comparisons (Attachments 16a and 16b) contrasting Maury Meyers with Steve Stockman were issued by the YCT during the 1990 primary and runoff. The address listed on the bottom of both is that of Mr. Brian T. Carter, who, as seen in the accompanying resignation letter to the FEC (Attachment 16c), served as Mr. Stockman's campaign treasurer from May 14, 1991 to May 25, 1992. The other two comparisons, contrasting Rep. Jack Brooks with Stockman (Attachment 16d), were issued by the Southeast Texas Roundtable during Stockman's 1992 general election campaign. The Southeast Texas Roundtable is a group of politically active pastors that Mr. Stockman helped organize from local area churches. In addition to their endorsement of Stockman (Attachment 16e) and the publication of the "Brooks vs. Stockman" comparison flyer (which was actually composed by Mr. Stockman's campaign), Mr. Stockman was invited to address the congregations of several Roundtable pastors.

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SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

STEPHAN for CONGRESS '92

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
UNIPAC 1600 RIVER OAKS BLVD HOUSTON, TX 77006	LUNCHEON Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	7/16/92	40.00
HOUSTON POST PO BOX 4747 HOUSTON, TX 77210	AD Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	8/04/92	80.00
JARED WYCE 803 NASA RD 1 STE 122 WEBSTER TX 77598	OFFICE SUPPLIES Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	7/12/92 8/12/92 8/12/92	100.00 200.00 65.00
[illegible] PO BOX 117 [illegible]	CONSULTING Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	9/21/92	1200.00
HOUSTON MILK N [illegible] [illegible]	G45 LAUNCH Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	8/12/92	30.00
A NASS 989 NASA RD 1 WEBSTER TX 77598	COPIES + PRINTING Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	2/92 17/92 5/92	50.16 13.41 7.51
SAME AS ABOVE	PRINTING Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	/92 8/92 /92	19.31 .75 2.[illegible]
[illegible]	PRINTING Disbursement for: Primary X General Other (specify)	/92 /92 /92	[illegible] [illegible]
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Attachment 2 **"Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession" for the *Southeast Texas Times* that was filed by Jeff Van Fleet at the Galveston County Courthouse on 1/20/93.**

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ASSUMED NAME RECORDS

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP FOR UNINCORPORATED BUSINESS OR PROFESSION

NOTICE: "CERTIFICATES OF OWNERSHIP" ARE VALID ONLY FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 10 YEARS FROM THE DATE FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. (Chapter 36, Sec. 1, Title 6 — Business and Commerce Code)

204-17-0040

27800-A (This certificate properly executed is to be filed immediately with the County Clerk)

NAME IN WHICH BUSINESS IS OR WILL BE CONDUCTED

SOUTHEAST TEXAS TIMES
(print or type name of business)

ADDRESS: 19082 GULF FREEWAY SUITE 115

CITY: LEAGUE CITY STATE: TEXAS ZIP CODE: 775[illegible]

PERIOD (not to exceed 10 years) DURING WHICH ASSUMED NAME WILL BE USED: 10 YEARS

BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED AS (Check Which One): ☐ Proprietorship ☑ Sole Practitioner ☐ Joint Venture ☐ General Partnership ☐ Limited Partnership ☐ Real Estate Investment Trust ☐ Joint Stock Company ☐ Other (name type) _____

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

I/We, the undersigned, are the owner... of the above business and my/our name... and address... given is/are true and correct, and there is/are no ownership(s) in said business other than those listed herein below.

— NAMES OF OWNERS —

NAME JEFFREY VANFLEET (print or type) SIGNATURE [signature]

Address 19082 GULF FREEWAY SUITE 115 Zip Code 775[illegible]

NAME _____ (print or type) SIGNATURE _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

NAME _____ (print or type) SIGNATURE _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

NAME _____ (print or type) SIGNATURE _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

NAME _____ (print or type) SIGNATURE _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GALVESTON

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED WILLIAM JEFFREY VANFLEET (SAME PERSON AS JEFF(TXDL #1337775

KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS/ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE IS/ARE THE OWNER(S) OF THE ABOVE NAMED BUSINESS AND THAT HE SIGNED THE SAME FOR THE PURPOSE AND CONSIDERATION THERIN EXPRESSED.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, ON JANUARY 20, 19 93.

COUNTY COURT OF GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

JESSIE G. KIRKENDALL, COUNTY CLERK

By [signature] DEPUTY

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[signature]
COUNTY CLERK
GALVESTON COUNTY TX.

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF GALVESTON
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed on the date and time stamped hereon by me and was duly recorded in the Official Public Records of Governmental, Business and Personal Matters of Galveston County Texas, on

JAN 20 1993

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COUNTY CLERK
GALVESTON CO., TEXAS

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Attachment 3 **Letter written to "Republican leaders" on behalf of Mr. Stockman by the Managing Editor and President of the Southeast Texas Times, Mr. Jeff Van Fleet, dated October 6, 1993.** The letter attempts to discredit both MR. John LeCour (one of Mr. Stockman's opponents in the 1994 Republican primary) and one of Mr. LeCour's consultants (who Mr. Stockman also ran against during the 1990 Republican primary).

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October 6, 1993

Jeff Van Fleet
P.O. Box 58354
Webster, Texas 77598

Dear Fellow Republican,

It grieves me to have to write this letter.

Apparently, the strategy of taking the low road has once again raised its ugly head.

A third place loser in the 1990 primary, Steve Clifford, who has made it known that he intends to run for Congress in Texas' ninth district in 1996, is trying to steal our best chance at beating Jack Brooks for his own political gain.

Steve Stockman, who received more votes than ANY Republican on the ballot in the ninth district against Jack Brooks, is now on the receiving end of a malicious attack by Steve Clifford's candidate for 1994.

Clifford, who calls himself a political consultant, has never won an election or a referendum.

Mr. Clifford gets paid by a research institute all the while collecting money from political clients. Steve Stockman has taken leave from his work believing that it is wrong to collect money from employers while at the same time campaigning for public office on company time.

Clifford has persuaded John LeCour to run for U.S. Congress in 1994. While Mr. Stockman recognizes Mr. LeCour's rights to seek political office, he does not believe that it is in the best interest of the Republicans to use personal attacks to divide the party. The real target of this election should be the sitting congressman, Jack Brooks.

It seems Mr. Clifford is still embittered over the resounding defeat in 1990 by Steve Stockman and Maury Meyers. It is apparent that Clifford hopes to derail the campaign of Steve Stockman by using Mr. LeCour, who admittedly has only been working in the Republican party for twelve months, as a sacrificial lamb to sling Clifford's mud. Mr. Clifford apparently thinks that there will be little resistance in 1996 for him to be the Republican nominee for U.S. Congress if he can attack Steve Stockman now.

Mr. Clifford is destroying our chances to defeating Jack Brooks in 1994. He is working to ensure a Republican defeat in 1994 for his own political ambitions.

In a letter Clifford wrote for his candidate, it was stated that, "in 1992... widespread questions about his personal ethics and the accuracy of his resume, hampered the campaign of Steve Stockman...". When asked to show one piece of evidence, one news report, one piece of literature or a campaign commercial to support the allegation that Mr. Stockman's character or resume played a role in his narrow defeat in 1992, not one item was produced.

Mr. Clifford claims to be a researcher; yet he incorrectly stated that Jack Brooks received 58% of the vote in 1992. Actually, Congressman Brooks was held to just 53.6% of the vote against Steve Stockman, the lowest percentage he has received in a general election in his entire 41 years in office.

By dusting off the negative campaign literature from his failed 1989/90 crusade, Mr. Clifford has tried to divide us, the Republican party, with false accusations and half-truths. There are not that many of us now. Why anyone would want to drive a wedge between us is beyond me. We must

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stand together to defeat men like Jack Brooks. If we do not stand with one another, and put aside our hurt feelings, we will lose the opportunity to make a difference in America in 1994.

I wanted to express my outrage and sadness at Mr. Clifford's cheap attacks directly to Mr. LeCour, but no proper phone number was ever given. When I tried to call, the only person I could reach was the treasurer.

What puzzles me the most is that Clifford's candidate states in his campaign literature that he advocates clean campaigns. Two pages later, he is slinging mud.

Mr. LeCour never mentions one issue--NOT ONE. For or against.

Arguably, he does take one stand. He is <u>against</u> Steve Stockman.

Like Mr. LeCour, I too advocate clean campaigns. Unless the Republicans put an end to this, it looks as if this will be anything but a clean campaign. It is difficult for me to tolerate men who say one thing yet do another. There is nothing I can do about Bill Clinton. He has already been elected. I will not tolerate it in my party. I hope that you will not either.

Mr. Clifford prides himself on the fact that he attended the Massachusetts Institute of World Peace, yet he has been unable to make peace with himself or his fellow Republican.

Mr. Clifford, please show some respect.

<u>We should win. We will win. Steve Stockman is our BEST chance.</u>

I know you believe as I do that all Republicans should act with civility. Let's ask our candidates to exercise common courtesy and sense.

Warmest wishes,

Jeff Van Fleet

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Attachment 4 **Business card showing that the business address of the *Southeast Texas Times* (190 B2 Gulf Freeway, Suite 115, League City, TX 77573) is simply the address of a local mail box service.**

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BOX IT

713-332-1599
FAX 713-338-2808

SE Tx Times

190-B2 Gulf Fwy ~~Kroger Center~~ #115
League City Texas 77573

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Attachment 5 **Business card of Mr. Jeff Van Fleet which lists 996-6900 as the business telephone number of the *Southeast Texas Times*.** As seen in Attachments 6 & 7, 996-6900 is also the number listed for Stockman for Congress and Mr. Stockman's home.

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Quality Service

Southeast Texas Times

JEFF VAN FLEET
Marketing Director
(713) 996-6900

190 B2 Gulf Frwy Suite 115
League City, TX 77573
FAX (713) 996-8638

Attachment 6 **Examples of Stockman campaign literature listing 996-6900 as the telephone number of Stockman for Congress.**

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Those Who Endorse Steve Stockman

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Brad Wright
State Representative, District 134

Richard Viguerie, Chairman
United Conservatives of America

Iris Manes, Secretary
Republican Party, Harris County

George Uribe II, National Chairman
Students for America

L. Brent Bozell III, Executive Director
Conservative Victory Committee

Jimmy Lyon, Banking Investments

Ellen Garwood, Retired

Dr. Robert Feldman, Heart Surgeon
(Lt. Col. in Air Force Reserves)

Lt. Col. Oliver North, Retired

Ric Warfield, CHA - Investments

Shelly Gordon, Petroleum Co. Executive

Darrell Bolding, Aerospace Computer Scientist

Rick Dickson, Small Business Owner

Charles B. Allison, Nuclear Engineer

Al Lee, Owner, Software Corporation

Sherry Clark, Registered Nurse

George Whiting, Systems Coordinator

David Barton, Author, lecturer

Precinct Chairman Endorsements

Fran Porter, Accountant, pct. 76

Patrick Murphy, Industrial Hygienist, pct. 474

Paul Fourcade, Pipefitter, pct. 58

Ron Donnel, Carpenter, pct. 46

Wally Wallingford, Retired, pct. 52

Brad Lewis, Political Activist, pct. 66

Jean Marie Hudson, College Professor, *Lamar University*, pct. 79

Barbara Jackson, Housewife, pct. 83

Steve Brunson, Pharmacist, pct. 89

David Stockman, Microbiologist, pct. 393

Donald Outler, Aerospace Computer Engineer, pct. 391

Ruth Dollahon, Retired, pct. 255

Joe Leatherwood, Communications Engineer, pct. 638

Mike Wirtz, Accounts Annuity Manager, pct. 37

Bill Borden, Realtor, pct. 215

Mary E. Donovan, Retired, pct. 227

Jon Vaughn, Businessman, pct. 363

Thomas Frankovich, pct. 53

Organization and Group Endorsements

Association of Conservatives of Texas

Disabled Veterans for Stockman

Young Conservatives of Texas

Conservatives of Texas

Galveston Police Association

American Vietnamese for Freedom

National Right to Life

A progressive-thinking congressman who will help our nation become a world leader and growing nation again.

Steve Stockman will be a hard-working congressman who will be accessible to all citizens, not just a favored few.

Paid for by Stockman for U.S. Congress, 16516 Sealark, Suite 887, Houston, TX 77062. Phone 713-996-6881
Campaign contributions should be made out to Stockman for Congress and mailed to above address.

Steve Stockman

YOUR Candidate for United States Congress, House of Representatives, 9th District, Texas

ON THE INSIDE:

- Steve Stockman's background and credits — Page 2
- How you will benefit with Steve Stockman as your congressman — Page 3
- Those who endorse Steve Stockman for United States Congre — Pages 3 &

If Stockman wins, Brooks will lose.

1. Stockman is the only one who can win.

- Stockman is the only candidate for Congress with the energy and leadership necessary to beat Brooks.
- Stockman is the only candidate for Congress with the state and national political support necessary to win, including that of Republican State Representatives Brad Wright, and Charlie Hartland.

2. Stockman opposes Brooks on major issues, but Meyers is as *liberal* as Brooks.

Issues	Your Position	Brooks	Meyers	Stockman
Tax Increases		Favors	Has raised taxes [3]	Opposes
Death Penalty for Drug Kingpins		Opposes	Opposes [4]	Favors
Gun Control		Favors	Favors [5]	Opposes
Minority status for homosexuals.		Favors	Favors [6]	Opposes
Abortion in the final 3 months of pregnancy.		Favors	Favors [7]	Opposes

1. Beaumont Enterprise, 4-3-82; 2. Beaumont Enterprise, 11-2-80; 3. City of Beaumont Financial Records; 4, 5, & 7. Meyers News Conference, 12-6-89; 6. Golden Triangle Women's Republican Club, 2-5-90; 7. Human Events, 12-30-89, & Beaumont Enterprise, 12-7-89; 4 & 7. Galveston Young Republican Candidate Forum, 3-16-90.

3. If Meyers wins, Brooks will win.

- Brooks and Meyers are close friends. In 1982, Jack Brooks was chosen to give a speech at Meyers' Appreciation dinner.[1]
- Meyers always supports the Democrats in November. In 1980, Meyers had a full-page ad in the Beaumont Enterprise endorsing Democrats.

Meyers endorsed *Mondale and Carter*.

Meyers *opposed* Bush and Reagan.

"*Meyers can't win*. Meyers can't win because he agrees with Brooks on every major issue and Meyers has such a bad record as Mayor, Brooks will easily defeat him in November."

Pat Murphy, Harris County Republican Executive Committee

On March 13th, vote to win. Vote for Stockman for Congress.

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for U.S. Congress

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What do you want?

Can you remember any time in your life when your congressman or anyone in government asked you that question?

It is likely you were never asked "What do you want from government and how do you want the government to operate." That is because over the past 30 years government in our nation has gone away from "a government for the people and by the people" to "a government by special interests for special interests."

I am one of the new breed of candidates for public office who plans to change all that. I will be running in the 1990 election to become your congressman and work in your interest and do what you want, not what a small group of special interests wants.

Unfortunately, my opponent, Jack Brooks, doesn't see it that way. For 38 years now, he has been working almost exclusively for himself and for a few favored special interests.

Here are some important facts you should know about Brooks:

* Brooks' campaign contribution record shows that 75% of his contributions come from big money special interests. What these special interests want, of course, is your tax money and special advantages over you. And, they get what they want from Brooks and his controlling congressional clique.

* The National Tax Payers Union has monitored Jack Brooks and reports that Brooks votes for new spending and new taxes over 90% of the time.

* The National Federation of Independent Businessmen reports that Jack Brooks votes against small businesses over 90% of the time.

* Jack Brooks was the head of the Government Operations Committee which oversees Housing and Urban Development (HUD) when all the corruption took place that bilked tax payers out of billions of dollars. As you know from newspaper stories, Brooks was responsible for giving his close friend, Lloyd Hayes of Port Arthur, a 5-million-dollar "sweetheart" grant from HUD.

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favored few which greatly increased their income but resulted in higher consumer prices for you.

* If Jack Brooks and his controlling congressional clique had not voted to spend your Social Security money and had invested it instead, like private insurance companies do, you would be a millionaire from your accumulated Social Security money.

Jack Brooks tries to pass himself off as a champion of the poor. That is a myth. Jack Brooks himself is a multi-millionaire and one of the richest people in the nation. He became a millionaire while he was in Congress. Jack Brooks' campaign money is loaded with contributions from some of the richest people in the country.

Jack Brooks is supposed to be a Texan, and he does maintain a modest house here. But he seldom comes to Texas. He owns another house in Maryland, his real home, that is a lavish mansion worth $750,000.00.

After reading all of the above facts, do you still believe that Jack Brooks is a champion of the working person and has your interest at heart? Of course not. Jack Brooks has his own interests at heart and the interests of his small group of fat cat cronies. It is these interests, not your interests, for which Jack Brooks has worked over the past 38 years.

How has all of this affected you? You have been virtually robbed and exploited. As you will see below you now pay over 52% of everything you earn to taxes when all hidden taxes are included, and you pay over 14% of everything you earn to interest on loans because of excessive interest rates. Therefore, over 66% or 2/3 of everything you make goes to pay for taxes and interest. Put another way, you get to spend less than 33% or 1/3 of what you make on yourself. Because of all this, statistics show that you have only a 3% chance to obtain the "good life."

Here's what you got out of Jack Brooks' 38 years in Congress:

1. The medium U.S. family income is down 8% in the last 15 years.
2. Poverty in the U.S. is up 25% in the last 15 years.
3. The medium price of U.S. single family homes is up 6 times in the last 18 years.
4. The average mortgage interest rates in the U.S. are up 4 times in the last 30 years.
5. The average taxes for a U.S. family are now over 52% when all hiddn taxes are included.
6. You pay 14% of your income to interest on loans, therefore, over 66% of your family income goes to pay taxes and interest.
7. Only 3% of all U.S. citizens are financially independent. That means that 97% are not. Therefore, you only have a 3% chance of obtaining the "good life."
8. Disposable income is the key to economic growth. The average disposable income of the median U. S. family for two-week's pay is now only $33.00.

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Attachment 7 **Copy of page from a local phone book that establishes 996-6900 as Stockman's home telephone number.** This number is cited in association with a variety of Stockman campaign activities, but most tellingly it is also listed as the paper's number on Mr. Van Fleet's business card (Attachment 5) and throughout early issues of the paper itself as the number to call for subscription and advertising information.

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Attachment 8 **"Dear Concerned American" letter from Stockman to potential campaign supporters, dated July 30, 1993, that requests volunteers for the Southeast Texas Times.** In this letter Mr. Stockman clearly states his intent to run for Congress in 1994. The letter also includes a request for volunteers for both his campaign and the *Southeast Texas Times*. Note again the listing of Stockman's home telephone number (996-6900) and the absence of an FEC disclaimer.

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Dear Concerned American,

We live in troubled yet exciting times.

The symbol shown above is the Chinese character for "*Crisis*". This symbol is based on two other characters: *"opportunity"* and *"danger"*.

I am writing you today to alert you to the ***dangers*** and inform you of the ***opportunities*** to avert an impending ***crisis***.

Look at some of the ***dangers*** of the Clinton administration:

- Introducing the largest tax and spend budget in U. S. history.
- Granting special rights for those who commit sodomy.
- Ordering unilateral disembowelment of the military.
- Launching an unprecedented attack on family rights, values and morals.

With threats like this, it is hard for some to see the ***opportunity***.

The ***crises*** come about because of a fear of ***danger*** without seeing the ***opportunity***.

Many conservative activists are devouring each other and grimacing about their current sad state of affairs, while their followers are drowning in fear and inaction.

Now is the time to act!

Our long held arguments against the liberal dogma are no longer abstract theories. These theories have become a reality to many of those who have never been interested or involved in the political arena. Fence sitters and middle grounders are now awakening to the hard truths and wanting to get involved.

This is why our numbers will grow!

In late December 1992, People for the American Way -- the liberal organization spawned by Norman Lear -- stated their fears are that:

> "the 'Right' will be so alarmed by Clinton's policies and actions that they [the conservatives] will better organize and recruit new followers, thereby creating a bigger threat ... What we [People for the American Way] have set up is a special think tank to help Clinton to rephrase and restructure policy so as not to alarm the 'Right' into action."

Shocking! I for one do not want to let Mr. Lear down. We must unite and stop infighting. Our enemy is out there and waging war on our country's social and economic structure.

Bill Clinton and his purveyors of liberalism have given us the ***opportunity*** to strengthen our numbers and voices against this onslaught of constant attacks on our American values. We are being tested, much like when gold is heated to remove impurities or when steel is tempered to increase its strength.

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Will we respond and meet the challenge?

Are we the biggest stumbling block to our own success? Pogo aptly phrased it, "I have seen the enemy and he is us."

Twenty-six months ago, many of you joined with me in what became an historic effort to help defeat the Dean of the Texas Congressional delegation, Mr. Jack Brooks. By all accounts, we came very close to achieving the task. The efforts that you put forth were tremendous!

Running against Jack Brooks, you helped Stockman for Congress outdistance all other prior general election challengers to Brooks! Though a mayor and other "seasoned" political "professionals" ran against Jack Brooks and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more than we did, (on page 4 is an official fact sheet) Stockman outperformed them all!

- *Outspent 6 to 1, we came within 5% of victory!*
- *We had the lowest dollar per vote ratio in Texas in one of the closest races in the state!*
- *Brooks received just 53% of the vote.*
- *Brooks was held to his lowest general election vote count during his 40 years in office.*

Now we must finish the job we started!

Here is your opportunity to get involved! In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U. S. House of Representatives and I need your help.

1. Enclosed is a petition to put my name on the ballot. In addition to saving 2,500 precious dollars in lieu of filing fee, collecting signatures will give a chance to others who may want to get involved. Note the blank box to the far right of the sheet. If someone would like a phone call about contributing time or funds, please check this box. Please help me by copying this form, collecting signatures and submitting the petitions you have at the end of each month. (*Note*: There is a mis-print at the bottom of the petition; the correct return zip code is 77598)

2. We need 56 people to make local survey calls to neighbors. This will also save money and is an inexpensive yet invaluable way to join the effort. This survey data will also help other races as it enables us to turn out the vote more effectively. Please volunteer to make survey calls in your local area.

3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

4. Volunteer one or two days or nights a week.

5. Proudly proclaim your support by attaching bumper stickers to your vehicles. This in itself is a critical start. If you need more, just mail a self-addressed envelope and let us know how many you need. Please make sure you use them as we want to be good stewards of donated funds. (Folks outside the 77xxx zip code will not receive a bumper sticker or petitions but may certainly get involved).

Some of you may not live in the district but live near the district line. Even though Brooks does not "represent" you per se, his policy affects us all, and what better way to show people that may travel into your area your opposition to those policies. Also, if you live in the 77xxx zip code, you will very likely cross into the district many times. Stickers are a visible means of support which are very economical and effective.

6. Finally, contribute financially. "Early money is like yeast. It is the ingredient that raises dough." To put it a different way, others will be encouraged to give because people like you have given earlier. Start donations on a monthly or weekly plan if necessary. Action now means success in the fall.

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Jack Brooks is the chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee where, with his help, the infamous Freedom of Choice Act sped through his committee in record time; this is the bill that allows " taxpayers to foot the bill for late term abortions. He is also helping promote the notorious BTU/energy tax which, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle, will cost Texans thousands of jobs!

Other bills which Brooks has played a critical role in inflicting upon Americans include allowing Haitians who are infected with the HIV AIDS virus to come to America for "free" health care (paid for by you and me). Jack Brooks also led the fight to gut President Bush's crime bill. The list of outrageous bills during his 41 years in office (Yes, 41 years!) goes on and on and on . . .

With the defeat of Bob Krueger for the U. S. Senate, Mr. Brooks is now the ranking Democrat representing Texas in Washington. All Clinton administration appointments for Texas -- such as our federal judges -- now must go through Jack Brooks!

As ABC news commentator George Will stated, "Mr. Brooks is the number one stumbling block to term limits and the number one reason for them. He has been around since God was a child."

You can help.

Yes, the defeat of the 41-year incumbent Mr. Brooks will send a very loud and real message across this nation. With your participation, we can defeat Jack Brooks.

Now is the time to unite and organize.

Organization is a very real and effective way to impact change. Filling out the Conservative Action Network sheet will take only ten minutes but will prepare both of us for a real and dramatic understanding of your goals and level of commitment.

Remember: In every crisis there is *danger* and *opportunity*.

Avoid the *danger*; seize the *opportunity*!

Set a goal for yourself: get involved to make a change! Large or small, please make a commitment.

I urge you to join us today in this battle for the soul of our nation.

Warmest wishes,

Steve

Steve Stockman

PS. I have listed five ways that cost little or no money to make a difference.

Please, take this opportunity to restore America to her core values.

Because of our success last fall, there will likely be liberal opportunists in the Republican primary who wish to take advantage of the foundation we built. Join with me now to complete the job we began last year.

Steve Stockman • P. O. Box 57155 • Webster • 77598 • 713 486-6300

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Stockman for U.S. Congress

The media erroneously reported that Jack Brooks won an "easy victory -- a landslide". To clear up the confusion caused by the press and misstatements by Jefferson County officials, here are the facts:

Steve Stockman ran against Jack Brooks for the first time November 3, 1992.

	Jack Brooks	118,690 votes (53.6%)
The final	Steve Stockman	96,270 votes (43.5%)
count was:	Billy Joe Crawford	6,401 votes (2.9%)

Running against Steve, Jack Brooks received the lowest percent (53.6%) in his 40-year history of general elections.

With a change of just 5% or 11,211 votes from Jack to Steve, Steve would have won!

Steve received more total votes than Jack Brooks in 1990.

Stockman was endorsed by the *National Republican Congressional Committee, GOPAC, Phil Gramm, and the Texas Republican Party.*

Steve's race was not targeted for large funds like other races. Even with his limited funds ($99,000), Steve had one of the lowest dollar per vote ratios, demonstrating his good stewardship of donated funds. Steve was outspend 6 to 1!

Stockman had a 2,200 square foot office, seven computers, and several hundred volunteers/activists to help push his campaign into the historic final numbers.

On election day in Galveston County, Steve received more votes than either George Bush (7,000 more) or newly elected State Senator Jerry Patterson. Some precincts, which normally go Democrat, *especially in union areas* such as Texas City and Santa Fe, went for Stockman.

Stockman focused on jobs and corruption in Congress. Funds needed to solicit votes during early voting were not there. Consequently, vote percentages for Steve were lower for early voting.

Contrary to statements made by Jefferson County officials, Jefferson County did not have the highest turnout in the state. Its turnout was on par with many counties across Texas.

Other ""picked"" congressional candidates in Texas did not do as well as *Stockman*, even though hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent on their campaigns:

Dolly Madison McKenna spent $550,000+ and got only 41% of the vote

Donna Peterson spent $325,000+ and, yet, her, opponent Charlie Wilson received 56% compared to Jack Brooks 53%.

Clark Kent Ervin spent $500,000+ and acquired only 35%

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Conservative Action Network

Name(First)_____(Last)_____Spouse_____Children names_____
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Church_____D.O.B. his ____/____/____ hers ____/____/__

Only Check the ones that interest you.

Newspaper (Southeast Texas Times): ☐ YES, I would like to help! ☐ Delivery my neighbohood

___ I know someone who might want to take an ad out._____
___ Yes, I would like to subscribe. What! Only $14.00 for a half a year?! Or better yet, $26.50 for full year!
Oh, we want to help even more. We want to donate $_____towards a computer to do the paper.
___ Write articles ___ Sell subscriptions

Organization of My Community: __Phone Tree __Phone Bank __Precinct Organization __Run for office
__Fundraising __Coffee in my home __ Surrogate Speaker Clerical: __Data entry __Filing __Answering phones

Education and Training: Yes, I would like to help here too!

___ Camp counsellors for political training school.
___ Run an information booth at Church fairs or rallys
___ Help prepare seminar's
___ Collect information, through phone survey's
___ Help manage video/book library
___ Please put me on your computer voice phone tree

Organizations to which I am currently active in:
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General/Campaigns Yes, I would even like to help here:

___ Register voters
___ Block walking
___ Work the polls on election day
___ Put on a bumper sticker
___ Collect signatures
___ Donate Food
___ Work in Office
___ Work Chid care
___ Be part of a phone tree
___ Work Child care
___ Put a sign in my yard
___ Put yard signs out for others

My best days to work are (please include days and hours a.m./p.m.): _____

Areas where I am strong: (Circle): Writing Research Artwork Organizing events Media Relations
Phone Skills Communicating Public Speaking Fundraising
Movtivating others Computer programing Desktop Publishing Other_____

(Optional) Areas where I can not work:_____

Issues I am intrested in : (Circle) Taxes/Economic AIDS/Homosexual Rights Education Life issues
Victims Rights/Law Reform International Policy/Communism Crime/Drugs Home Education

C.A.N. * P.O. Box 57135 Webster Texas 77598 * Please Copy and Distribute and Return in mail.

Attachment 9

Sworn statement of personal knowledge by David A. Brannon (a former 1992 Stockman campaign worker) that identifies Mr. Stockman as the one who recruited him to write an article for the first issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*. This statement identifies Mr. Stockman as the individual who solicited Mr. Brannon to write an article on "Sodomites in the Military" for the first issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*. It also identifies Mr. Jeff Van Fleet as the Jefferson County/Beaumont area coordinator for the Stockman campaign in 1992.

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December 22, 1993

To Whom It May Concern:

I, David A. Brannon, a former Stockman for Congress campaign worker during the 1992 Congressional race for Congressional District 9, know the following to be true:

Mr. Stockman asked me to write an article for his paper, the Southeast Texas Times. I personally handed Mr. Stockman a rough draft article that was published in the first issue ("Servicemen Don't Want Sodomites in the Military", front page, first issue, early 1993).

The President/Editor of the Southeast Texas Times, Mr. Jeff Van Fleet, was Mr. Stockman's Jefferson County/Beaumont Coordinator for Stockman for Congress in 1992. I personally delivered campaign literature one evening to Mr. Van Fleet during Stockman for Congress 1992.

David A. Brannon

Signed and sworn to before me on this 22nd day of December, 1993.

Elaine Rustin
Notary
Brazoria County, Tx.

ELAINE RUSTIN
Notary Public, State of Texas
Commission Expires 6-26-95

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Attachment 10

Copies of the *Southeast Texas Times* ad for WWII "Japanese Surrender Document" and the "Friends of Steve Stockman" 1992 FEC disbursement to a Mr. Henry J. Kjellander on 10/14/92 for a "World War II doc." In recent issues of the *Southeast Texas Times*, the paper has advertised the availability of copies of the World War II "Japanese Surrender Document" that readers can order for $19.95 (e.g., see p. 9 of Attachment 12i). We believe that the copies of this document are the same ones "Friends of Steve Stockman" (Mr. Stockman's '92 campaign committee) paid for in a disbursement to a Mr. Henry J. Kjellander on 10/14/92. The purpose of the disbursement is listed as "World War II doc."

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The Growth of Government

Can we get some idea of how big government is? Surely. Let's look at some revealing figures. All dollar amounts are adjusted for inflation by showing buying power in 1990 dollars.

More Americans are employed by government than by all U.S. manufacturers.

From 1967 to 1992, the federal government spent $2.5 trillion on welfare aid to cities, enough to buy all of the assets of all of the Fortune 500 companies plus all U.S. farmland.

In 1987, farmers received more money in government subsidies than they did in selling their crops in the marketplace. Governments, not shoppers, is their main customer now.

In California, New York, and Maine, almost half of all employment and self-employment income is taken by income tax, payroll tax, property tax, sales tax, and other taxes/fees.

In 1900, the federal government consumed less than 5 percent of total economic output; in 1950, 15 percent; and in 1993, 25 percent.

From 1800 to 1990, federal government spending multiplied 10,000 times.

In 1900, the average family (and families were bigger) paid nearly $1,400 in taxes; in 1950, nearly $7,000; and in 1992, more than $16,000. (In the mid-1800's, Karl Marx proposed, as one of the ten planks of his Communist Manifesto, a graduated income tax.)

In 1800, per capita federal taxes were $20; in 1900, $110; in 1950, $1,460; and in 1990, $4,000. (Soon after 1900, the federal graduated income tax system was created by the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)

Before World War II, only a handful of states had an income tax. Today, only nine states don't have an income tax, and politicians in four of them (including Texas) want it.

The IRS has the authority to search your property and financial records without a search warrant and to seize your property without a trial.

The federal tax exemption for four dependent children fell from $13,260 in 1950 to $8,000 in 1989. That size family paid taxes on $5,000 more income in 1989 than in 1950.

Transfer payments (tax money paid for subsidies, retirement checks, food stamps, medical care, etc.) were 12 percent of the federal budget in 1950 and 39 percent in 1992.

The food stamp budget is $23 billion a year. About 25 million people receive food stamps — that's one out of every 10 Americans.

In 1992, the year the federal deficit set a new record high, the U.S. House of Representatives defeated the balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The largest employment sector is government. The largest government is the federal government (18 million employees). The largest federal employer is the Department of Defense (2.2 million employees). In addition, many millions of people work for government contractors. All of the foregoing people are paid money originally taken from taxpayers.

The above figures do not include the cost of complying to complicated and time-consuming tax laws and other burdensome laws and regulations.

Since the days when politicians created the federal income tax cash cow, when Franklin D. Roosevelt prolonged the Great Depression by interfering with the economy in order to help it, when John F. Kennedy promised us Camelot, we have paid for paradise many times but have not received it. The good news, today's crop of politicians tell us, is that if we sacrifice enough, there's light at the end of the tunnel. The bad news (which they don't tell us) is that there's another tunnel. The natural, inescapable effect of ever-bigger government is ever-longer, ever-darker, ever-more-oppressive tunnels.

Because of the efforts of wholesome organizations and individuals, something good is happening in America and abroad. People are waking up. An increasing number of people no longer want or expect government to meet their needs. These folks want to go back to esteeming and protecting the God-created value and freedom of each person. Back to each person's right to be independent and responsible for himself.

Justice For All

P.O. Box 55159
Houston, TX 77255
Phone: 713-935-9300
Fax: 713-935-9301

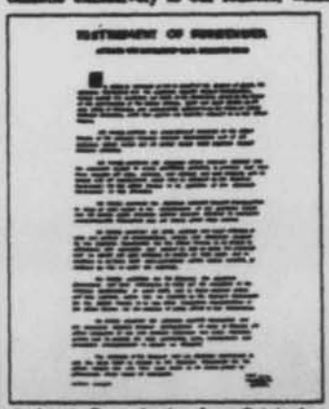
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF THE OFFICE!
CALL TO OFFER ASSISTANCE.

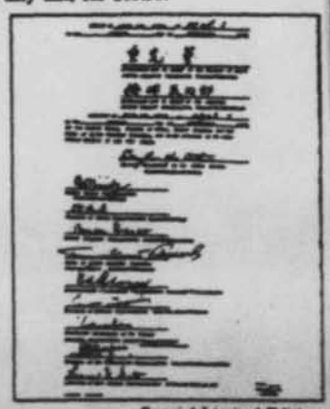
AXIS POWERS NAZI GERMANY & IMPERIALIST JAPAN ALMOST WON THE WAR!

THE PICTURE IS FORTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD.....taken on September 2, 1945, aboard the Battleship, USS Missouri anchored in Tokyo Bay. The Japanese Envoys stood before the Allied Representatives, and inscribed their names on the Japanese Surrender Document. After four long, bloody years of fierce fighting, the Japanese were totally defeated. V-J Day was here, ending World War II, the most deadly war in human history.

Less than 1% of the people of this country have ever seen the Japanese Surrender Document, or even know of its existence. More than any other symbol of World War II, this impressive document truly represents a lasting tribute to those who fought to preserve our nation's freedom. This document, ending WWII, is a fitting remembrance for the courage and sacrifices made by the 407,316 Americans who lost their lives, the 670,846 who were wounded, the 12,454,000 of those who served, and the eight million World War II veterans who survive today.

Give this memorable document as a gift to yourself or a friend. This is your opportunity to appreciate and proudly display this enduring part of history in your home or office. The "Southeast Texas Times" has been able to secure at the manufacture's cost, a limited number of full size reproductions of the JAPANESE SURRENDER DOCUMENT, along with a ONE HOUR CASSETTE of historic recordings, from the attack on Pearl Harbor, to the surrender ceremonies. We're offering the document and cassette exclusively to our readers, while they last, for $19.95.





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NAME OF COMMITTEE (in Full)

FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN C00270330

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
HENRY J. KJELLANDER ORANGE, TEXAS	WORLD WAR II DOC. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/14/92	422.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code J+H ENGRAVING BEAUMONT, TX	Purpose of Disbursement BRASS ENGRAVING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/16/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 32.42
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code KINKO'S 989 NASA RD 1 WEBSTER TX 77598	Purpose of Disbursement PRINTING SERVICES Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/14/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 43.17
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code JANET BAKER 819 HEATHGATE HOUSTON, TX 77062	Purpose of Disbursement PRINTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/14/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 168.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE PO BOX BEAUMONT, TX 77701	Purpose of Disbursement ADVERTISING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/19/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 771.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code FRED MILLS 12 SOMERGLEN HOUSTON, TX 77089	Purpose of Disbursement DELIVERY Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/19/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 500.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code STOP N GO 17310 N. HWY 3 WEBSTER, TX 77598	Purpose of Disbursement GAS Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/22/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 12.21
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I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code S.W. BELL PO BOX 1780 HOUSTON, TX 77251	Purpose of Disbursement TELEPHONE EXP. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 10/15/92	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period 1792.69

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Attachment 11 **Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress announcements, postmarked 6/2/93, 6/22/93, and 8/9/93.** These announcements clearly establish that the Rush Parties advertised in the Southeast Texas Times are a Stockman campaign activity. Note both the listing of Stockman's home telephone number (996-6900) and the absence of an FEC disclaimer on all three announcements.

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Webster, Tx. 77598

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John R. LeCour
16023 Lost Rock
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Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

7:15 p.m. Saturday June 5

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Come on out after you have voted and worked the polls.

To volunteer to work the polls on Saturday
call Chris Ann Vogelpohl (409) 744-3826.

Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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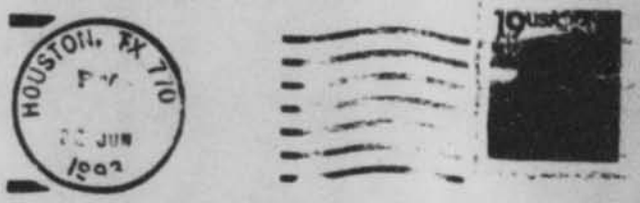

John LeCour
16023 Lost Rock Ct.
Webster, Tex 77598

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Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

6:50 p.m. Saturday June 27

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Missed a show or don't want to stay up late? Watch the last two weeks of Rush commerical free with like minded folks. Friends, Fun & Fellowship. Everyone welcomed! Bring a friend.

Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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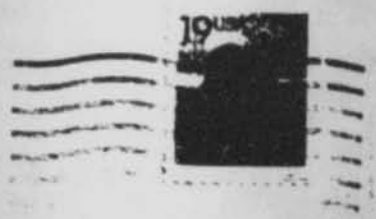

John LeCaux
16023 Last Rock Ct.
Webster, Texas
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Door prizes and a raffle!

Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

6:50 p.m. Saturday August 14

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Missed a show or don't want to stay up late? Watch the last two weeks of Rush commerical free with like minded folks. Friends, Fun & Fellowship. Everyone welcomed! Bring a friend.

Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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Attachment 12 **Annotated copies of the *Southeast Texas Times*.** Annotated copies of the following issues are included:

12a. First issue (undated)
12b. March
12d. April B
12e. May
12f. June
12g. July
12h. July B
12i. September
12j. September B

(Prior to the September B issue, the only issue we believe we're missing is the April 'A' issue. Issues that we have in our possession and that were published after the September B issue are currently being annotated and will be sent along shortly as addendums to this complaint).

To document the association between Mr. Stockman, his campaign, and the *Southeast Texas Times*, each issue of the paper has been annotated using the following alphabetic key:

KEY:

Campaign issues cited by Mr. Stockman in his previous campaigns for Congress (as established by citations from his campaign literature in Attachment 13):

A. Jack Brooks/Congress
B. Homosexuality
C. Abortion
D. Term Limits
E. Taxes/Budget
G. National Endowment for the Arts/Pornography
H. Space Program
I. Gun Control
J. Death Penalty/Crime
K. "Christian" Concerns/Values (e.g., Sex Education, Condoms, Home Schooling, Parents Rights, etc.)
L. Health Care

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Other evidence linking the *Southeast Texas Times* with Mr. Stockman and his campaign:

M. Known Stockman contributors or supporters (see Attachment 14).
N. Explicit references to Mr. Stockman, his wife, and his campaign.
O. Mr. Stockman's home phone number (996-6900, Attachment 7)
P. Explicit references to Rush Limbaugh and/or Limbaugh Parties (see also Attachment 11)
Q. Explicit references to groups and organizations that have actively supported Mr. Stockman in the past (e.g., YCT and Southeast Texas Roundtable, see Attachment 16).
R. Copies of the World War II Japanese surrender document that we believe were purchased with campaign funds during Mr. Stockman's '92 campaign (see Attachment 10).

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Attachment 12a

☐ Space Station Update ☐ Details of Graham Crusade ☐ Citizens Poll FREE

Southeast Texas Times

Good morning! This is your hometown news. The Best Read and Most Widely Talked About Paper in Town! Others charge 50 cents BUT ours is FREE!

Rumors and Resumes Fly

Clinton Team Eyes Space Station

SPACE STATION, SUPER COLLIDER UNDER ATTACK. LOCAL SUPPORTERS ORGANIZED FOR FUNDING BATTLE.

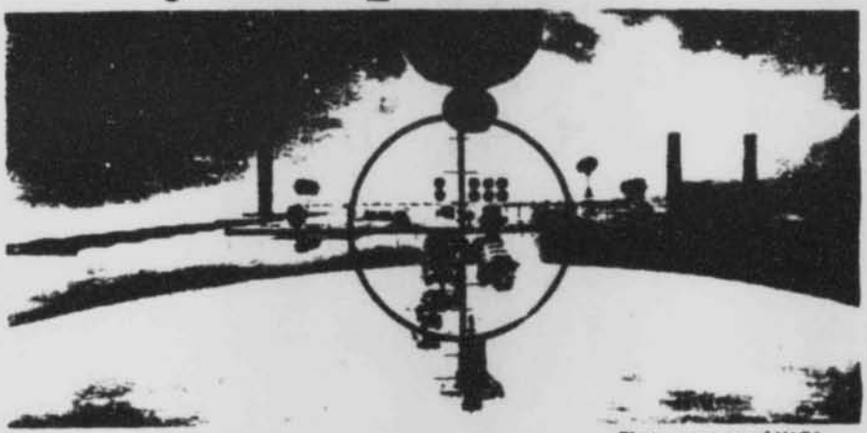
Clear Lake- Recent reports that came out of Washington DC claimed President Clinton was considering scrapping America's Space Station Freedom project and the multi-billion dollar Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) being constructed near Waxahachie, Texas. These reports sent shock waves through the aerospace community and the Texas Congressional delegation.

The reports had been denied by both President Clinton and his White House Communications Director, George Stephanopoulos. But Stephanopoulos also said it was "possible" both projects may face budget cuts short of full cancellation. The White House had proposed a 40 percent cut in funding for the space station.

But in an apparent attempt to save two sagging political careers, that of newly appointed Bob Kruger who replaced US Senator Lloyd Bentsen, and Jack Brooks, who was re-elected to Congress in November by the narrowest margin in his congressional history, space station has survied the *first hurddle* in this year's battle with the only apparent casualty thus far being John Aaron, former Project Manager for Space Station Freedom. It looks as if Space Station will undergo the same drowning/saving senario again 1994 (election year) for 1995's budget.

Senator Phil Gramm speculated, in a press conference at Johnson Space Center on February 10, that perhaps administration sources may have leaked the rumor of scrapping the two science projects and then denied it in order to desensitize the public only to later propose deep cuts in the programs and play it off as a victory for the space station and the SSC.

Clinton's Budget Director, Leon Panetta, is a former Congressman who opposes both projects and, before joining the Clinton Administration, voted against the Station and super collider two years in a row. According to press reports, a number of top Clinton Administration officials are also opposed to continuation of either one or both projects. (*turn to* ***Freedoom*** *page 10)*



Space Station Freedom

Photo courtesy of NASA

"Military effectiveness will erode," says Vietnam War hero

Servicemen Don't Want Sodomites in the Military

Bay Area Veterans dismayed with Clinton's Decision

Many Bay Area military people say they strongly oppose President Clinton's recent order lifting the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces. Friendswood resident David Brannon, a former Navy captain, said, "As a former officer in the U.S. military, who served five years on active duty in the Navy, I cannot help but feel disgusted at the lifting of the ban on homosexuals in the military. Nothing has disturbed me more or made me question ... the President's priorities."

His reaction was typical of those military people interviewed. However, many active-duty service people will not give their names because of Clinton's gag order forbidding them to comment on his order welcoming homosexuals into the U.S. military.

Clinton took steps to lift the armed services' prohibition on homosexuals during his first week in office. Despite strong opposition, the Democrat president forbad recruiters to ask enlistees if they are homosexual. He also ended the military's policy of expelling homosexuals already serving.

Clinton's actions were a compromise with congressional leaders deluged with more than 400,000 telephone calls favoring the ban. The president said

(turn to ***Veterans*** *page 8)*

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Al Jacobs

No money down..... $184,000 VA LOANS

Unbelievable as it might seem, some people can get a $184,000 mortgage with no money down. All you have to do is be a military veteran, active or retired, or a surviving spouse (not remarried) of a veteran.

It is certainly worth looking into especially if you have a hefty enough income. Calculated at an interest rate of 10 percent, the monthly principal and interest payments would total $1,615 and with taxes and insurance, you could expect to pay $1,800 a month. Under the rules governing these VA-backed loans, borrowers can spend 41 percent of their gross monthly income on housing--as long as they have no other long-term expenses.

All this has become available through an announcement by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There will be a fee reimbursement when you get a VA-backed loan. It amounts to 1.25 percent of the mortgage amount if you don't make any down payment. That would add up to $2,300, but you can add it to the mortgage instead of having to pay cash up front at the closing. The total amount of the loan cannot exceed $184,000.

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County Prepares for Graham Crusade

One of the greatest events in Galveston County church history will take place April 11-16, 1993 at the Galveston County Fairgrounds on Highway 6 between Santa Fe and Hitchcock. What is this event? It is the Harris-Galveston County Crusade for Christ held under the auspices of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Minneapolis, Minn. The speakers for the week will be Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham and President of Samaritan Purse, and John Wesley White, associate evangelist of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

The vision of such an endeavor was birthed about two years ago in the hearts of several ministers along Highway 6. Through prayer and seeking the will of God, the idea to involve the Graham organization was put forth. As a result of this, a Crusade Coordinator, Danny Little, was appointed. Through his leadership and guidance, a local organization was put together. Approximately sixty pastors and over fifty churches have committed their time and resources to see this come about.

Over a thousand volunteers will be needed to help bring this extraordinary event to fruition. People are being recruited and trained to counsel, usher, set-up, follow-up, park cars and sing in the choir. There is a full time Crusade office located in Santa Fe where all of the administrative operations are handled.

Over the last two months the pastors who have committed to the Crusade have presented to their congregations the importance of backing the Crusade through money, time and talents. The months of February and March will have the Christian Life and Witness Classes and "An Evening of Music" presented. The CL&WC is a four-part course that's as easy to understand as it is to attend. Each class offers basic, down-to-earth teaching on subjects close to your heart, like Bible study, prayer, witnessing, the devotional life, and follow-up. The classes are free.

"An Evening of Music" featuring Billy Graham team musician- Ted Cornell will take place on three nights in March. Enjoy the thrilling keyboard artistry of this talented, Juilliard-trained musician. Also, if anyone is interested, they may stay for a choir rehearsal for the upcoming Crusade.

Everyone is invited to attend this six night event that begins at 7:00 PM at the Galveston County Fairgrounds. An expected attendance of 4000 will be accommodated under the pavilion.

For additional information contact
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Tablespoon of salt
1 cup of water

Boil the chicken breast at a medium temperature for one hour. Cool and shred.

Prepare sauce over medium heat. Add 2 tbsp. of cooking oil into sauce pan and 1 tbsp. flour. Stir continuously. Once the flour has browned: add 1 cup of water, half of the chili powder, and one teaspoon of salt.

Once the sauce is cooking add remaining flour, chili powder, salt and water until sauce reaches desired thickness and taste. Return sauce to a simmer.

Shred the chicken.

Cook tortillas in a small amount of oil until they form a soft shell. Drain the tortillas on paper towels.

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Roll and place in an aluminum foil lined baking dish. Pour the sauce over the enchiladas and top with remaining cheese.

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Parents Should Be Told Content Of Non-academic CCISD courses

Dear Editor:

A confrontation is escalating between concerned parents in the Clear Creek Independent School District and district administrators. The issue is rooted in a lack of communication. Whether contrived, as many parents contend, or unintentional, this communication gap is responsible for their growing distrust of many non-academic programs the CCISD is trying to implement.

Many parents have caught glimpses of objectionable programs being pushed elsewhere in the nation, through the feedback they receive from their children about programs such as "Self Respect" and other so-called "values-clarification" curricula being taught at CCISD.

Parents attempting to obtain documented curricula for such programs have been called "religious fanatic conservatives" by the program pushers.

The truth is that little or no CCISD documented policy on such programs exists. Documentation on "Self Respect" is virtually nonexistent. It consists of three typewritten pages of generalities unworthy of a "C" grade on a seventh grade asignment, though the program has been taught for three years.

Two basic issues are involved. One is the communication of the content of these programs in documented, comprehensive curricula, backed by a clearly documented CCISD policy on the district's position and which gives parameters within which teachers must stay. The second issue is the actual content of each program to which some parents might object, and the fight has focused on this issue.

Parents have appealed to the school board to control the administration, and CCISD personnel have appealed directly to pastors groups to shut up the "religious radicals" by endorsing CCISD programs.
The focus should be on the first issue, improved communications. To their credit, the CCISD's Communications Committee, which, along with several other well balanced committees, recently advised and recommended improvements to the school board. I was impressed by the desire of CCISD's understaffed communications director to build bridges of understanding between schools and the community. Other staff members and teachers on the committee were equally dedicated.

As parents, we need to work within the system to provide a forum for the district to communicate its various programs. We should even be willing to help by volunteering our services to help generate documents that convey the details of these programs and policies. Only when this is accomplished can we turn our attention to the issue of course content. Conversely, CCISD staff members need to elicit community aid in developing documentation for programs like "Self Respect" or else suspend the programs until documentation is generated.

Without documentation, there can be no accountability. We as parents expect and deserve the administration to be accountable. And the administration should be able to expect accountability from us, as fully vested partners in the important task of educating our children, the next generation of our country's leaders

Frank J. DiStefano
El Lago

Vote No May 1st

Dear Editor:

As we are sure you're aware, on February 11 the Texas House of Representatives passed Senate Joint Resolution 7, or "SJR-7", which places an amendment to the Texas Constitution on the ballot in the May 1st special election.

The proposed amendment is nothing more than an attempt by the Legislature to constitutionalize "Robin Hood" school finance and raise local property taxes to pay for it.

The amendment very simply constitutionalizes the so-called "County Education Districts" which have created a taxpayers nightmare with mandated tax increases.

These "CED"s were declared unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court, as they establish a state property tax, presently illegal under the Texas Constitution.

The leaders of the Republican Caucus in the State Legislature attempted to block approval of SJR-7. (Legislative approval to place a constitutional amendment before Texas voters requires a two-thirds majority, and the Republican minority had the votes to prevent legislative approval of SJR-7.)

The Republican leadership had called for approval of a set of five amendments that would have:

1) Given local voters the final say on local school property tax increases.

2) Barred further Court intrusions on the school funding issue.

3) Lifted a prohibition on spending public funds on private schools.

4) Barred any unfunded educational mandates from the state.

5) Allowed a limited amount of funds to shift from very rich to very poor schools statewide.

But, according to our information, members of the GOP block in the House were called to the Governor's mansion the night before the February 11 vote where they ere "wined and dined" by the Governor nd by education lobbyists.

The result is that a number of Republican legislators abandoned the taxpayers they represent and switched their votes to back SJR-7, giving the bill the two-thirds majority it needed to pass. Republican leaders who had hoped to kill SJR-7 and force the Legislature to consider the GOP alternative amendments have told us that they are "sickened" by the treachery o the Republican legislators who jumpec ship.

So, too, are we!

The two Houston area GOP Reps wh sided with the "Robin Hood" amendmen are Paul Hilbert of Spring and Joe Crab of Humble, who also represents a larg chunk of the Clear Lake area.

We are planning on making our dissatis faction with Mr. Crabb known to hi office, and we invite you to join us b calling him at 713/659-3520.

Further, we are announcing here ou total opposition to the proposed constitu tional amendment that will legalize th CED's, and we plan to vigorously cam paign in the Clear Lake area for its defe on May 1st.

We urge all taxpayers to join us in voti down this amendment in the May 1 special election.

Tom Tyler and Will Casey
Co-chairmen, Clear Lake
Citizens for Better Government

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Communicate with those who work for you....

To Your Congresman..

Many people think any letter to Washington is just a waste of time, but nothing could be further from the truth. Congressmen pay attention to their mail. They have to, because the writers' views form a major listening post for voter sentiment on pending legislation.

Who reads them?

A surprising amount of the letters to congressional offices are read carefully by the congressmen themselves. Those that aren't are handled by key staff personnel who notify their bosses of the contents.

Form letters and petitions

Form letters with identical wording, long telegrams signed by lists of people, mimeographed petitions and other "bulk" entreaties carry less weight in Washington than personal letters. The legislators know from experience that sudden outpourings, with suspicious similarity, are largely from disinterested persons who were goaded into signing a form letter or petition by some lobbyist or political action group.

Write your own letter

It is the carefully thought-out, individual letter that a lawmaker appreciates. Write to your senators or representative just as you would write to anyone else. The influence of your communication depends upon the point you make and the clarity with which you make it. Set forth exactly why you consider a bill good or bad, how you feel that it would affect you and your community.

Courtesy always

Threats, warnings, and abuse merely antagonize lawmakers. Effective mail is courteous and the legislator is well aware, without reminding him in a letter, that he may be your "second favorite" candidate in the next election if he lets you down. Nor does he need to be wooed with a promise of "all-out" support at the polls if he votes the "right way." If your or your organization muster votes at election time, he knows that, too.

If you are pleased with the legislator's position on a bill or with his vote, write to thank and compliment him on his stand. This is important. Letters to a congressman for a job well done are altogether too rare.

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Follow through

Almost all congressmen answer their mail, but if your reply is just a brief acknowledgement, write again to ask for more specific information, e.g., precisely how he stands on the issue, how he feels toward its success, and if he proposes to support or oppose it. It is highly unlikely that he will ignore your second "follow up" request, and he will appreciate your proven interest in the bill. In short, persistence pays.

Timing

Another important factor is when you send your letter. A deluge of mail just as a measure is about to be voted on is much less effective than a single intelligent letter months before while the legislator is still formulating his opinions. When the bill is introduced, send a copy of your letter (or separate one) to the chairman of the committee to which it was referred. Sometimes a bill may never get out of committee for a floor vote. When possible, always refer to the bill under discussion by its name and number.

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the compromise is less sweeping than what he still wants to impose. The main feature of the compromise is a six-month delay in implementing Clinton's order during which Congress will study the feasibility of the proposal. Previously, the Democrat president said Congressional approval was not necessary and that he would impose the order without it.

The Bay Area survey of military personnel was consistent with a survey in which Americans ranked Clinton's performance during his first 10 days in office as the lowest of any president in the last 40 years. On Feb. 3, Sen. Robert Dole (Rep.-Kans.) told reporters that congressional switchboards were lit with calls opposing Clinton's decision to overrule the Pentagon's policy. On the other hand, the public's 39 percent approval rating of George Bush shot up to 51 percent before Clinton had been president a month.

Brannon said the Democrat president's action will greatly degrade U.S. military performance. "All this for the sake of a very small fraction of Americans, whose radical agenda goes beyond established, guaranteed basic rights under the Constitution. The perverted agenda of the homosexuals has as a final goal ... establishment of privileges for homosexuals, who already have equal rights with normal Americans under the U.S. constitution."

Brannon also said "Lifting the ban on gays in the military is but the first step ... many more equally detestable actions will be attempted."

Brannon, who now is a civilian engineer, explained why the military forces should continue not to accept homosexuals in their ranks. He said that for recruits in basic training, privacy does not exist. "My [Navy] company did just about everything together for the first eight weeks. We were never individuals but were always a team with one goal: to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." Brannon said military morale and camaraderie now will erode because openly homosexual associates will flaunt their new privileges. Normal soldiers "will avoid them as much as possible, thus reducing team spirit and cohesion." He said this is in opposition to the military's goal of achieving a team effort to destroy the invader.

Capt. Brannon said that during his three sea deployments with the Navy, he shared a small stateroom with another officer. "I can't help but wonder how I would have felt if this roommate had been gay," he commented. During one sea period, the ship had been at sea for more than two months straight, and no individual shower stalls were available. The bunks were tightly packed. "If gays are openly allowed in this environment, there will be morale problems," Brannon said. "Would you like to have your straight son or brother shower with and sleep next to an admitted homosexual?" Long separations from home and family, austere environments, long work hours, and arduous sea duty in themselves lower morale. Brannon indicated, and condoned homosexuality in the military would exacerbate the situation.

One the other hand, many arguments have arisen in defense of homosexuals in the military. One is that many homosexuals are in the military already. But Brannon said that claim is spurious. "Never in five years of active duty did I hear of, let alone see, any homosexual sailors. I heard just about every rumor imaginable on board ship, but never of any homosexual or alleged homosexual act. There was never a secret homosexual community. Nor, as some homosexuals have been saying, did we conduct witch hunts for homosexuals." He said he and his shipmates proudly served their country and kept their ship in the best possible fighting condition, while in close quarters. As with other military people interviewed, he believes condoned homosexuality in military environments would greatly lower morale. Many military people indicated they would want separate showers, mess halls, and berthing facilities apart from those used by the homosexual individuals. Some of them pointed out that this would be difficult or impossible on warships, whose main purpose is to carry weapons and fuel. Another problem, a serviceman stated, would be blood supplies in war or in peacetime disasters. In such cases, uninjured soldiers are told to donate blood. However, more homosexuals are contaminated by the HIV virus than other demographic populations. Numerous medical research reports have revealed that homosexuals are much more likely than heterosexuals to be promiscuous. Many homosexual men reported they have had thousands of male sex partners, most often in so-called one-night stands. In such conditions, HIV can spread rapidly. Some military personnel envision letters from the Department of Defense informing families that sons, daughters, and spouses who survived earlier combat wounds now are dying from AIDS contracted from emergency blood transfusions.

"the word 'private' with regard to personal affairs did not exist. The men in my company did just about everything together... we were never individuals;"

Military people also were concerned about tax-paid benefits to the so-called "spouses" of homosexuals in the military. Currently, the spouses and children of all military personnel on active duty are eligible for medical benefits, and military retirees and their spouses receive lifetime benefits. Some in the military wonder if the companions of homosexual soldiers will receive such tax-paid benefits. The cost of taking care of a person dying of AIDS is extremely high.

Capt. Brannon and active-duty soldiers who, because of Clinton's gag order, would not provide their names, said the military establishment is not a laboratory for social experiments. Some add that such things are part of the moral decay of U.S. society. But most military people feared degrading the fighting capability of America's armed forces. This has certainly been true of the Pentagon since Clinton's decision. But, according to a national news story on February 2, some Wash., D.C., insiders believe even the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been gagged.

Many Bay Area military personnel and veterans fear that good people now in the military will not re-enlist and recruitees who are not homosexual will choose not to join. In addition, the Clinton decision has sparked outbreaks of hostility against homosexuals by servicemen. In North Carolina, three Marines yelling "Bill Clinton will pay for this" attacked a homosexual man outside a bar frequented by homosexuals.

In addition to the concern expressed in the Bay Area, national commentators have been vocal. Dr. James Dobson, founder of the huge Colorado Springs-based Focus on the Family organization, reported Feb. 3, 1992, that Sen. Dan Coats (Rep.-Ind.) believes homosexual men and women are highly organized and have a

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Parents and CCISD Administrators Compete for Control of Campuses

Clear Lake -- In 1991, Texas legislators passed two laws intended to decentralize the education process in public schools. The laws allow more control of schools at the district and campus level.

Some parents and other citizens in the Clear Creek Independent School District have been saying more local control must be exercised by them, not just by CCISD officials and educators. And some citizens have been acting to increase their control.

The two state laws shift some state control to an Educational Improvement Council in each school district and to a campus committee at each school.

The Clear Creek Independent School District responded to the law by drawing up a Plan for Site-Based Management of the district. The name of the plan indicates CCISD will be controlled by committees at campuses. The plan was approved by the district's board of trustees on January 26.

But the district's plan has sparked competition for control of the schools.

The plan calls for District Educational Improvement Councils and a committee for each campus. Parents and other district residents not part of the educational establishment may be on campus committees but not on district councils.

But after the CCISD issued its plan, some residents noticed what they said is the danger of bureaucratic control of campus committees. They warned of the danger of CCISD administrators acquiring de facto control of the committees.

Some parents have asked these questions about impiementation of the CCISD's plan.

Who will control things at each school? Will the district's board of trustees still have ultimate power over policy, curricula, budget, and personnel? If my child's problem is handled badly by the campus committee, what will I be able to do? Why haven't I heard about this big change before now? The last question has been the one asked most often.

Who will control things at each school?

If my child's problem is handled badly by the campus committee, what will I be able to do?

One citizen, Frank DiStefano of Seabrook, said the competition is unequal because individual parents are competing for membership on commitees against organized groups of teachers and administrators who make the rules and know how to get around in the system.

The CCISD plan contains descriptions of nine outcomes that seem to say control will go to parents. The descriptions are sprinkled with terms such as "improved community involvement and support," "improved morale through local campus and community input," and "teachers ... becoming more accountable."

But DiStefano warned that, contrary to the descriptions, the educational establishment could set up a process for selecting committee members that results in a majority sympathetic to the establishment. Apparent discrepancies between the plan's nine outcomes and actuality seemed to surface at the school board meeting in December, during which Mike Wilson and Renita Havey expressed concerns. Both had been on the task force that produced the district's original Plan for Site-Based Decision Making.

Wilson, who led the fight opposing the CCISD tax rollback in 1990-91, said basic philosophical disagreements exist between professional educators and some of the parents who served on the task force. In a letter to the board dated Dec. 2, 1992, Wilson described some of the disagreements. Prominent was the fact that professional educators on the task force strongly rejected Wilson's proposal to the task force that committees should be accountable. He said the educators on the task force, far outnumbering the parents on it, voted down his call for accountability.

Havey was unhappy at the low percentage of parents on the committees. Pointing out that committee decisions would be reached by 80 percent agreement of the members, she said parents make up only 12.5 percent of the committees, and the figurte for high school committees is only 10 percent. The outvoted parents would have little or no power.

By contrast, Spring Branch parents are happy because 50 percent of the members of the campus committees in their district are parents chosen by lot from a pool of all parents who said they want to serve.

Responding to parents' concerns, CCISD's board of trustees voted 4-1 (one abstention) in favor of requesting a waiver from the Texas Education Agency to allow more citizen input before finalizing the plan.

By January 12, the school district had held a public hearing in which parents and other citizens added their voices to those of Wilson and Havey. Almost all of the speakers called for more representation on the committees by parents and asked that committee members be selected fairly and in an unbiased manner.

By January 26, the date the trustees met, the administration had made some changes to its Site-Based Management Plan. But alarmed citizens reacted by again asking for more communication from the school district concerning the changes and for more participation on the committees by citizens and taxpayers.

As a result, the school board devoted a large portion of the meetings time to the details of the plan. The board responded to concerns of the public by changing the plan to allow more participation by parents. The number of parents allowed to serve on the committees was increased to 40%, except the percentage for high schools was smaller. Parents on campus committes will serve two-year staggered terms and will be selected by lot from those who completed a form verifying they are parents of students at that campus.

The election of parents to the committees will follow adjournment of the final PTA general meeting. Parents of students at that campus will be given at least two weeks notice of the election. Candidates do not have to be members of the PTA to serve.

Each committee will up to two nonparents as members. Nonparent members will be elected by the existing members of the campus committee. Accountability is included in the revised plan. At twice-a-year public meetings, campus committees will report to the community, describing their goals and their success rate in reaching them.

In addition, a formal evaluation will occur in May and June of the school year in which the district's plan was implemented. Each school principal will forward his evaluation to the principal's immediate supervisor, thence to the Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, and eventually to the CCISD Board of Trustees for review.

Concerned parents and taxpayers are urged to sign up to serve on these committees. The evaluation for success will be based on test scores taken from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the Norm-referenced Assessment Program for *Texas (NAPT)*. Although the Site-Based Shared Decision Making Plan only mentions the evaluation of students' academic performance, the second test (NAPT) has been criticized for testing for attitudes and beliefs in certain of its sections. A lawsuit is not being pursued to determine if parents have the right to view these tests to check for content that is not strictly academic and may be in violation of privacy or religious rights.

In answer to the question about who is in control of the local schools: the school board by virtue of the Texas State Law is still ultimately responsible for the regulation of the public schools, according to Dr. Margaret Snooks, CCISD board member. The CCISD Board of Trustees did not choose to delegate away all of their authority, a move that appeared to be a possibility under the first site-based plan. Some local citizens, however, are still concerned that the board did delegate too much of their authority away. Since the school board members are the elected officials that speak for the public, it is essential for our democracy that the retain their powers.

The public schools are definitely in a state of flux. Every interested citizen should let others know about the changes so that no one need ask: "Why haven't I heard about the big change before now?"

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well formulated plan to obtain government-granted privileges throughout society a step at a time.

One of their goals, Coats said, is to get so-called "affirmative action" extended to homosexuals. Employers would have to hire a quota of homosexuals. Dobson often has said that many people in universities, public schools, and the news media support special privileges for homosexuals.

Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, U.S. commander of the U.N.-sanctioned Coalition forces in the Persian Gulf War, has vehemently opposed Clinton's order because he said it would greatly demoralize America's military. In a recent nationally reported survey of anonymous military personnel, 73 percent were of the same opinion.

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Freedom

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Tom Manison, a member of the Houston-Galveston Area Council, said that in a meeting he attended in Washington D.C. with the National Association of Regional Governments, a source close to the Clinton administration told the Texas delegation that the direction in the white house is very negative toward continuing the projects. Mr. Manison said, "They are attacking it as a regional project. They told us that unless the people of Texas start making some noise, funding the two projects will be a tough battle." He requested that citizens contact friends and relatives from other states and have them call or write their representatives. "These are not just Texas projects."

Components for the space station are being designed and made in 38 states. Three international space agencies are also committed to building key components of Space Station Freedom.

"Twenty-five years ago 5.2% of the federal budget was going into non-military research and development; today that figure is below 2%. While spending has exploded, the percentage devoted to R&D has relatively decreased by more than 50%."

Senator Gramm also stated in his news conference that he could accept small cuts in the budgets of the two science programs IF the funds cut would go toward reducing the deficit. "It makes no sense for the nation that has benefited most from science in the history of the world to be talking about killing major science projects, major investments in the next generation, to fund projects that are little more than investments in the next election."

"Our ability to do this job, at the price we promised the American people" Gramm continued, "depends on the flow of cash and the timeliness of the resources. These are the things I am concerned about."

Aaron Cohen, Director of Johnson Space Center said, "There is no question that in order to meet the deployment deadlines that we have set forth the most efficient and economical way is to fund the program according to plans. History tells us that the longer we stretch out a program, the more it will cost. Right now is the most expensive time to delay."

In the meantime, leaders of Clear Lake-area pro-Space Station groups are preparing for what they believe will be a tough battle in the new 103rd Congress, with or without the Clinton Administration's support. "We already knew it would be rough this year," said Cynthia Griffin, a leader of the Space Station Freedom Fighters, a Clear Lake-based group that launched a national pro-Freedom petition drive to the Congress. The petition drive was kicked off by the 'Stand Up For Freedom Rally' held in Clear Lake Park last July.

"The petition drive is an effort to document public support for the space station, and it is the public after all who are the true owners of the space program. This is a way citizens can raise their voices and let their officials know they want the space station completed," Griffin concluded.

Leaders of other area pro-Freedom groups concurred with Griffin's assessment. Susanne Baker, leader of the Young Conservatives of Texas student organization at the University of Houston Clear Lake campus, said that with "110 new members of the U. S. House, the concern over the deficit and the economy and with a former anti-space station congressman heading up the new administration's budget office, things look very bad for Freedom. We can't even really predict at this point how most of the new members of congress will vote."

The UH-Clear Lake YCT group h endorsed the Freedom Fighters Pe tion and is leading a statewide eff on Texas college campuses to coll 40,000 petition signatures and p station letters to Congress.

Pro-Freedom leaders say the pro lems in Congress are compounded the fact that 25 of the new Hou members have been assigned to t House Science Committee where U Rep. Dick Zimmer, a Northeaste liberal, introduced a bill to termina the Space Station project on the ve first day the new Congress opened i session and is pushing new membe hard for support of his cancellati bill.

According to a source inside th Governor's office, Governor An Richards contacted NASA saying sh is reconsidering support for Freedo in the upcoming budget battle.

Sources close to the White Hou stated that Gov. Richards also calle President Clinton asking him to dela any decision on termination of th space station and SSC until after th May 1 special election, fearing tha bad news might cost the democra the Senate seat. One prominent R publican called Richards actions "re rehensible" because of the thousand of jobs and families that are depend ing on the continuation of the projec

"You would think with Democrat Jac Brooks, the dean of the Texas Con gressional delegation and one of th most powerful members of Congres representing the very district whe Johnson Space Center is located threats to cut such an importan project would not even arise," sai Cynthia Tauss, a League City com munity leader. "If he is as powerful a he says he is, why are we having t fight off these threats? It appears Con gressman Brooks works better wit Republican presidents."

Jim Reinhartsen, of the Clear Lak Area Economic Development Foun dation, stated, "In addition to th great scientific advancements that wi come out of this project, Space Sta tion Freedom will provide the ver type of high pay, high tech jobs tha President Clinton advocated the cre ation of durng his campaign."

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☐ Space Station Supplement

Rush Limbaugh Update ☐ Citizens Poll

Southeast Texas Times

Good morning! This is your hometown news. March 1993 The Best Read and Most Widely Talked About Paper in Town!

Clinton's Jobs Program:
10,000 -15,000 Clear Lake Jobs Lost

Frustrated Bay Area Citizens Disgusted With Congressmen's Loss of Vision

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Once again, Jack Brooks' credibility is on the line. After he announced in a press release Feb. 12, 1993, that he had saved the space station program, it became evident the program might be purged from Clinton's economic plan. One Santa Fe resident erected a big sign thanking Brooks but quickly removed it after space station spending cuts were proposed.

So concerned is Brooks about his faux pas that he personally introduce the NASA administrators to a congressional subcommittee to plead for continuation of the project.

Leon Panetta, Clinton's budget director, indicated during a visit to Houston last month that the space station program might be eliminated. Panetta predicted that even if it were cut, "No jobs would be lost." But critics sa the program were to end, from 75,000 to 150,000 jobs would be lost nationwide, including as many as 15,000 in the Houston area. "These are not just jobs," said a local citizen. "These are families that we are talking about."

When Panetta asked how the program could be eliminated and still jobs not be lost, he would not comment.

But political activist and space station supporter John Vogel did: "Apparently, this is an attempt to save face before the very important US Senate race May 1 and the sure-to-follow run-off in June. All this smacks of political gamesmanship. Be damned with the validity of the project and the thousands of hours of hard work. All they [Clinton and the democrats] want to do is make sure they look like they're doing something.

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Vogel continued, "Because space station is visible, it makes a tempting target, even though NASA's budget is less than one percent of the federal budget and space station is less than 15 percent of NASA's budget. Cutting this project would make people feel like they are sacrificing. Once again it is symbolism over substance."

"This is reminiscent of a similar situation where Congress told engineers to redesign the booster system for the shuttle program. Congress, to save money, forced NASA into cost-cutting measures

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Cancellation of Limbaugh Show Melts Channel 11's Switchboard

Belo Broadcasting Corp's planned cancellation of the popular Rush Limbaugh television series on Channel 11 caused a citizen protest that shut down the KHOU switchboard. And some of the irate citizens threatened a petition drive and a boycott of advertisers on the CBS affiliate.

Belo and Channel 11's problems began when, two weeks ago, they said they would cancel the highly rated television talk show. The wily Limbaugh's conservative political views, acerbic comments, and satirical swipes at liberal sacred cows have made him a hero to millions of people dissatisfied with news media bias and political correctness.

As word of Belo's plans spread, more than 3,600 Limbaugh fans called to protest the move, making outgoing calls impossible. The calls were so heavy, Channel 11 now has a recording for Limbaugh fans, giving them an address for written protests. Various groups circulated "We-Want-Rush" petitions protesting the action and discussing the possibility of a boycott of Channel 11 and Belo's advertisers.

Locally, Limbaugh's television show is the second highest rated show showing at 11:30 p.m. Nationally, his ratings lead the late-night pack.

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Belo's said its two CBS affiliates, one in Houston and one in Dallas, were forced to drop Limbaugh to make room for David Letterman, who will move from NBC to CBS in September and take over the 11p.m.-to-midnight time slot.

Some observers considered Belo's explanation implausible. Television programmers rarely drop a highly rated television program. The television industry rumor is that Belo is bowing to pressure from the federal government. Limbaugh, a staunch critic of the Clinton administration, might have Belo executives running for cover in the wake of his consistent attacks on the admin

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Upcoming Community Events

Kevin Herrington's 6th Annual March of Dimes Family Fun '93

There will be a Bar-B-Que and Chili Cook-off on Saturday March 20 at the Walter Hall Park in League City. To enter the cook-off or for more information contact Kevin at (713) 559-2000

Clear Lake Republicans

present George Scott. Pres.Tax Reseach Assoc..Speaking on the "Robin Hood" school finance amendment. Thursday March 11 at 7 p.m. Harris Co. Courthouse Annex. 16603 Buccaneer. 2nd floor. For information call 488-1318.

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The Clear Lake Symphony

presents Benedetto Marcello's *Oboe Concerto in C Minor*. The concert will be on March 27 at 8 p.m. at Webster Intermediate School. Tickets may be purchased at Fiesta in Webster, and at the Clothes Basket Resale Shop in Clear Lake. For more information or to order tickets by phone, please call the symphony hot line, 333-0059.

Luv Ya Houston

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Free Bluegrass Concert

Concerts are held the third Saturday of every month(except December). March through May the concerts will be held at Deer Park Activity Center. June through November at the League City Auditorium. Jamming begins at 5 p.m. the show starts at 7 p.m. Things wind uo around 10 p.m.

Tom DeLay on Freedom

Space Station Freedom Fighters will welcome Congressman Tom DeLay on Monday, March 15 at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church 16335 El Camino concerning the status of Space Station Freedom. Open to the public. For information: call David Corchran 482-7705

Town Hall Forum

featuring Congressman Joe Barton, Monday March 8, 1993 will be held at the Harris County Courtroom Annex in Clear Lake City located at 16603 Buccaneer. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last until about 9 p.m.To learn more contact Marilyn Hueni at 488-6938

Committee of Correspondence

will hold it's meeting on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m. The committee will meet at Bay Area First Baptist Church located at 4800 W. Main St. in League City. For more information contact Ken Clark at 332-4484

Rush Parties

Watch the last two weeks of Rush at Mr.Gatti's Pizza. March 6 and 27 Begins at 7:00 p.m. Call Jeff or Steve at 713/ 996-6900

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Dear Editor,

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As Clear Lake area community leaders and residents are well aware, my record on space station has been absolutely consistent. From the first day I entered Congress, I have opposed efforts to reduce or eliminate funding for the space station and other NASA programs.

I am appalled, quite frankly, that some in Congress and the White House are willing-- almost eager-- for the United States to abdicate its leadership in space. The space station program holds the promise of providing our country and all mankind with benefits that cannot even be imagined, in areas as diverse as medicine, industrial production, and basic science.

The idea that eliminating or down-sizing the space station project will help balance the budget is simply wrong. The space station budget is about 1/700th of the federal budget. Obviously, we're not going to eliminate the deficit by eliminating or reducing one of the few government investments that produce a return for our tax dollars!

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Bay Area GOP Celebrates with Lincoln Day Dinner

The Bay Area Republican Women held their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, February 26. The guest were thrilled to have several local and state republican officials in attendance including Texas Agriculture Comissioner Rick Perry.

Perry spoke about several different topics including Texas need for the creation of jobs in the value adding processing sector. The agricultural products that are produced in the state are often shipped off to other areas to be processed, and later returned to Texas as finished products. "We only process 8% of our raw products....We lead the nation in the production of cotton, cattle, wool... but we ship it out of here. We process it somewhere else. All those jobs and all those dollars have been added to it and we didn't get the benefit from."

Commissioner Perry went on to say, "I love being number one. Texas was number one in the last two yearsin the number of employees they have put on the state payrolls. We put more people on the state payroll than any other state, led by our governors staff....Folks, that can no longer go on...There are two state agencies that have fewer people on the payroll and have smaller budgets than they did when those state agency heads got there in 1991. The state treasury, headed by fellow Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson, and the Texas Department of Agriculture."

When Commissioner Perry was asked about the prospects of the Aggies winning the National Championship next year, he said that he was confident the Aggies would win the Southwest Conference Championship once again and will go to the Cotton Bowl. "I hope that they will invite Notre Dame back once again so we can make amends."

Public Utility Commissioner Marta Greytok was also in attendance. She was asked about the President's proposed BTU tax and how she thought it would effect businesses in Texas. "This is a tax that is not only regressive but it's the worst form of tax. Those who propose it obviously are not proud \enough of it to put it down on the table and let the community see it for what it is. This will be a hidden tax that people will not realize they are having to pay it because it will not be listed on the consumers bill at the end of the month."

State Senator Jerry Patterson gave some insight on the proposed Robin Hood Bill that was passed last month in an attempt to solve the school funding problem. "I voted against SJR 7 because it did not define equity, it did not define equal access or efficiency of education and those are the things I wanted to see because if we were to define that then, we would not wind up in court again. I predict that we will wind up in court again, doing this all over...it's an inefficient way to run government."

Senator Pattern said that the issue that has generated the most mail and phone calls to his office has been AAPAC. "AAPAC is dead. It ain't gonna fly. Several of us have co-sponsored a bill to eliminate AAPAC. It is dead because of people...who got out there and said we are not going to put up with th[illegible]."

State representative Joe Crabb from Texas' 127th district, who has recently come under criticism for his decision to support passage of SJR 7, took the opportunity to explain why he voted the way he did. "If everybody likes having the criminals in their houses when you have a federal judge running the prison system, it has been a disaster. If we turn the school system over to a liberal judge in Austin, it will be a disaster. If we don't want a judge to be running our schools, we have to get some legislation out."

Mike Jackson, State Representative from the 129th district, said that he was planning to support the proposed bill to allow Texans carry concealed weapons. "There are numerous safeguards built in as far as background check and proficiency checks...to make sure that people are going to be competent."

UPPER PHOTO: Texas Ag Commissioner, Rick Perry stole the show.

LOWER PHOTO: Betsy Lake and Cynthia Tauss receive the BARW "Volunteer of the Year" award from awards chairman Cherie Moore.

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Dianne Lauletta, A Remembrance

Dianne Lauletta -- housewife, mother, friend, dedicated Republican activist and a member of the Bay Area Republican Women -- was lost to us in February.

She was to all who knew her a kind, wonderful and dedicated woman with strong beliefs and the courage to stand up for those beliefs. Whether she was knocking on doors for Jerry Patterson, or calling voters for Cynthia Tauss, or helping with the BARW newsletter, Dianne was always there and always willing to help.

As strong as it was, her committment to the cause was but a pale shadow compared to Dianne's love and dedication to her family.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Dianne Lauletta, and to her friends and compatriots in Bay Area Republican Women.

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1) Keep the yard and patio well lighted.

2) Always lock the doors and windows of the house and garage, especially the "man" door.

3) When returning home, before opening the car door. Look around the property. Are there any strangers or unfamiliar vehicles in the area? If so, lock your car door (all doors should be locked all time.) and wait in the car. You always have the option of driving away.

If you are getting out of a car and are approached by a possible assailant, get back in the car, lock the door, and sound the horn.

4) When returning home, if any of the doors are ajar, do not go inside. Go to a neighbor s house and call the police.

5) Parking lots- Before entering the vehicle, check the front/back seats to be sure you have no extra passengers on board.

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The foundation gave the following two reasons that taxes make deficits get bigger:

First, Congress reacts to increased revenue by spending more money. A Joint Economic Study of the U.S. economy since 1947 shows that for every $1 in new taxes, the politicians spent $1.59. The deficit automatically grows as tax revenue increases. The same tide that lifts the tax boat lifts the deficit boat.

Politicians want to spend, not cut. Sen. David Pryor, a subcommittee chairman, recently told Clinton he wants any reduction of government overhead to come from reducing work done by contractors rather than trimming civil service employees.

Second, raising tax rates does not bring in as much money as politicans expect. Their economic models do not take into account the fact that taxes shrink the economy. It shrinks because less capital is left to invest and because taxes reduce incentives to work, save, invest, and buy. The result is less wealth to tax. Viola! Less tax revenue. (Economists call that effect the Laffer Curve when it is seen a graph.)

The foundation predicted that Clinton's economic plan of more taxes and spending will not stimulate economic growth and reduce interest rates, as promised, but will cause fewer jobs, bigger deficits, a weaker economy, and higher interest rates.

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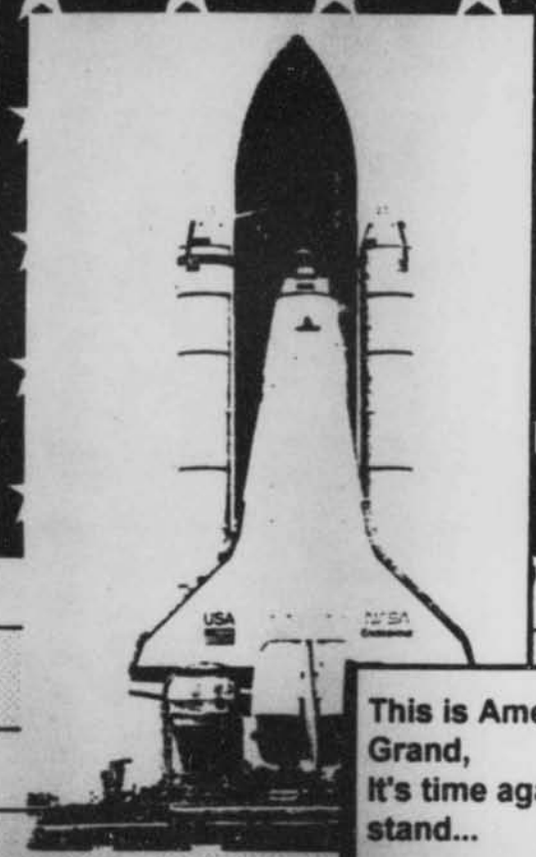

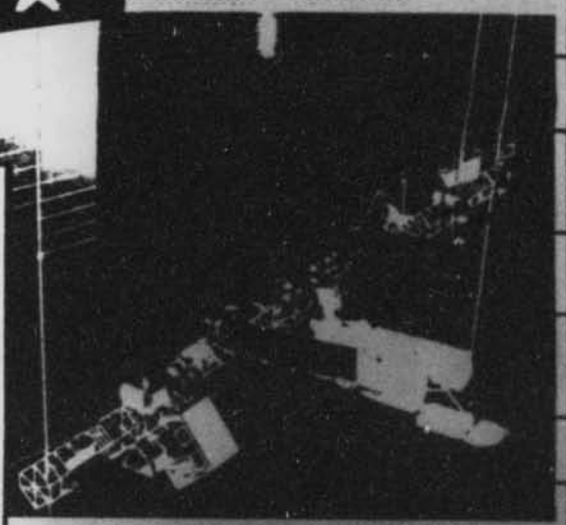

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Dianne Wilson

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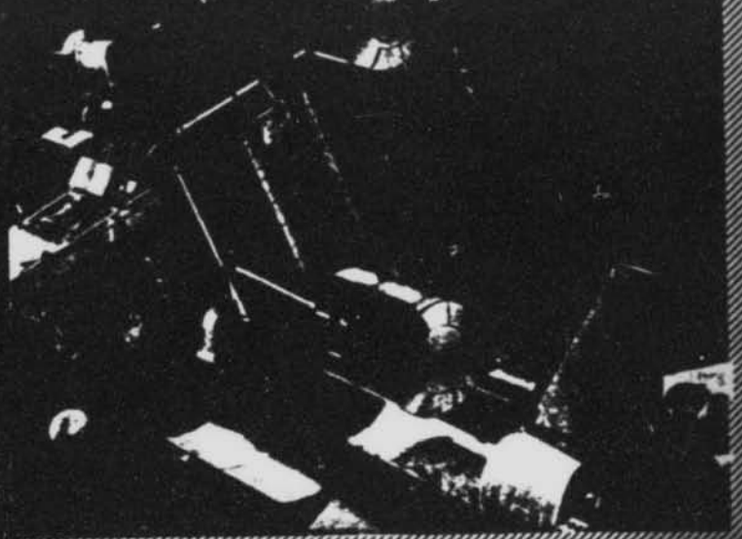

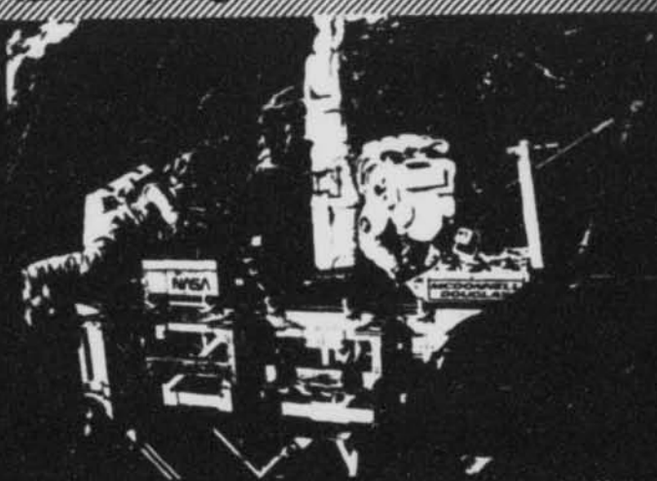

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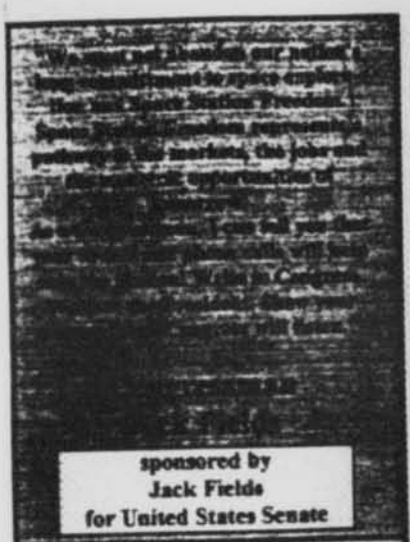

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"America must continue to lead the world into Space and the manned exploration of our Solar system. There is nothing more effective, in supporting this effort, than for the average citizen to write Congress and write the President. Let them know we support Space Station Freedom. They will listen to us, if we take the time to get involved and speak up!"

Jerry Patterson
Texas State Senator
District 11

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Write and call the President of the United States and express your support for Space Station Freedom!

Write and call the targeted Senators and Congressmen listed on the facing page!

Contact the Space Station Freedom Fighters and sign and help circulate the Pro-Station Petition (See back page of this supplement for a "Master Copy" which you can duplicate!)

If you are a faculty member, college administrator, student, or if you have children in school, contact the Young Conservatives of Texas Pro-Space Station group at UH-Clear Lake!

If you are a teacher, contact Johnson Space Center, Space Center Houston and local aerospace companies and learn what resources are available to you for teaching your students about the U.S. Space Program and Space Station Freedom! Have your class write to the President and Congress in support of Space Station!

If you have friends, relatives or business associates in other cities or states, send them a copy of this supplement and ask them to take action supporting Freedom!

If you belong to a group or organization:
Take the Freedom Fighters Petition to your next meeting and ask your group to sign it!
Ask your group to hold a Pro-Freedom letter writing session!
Ask your district, state and national leadership to participate! Make copies of these pages and send to them!

"Space Station Freedom is one of the most important national undertakings in the history of our country, as well as in the history of mankind. We must make Congress and the White House realize that we, the people, see our astronauts as heroes and pioneers and the space program and Freedom as our national destiny."

Steve Stockman
1992 Republican Candidate for U.S. Congress District 9

We support Space Station Freedom!
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" I'm a true Democrat, not a new Democrat! Space Station Freedom is for all Americans. It enhances our American lifestyle and helps to ensure our future! I'm for true opportunity and the interests of our Nation — not for selfish interest groups who put themselves before the interests of our country!"

Sonny Payne
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" The citizens and taxpayers must act if we are to save Space Station Freedom. America's future in space is on the line. We urge all taxpayers to write to Congress and the President today in support of Space Station Freedom and our nation's space program."

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President
Clear Lake Republicans

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Letters and Calls to Elected Officials

Your letter should be personal, written in your own words. It should be brief and polite. State your purpose in the first paragraph and support your position with the rest of the letter. Be factual (use the information in this supplement-- that's why we printed it!) Explain why you think FREEDOM is important to the nation.
When you call, be brief and to the point. You will almost always be speaking either to a "legislative aide" or a comment line. Try to get your message down to a short line or two. Be sure to leave your name, address and phone number.

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United States Senate
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Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee
Phone (202) 224- 5115

SPACE STATION FREEDOM FIGHTERS: Contact DAVID CORCHRAN 482-7005

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES OF TEXAS UH-CL: Contact SUSANNE BAKER 283-3623

"Again and again, Space Station Freedom has been saved because the people of our community, our state and our nation have made the phone calls and written the letters to the Congress and the President.
I urge all citizens of Harris County to join me in expressing support both to the Congress and to the President for Space Station Freedom."

Jon Lindsay
Harris County Judge

"The [illegible] freedom in [illegible], America and a world [illegible] cannot be maintained. We [illegible] the Clear Lake [illegible] community, and with the American people, in supporting Space Station Freedom, and to urge on Congress and the President to continue this great adventure in the manned exploration of the solar system and the development of the commercial space industry."

Bob and Elyse Lanier
Mayor and First Lady of Houston

" We know from experience that direct public pressure— in the form of phone calls, letters, telegrams and petitions to Congress-- has saved Space Station Freedom from the special interest groups who want to strip funding for Freedom and use the monies on non-productive government programs. We urge all Texans to stand up for Freedom and make Congress and Clinton feel the heat!"

Tom Tyler and Will Casey
Co-chairmen,
Clear Lake Citizens for Better Government

"We support Space Station Freedom and urge all local citizens to write Congress and the President and join together in the further development of space technology. Godspeed our nation's space program"

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"As young Americans, we believe in the U.S. Space Program and Space Station Freedom. The future of our nation should not be sacrificed to the special interests of the moment. The future of America--our future-- is in the development of space industry. Take a stand! Stand up for America's future!"

The Young Conservatives of Texas at the University of Houston - Clear Lake

*Note: Tom Tyler is listed in paper's masthead

SPACE STATION FREEDOM

THE INVESTMENT THAT MUST BE MADE!

Aerospace is one of the strongest segments of the U.S. economy.

But efforts to derail Space Station Freedom endanger America's world lead in the international aerospace industry. America lost its world lead in steel and autos because short term profits were pursued to the disadvantage of long-term planning and investment. While America's share of the world market in these industries decreased, the market share of foreign manufacturers increased.

Today, America's aerospace industry is at this same crossroads.

Without the long-term investment in America's future represented by Space Station Freedom, America could lose its lead in world aerospace technology.

SPINOFFS

There are more than 30,000 spin-offs that have resulted to date from the space program. A recent NASA-sponsored study conducted by the Chapman Research Group (a Colorado firm) examined 441 secondary applications described in the 1978-86 volumes of the NASA "Spinoff" publication. There were 368 cases of acknowledged sales or savings out of which 259 cases generated benefits amounting to about 22 billion dollars in combined product sales or savings to the companies. It was also estimated that spinoff applications created or retained 352,000 jobs for these 259 cases.

Spinoff 1990 NASA publication

Spinoff facts and figures courtesy NASA, Boeing Defense and Space

NASA's procurement orders placed with industry are 11–12 billion dollars annually. This represents a total of 237,000 jobs and generates over 23 billion dollars in industry sales and 7 billion dollars in tax revenues. Space Station Freedom employs over 70,000 workers.

The national investment in space results in a growing commercial space business with substantial exports. Commercial space was up 14% in 1991 with an export value equal to 60,000 imported cars.

American Aerospace VS. the Trade Deficit

The International Space Race

Nations around the world have dramatically increased space program budgets over the last few years while the U.S. considers cancellation of Space Station.

Though some of our competitors have cut spending for FY 1993 due to the international economic slowdown, the long-term trend is continued dramatic growth in space investment and development by our competitors.

GERMANY	217% increase from 1986 to1992
CANADA	92% increase from 1989 to 1992
INDIA	30% increase for FY 1992
FRANCE	8% increase for FY 1992

JUST A FEW OF THE INVENTIONS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE AMERICAN SPACE PROGRAM

The satellite communications industry

Hardware and software technology that helped launch the computer age

Portable hand-held power tools were invented by NASA to help astronauts work in space

Optical coatings

Solar cell technology

Improved braking technology, corrosion protection and emission control found in modern automobiles were all developed for NASA space programs

Environmentally friendly smokestack scrubber technology

The "unistick" controller for motorized wheelchairs

More than half of the high-tech materials that go into modern running shoes were first developed for the U.S. space program

Micro-surgery techniques in medicine and advances in tissue growth research

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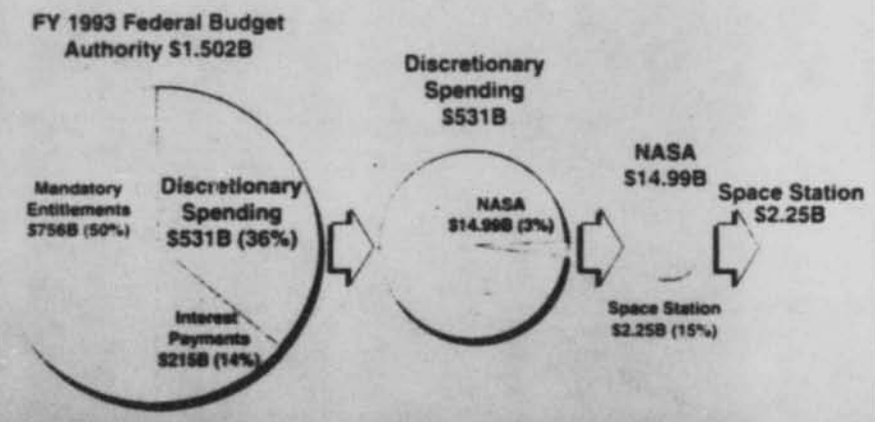
"HOW CAN WE AFFORD TO BUILD SPACE STATION FREEDOM?"

A BETTER QUESTION IS, "HOW CAN WE AFFORD NOT TO?"

America has already invested $8 billion in the current Space Station. In 1992, we completed modifications for all major manufacturing facilities. Over 400 pieces of hardware for the current design were produced and over half of that was tested. 50% of operating software has been developed and the early assembly flight hardware is in production. In 1993, we were to see a 90% completion of the design and engineering and completion of major segments of the manufacturing and assembly.



Space Station Freedom's budget in FY93 is about 1/700th of the federal budget

Why Build Space Station Freedom?

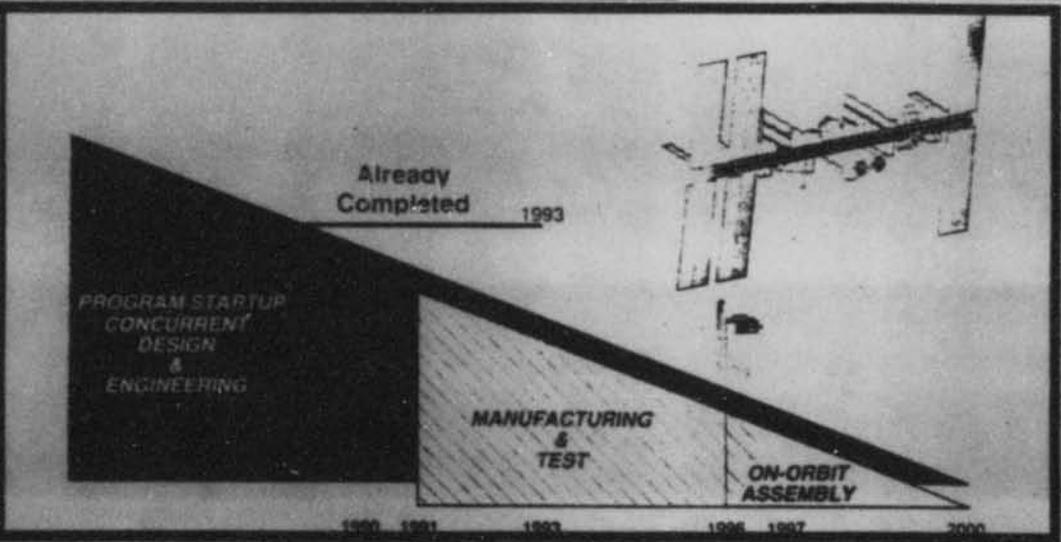
First, exploration and discovery are fundamental to human behavior. For as long as we have walked the planet, we have looked beyond the horizon, pushed back the frontiers as we knew them, searched for answers to the questions of our existence. Today our frontier is the final frontier—space. We must have Freedom to explore it

Second, Great Nations do Great Deeds. Space exploration is unique in its ability to propel our nation forward, advancing the state of art of our technology, providing national purpose,and inspiring our young people. Freedom will be the first major space program since the Apollo Moon Landings to provide this kind of focus.

Third, the benefits of space exploration are realized here on earth. The Apollo program not only put men on the moon, but sparked a thirty-year revolution in technology. Thousands of NASA spin-offs, from pacemakers and smoke detectors to satellite communications and advanced computers, have contributed to our having one of the highest standards of living in the world. Space Station Freedom will fuel a similar technological revolution. And Freedom has been designed from the outset to be a platform for scientific research and development. On Space Station Freedom we will meet the challenge of exploring the heavens.

Text Courtesy Boeing Defense and Space Group

While costs of the Space Station are significant –in the billions of dollars– it's important to keep them in perspective. The Space Station represents just 4/10ths of a percent of federal domestic discretionary spending. It accounts for an infinitesimal 1/700th of the 1993 federal budget.



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DON'T STAND ON THE SIDELINES WHILE AMERICA DEBATES THE FUTURE OF MANNED SPACE EXPLORATION — AND AMERICA'S FUTURE

INSTEAD HELP MAKE SURE AMERICA *WINS* THE DEBATE!

PETITION FOR *SPACE STATION FREEDOM*

We the people of the United States of America petition the Congress and President of the United States in support of Space Station Freedom. We respectfully demand full, stable, multi-year funding necessary to establish, in orbit, the Permanently Manned Capability Space Station *Freedom* and to do so by the end of the decade.

Signature	Name (Print Neatly)	Address	City, State	Zip Code

Returned signed petitions to Space Station Freedom Fighters, 16582 Space Center Blvd., Houston, TX 77058. Fax (713) 488-7903. Reproduction of the petition, as is, is permitted and enthusiastically encouraged.

Attend the next meeting of Freedom Fighters
Wed. March 10,
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Space Center at Bay Area Blvd
in Clear Lake
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David Corchran
482-7005

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EPA Might Receive Power to Block Laws, Regulations, Building Plans

By Jim Rodgers

The new White House Office on Environmental Policy and some congressmen have recommended vastly expanding the power of the EPA. If the proposal becomes law, environmentalists will, for the first time, have a means to block congressional and agency actions.

The proposal includes a provision that the EPA top administrator be able to stop proposed federal building projects and veto laws (of Congress) and regulations (of other cabinet agencies).

Regulations, which are signed into existence by appointed administrators in agencies, have proliferated since the U.S. Supreme Court many years ago that they have the effect of law. Previously, the only laws that existed were those legislated by elected representatives. The economic cost nationally of compliance to flat "laws" of agencies cannot be calculated. Some have estimated the annual cost at $400 billion or more.

The proposal to strengthen the EPA was circulated recently by the White House budget office to determine opposition to the proposal. A spokesman for Vice President Albert Gore and the White House Environmental Office said Clinton is waiting to see how federal agencies react before deciding whether to endorse the proposed bill. Gore, an environmentalist, is said to be interested in the matter.

The proposed bill would let the EPA administrator singlehandedly block legislation, regulations,and newly authorized federal construction proposed by any federal department or agency.

The scope of the proposed new authority is almost unlimited. After declaring that something is detrimental to public health, public welfare, or enviromental quality, the EPA administrator could veto it immediately.

A veto could be overturned only by a U.S. president, who would have 45 days to issue a written order to that effect.

But the president would have only partial power to overturn a veto. He would have to submit his override order to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fishers for their concurrence.

In the matter of EPA vetos, the EPA administrator would have moreunilateral power than his boss, the U.S. president.

Citizens would not be able to pressure the administrator for relief, as they do with elected presidents and congressmen. Employees of bureaus are subject to public will, except indirectly and to a diffused degree.

The proposed power is unprecedented. Even the Council on Environmental Quality, which Clinton wants to decommission, cannot block actions of agencies. Currently, the EPA may tell the Council that environmental-impact statements issued by other agencies are unacceptable. The Council may then ask the president to intervene, but he may ignore the request.

Some of the power would rest in the hands of David Gardiner, legislative director of the environmental activist Sierra Club, which trades jobs for spotted owl roosting places. On March 2, Clinton nominated him to become the EPA's assistant director for policy planning and evaluation.

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BTU Tax Would Clobber Industries Using Large Amounts of Energy; All Costs Would Filter to Consumers

By Jim Rodgers

Charles J. DiBona, American Petroleum Institute president, suggested the government impose a VAT (value-added tax) on all products in America rather than levy an energy tax that would hurt the oil industry and industries that use plenty of energy.

A VAT is a form of national sales tax, that is used in some European countries but not in the United States. According to tax theory, manufactured products become more valuable at each stage of production. A VAT is levied at each stage and each "added value" is taxed. Consumer pay higher prices on products because producers and suppliers pass along their cost of paying the VAT.

Clinton's energy tax would be levied at the refinery, coal mine mouth, and power plant. As with the VAT, increased tax cost would be passed along to the consumers in the form of higher prices. Literally every product and most services would become more expensive.

Even before the API recommendation, the Clinton administration was cautiously testing to see if a VAT can stay afloat in the stormy waters of taxpayer opinion.

The trade group for the oil business said the Clinton's administration's proposed energy tax would eliminate 700,000 jobs nationally. The administration's energy secretary, Hazel O'Leary, disagreed.

DiBona said that multiplying the proposed energy tax by the amount of energy now consumed would bring in $33 billion in new taxes. He said a family earning $40,000 a year would pay $475 more a year for gasoline, utilities, goods, and services rather than the $318 estimated by the U.S. Energy Department.

Most parties agree that an energy consumption tax would be levied through a few direct taxes (e.g., on gasoline) and a multitude of indirect taxes.

For example, every loaf of bread would cost more. Farmers would pay more tax for fuel for tractors and other farm implements, truckers would pay more to haul grain and bread, electrical generating plants would pay more for coal and fuel oil, warehouses and stores would pay more for electricity, and factories making everything (farm equipment, trucks, bread wrappers, etc.) would pay more for all forms of power used.

Businesses that need plenty of energy (manufacturers, airlines, utilities, etc.) would become less competitive on international markets, economists point out.

As economic activity is hurt and declines, the amount of tax collected on their lower revenueswill go down, tempting politicians to raise tax rates yet again.

Some nongovernment economists have said a national energy tax would be a giant pump transferring wealth from those who earned it to Wash., D.C., and would gobble up job-creating capital. Others have said the same thing about Clinton's proposed energy tax.

Many private economists have said that either form of tax would reduce the tax base by shrinking and hurting the economy.

Such taxes also could hurt the Democrats. Canadian revulsion to a national sales tax was one reason Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, resigned on Feb. 24. He had signed the tax into existence in 1991. Canadian opposition parties are clamoring to junk the tax. Mulroney's resignation is a form of damage control for his party. But it might be too late; his unpopularity might lose the next election for his party.

The fact that the U.S. petroleum industry opposes an energy tax indicates it is against high taxes on itself and on client industries that would buy less of the more expensive energy. The fact that Big Oil recommended the VAT alternative indicates it would rather have the pain of high taxes spread more evenly.

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Letters and Editorials

Clinton: His "Crisis" and "Courage"

For those who refined their lip-reading skills in the aftermath of the 1990 budget deal, George Bush's refusal to question candidate Clinton's patriotism and courage during the 1992 presidential election was no surprise. Bush's fiscal duplicity forfeited honor as a distinguishing trait of character and enabled Bill Clinton to cloak his disloyalty and cowardice in the garb of principle. One who demonstrated against his own country before a foreign embassy during the Vietnam War and who consorted and perhaps cavorted with our country's enemies now tells us that patriotism means paying more in taxes. True patriotism is a virtue; the false patriotism peddled by Clinton, however, is that which genuine scoundrels resort to. One who refused to serve his country because he was afraid now questions the courage of the rest of us.

Indeed, a conscious decision to change requires courage, more or less, depending upon the certainty of the outcome. Clinton's plans and policy preferences, however, while unquestionably imposing change upon the subjects of government, effectively reinforce the escalating trend of government control over the private sector. Notwithstanding Clinton's declarations that government must change the way it does business, we are told that government must do more. The health care issue, about which Clinton's ersatz passion bubbles, is exemplary of the negative impact of a government that does more. Employing more government to solve the health care problem is like trying to put out a fire by throwing gasoline on it.

Jarret B. Wollstein, in the October 1992 issue of *The Freeman* [a monthly journal furthering economic understanding] wrote "What we have had is a half century of mounting government encroachment upon medical freedom, leading to more and more health care problems...Over 42 percent of funds spent on American medical care are now controlled by the government....According to some estimations, for every man-hour of health services provided by doctors, two hours are spent by clerks filling out *government paperwork*" (emphasis added). Dr. Francis A. Davis estimated in the March 1991 issue of *Private Practice* that *government regulations have already increased the cost of medical care by up to 50 percent*" (emphasis added).

Clinton's policy prescriptions do not represent change but a retooling and rearming of the means by which government co-opts private, voluntary institutions, absorbs private capital, splits families and pits segments of society against one another. The federal budget deficit is, unfortunately, a convenient and sufficiently plausible pretext for the siege mentality sparked and fanned by the administration and is a problem that, as presented, justifies, in the minds of many, the implementation of coercive and ultimately counterproductive policies. The insistence on tax increases as an urgent and necessary course of action is nothing more than a deceptive ratification of business as usual.

During his campaign for office, Clinton vilified "special interests." But now his administration is loaded with the same. He still inveighs against the rich, yet his "diverse" group of cabinet-level secretaries includes more millionaires than any past cabinet. Candidate Clinton first said he lower taxes on the middle class. Later, he said he would not raise their taxes. (He said he would forgo programs rather than raise taxes.) Now he says he's going to raise taxes to pay for his programs. It's a good thing we can read lips!

Reportedly, Clinton intends to raise taxes on incomes as low as $20,000 a year. He claims his economic plans had to be altered to tackle the far-greater-than-expected deficit run up by his predecessor. Y et he cited a deficit projection in July of last year that was higher than the one he now claims forces him to break his promises. He claimed to support the line-item veto, but now is silent on the matter. If this president is leveling with us, may God help us. What would he do if he lied? If this is courage, pass me a dictionary.

Consider that our venerable Congress is exempt from many, if not most, of the laws you and I must live under. James Madison's concern about this prompted him to write, "... [If Americans would ever] tolerate a law not obligatory on the legislature, as well as on the people, the people will be prepared to tolerate anything but liberty." Assuming the accuracy of recent public opinion polls showing many people are willing to sacrifice for Clinton's economic plan, Madison's prophecy may now have been realized. Because liberty is anything but what Clinton intends. When the first bill was presented to him, Clinton had an extraordinary opportunity to establish leadership based on courage and moral principles. Instead, he bowed to political expediency by signing The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992, which contains the customary congressional exemption.

The following list contains a few examples of legislation from which Congress conveniently exempted itself:

Social Security Act of 1933
National Labor Relations Act of 1935
Minimum Wage Act of 1938
Equal Pay Act of 1963
Age Discrimination Act of 1967
Freedom of Information Act of 1967
Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970
Equal Employment Act of 1972
Sunshine Act of 1974
Ethics in Government Act of 1978
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1992
Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992

What is "shared sacrifice" if some are above the law? Are some people more equal than others? This tradition of exempting Congress is not unlike a tribute system or a protection racket. Recognize the usurpation of executive branch authority and privilege by Congress, through the so-called Ethics in Government Act of 1978, and the picture almost paints itself. If Clinton really wants to "reinvent" government in a way that benefits the governed, he must begin by reassuming the powers and asserting the prerogatives of the office as defined by the U.S. Constitution.

He must also recognize and understand the prevailing congressional culture. In his state of the union address on February 17, Clinton said a time would come, because discretionary spending would be so small a portion of the budget, when very little time would remain for deliberation over policy. But Congress no longer deliberates: it panders to special interests and brokers deals, mostly the back room variety. Nowadays, representatives and senators focus upon constituent service because that gets them reelected. If Clinton doesn't understand this, he cannot govern but at best can only react to congressional initiative.

Some initial steps to re energize the executive and achieve real, constructive change are (1) unilaterally exercise the line-item veto as many constitutional scholars have recommended; (2) introduce a bill rescinding the congressional exemption on all existing legislation, such as the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1992; and (3) refuse to sign any bill that would exempt Congress from complying. Notwithstanding Clinton's disregard for who gets the credit, however disingenuous his statement, few would fail to recognize and applaud actions, such as the above, that would jeopardize him politically. On the other hand, all Clinton has to do to achieve the dismal approval rating of Congress is be seen as one of them. There are political costs to be paid for removing gridlock.

The president must remember that the founders of this nation incorporated checks and balances in our government to thwart the enactment or imposition of sudden and unwise change. Furthermore, our form of government promotes and nurtures that which congressional exemption debilitates: deliberation. The president is the only elected official who represents all the people. If he favors some people because they could hurt him politically, he abuses the notions of fairness and courage.

Name of author withheld at his request. -- Editor

It's War. So Wake Up!

We have been divided and almost totally conquered. The enemy forces are on the brink of victory. These evil forces have declared war America, its forefathers, its heroes, its values and traditions. We must stand up now; before they finalize their legislation, putting them into power, and us in our coffins. They daily drive the nails, sealing us in though we are still alive. If we don't kick the top off before it's securely in place, we're dead. We are the slaves of a system recreated to serve parasites.

Right now, the servants are ruling the kingdom. We put them into office to serve us and they turned around and legislated themselves into rulers, little kings and queens, with various subkingdoms within the larger one.

Our leaders are supposed to be statesmen and diplomats, working to preserve our basic freedoms. Instead, the filthy, thieving, slimeball politicians masquerade as honorable men and women, erecting statues of themselves, naming parks, buildings and airports after their dishonorable comrades.

The parasites who rule us are leading us astray. They rob and pillage our goods instead of clearing the path from obstructions so that individuals can succeed. Their irresponsible misspending actually is a form of stealing from us.

Are we going to let this madness continue? On May 1, will we elect another political whore to represent us in the U.S. Senate? I'm just a baseball, hot dog, apple pie kind of guy who still gets bumps every time I hear the national anthem and sees the flag unfurled. I hope we will have a real candidate when we step into the voting booth on May 1.

Sonny "the Crazy Cajun" Payne, Seabrook

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Note: This is a picture of Jeff Van Fleet

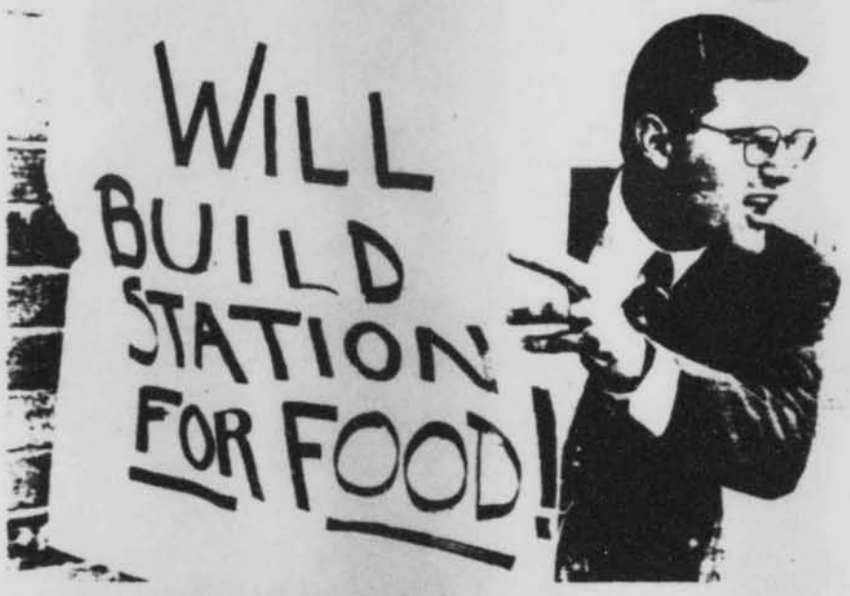
By Jeff Van Fleet,
Managing Editor

Here we go again! President Clinton has proposed his economic program. This plan is heavy on taxes and even heavier on spending. The American people elected this president to make change. This is the same song that congressional Democrats forced President Reagan to sing in 1983 when they promised to cut $2 in spending for every $1 in new taxes. Congress actually raised spending $1.21 for every new dollar in revenue. In 1990, the Democrats once again forced George Bush to agree to a tax increase that sent the economy into a recession and ultimately ended his 50-year political career.

Clinton's plan will not reduce the deficit. It will not jump-start the economy. The economy is already going along fine. It grew 4.8 percent in the last quarter of 1992, the fastest growth in five years. This does not look like the "worst economy in fifty years" that candidate Clinton spoke of last year.

The president says if you send him more of your money to reduce the deficit and stimulate the economy you will be a patriot. I say if you do send him more of your money and expect it to do things he says it will, you are a fool.

As the adage goes, "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Fool me three times...?



Space Station supporter vents frustration.

Commentators Increasingly Question President Clinton's Veracity

By Jim Rodgers, staff writer

Less than two months into his presidency and before he has even had time to circle the wagons, Bill Clinton is dodging the flaming arrows of those who say he speaks with forked tongue. Here are a few examples:

David Broder stated in his column "The President is Misleading the Public": "Last October 1 ... when the Bush campaign ran ads based on the calculation that Clinton could finance his campaign promises only by raising taxes on every family earning more than $36,600 a year this is what [Clinton] said: 'It is blatantly false ... a disgrace ... that the president would make a claim so baseless, so without foundation, so shameless in its attempt to get votes under false pretenses.' Last week Clinton [proposed a tax affecting] most families making over $30,000." Furthermore, Broder said, Clinton's $30,000 figure "includes all kinds of 'non-cash income,' including fringe benefits and even the imputed rental value of the family home [what a family could rent its home for it wanted to be homeless] ... the higher tax bites actually begin at a figure closer to $20,000."

Paul Craig Roberts in his column "Clinton Is Misleading the Public": Clinton demonstrated once again that veracity is not his strong point. [His] four-year budget plan actually adds $916 to the national debt ... $238 billion larger than Reagan's second-term budget. How ... can [it] be called 'deficit reduction'?

Clinton is going to raise our taxes, cut our defenses, and still add [the equivalent of] 5.5 years of Reagan deficits to the public debt in only four years. Clinton is managing to do this because he is planning to spend like crazy. If your retirement income is $25,000 if single or $32,000 if married [his] plan raises [the amount of your income subject to income tax from the current 50 percent "to 85 percent -- a substantial tax hike for people who are far from rich."

James C. Miller III, in his article "Sham Cuts on Spending": "A word about the budget newspeak in Washington that masquerades as truth. It appears ... that the amount [of spending Clinton cuts] will fall considerably short of the previously stated goal of $2 in spending cuts for every $1 in tax increases. There is ... evidence that whenever there is an increase in government revenue, Congress simply spends more money.

[C]hances are the revenue increases from Clinton's ... new taxes will be translated into spending increases. Most important, the lack of spending discipline is evident by what Clinton has not proposed. A balanced budget amendment [to the U.S. Constitution] ... Clinton said he couldn't support the idea. A line-item veto ... Clinton backed off. [Or] firm caps on entitlement programs or subjecting them to ... zero-based budgeting. If Clinton is indeed serious about getting the budget under control,he should provide incentives for Congress and the executive to choose fiscal responsibility."

Robert Bartley, editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, in the editorial "Taxing to Prosperity": "We'd say the new Clinton production 'Taxing Our Way to Prosperity' bombed. [It] has been our observation that the promise of 'spending reductions' is an invitation to hooting and tomatoes. The president can dress up this request for [new taxes and higher rates on old taxes] as the price of 'fundamental change' or a 'challenge' or, incredibly, a contribution.' But the taxpaying electorate ... has heard this many times before."

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Proposed Rules Simplify Real Estate "Like Swaps"

By Alan Jacobs

Real estate experts are betting new regulations proposed by the Internal Revenue Service will be adopted having to do with real estate swaps ("delayed exchanges"), thus greatly simplifying the way real estate changes hands in the U.S.

The new proposed rules will clear up previous ambiguities in the tax laws regarding such transactions so that property owners will no longer fear that they could be hit with costly penalties.

The proposed IRS rules, published in the Federal Register, provide that no gain or loss will be recognized for federal tax purposes when "like-kind" properties are exchanged. If a swap is conducted properly, you will owe no federal tax, even if your real estate jumped in value by thousands or even millions of dollars during your ownership. The key points are to exchange property with the same equity value and to receive no cash in the transaction, thus creating a deal that is considered a "non-taxable event." These delayed exchanges come under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code.

For example, let's say you have a rental condominium on Maui, Hawaii, for which you paid $150,000 eight years ago. It is now worth nearly $300,000. You can swap this condo, tax free, for development acreage in Arizona having similar equity value. You received no cash in the deal, but you use all of your stored-up profits to acquire real estate that might turn out to be more valuable. And no money goes to the IRS.

You can exchange properties indefinitely in this manner -- all tax free as long as you do not receive cash. You also must identify suitable "replacement" real estate within 45 days after relinquishing your property for exchange and actually take title to the property within 180 days. You don't even have to limit yourself to one suitablereplacement within the 45 days. You may designate several, as long as you make final selection for entitlement within the 180-day limit. Interestingly, your tax-free status is part of your estate and passes to your heirs. After your death, they may take over at the real estate at its current value. Their tax liability will be limited to the gains in value made during their time of ownership, not yours.

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Thank You, Jerry Patterson, Mike Jackson, John Culberson

Unfortunately, the senate and house of representatives of Texas approved the redistributionist "Robin Hood" school finance amendment that will be listed first on the ballot May 1. But the Houston- Clear Lake area's three state congressmen-- senator Jerry Patterson and representatives Mike Jackson and John Culberson -- voted "no" on the amendment. They refused to give in to the insipid hand-wringing of their colleagues and the blackmail of Texas taxpayers by ultra-liberal state District Judge Scott McCowan of Austin.

Patterson was one of four senators who voted against the bill. Jackson was one of a group of Republican stalwarts who held out against the mob in the Austin legislature. And Culberson was the author of the famous "HJR 10," the proposed amendment to the state Constitution that would have taken the financing of schools out of the courts and placed it in the Texas legislature, where it belongs.

McCowan -- who threatened to withhold state money and "close Texas schools" if the voters don't line up May 1 to pass the Robin Hood amendment -- has overstepped his authority as a judge. If he trys to impound school funds, as he has continually threatened in his efforts to blackmail Texas voters into higher taxes, the legislature should convene impeachment hearings against him to remove him from an office in which he does not belong.

In the meantime, Houston-area taxpayers still have three friends. Patterson, Jackson, and Culberson. They voted "no" on our behalf in Austin. Let's follow their good example on May 1 by voting "no" on the Robin Hood amendment.

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Presidential, Congressional Meddling Aggravates NASA Scientist, Employees

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that led to a cheaper, reusable solid rocket motor design. The new booster type exploded on the Challenger in 1986 at the cost of seven lives and billions of dollars. Congressional shortcuts -- which some call the longest, most expensive distance between two points -- are forcing NASA to take cost-cutting measures that could again cost lives."

The airlock, which would connect the space station habitation module to the space shuttle, is being slashed. Designers have already spent millions of dollars developing the airlock, and it is near completion. Several other vital components of the station are either completed or in final design stages.

As Richard Nixon cut back on the space program during the early 1970's because it was initiated by Democrats John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, Democrats want to cancel space station because it was created by Republicans.

NASA's international space station partners issued a joint communique on the subject:: " The significance of the program lies not only in its goal to further exploration and peaceful exploitation of space. It is also a test of the ability of the participating nations to concert their efforts toward a common goal. The withdrawal of the United States from this program would have far reaching implications for the future of international cooperation in space."

Clinton's economic plan calls for more than $143 billion of new spending for 1993 alone. This does not include the expected $50 billion to $100 billion more each year for the proposed socialized medicine program. He has asked for $30 billion for a summer jobs program in 1993. In comparision the space staion is expected to cost $30 billon over 10 years, $8 billion of which has been spent already for research and design.

Vogel said,"It is difficult to imagine destruction of one of the world's premier science projects, in which the average worker earns $43,000 a year [so as to be able] to create three months of work for high school kids at minimum wage.

Jim Reinhartsen of the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation stated,"A study of NASA expenditures in the 1990 budget year indicated the agency caused $2.1 billion in sales and created jobs for nearly 20,000 Texans."

"Space research has resulted in supersonic and hypersonic aerospace development for the defense industry, solar system exploration, water purification and sensors, insulin pumps for diabetics, laser heart surgery, CAT scan, reading machines for the blind, and traffic monitoring devices.

Limbaugh's Fans Take Action

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istration and Clinton policies.

In announcing the cancellation, Belo spokesmen said their two Texas television stations [Houston KHOU and Dallas WFAA] gave conflicting and confused statements about the Belos reasons for cancellation.

KHOU director of broadcasting, Micheal Grant, insisted program content had nothing to do with Belo's decision to drop.

But Cathy Creany, WFAA general manager, cited a different reason. "Even though it [Limbaugh's show] was [popular], we were concerned about the tone and attitude. "We expected more variety and that the show would be more constructive."

As observers of the anti-'ree speech, political cleansing movement; note the term "more constructive" is often used to criticize opponents of liberal social engineering.

Conservatives reacted to Creany's explanation with disbelief. "That's the reason given by broadcasters of ridiculous programs on Amy Fisher. I don't believe anyone else in broadcasting could say what Creany said with a straight face," scoffed Taxpayers Coalition leader Margaret Baird.

Janice Boyle, who leads a petition drive against Channel 11 and Belo's action, said, "I [believe] pressure on Belo is coming out of Washington. But this is a free country. I don't know what "politically correct" means to some people, but to me it means free speech. This attempt to silence criticism is political cleansing, as far as I'm concerned."

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State Property Tax Coming!

Southeast Texas -- Warning voters that the language used on the May 1, 1993 ballot to describe Proposition One (the "Robin Hood", state property tax amendment to the Texas Constitution) is a "purposeful deception", several Houston-area Texas legislators, including the Bay Area's State Senator Jerry Patterson, Clear Lake's State Representative Mike Jackson, and State Representatives John Culberson and Bob Talton, both of Houston, have called on voters to defeat Proposition One in the upcoming May 1 special election.

The lawmakers told a crowd of voters from school districts throughout Harris and Galveston Counties, who had gathered for a special Area Town Meeting at the Harris County Courthouse Annex, that Proposition One merely creates a state property tax in which the Texas State Legislature is granted the power to "set the rate of tax ... to be imposed in a school district... by general law." (Quote is from the actual language of the Amendment, Article VII, Section 3-c.)

"Under the Robin Hood amendment, the Texas legislature will be able to redistribute those funds anywhere in the state, in any way the majority of the legislature wishes, subject only to a limitation on the total amount that can be redistributed," State Representative John Culberson told voters at the town meeting. The manner of distribution is not even addressed by the porposition.

"This will destroy local control and convert local property taxes into state property taxes," continued Culberson, a Houston attorney and a member of the Texas House Judicial Affairs Committee. Culberson has become a nationally-recognized expert on school funding equity issues.

The deceptive language on the May 1 ballot completely leaves out the text of the actual amendment passed by the Texas legislature. Instead, the ballot only describes the fact that the passage of Proposition One will legitimize the presently unconstitutional "County Education Districts".

The amendment would also raise property taxes through out the

See Robin Hood *page 12*

Sate Rep. John Culberson explains the complex issues of the ballot amendments

Krueger's Morals Questioned

Texas voters are seeing some of the most negative attack ads ever produced and, in turn, some critics are raising questions about the sponsor of the ads. The ads are produced and sponsored by Ann Richard's appointee, Senator Bob Krueger. The ads are not only misleading, but some critics have charged that the commercials are libelous. The targets of the attack ads have not yet decided how to react.

Senator Krueger has long been known to use these kinds of attack ads to further advance his political career. "I suspect that we will continue to see mudslinging from the Krueger camp during the rest of this campaign cycle," stated political consultant, Frank O'Reilly. Krueger ran a mudslinging campaign in 1978 against late Senator John Tower. He ran ads personally attacking Tower's wife and made fun his military service even though Krueger, himself, did not serve in the military. "What I suspect is at work here" O'Reilly added "is the old operative- that the best defense is a good offense. And he is very offensive."

This massive onslaught of negative TV ads is in response to Krueger's crop of old problems resurfacing again. What many were saying behind closed doors is now being openly discussed in major newspaper stories across the state.

> *"She was 15, I was 37...."*
> Bob Kruger

Allegations concerning the timing of Krueger's involvement with his current wife are raising some eyebrows and some questions about his judgment and moral conduct. Krueger openly admits he was attracted to the then 15 year old-girl when he was 37 years old. "She was 15 and I was 37," Krueger admits, "I can't say that I fell in love with her but I did observe her at that time." Others aren't so sure.

During Krueger's second failed attempt to obtain a senate seat in 1984, rumor mills accused Krueger of homosexual activity which, to this day, haunt his campaign. What on-lookers are questioning is Krueger's marriage to Kathleen (by that time of the legal age of consent) during the failed 1984 campaign. During the 1984 campaign, accusations of homosexual activity abounded. His marriage to Kathleen abated the discourse, but did not totally squelch the rumors.

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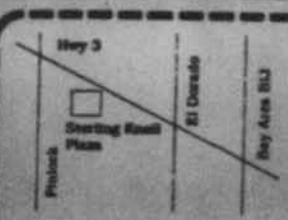

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Government Keeps Writing Liberty-Restricting Rules

By Jim Rodgers, staff writer

Each year, U.S. businessmen take billions of dollars from Americans. Yet, business profits do not go up. No, not even a dime. Here's how it works.

A multitude of federal, state, county, and city laws, ordinances, and regulation force businesses to do things and refrain from doing other things. The cost of complying is passed to customers in the form of higher prices. That's a direct cost.

Other direct costs also exist. Examples: Subsidizing businesses and farmers with taxpayers' money, setting up giant insurance funds with taxpayers money (e.g., S&Ls failed, so the government is making taxpayers pay $200 billion to bail them out), foreign aid, etc.

What about indirect costs? Here's one of them: Regulations increase the cost of doing business, thus driving poorly financed businessmen out of business or preventing them from starting a business in the first place. Ther competition would have meant cheaper goods and services, better quality goods and services, and even new goods and services that have not been invented or begun and probably never will be.

We have said that when government (through laws, regulations, taxes, fees, licenses) increases the cost of doing business, businessmen raise prices. But there's another way businessmen adjust their prices to compensate for government action. They lower the quality of their goods and services while keeping prices level. Americans then get less for their money.

Another indirect cost: When capital is spent for nonproductive compliance to laws or is diverted into tax shelters, it is not being used for more productive things. When President Bill Clinton announced he was going to raise taxes, billions of dollars immediately fled to tax-exempt bonds for protection. Left alone, investors would use that money to directly meet the needs of consumers.

Many other indirect costs exist. For example, agriculture allotments, tariffs, and quota restrictions drive up prices and hamper creativity by restricting supply and competition.

Indirect costs are mostly invisible and cannot be measured. That's a big reason politicians get away with causing them.

Many of the regulations are too complex to understand. For example, businessmen all over the nation send managers to seminars and speeches to learn how to comply to the convoluted and intrusive ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act). Many of them return with their heads spinning.

The list of reading required to understand the ADA daunts even experienced lawyers. No nonlawyer can understand the ADA, much less comply to it. The government's Technical Assistance Manual is supposed to help, but it's too technical for most employers.

The ADA requires that employers identify disabilities and define accommodations for them. The ADA examples of disabilities include allergies, learning problems, illegal drug abuse, and even past drug abuse. Once an employee says he has a disability, virtually no limits exist to the accommodations that can be demanded under the law.

Even when interviewing an obviously disabled job applicant, an employer or his hiring agent may not initiate any discussion of the disability or of accommodations that might be required. Under the ADA, the interviewer is required to sit mute, keeping his questions to himself. The employer may not require a physical examination before hiring the applicant.

Troubled by the cost of ADA compliance and confused over the edicts, many businessmen have decided to wait to be sued rather than try to comply. The U.S. Justice Department has sought civil penalties of as much as $50,000 plus "damages" to people with "disabilities." Of course, the cost of these fines is added to the price Americans pay for goods and services.

Some observers have said such laws, regulations, fees, licensing, etc., violate basic freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, including freedom of speech and the freedom to own, use, and dispose of property as one sees fit.

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State Reps. Tell Area Residents Gov. Richards is Lying

At a special area "Town Hall Meeting" in Clear Lake City April 1, Houston-area legislators warned voters, parents and school employees that Texas Governor Ann Richards, other politicians and state education bureaucrats have been lying to the public about the effects of a statewide voter rejection of the proposed "Robin Hood" amendment to the Texas Constitution.

Richards, along with other supporters of Proposition One -- the "Robin Hood" amendment that sets up a state property tax in Texas -- have been using scare tactics against taxpayers, parents, school children and teachers across the state, telling Texas voters that if the amendment is rejected in the May 1 special election, Texas schools will close and teachers will be fired.

State Representatives John Culberson, Mike Jackson, and Robert Talton told voters that the campaign tactics being used by pro-Robin Hood leaders, including Texas Governor Ann Richards, are "a complete deception" and a "total fraud."

Neither the passage or defeat of the "Robin Hood" amendment will have an effect on the June 1, 1993 deadline set by ultra-liberal Austin State Judge Scott McCowan, who has threatened to "withhold" some state funds from Texas school districts if the Legislature does not come up with a "school finance bill" -- a funding bill *totally separate* from the "Robin Hood" amendment -- that meets the court system's criteria for "tax equity."

"The Texas legislature must pass a separate school finance bill before June 1. This is what the court wants. Judge McCowan told state officials that the only thing the court needs to remove the June 1 deadline is a school finance bill, not a constitutional amendment," Culberson told the voters from Harris and Galveston counties who had gathered in Clear Lake. Culberson, a Houston state representative and attorney, is a member of the House Judicial Committee in the Texas Legislature.

Judge McCowan told legislative leaders in January, "I want to emphasize that we do not need to have a constitutional amendment to fix this (school funding) problem."

In agreement are the lawyers for the poorer school districts in Texas, whose lawsuits against the state for school tax equity have created the tremendous legal and legislative battles over school funding that have resulted in this year's constitutional referendum.

The Equity Center, a statewide organization of lawyers representing poorer school districts who hope to gain more state funding and tax equity, reported in February that the Robin Hood bill, "only provides for the recapture means of of any number of different(finance) plans and approaches the legislature has at its disposal...The legislature still has to pass a complete school finance bill."

In plain language, the issue in the courts is not about the means of collecting funds, such as the "Robin Hood" amendment or any number of possible alternative mechanisms. The issue is about the equity of the legislature's separate school finance bill, which must be passed after the May 1 election and before the June 1 court-set deadline.

As State Senator Jerry Patterson has repeatedly said, "If the attorneys for the poorer districts do not

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Fields Urges $385 Billion in Spending Cuts

Space Station Supporter Says No to Clinton Tax Plan

U. S. Congressman Jack Fields (R-Humble), a leading Congressional supporter of NASA and Space Station Freedom who is a candidate for the United States Senate in the May 1st special election to fill the senate seat from Texas vacated by Lloyd Bentsen, has written to Bill Clinton outlining 28 specific spending cuts that would reduce federal spending by $385 billion over the next five years while preserving America's commitment to the NASA space program and the current Space Station Freedom project.

The Houston-area Congressman, who led the effort two years ago to prevent a shift of space program work and jobs from Clear Lake, has strongly criticized Clinton for proposing a "down-sizing" and "re-design" of the Space Station.

Fields has also strongly criticized the Clinton administration for calling for tax increases to "reduce the deficit" while at the same time has proposed large spending increases and a "socialized medicine scheme" that could cost taxpayers and consumers $100 billion a year.

Fields says he's confident that spending cuts such as he has proposed will "reduce the budget deficit while sparing working families in Texas higher taxes."

Fields' 28 specific recommendations range from cutting the over-all Congressional budget by 25 percent (savings: $3.5 billion) to privatizing AMTRAK ($2.6 billion), and includes proposals to eliminate federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities ($5.2 billion), the Appalachian Regional Commission ($540 million), the National Fertilizer Development Center ($100 million), the Economic Development Administration ($870 million), the Legal Services Corporation ($1.9 billion), the Job Corps program ($4.7 billion), and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting ($883 million).

Jack Fields, front runner for the Republicans

He proposed to terminate a number of federal commissions, including the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission, the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, and others. Doing so would save $1.2 billion over five years.

Additionally, Fields urged the Clinton Administration to fully implement legislation to prohibit direct federal benefits and unemployment benefits to illegal aliens ($27 billion); to require all food stamp recipients to work in exchange for their benefits ($600 million); and to end the practice of providing Pell Grants (college grants) to incarcerated prisoners ($280 million).

Fields is a strong supporter of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and of providing the president with the line-item veto. He said his proposed spending cuts "represent things we can do now, today, to start saving money, until the Democrat Congressional leadership finally hears the public's demand for the balanced budget amendment, loud and clear."

The largest single money-saving proposal in the Fields' package is his call for a two-year freeze at current levels on the overhead costs of non postal civilian agencies such as transportation and rental costs, phone and utility costs, equipment costs, etc. The freeze would save $136.7 billion per year.

Fields' second-largest single money-saving proposal is his call for a two percent across-the-board reduction in entitlement programs, except for Social Security and Veterans programs. The two percent cut would save $107 billion a year.

"America's senior citizens and American Veterans have earned their benefits. Social Security benefits are paid out of the Social Security trust funds, and do not contribute to the alarming budget deficit."

The Clinton administration has proposed $376 billion in cuts over five years but has also called for $328 billion in higher taxes. The Clinton "stimulus package" would increase federal spending by billions of dollars.

Fields has said he will oppose the Clinton taxes. "It's the largest tax increase in our nation's history. And the fact is that, for every dollar raised through higher taxes, Congress has spent $1.59. The last budget agreement in 1990, which I worked against on the floor of the Congress, actually spent $2.37 for every dollar in new taxes it raised."

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Senator Kruger is Out of Touch With Most Texans

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Charges arose that this was a marriage of convenience, a situation similar to that of Rock Hudson who got married to conceal his indiscretions.

According to an Austin reporter, Krueger's best man was a homosexual and a vast number of the guests at the wedding were also gay. Krueger was one of the first to back President Clinton's policy of lifting the ban on gays in the military, even though over seventy percent of Texans support the ban. He was the first state-wide candidate to address the national gay and lesbian caucus and receive their endorsement. In fact, Nancy Modella, co-chair of a gay/lesbian voter effort on behalf of President Clinton, stated that "Kruger's great." According to the Texas Triangle, an Austin-based homosexual newspaper, "Kruger, 57, has hired openly gay people to his campaign and office staffs since his 1974 election as a U.S. representative from the 21st Congressional District..."

Democrat operatives would like to see that Kruger's personal life not be brought into the fray. But with Kruger's history of attacking his opponents' personal lifestyles, look for responses from the challengers.

Robin Hood Won't Fix the Problem

Problem *from pg. 5*

like the legislature's school finance bill, Texas will be back in court over the issue, regardless of whether Texas voters pass Robin Hood or defeat it."

If the courts do not accept the Texas legislature's school finance bill, Judge Scott McCowan's threat to withhold funds could be activated, once again.

"The issue is the finance bill, not the amendment or recapture mechanisms," said Culberson. "The Judge is not going to even look at the amendment or the recapture mechanism on the issue of the deadline. It's all a red herring."

Even though the passage or failure of the Robin Hood amendment will have no effect on Judge McCowman's June 1 deadline in which he has threatened to withhold funds from the education system, Governor Ann Richards and other pro-Robin Hood politicians and bureaucrats have been traveling around Texas telling school assembly audiences of children, parents and teachers that if the voters reject "Robin Hood" on May 1, McCowan will withhold funds and Texas schools will close. Culberson pointed out that the school closing threat has nothing to do with the Robin Hood bill.

Children were so upset after Richards made these false claims in a highly-publicized appearance at a school assembly in Tyler, many of them were crying. Parents and teachers were also upset, believing their schools would close and teachers would be fired.

So far, the teacher firings and layoffs have been proposed only in those school districts which will lose their tax dollars if the "Robin Hood" amendment and related laws are passed. Such school districts are in both Harris and Galveston Counties.

In an ironic twist, the Culberson amendment, on which Ann Richards refuses to allow tax payers in Texas to vote, is being adopted in New Jersey as the "Texas Amendment". The voters in New Jersey threw out all Democrat Representatives after legislation similar to the "Robin Hood" plan created a state income tax.

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Taxpayers can Gain Control by Voting "No"

The Legislature has placed on the May 1 ballot a proposal allowing the state to redistribute property tax revenues from school districts with high property values to districts with lower property values. The proposed amendments would authorize the state to redistribute $400+ million in local property tax money, either through the county education districts or statewide. They would also allow schools to ignore unfunded state mandates.

The amendments were opportunistically cooked up in response to meeting a June 1 Texas Supreme Court deadline for overhauling the school finance system. Whether or not voters defeat the proposed amendment, the 73rd Texas Legislature must devise a funding plan and beat the deadline--something they have always managed to do. Many believe that, if this amendment passes, we will have signed a blank check for the bureaucrats and politicians for what they determine are the needs of various school systems.

What is the Crisis?

Is the main crux of disagreement with this plan due to the dilemma created by the judge and the lack of responsible action on the part of the legislators, or to the high illiteracy rates and lagging test scores of our students? Of course, there is an educational crisis, but money is not the solution. From 1979-1992, student population in Texas rose 33%; funding expenditures per pupil increased 127%. Since 1971, SAT test scores in Texas have declined 45 points. Obviously, money is not the answer. Since the problem has not been identified correctly, the solution that is proposed is not the answer.

Campaign of Fear: School Closing

The proponents are basing their campaign on the fear that the schools would close if this propostition is not passed. However, there are too many reasons to reject these faulty scare tactics. Governor Richards says she does not want headlines across the nation saying that Texans have had to close school doors because it would not look good for growth in Texas. As stated earlier, whether or not the May 1 proposal passes, the legislature must pass a school finance bill by the end of May as it does every two years.

If the legislature does not pass a finance bill, the judge in Austin can close the schools by impounding state dollars allocated to be distributed in July. However, if he does, the property poor school districts will be the first to feel the pain, and his actions will hurt most the very people he claims he is trying to help. We must remember that by June1, most schools will be closing for the summer. The exceptions of course, are the small number of students planning to attend summer school to perform remedial work. Again, his actions would hurt the very children who need help the most.

The claim that teachers won't be paid is an intimidation tactic intended to force voters to approve this dangerous new tax. If the judge in Austin makes the decision to close schools, it will be his actions that are punishing teachers without just cause. We must not allow the advocates of this plan to place a "guilt trip" on the voters just because we do not always agree with them.

This New Tax Only the Beginning Real Goal: State Income Tax?

Creating a new tax to redistribute wealth from one school district to another simply provides the bureaucrats with the opportunity to redirect other revenues from sales tax, business tax, the lottery, etc. to welfare programs and to increasing the size of the bureaucracy. It has become clear that the passing of the lottery had absolutely nothing to do with education and everything to do with giving state employees a pay raise. The public was misled!

The socialistic proposals that we are being asked to approve is a result of a judge who, perhaps unwittingly, is preparing Texans for a state income tax. Ultimately, the property tax will not be able to sustain this new burden, so in a few years, the Legislature will offer to lower your property tax burden in exchange for a new personal income tax that will allow your income to be redistributed more readily and will help solve the next school funding "crisis." This tactic has been used in other states and localities.

It is obvious that no matter how much money the politicians have, they always need more. Analysts, conservatives, and many journalists can see that a state income tax is the ultimate goal of this "scare."

Too Many Unknowns

Even though the impact of this plan is a forced, massive, local property tax increase, this new tax burden will not be fairly shared by all Texans, but will be determined by where you live. Gov. Richards and Lt. Gov. Bullock have announced they won't tell the impact of their plan on individual school districts or to taxpayers in those districts until after we vote on it. According to numerous newspaper articles, voters do not "need to know" any additional information before they vote.

Actual costs to the taxpayer have not been revealed. A "Yes" vote will be a blank check to the legislature. "I think it is very difficult in the middle of the constitutional amendment election to try to hammer out the details of what you are going to do in enabling legislation, Ms. Richards said.

The political deception continues in the wording of the ballot. Their plan allows the Legislature to raise the tax rate by 18 cents, from the current 82 cent rate up to $1.00 for every $100 of property value. Of course, their wording says their going to "limit" the tax to $1.00, a huge increase for most taxpayers. With the addition of the unconstitutional county educational district rate of $1.50 per $100 of valuation, the tax could rise as much 76%.

Other Options Should Be Considered As Viable

A number of other options deserve exploration. There has been little discussion of consolidation of tax bases for certain school districts, not consolidation of the districts, but of their tax base. Senator John Leedom has a plan that satisfies the court's requirement that the same amount of funds be spent on every child in Texas by mandating that the first dollars into the state treasury each year go out to fund public schools. This plan treats all taxpayers fairly and demands educational excellence.

Rep. Steve Ogden has offered legislation that shares revenue among school districts within various counties. The state constitution already contains provisions to allow this type of solution. Pooling property tax revenue within counties at least maintains some community of interest.

Instead of creating a tax that redistributes wealth (socialism), why not cut state spending in other areas to raise the $400 million that this recapture tax would generate. $680 million in General Revenue savings has been identified that could be achieved by only a 10% reduction in state employee salaries, benefits, travel, and the purchases of new equipment and supplies. Legislators have not even seriously considered cutting anywhere in state government to come up with the needed funds.

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Crazy Cajun Enters Senate Race

Friendswood resident and restaurateur, Sonny Payne, has decided to enter the race for United States Senate. In a statement released April 2, Mr. Payne, a Democrat, gave details concerning a confrontation he had with the Secretary of State's office in Austin. "I wanted to be listed on the May 1 ballot as Sonny "Crazy Cajun" Payne but they would not let me. I had to register as C. "Sonny" Payne.

"I am known throughout the state as the Crazy Cajun, not Sonny Payne. I feel this is nothing more than an attempt by the Secretary of State's office and the Democrat party to diminish my name recognition in order to help the Freddy Kruger of the new Democratic party, Senator Bob Kruger, who was approved by Bill Clinton and the militant homosexuals in Austin and appointed by Gov. Ann Richards." He is planning to file a lawsuit against the Secretary of State's office for their attempts to derail his campaign.

Sonny, who is running as a "True Democrat" said that he is the only alternative to the new breed of Democrats, "that have led us down the primrose path of deceit and broken promises."

When asked why he got into the race he stated, "I am bringing a message from my fellow Americans and Texans to our president, senators, representatives, Jesse Jackson, Gloria Steinham and the homosexuals. The slaves are rebelling. "We are sending a message," Payne continued, "to the Benidict Arnold's who sell out our country daily. We are tired of carrying the load for the deadbeat freeloaders and selfish interest groups. Now, they are asking us to do even more. Their tax and spend policies are putting us in the poor house. We have nothing left to give."

Sonny wants to, "return this country to the values and standards upon which it was founded." He thinks that the Clinton administration, Bob Kruger and the new breed of Democrats are destroying the foundations of American society. "These people want to let homosexuals in the military, provide federal money to pay for abortions, and bring in hundreds of foreigners who are infected with the AIDS virus. We aren't even able to pay for treating our own citizens who have AIDS, much less those from other countries."

"The current administration is being very liberal with the amount of time and money that they require us to stay away from our family to work and pay for the thievery of back room, under the table, slimeball politicians and other special interest groups who have their own selfish agendas. They are auctioning off Americans and their dreams. They are making us pay for the bribery of special interest and the laziness and irresponsibility of those who will not do anything to help themselves."

Sonny said that the people he talks to at his two restaurants are tired of politicians living high on the hog at their expense while they mismanage the public's tax dollars. "We're tired of affirmative action replacing equal opportunity. A person has to earn each level of opportunity. It's there for the taking for those who are willing and able take it."

Sonny in the Strawberry Festival Parade

Mr. Payne said that his decision to run was partially influenced by the forces of political correctness. "I don't need to be coerced into being politically correct. Political correctness is not correct at all. I don't have to like you and you don't have to like me. I can't do anything that will impede your rights just as you can't do anything to hinder mine. I want to have my freedom of speech back. I want to be able to think and speak freely without being threatened by some group who might have their feelings hurt by what I have to say."

This self pronounced Crazy Cajun has several objectives that he will work to achieve if and when he gets elected. Aside from the usually safe stands that candidates take such as favoring a balanced budget amendment and line item veto, Sonny does have innovative plans designed to solve some of the difficult problems America is facing.

Sonny is strong supporter of Law and Order

He wants to eliminate all civil rights that do not apply to each and every American. "I am sick of the government taking away my rights to provide special privileges to special interest groups. We are all Americans. God created everyone equal. While I realize that some individuals do get a head start on others, anyone can achieve greatness if he or she tries hard enough. I started over ten years ago with $2000. I now own one of the top five restaurants in the state of Texas. I want to help show others how to dream and make their dreams come true."

He takes a hard line on crime and punishment. "I strongly support capital punishment. There is no sense in letting a person, who is caught red-handed with a smoking gun, sit in a cell for years waiting for a trial that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Meanwhile, the taxpayers are paying $150 a day to keep this murderer in jail with cable TV and air conditioning. I am sick of having to spend extra time away from my family to work and pay for this garbage. I will not take this sitting down any more!" This wrath extends also to white-collar criminals. He is calling for the end to the "country clubs", better known as minimum security prisons. "Crime is crime. If you break the law you should pay the price with hard time." He also proposes that all politicians and businessmen who are caught committing bribery, theft or fraud forfeit all of their possessions to be sold with the proceeds used to help retire the public debt.

Payne wants to look into reforming the federal court system. "I think it would be useful if all federal judges were subject to a vote of confidence every four years. That way, when a federal judge takes control of our prison system like William Wayne Justice has done, the public will have a way to check their activities when they overstep their bounds."

Sonny is optimistic about his chances to make the second ballot. No candidate is expected to win the 50% plus votes needed to win outright in the May 1 election. "We can make the run-off if we can raise enough money to get my message out. My wife and I have invested over $15,000 of our own money into this campaign. We are tapped out. If we could raise another fifty thousand dollars we could get our commercials on in every major media market in Texas. If people hear what I am saying, they will want to help me win this election."

"Our democracy is at stake. It is war. Everyone who cares needs to get involved or we are going to lose what we have." Sonny said. "Our kids' and grandkids' futures are at stake. This is not a game. We have to wake up. They are taking our country down. If Bill Clinton's agenda does not make you get involved, nothing will."

"I cannot do this by myself. We as Americans need to unite behind those things that we all agree on. We can not divide ourselves. We must forget about political parties and different religious doctrines that separate us. We are all Americans. We all love this country. If we don't work together, the selfish leaches will conquer us."

"Unless real Americans get involved, it will not matter who gets elected. If you pull the lever for the politician with a two million dollar war chest, don't complain about bought politicians," Sonny continued. "They have to pay back the people who financed their campaign. Every senator must raise $2000 a day to have enough money for his next campaign six years down the road."

Sonny's Campaign slogan is 'No Payne, no gain'. "We do not need someone who will just vote correctly on all the issues. If that was the case, I would have not entered the race. Instead, I would have supported a candidate who represents the kinds of values and traditions that my father, who was a Democrat all his life, worked to emulate and instill in his son.

Someone has to go to Washington D.C. and pitch a fit. We need someone who can raise some eyebrows but do it with dipiomacy. Only then will we start to make some headway on the problems facing our country."

If you would like to get involved with Sonny's campaign or would like to know more about him, contact the campaign:

Sonny "Crazy Cajun" Payne for U.S. Senate, P.O.Box 2094, LaPorte, Texas 77572-2094, (713) 471-6513. If you would like to meet Sonny in person try to catch him at the Crazy Cajun Cafe in Seabrook or at the Happy Cajun in LaPorte.

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Ballot Wording

☑ No **Proposition 1:**

"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by a county education district."

- This authorizes the Legislature to redistribute ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The redistributed money can go anywhere in the state, not just to other districts in the local area.
- It authorizes the Legislature to create county education districts which heretofore have been declared illegal.
- It authorizes the Legislature to set the tax rate in a school district or county education district.

☑ Yes **Proposition 2:**

"The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates."

- It exempts school districts from having to comply with a state educational mandate unless 1) it is required by the Texas Constitution or federal law, 2) it is passed by a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature, or 3) it is fully funded.
- It requires the Legislature to provide by law a method for determining whether a mandate is fully funded. If it fails to do so, school districts can request that the Comptroller make the determination.
- It covers any mandate enacted after 12/31/93.

☑ No **Proposition 3:**

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of $750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization of $750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund."

- It would allow the state to help school districts offset the costs of erecting or furnishing buildings. The issue of building costs was part of a lawsuit alleging disparities between rich and poor districts. The proposed accompanying legislation is only asking that the districts pay 20 percent of construction costs.
- This proposition would set up a program that will give away $750 million of state money.

In Summary:

The 30 days between May 1 and the June 1 deadline imposed by the judge is adequate time for the legislature to come up with an alternative.

The voters are being pressured to vote for the plan for fear of schools being closed, i.e. political blackmail.

⊗ The plan will not solve the long-term problem.

☺ A plan to solve the financial problems and end the lawsuit against the schools is feasible.

⊗ The issue belongs in the people's hands, not in the hands of lawyers and judges.

⊗ The state should not be in the business of raising property taxes without local approval.

☺ The problem can be solved by the Culberson statute which will give Texans a property tax break.

Communism Still Lethal

By Jim Rodgers, staff writer

Communist governments and rebels are active in many parts of the world, as the following examples demonstrate.

In mid-March, a communist was appointed assistant dictator of China.

Lithuania, the first nation to throw off a communist government, elected a new communist government a few months ago.

Khmer Rouge communist guerrillas still attack Cambodian government forces.

The Communist Party was outlawed in Russia after the fail of Mikhail Gorbachev, but a few months ago it was legalized again. Most members of Russia's congress are Communists, and they oppose President Boris Yeltzin's efforts to increase the freedom of Russians.

The Red Army Faction still attacks personnel and properties of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization). On March 27, 1992 members of the group destroyed a newly constructed $153 million prison at Darmstadt, Germany, 18 miles south of Frankfurt.

Five masked and armed commandos tied up 11 workers, dumped them in nearby woods, and then planted bombs in the unoccupied prison. It would have opened on April 1, 1993.

On April 1, 1991, a Red Army Faction gunman murdered Karsten Rohwedder, head of Germany's trust agency in charge of privatizing (selling to non-government owners) businesses formerly owned by the communist government of East Germany.

The Sendero Luminoso ("Shining Path") Maoist guerrillas still murder and intimidate people in Peru and Colombia in hope of taking over the governments there.

Although the Sandinista (communist) government of Nicaragua was voted out of office in 1990, the outgoing Reds took control of most government assets and many private assets. Some Nicaraguans want their properties back. But Arges Sequeira, the director of the Association of Confiscated Properties, was murdered on Nov. 21, 1992. The Sandinistas dominate the present government by controlling the army, legislature, and judiciary.

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Correction:

In the last issue of the *Times* we honored those students from League city Elementary School That had made the Honor Roll. We inadvertently left two names off the list. From the Fourth Grade, David Porterfield and Jonathon Dunn made more A's than B's. Congratulations! We sincerely apologize for the mistake. Keep up the good work!

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Journalists Say Split-Screen TV Necessary to Observe Clinton

By Jim Rodgers, staff writer

On one screen is hero Bill Clinton. On the other screen is charlatan Bill Clinton. That's the opinion of some journalists watching President Clinton emerge from the limelight.

Conservatives and even many liberals have been saying that Clinton's words and deeds clash not only with previous things he has said and done but also with observable reality.

Here are some examples that have been cited:

•Clinton and Vice President Albert Gore, while politicians in Arkansas and Tennessee, were against abortion. Now they are for it.

•During the presidential campaign, Clinton condemned Democratic rival Paul Tsongas for suggesting a gasoline tax. After becoming president, Clinton said he would like to get the tax.

•Clinton said only people making more than $30,000 would be hurt by an energy tax. Actually, only those making less than $20,000 would be unaffected; welfare would be raised to compensate them for the higher cost of living caused by a BTU tax.

•Because he slammed Paul Tsongas for daring to suggest lowering Social Security benefits, millions of retirees voted for Clinton. Now he wants to cut Social Security.

•He promised in campaign speeches and literature to "stop the revolving door of lobbyists." Then he packed his transition team and administration with them.

•As a candidate, Clinton was a "different kind of Democrat," a moderate. As president, he champions new government spending, tax cuts that actually are increases, radical social programs, and more government control over Americans.

Even some liberals are wondering aloud if their Prince of Camelot is turning into a frog.

Live Theatre is Exciting Experience - Kemah

KEMAH -- There's more to the Bay Area than marinas, fishing piers and seafood restaurants! We also have live theatre, staged at Kemah's CLEAR CREEK COUNTRY THEATRE, (CCCT) located in the atmospheric antique area near the Kemah Park.

For more than thirty years, dedicated actors and theatre lovers have spent endless hours to preserve CCCT, a non-profit theatre that showcases local performers. In 1991, CCCT moved into its current location at 806 Harris Street, just one block from HWY 146 between NASA Road One and FM518.

"CCCT offers the community different types of dramas, mysteries and comedies," says Rick Peeples, CCCT president and a frequent actor/director/producer. "We actively try to encourage the arts in the Bay Area by selecting quality productions and getting the community involved." CCCT uses, and can always use, community residents who would like to help behind the scenes with productions. And, CCCT also encourages children to act through its Childrens Theatre program. For information on both, call 334-5790.

In the meantime, CCCT is planning its next production, the popular thriller *Veronica's Room*, for April 23-May 15. The gothic mystery, starring Shirley Anne Bilotta, Frances Rourke, Bill Low and Lester C. Harlow, is guaranteed to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. Recommended for mature audiences, the performances of *Veronica's Room* are scheduled on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 p.m. with matinees on Sundays, May 2 and 9, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults, $6 for seniors and students. For reservations and special group rates call 334-5790.

Robin Hood Backers Being Deceptive

Robin Hood *from pg. 1*

state, by a minimum of at least ten percent in the first year alone. Tax hikes could go *as high as 70 percent or more in many school districts.*

"The Robin Hood state property tax also holds the door open for huge property tax increases in the future," said Culberson, "by giving the legislature broad new powers to manipulate two completely different types of property taxes."

"The first tax," Culberson continued, "includes all school district taxes, from the Independent School Districts to the junior college districts. Under Robin Hood, their tax rate could be set by district trustees or by the Texas legislature."

Currently, only local school district trustees, who are held accountable by local voters, can set the tax rates in local school districts, within specific rate limits imposed by the legislature and the Texas Constitution.

"The second type of taxes that the legislature will govern," Culberson continued, "are the County Education District tax rates which under Robin Hood could also be set by the legislature." Again, CED tax rates are currently set by the local CED trustees, who are appointed by the local school boards. The rates are set within limits that have been imposed by the legislature.

Culberson warns that under the Robin Hood amendment, the Texas Legislature would also be empowered to redistribute tax revenues from the local school districts to all other school districts statewide. Currently, ISD and other school taxes are distributed only within the local school district, and CED taxes are distributed county-wide through the local CED.

"All of these facts are hidden by the deceptive ballot language which focuses voter attention only on authorizing CED's and conceals the fact that it also authorizes the legislature to set local property tax rates in every school district in Texas and redistribute the funds as it wishes," Culberson stated.

Culberson has announced that he will be joined by other members of the Texas legislature in filing a lawsuit in Austin that seeks a temporary and a permanent injunction to stop the Texas Secretary of State from tabulating or canvassing the results of the May 1 election.

Culberson explained, "The ballot language of Proposition One hides the critical fact that it would authorize the legislature to set local property tax rates in every school district in Texas. This is an honesty in government issue. Robin Hood supporters are trying to fool the public into thinking Proposition One only applies to County Education Districts."

"This is totally false," Culberson said. "Legislators in Austin under Robin Hood could set local property tax rates in over a dozen different types of school districts -- all 1,054 independent school districts, every common school district, every municipal school district, every special school district, and even junior college districts."

As a result of the deceptive language, Culberson said, "Proposition One does not clearly express the scope and character of the amendment as is required under the Texas Election Code. This is vitally important information every voter has a right to know before they enter the polling booth on May 1."

"Voters cannot learn the true effect of their vote either by reading the ballot language or by listening to supporters of the amendment who are carefully hiding this critical fact," he said.

"I feel confident the courts will nullify Proposition One, even if it is passed on May 1."

Culberson also warned voters not to rely on a court injunction to stop the amendment. "This could be a very close election," he said. "The voters need to get out and defeat this at the polls."

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Letters and Editorials

Co-Generation Would Help Provide Cheaper Power Rates and a Cleaner Environment

By Lorn Westfall

Many years ago, as a pilot, I found it good practice to avoid flying over Houston Ship Channel's industrial area because winds there blew straight up. Really. Convection currents caused by heat escaping the petrochemical plants there could easily disturb heading, pitch and roll of a single engine plane.

Texas City, Beaumont, Lake Charles and any other area having refinery complexes became, by instinct, areas to go around and avoid. Nothing major really, but passengers not accustomed to light airplane travel needed no extra inducement to airsickness.

I pondered for years what the value of all of that heat could be. It was just assumed that plants were using all heat economically feasible to capture and the rest was what pilots noticed at lower altitudes in light airplanes. Now, with some added factors, I am beginning to ponder that question again.

Factor number one is the very real energy crisis this country is facing. We are importing approximately half our requirement which is not wise for at least two reasons. Balance of international trade was trouble enough with automobiles and consumer electronics being imported in staggering quantity and strategically, we are supplied by an unstable source (Middle-East).

Factor number two respects environment/global warming. Automobiles have never impressed me as being a major cause of global warming (I never flew over a freeway that caused an abrupt snap roll). Any mention of artificial heat in the environment always brings to mind those peaky air currents over petrochemical refineries.

Factor number three is simply the value of any resource wasted. All consumer goods produced from activities of the petrochemical industry (think of the scope of that!) could be a little cheaper if the value of wasted heat were reduced to near nothing.

So, why haven't we thought of this before? Why aren't we doing something about it? Well, we have thought of it and we generally can't do anything about it.....(Yet).

Costs for modification and additional equipment (insulation, heat exchangers, boilers, generators, etc.) against prices offered by power companies for electrical energy supplied just won't match up. Power companies, by regulated tariff, usually pay what is called "avoided cost" for any power sold to them. Avoided cost, in simple terms, is what it would cost them to produce that amount above their normal production. Obviously, facility amortization (major portion of power company's operating cost) and some other costs are, by definition, included in normal production levels and not in extra output. So, regulations just leave petrochemical plants out of the loop (not an aerobatic maneuver).

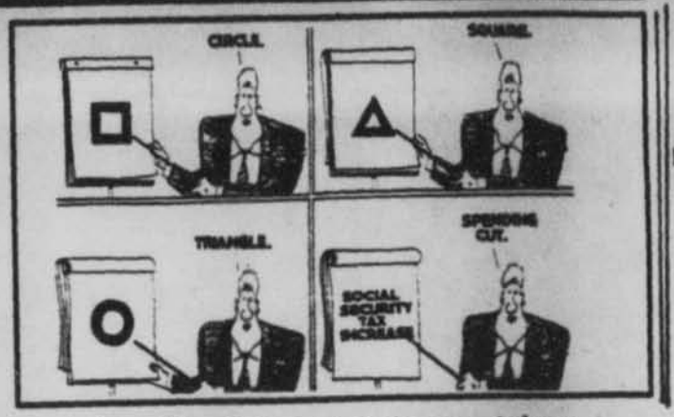
Good money (lots of it) could be placed on the bet that fewer generating plants would be required if we used all such energy wasted. Think of how this could affect residential and industrial power users not having to pay for another power plant through higher electricity rates!

Here's the answer, and only a Herculean effort will make it work. Let's have federal legislation requiring power companies to pay for cogenerated power at 85% of what they charge the same customer for power supplied. No gimmicks, no complicated pricing schemes, just 85% of effective rate.

With the incentive, a zillion jigawatts of power is going to "appear" (unit of measure from the movie *Back to the Future*). Suddenly (within a year or two), new power generating plants projected for many areas will not be needed. Will the country's energy crisis be solved? Who knows, but I think its a good start.

Oh yes, the skies will be devoid of those airsickness generators. Shall I call Federal Aviation Administration's Flight Safety Office now?

Mr. Westfall is an Administrative Manager with RHONE-POULENC BASIC CHEMICALS in Houston.



The following comments were taken from responses to our Citizen's Polls.

1. Do you support Clinton's economic program?
2. Do you agree with Channel 11's decision to cancel the Rush Limbaugh show?
3. Do you consider the removal of Rush's show to be censorship?

Doreen LiPuma Fraietta, Houston
1. Not Sure *"give our president a chance!!!!"*
2. Yes
3. No *"smart decision!"*
"It has nothing to do with censorship... Rush is a HATEMONGER! He doesn't like strong WOMEN very much!"

Ed. We have to "give Clinton a chance" and listen to what he says, but Rush Limbaugh can be denied his first amendment right to free speech because you don't agree with his opinions? Double Standard? Doreen, we must have the courage to believe the truth! Some might think your feelings are a result of your fear and ignorance.

Kenda Shirley, League City
1. No
2. No
3. Yes
"Read my lips. No More Taxes"

Ed. I agree with you Kenda. So do 60% of people who voted AGAINST Bill Clinton.

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1. Do you support the Robin Hood plan?
2. Do you support gun control laws?
3. Do you pay too much in taxes?

Kenneth Parker, Houston
1. No 2. No 3. Yes
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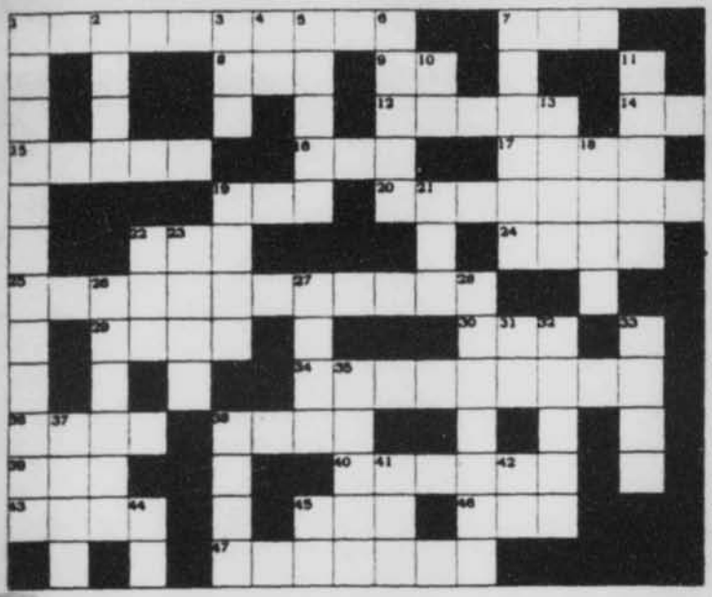

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20. _____THE TREASURY
22. _____AND SPEND
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29. SNARES
30. TAXING ORGANIZATION.
34. FRAUD OR FAKER
36. BLOOD AND _____
38. LET THEM EAT_____
39. MONKEY
40. COLD PERIOD
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47. INSIDE THE _____

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1. 80's PRESIDENT
2. FALL IN DROPS
3. ELECTRICAL UNIT
4. DOES NOT APPLY
5. _____ DODGER
6. LACKING LIVELINESS
7. SLICK _____
10. BEHOLD
11. TAX AND _____
13. PERFORM A SONG
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19. CENTER OF ROTATION
21. WASTE CLOTH
22. ARTICLE
23. SECOND HIGHEST VOICE
26. SLEEPS SOUNDLY?
27. THE _____ STOPS HERE
28. CO-PRESIDENT?
31. SUN GOD
32. AT A LARGE ANGLE
33. AGAINST (PREFIX)
35. HOLDUP
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During the program the chefs will impart culinary secrets to the diners, including how the various courses of the meal are prepared. Members of the Clear Lake Symphony, gathered in small ensembles, will serenade diners with rapturous musical interludes guaranteed to grant even the most irritable of people a pleasant gastronomic experience, or compel the most irritating of dinner guests into a blissful silence.

Participating restaurateurs so far include the Nassau Bay Hilton, Cavanaugh, Outback Steakhouse, Barry's Watergate, Laredo's Too, and What's Cooking.

J.R.'s Coffee Company will be providing cordials and specialty coffees. Wanda Symmonds, owner of Catering and Creative Innovations By Wanda, is decorating the Hilton's ballroom for the event.

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The music schedule for May: Shake Russell, 1st; Kathy & the Kilowatts, 7&8; Sheila Renfro & Soul Possession, 14&15; Bert Wills 21&22; Green Onion 28; Low Down Brown 29th.

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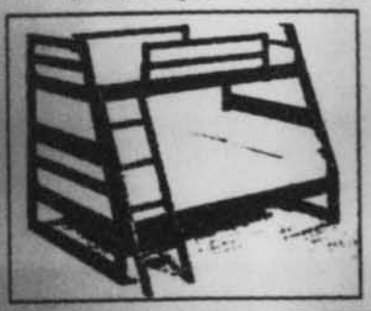

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Fort Collins, Colorado - Thousands of folks from all over the world gathered in Fort Collins to celebrate life and participate in a bake sale designed to help raise $29.95 so that Fort Collins resident Dan Kay could purchase a subscription to Rush Limbaugh's newsletter. People from Angola, Britain and other exotic places trekked to the beautiful Colorado town. Individuals from as far away as Hawaii, New York, Alaska and Florida drove the distance to have the opportunity to purchase baked goods and other items from over ninety different vendors. People broused through everything from T-shirts to "Bananas Foster" a delicacy from New Orleans' Brennans Restaurant.

See Rush page 11

Dee from Oregon gets into the spirit

Folks from Arkansas show their embarrassment

Kay Bailey Hutchison Wins Local Endorsement

Clear Lake - Steve Stockman, the Republican U. S. Congressional candidate who narrowly lost to 41-year incumbent Jack Brooks, released a statement regarding the Krueger-Hutchison run-off in which he officially gave his support to Kay Bailey Hutchison. The statement was read before a small and enthusiastic crowd of Hutchison supporters.

"Why am I voting for Kay Bailey Hutchison for US Senate?" Stockman asked the crowd. "Because I want a senator who better represents Texans. I understand many Republicans are steadfastly saying they are not going to vote. By not voting, they will actually give Bob Krueger a hand up. Their logic, or the lack thereof, stems from the belief that they can send a message to government officials and the Republican party while creating a second chance to send a conservative to the U.S. Senate. Their argument goes something like this. 'It is better to have Krueger, a solid liberal, than a moderate Republican for U.S Senator.' They hope that in 1994, when the seat is up for re-election, they will be able to defeat Krueger and put in place a staunch conservative."

"Conservatives deal in facts," Stockman said. "That is why I believe that these arguments are but wishful thinking. Congressional incumbents get re-elected to office 94% of the time. By 1994, Krueger will be a well entrenched incumbent. To believe that, after securing more money and more name ID, Krueger will somehow be easier to defeat is more than naive - it's wrong."

Moreover, it is a fact that Republicans do better in run-off elections than they do in general elections, so this is our best shot. In 1994, Bob Krueger, if he is able to win June 5, and Ann Richards will both be up for re-election, and both will be working hard to turn out the vote in the general election.

Stockman says that more devastating than the possible re-election of Krueger, would be the fact that during those intervening months, Krueger would be in office. "He will be helping Clinton wage war on the economic future of our families, promote radicals to the Supreme Court and help change the social fabric of the military. In short, the Clinton liberals will have one more foot soldier in Bob Krueger."

According to Sockman, many of the people who have decided not to vote for Kay Bailey Hutchison are the same folks who wanted to send Bush a message for breaking his tax pledge in 1990. They either voted for Clinton or they voted for Perot last fall. "While I agree with them that Bush was wrong, they have learned that Clinton is giving more pain to us then they gave to Bush. Bush has retired. He is now fishing in Kennebunkport while the rest of us wallow in the mandates, decrees, and appointments of the Clinton administration," Stockman added.

Looking towards local issues, Stockman pointed out that Bush had full funding for Space Station Freedom in his 1993 budget. Now, Clinton has cut part or maybe all of it, while at the same time eagerly waiting to spend billions of dollars to create 55,00 summer jobs. "I wonder if any of the 80 people that have already lost their jobs at Space Station/IBM who voted to send Bush a message wish they could change their votes now?" Stockman pondered.

"The only lesson taught here is that, if you don't vote for the better of the two candidates, you'll wind up with the worst.

In Georgia, where a run-off between a moderate, pro-choice Republican and a liberal Democrat occurred, it was the pro-life Republicans who beat the bushes and went door to door to help the Republican win a squeaker of an election. Now the Senator from Georgia has helped stop Clinton's pork bill, by voting with the minority of Republicans. In an unanticipated move, the Georgian Senator now gives private meetings in his office to pro-lifers. In short, honey does catch more flies than vinegar."

"One more thing," Stockman added. "My mother always told me it was better to get a piece of bread than miss the whole loaf."

Stockman pointed out that in 1962, Texas had a special election to fill the seat of LBJ who had become the Vice President. The Democrats proceeded to have a knock-down, drag-out fight. The Democrats who lost in the first round stated that in the run-off election, they wanted to teach the winning Democrat a lesson. They did. They stayed home, helping to elect the first Republican since reconstruction, where John Tower stayed until he decided to retire.

"The last and overriding point can be summed up in another a cliche," Stockman said. "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face."

Stockman noted, "Each of us would like to be able to send our particular favorite to represent us. It is next to impossible to find a candidate with whom we agree on every single issue. It is our responsibility to vote to improve our representation at every opportunity. Kay Bailey Hutchison is our candidate and will represent our state far better than the liberal Krueger. Texans must unite to elect Kay."

"Finally, while Kay is moderate in some areas, her popularity comes from her conservative values in other areas, including financial matters, where she shines like a star. Contrary to what many have said, she has always been

*Note: Picture ⇒ is of woman who organized Stockman garage sale.

*Note: article quotes Stockman throughout. Stockman is notorious for having photos taken with elected officials and using them to suggest an endorsement (e.g., see Attachment 6).

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The North Carolina Republican said Friday he would work to stop the confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg, a San Francisco city supervisor, to be an assistant secretary for fair housing at HUD.

"She's not your garden-variety lesbian," Helms said, Friday. "She's a militant activist-mean lesbian, working her whole career to advance the homosexual agenda."

Helms said Achtenberg said at her confirmation hearing "that she believes that the Boy Scouts of America are a threat to the children of America" because the organization won't let gay men be scoutmasters and its creed refers to God.

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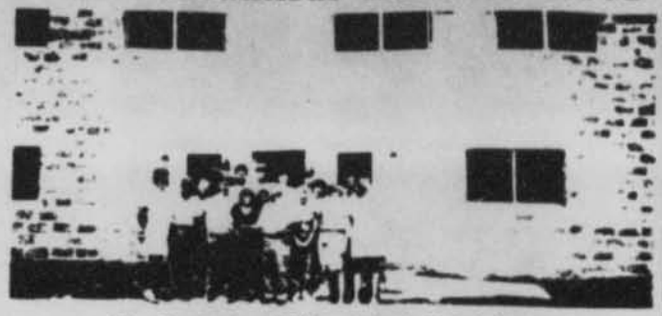

New Dormitories at Belize mission in Central America

White sandy beaches, clear blue water, lush green rain forests and tropical birds and animals. This is the country of Belize. But it's not all that is to be seen. In many parts of this country lies great poverty and a people who wish to better themselves and their families.

With the desire to bring help, Reverend Rebe Milholland and her late husband came to Belize in the late 1950's with a vision from God to bring spiritual, emotional and physical prosperity to the people. The result has been over 50 churches started and maintained, many hundreds (even thousands) coming to know the Lord, and an abundance of people having their physical needs met.

Presently Reverend Milholland is teaching over 50 children, who are either orphaned or abandoned, to be godly men and women. She is referred to as Mother Milholland. Several young men and women who were under her care have gone on to study in America and become pastors and evangelists.

Within the past three years, new girls' and boys' dormitories have both been constructed. "All this is part of the work that has been going on there since the 1950's, and we must see to it that continues. Having gone down the pa two years to help start and finish t boys' dormitory, I have seen that the children are real and they need our hel They love and laugh just like we do, a they get hungry and need a nice place sleep just like we do." stated Joe Warn of Clear Lake

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Anti-Christianity Intensifies, But Some Victims Fight Back

By Jim Rodgers

Times Reporter

In what was once a nation with a Christian consensus, Christianity is now in the center of the bull's-eye.

Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, VA., has an art show in which a painting by Josef Schetzenhofer depicts two internationally known evangelists, both of whom reside in Virginia. In the painting, the Dr. Jerry Falwell sits with his pants down, Dr. Pat Robertson holds a roll of toilet paper, and a television set displays vulgar remarks. Responding to dozens of complaints, university president James V. Koch defended the scurrilous painting and the university's right to show it.

In 1989, a group calling itself American Atheists filed a law suit against the city government of Zion, IL. In 1990, a U.S. district court said the town's seal was unconstitutional under the First Amendment because of the words "God Reigns" and the emblems (cross, shield, scepter, and dove). In 1991, a U.S. court of appeals affirmed the decision. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

The town has until June 30 to remove its "Christian" city seal from street signs, buildings, police cars, stationery, payroll checks, and a water tower. Mayor Bill McCullough commented on the matter, "There's a matter of principle here. The very structure of this country is being attacked. This will have far-reaching effects."

Actually, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not contain the words "separation of church and state" or the idea of such a separation. Nor does it forbid federal politicians in the course of their government work to put into effect Christian principles and encourage others to do the same. That is exactly what the founding fathers did, as did their ancestors and descendants, in and out of government.

Where did the words "separation of church and state" come from? They are in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson many years after he helped write the Constitution. He had received a letter from the Danbury Baptist Association, of Danbury, Conn. The worried Baptists had heard a rumor that the government was going to set up a state church. Jefferson assured them the U.S. Constitution's first amendment prohibits a state church, calling it a wall to keep government from setting up a state church that would control Christians. He did not say it was a wall to keep Christianity out of government.

We know from history, (letters, speeches, books, journals, newspapers, government records, etc.) that the First Amendment forbids the federal government (though not state governments) to set up its own church or give any Christian sect a government-backed monopoly. The founding fathers wanted Americans to serve God without being told how to do so by a church that had a government-granted monopoly on religion. In England, the state church had imprisoned, fined, and flogged their ancestors for worshiping or preaching without a state church license to do so. For instance, John Bunyan, author of the famous allegory Pilgrim's Progress, was jailed for years for preaching without a license.

In addition, publicly and privately, the founders (Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, et. al.) said they wanted America's Christian concensus to continue throughout all generations. Until recent generations, those who interpreted the Constitution did so in accordance with the will of those who wrote it. For example, John Jay, the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, said it is the duty of Americans to elect only Christians to political offices because only Christian politicians would honor and apply the principles of Jesus Christ. When this writer was a child, some public school text books contained Bible verses, Bible lessons, Christian statements of famous Americans, etc. In my mother's day, this was even more so. Public schools bought and distributed Pilgrim's Progress for the students to study and discuss in class.

But public schools are becoming secular deserts where God does not exist. Christmas break and Easter break now are called winter break and sprng break. Nativity scenes are forbidden. A court makes a school remove a painting of Jesus Christ from its assembly hall. School clinics distribute condoms to the students, and pregnant girls are sent to abortion clinics without their parents' knowledge. The Bible history that God made everything and all life on Earth is forbidden, and the theory of evolution is taught everywhere as if it were scientific fact. As a result of such things, the public schools, young people, and American society are reaping the whirlwind: murder in schools, cheating rate up, SAT scores down, etc.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ignored U.S. history and stare decisis (legal precedents) by finding a non-existing principle in the First Amendment, the principle that, in effect, nothing done by government and nothing done on government property may promote Christianity. Astoundingly, the justices did not cite even one (legal precedent) in radically changing constitutional interpretation. They did not do so because there were no precedents. Since then, various judges have extended this unconstitutional principle beyond the federal government to other jurisdictions. A public school principal even told a teacher to remove a Bible from his desk.

If any group but Christians were to be defamed by magazines, schools, books, news, firms, universities, and television, an ear-splitting, long-lasting roar of protest would be heard from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Consequently, Jews, Italians, blacks, Mexicans, homosexuals, and other groups are not defamed. In the rare instances when it happens, the nation shakes with outrage/boo.

But Christians are the exception. Increasingly, Christianity is pounded by anybody who wants to step up and take a swing. You've seen it happen over and over on television and in Hollywood films. But some Christians fight back.

Lawyer John Whitehead is one of them. In 1979, he began to fight legal battles to defend people whose religious and moral rights are violated by public officials, employers, or others. In his first case (1979), Whitehead spent $25,000 of his own money to win the right for the Nobels to continue teaching their children at home.

(On average, home-schooled kids do better, academically and morally than public school students.) Whitehead said his own family paid a heavy price emotionally and financially. "[A friend] made our house payments for us for a year. But I knew we had to keep ... helping families who called."

In 1982, he founded a charitable organization that defends moral and religious rights. The Rutherford Institute is supported by the tax-deductible contributions of Christians. Whitehead and other lawyers have helped hundreds of Christians, Jews, and others who asked for

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Prescription for American Health Care

By Dr. Robert Feldman

Is there a health care problem in America? If so, what is it? Possible definitions of the problem would be that care is unavailable to a portion of our population, that the quality is bad, or that there is a problem with the money involved.

THE UNINSURED - A smoke screen. Many are saying the problem is with our "uninsured". The figure 34 million is bantered about, and that is fairly correct, however there is a hitch. The 34 million uninsured today are different persons from the 34 million 60 days from now. Many choose to be uninsured. Many are changing jobs or insurance and are thus uninsured. The possible problem are the UN-INSURABLES. This is only 2 to 4 million people, who have pre-existing conditions and have problems obtaining insurance.

However, the question should be whether anyone is being denied care? The answer is no. Both the uninsured and the uninsurable almost always qualify for some sort of care, somewhere, albeit public or government medicine. Even Texas prisoners on death row have had coronary artery bypass operations at taxpayers' expense. Of course, these people would be deemed "uninsured" by the hand-wringing liberals.

QUALITY OF CARE - Ask anyone from around the world about quality. Why do heads of state come to America (and specifically, Houston) to get their health care? Very simply, America's health care is the best quality in the world. The detractors of American medicine often point to infant mortality as a marker of quality. America's infant mortality rate is higher than some other countries, but there is a reason. That reason is usually drugs. Many infants born to drug addicted mothers either die or consume thousands of dollars in neonatal ICU care expenses. What we have in this country is a drug addiction problem, not a quality of medicine problem.

Americans are living longer, healthier lives and being more productive than ever before in history. Even changes in Social Security laws plan for baby boomers to work longer as the age for starting Social Security payments will jump to 67 years after the year 2000.

Part of America's health care "problem" are the older people who are unable to properly care for themselves. Families seem not to want to care for the older members; thus we have a "housing" problem, not a health care problem. There aren't many concerns about Alzheimer's disease in Somalia or Zaire. People don't live that long there- they have a quality of health care problem!

MONEY AND POWER - The problem with our health care system is that it consumes a large portion of our GNP. What is wrong with that? One of two possibilities. Either someone wants to have power over that large chunk of money, or they want the overall amount to decrease so more taxes can be extracted from Americans without causing a tax payer revolt.

Liberals often point to the added cost on the sticker price of an American automobile because of health care premiums. They worry that an American car costs $800 more due to health care costs as compared to the $200 added to a Japanese car. When we think about the Clinton plan to impose a Value Added Tax (VAT) to that car, why don't we do some quick math? If the car costs $15,000 and the tax is 18% then the added cost to that car would be $2700! How about that for sticker shock! Where will the extra $1900 go? To the government bureaucracy.

HERE IN TEXAS - HB 2055, by Rep. Mike Martin is being discussed in Austin this week and will set up a Health Care Plan for Texas which will fit right in with Democrat proposals. Governor Richards wants to give the President a present before Hillary's task force releases its report. As HB2055 is written, health care in Texas would be run by a board appointed by the Governor. This board would consist of 6 people. Two "employers", two "employees" and two "public members". Notice that the medical profession is absent. One patient told me "The only person I want managing my care is my doctor!"

Another provision is that all small businesses must provide health care insurance to all employees. HB 2055 doesn't point out the cost of this coverage. How many small mom and pop businesses can afford the extra overhead of health care coverage for all their employees, even the part-time high school kid who works on the weekend?

This bill should be re-written or defeated. Please contact your legislator and senator and advise them to be careful in the vote and not be pressured into passing this legislation until its full impact on Texas business is evaluated.

** Dr. Feldman is a heart surgeon in Houston and on the Board of Directors of Physicians for Quality Medicine, a Houston medical think-tank dedicated to quality medical care and freedom for the patient and doctor.*

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Legislation Will Threaten Gun Owners' Rights

By Bob Williams

If you are a well-informed NRA(National Rifle Association) member, you probably know intimately all about the moves that are afoot in the new administration in Washington to restrict or to completely prohibit the law-abiding citizens' Constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. We're talking about whatever law-abiding reason you might have for keeping and bearing arms, including self-protection, a hobby, or for participating in shooting sports.

If you are not a well-informed NRA member you need to know what is happening in this area because it affects any future thoughts you might have about owning and using a handgun, rifle or shotgun.

In the Senate, Senator Patrick Moynihan-(D) has sponsored a bill (S179) to levy as much as a 1,000 percent excise tax on certain caliber ammunition. The calibers chosen for this honor are the 9 mm, the .25 and .35 caliber. It is not by chance that these are among the most popular handgun calibers for personal defense and for some shooting sports.

A box of 9mm ammunition costs approximately $12 now. The 1,000 percent excise tax would raise the price to over $100 per box. Certainly a prohibitive price.

The underlying reason for the excise tax on ammunition could be to come up with another way to pay for Hillary Clinton's Health Care Program. It could also lead to a proposed 20 percent tax on any gun purchase.

Not to be outdone, Congressmen Jim Moran-(D) and Robert Torricelli-(D) have introduced a bill in the House (H.R. 544) which would prohibit the transfer of 2 or more handguns to an individual in any 30 day period.

Even if you are threatened or your firearms have been stolen, you cannot purchase more than 2 handguns at a time. This makes it tough on competitive shooters who sometimes purchase several guns at once to take advantage of special purchase prices. How could this law be enforced except by some very expensive national computerized gun registration program?

The uncomfortable part, is if this law is passed, then what would prevent the next step which would be to limit you to 0 guns?

Back in the Senate-- Senators Dennis Deconcini, Howard Metzenbaum and Ted Kennedy have introduced two bills (S.639 and S.653) which would make it unlawful to possess certain auto-loading firearms. These bills would give the unelected Secretary of the Treasury, with advice from the hard-core anti-gun Attorney General Janet Reno, unilateral say over your Constitutional right to own, sell or transfer the semi-automatic firearms you may currently own. They would even have the power to recommend additions to the list of banned firearms at any time.

Back to the House-- The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (H.R.1025) sponsored by Congressman Charles Schumer, (D) would unleash a law requiring a waiting period before you can purchase a handgun. On the surface it might seem to make sense, but do you believe any criminals would wait to get a handgun for their own use? Also, this legislation would prohibit lawsuits against bureaucrats and anti-gun police who wrongly and maybe even deliberately prevent you, as a law-abiding citizen, from buying a gun.

The important thing to remember is that there are 118 new congressmen and Senators who have never voted on gun issues in the House or Senate. They are being told by the anti-gun media that these new bills are what the people want. I believe it is time they heard from you, the usually silent conservative constituents of these new congressmen and senators. Let them know that the Second Amendment to the Constitution is a viable protection of your rights and not up for tinkering or alteration.

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The city government of Raleigh, N.C., orders Neuse Baptist Church to remove its Christian flag for violating a city ordinance forbidding the display of temporary signs. The church has three flag poles. The American flag and North Carolina flags do not violate the ordinance, the government says.

A government agency (school clinic, public health agency, etc.) gives somebody a condom. As a result, the recipient is pregnant and/or has AIDS. The recipient and/or parents want to sue the agency.

A school clinic, without parental knowledge, sends a girl to an abortion clinic. The parents want to sue for violation of parental authority, killing the baby, and/or causing physical, emotional, moral, or spiritual damage to the girl.

An employer discriminates against somebody because he's a Christian or because of Christian-based behavior or beliefs.

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By Jeff Van Fleet,
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What do Jack Fields (R, Humble), Joe Barton (R, Ennis), Charlie Wilson (D, Lufkin), Mike Andrews (D, Houston), and Tom DeLay (R, Houston) all have in common? Answer: Each of these congressmen, both Democrat and Republican, feel it necessary to hold periodic Town Hall meetings to meet with, and get feedback from, their constituents.

Unlike these gentlemen, Congressman Jack Brooks, the 41 year incumbent, apparently has something against meeting with the people he represents. That is, of course, unless they are willing to pay $50 and put on a tuxedo. In these difficult economic times, it is unfortunate that the constituents of the Ninth District must pay to get the ear of their congressman, although some have been doing that for years. And pay they did.

On April 23, 1993, the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation (CLAEDF), sponsored a "civic function around the theme- 'The 103rd Congress, A Perspective - Jack Brooks,' at the Nassau Bay Hilton in Clear Lake.

CLAEDF, a non-profit corporation, has drawn some criticism for its involvement in this event. The Foundation generously offered to cover any cost shortage that might have occurred. Had there been a surplus, CLAEDF would retain those monies for "continued economic development activities."

Critics charge that this could place the Foundation in dangerous territory. Covering the shortage, which likely occurred given the light turnout at the event, could be construed as a corporate contribution to a political campaign which is very illegal. This could jeopardize both the corporations legal standing with the Federal Election Committee and the IRS.

The question of partisanship also came up regarding this "civic event." Strangely, only individuals from the Democrat Party were invited to speak. Congressman John Bryant (D, Dallas) was the emcee for the evening. Democrat President Clinton and Democrat Speaker of the House Tom Foley both sent videotaped messages. Democrat Vice President Al Gore and Governor Ann Richards were scheduled to either appear, or, at least, send representatives. Even Clinton supporter Houston Mayor Bob Lanier got in on the evening's festivities.

Would the Foundation have been as generous if someone wanted to honor Republican Senator Phil Gramm or even former President Ronald Reagan, who called for the development of Space Station Freedom back in 1984?

Both NASA officials who spoke are openly ardent Democrats. NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin and JSC Administrator Aaron Cohen addressed the gathering. While everything might have been on the up and up, some observers feel these appearances at a function with an all Democrat program smacks of potential violation of the "Hatch Act" which limits federal employees' involvement in partisan politics. What's even more repugnant, is that this Democrat administration wants to cut Space Station.

If you are wondering why you haven't heard about this, the answer is simple. Brooks barred all media from attending. What type of activities is the Congressman involved in that prohibits him from being held under public scrutiny? So, unless you were a rich Democrat who wanted to cut Space Station, you probably wouldn't have wanted to attend.

Congressman Brooks, the brave man who talked of bombing and shooting men, women and children at the Waco compound, is scared of his voters.

Gay Love-in

Dear Editor,

I have just been to the largest "Gay Love-In" this country has ever seen. Gay, in the original meaning of "happy" and Love in the original meaning before it became confused with "Sex" (not that I am opposed to sex).

It was called "Dan's Bake Sale" in Ft. Collins, Colorado. In truth it was just an excuse for about 60-70,000 Rush Limbaugh fans to meet one another. It was a BLAST! People of every age were there: College students, grandmothers, grandfathers, and zillions of middle-Americans and their entire families had an exhausting but terrific time -- without trashing the town or giving the police a single bit of hassle. In fact, every police officer I talked to (about a dozen) said they thought we were great guests in their town and welcomed us to come back.

Everyone was high as a kite, but there were no drugs to be found. They got high on the good spirits of thousands of real Americans who were able to say out loud, "I am a Conservative" without being condemned as being selfish, cruel, heartless, or reactionary. People came from every state in the union, including Alaska and Hawaii, and from several foreign countries JUST TO BE WITH OTHER CONSERVATIVES! I went from Dallas, had a great time, and never even ate a cookie.

If Slick Willie really believes that Americans are as politically Liberal as he must believe them to be, he should have been in Ft. Collins this weekend. I doubt he could find very many Americans who would have traveled thousands of miles to cheer his Socialist ideals; but he could have seen tens of thousands who spent days traveling just to celebrate the ideals America was built on. He could have also learned what real American tax-payers, and those who have served their country in the military, think of twisted morality and destructive dismantling of American traditions and principles.

If you have ever been discouraged and disheartened (and I have) with the belief that we are losing America to the sick, self-serving, leftist politicos, this "Bake Sale" proved to me that we will prevail. There are too many good, honest, decent people in this country for us to be held down for too long.

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Graduation Day for Young S.E. Texans

Although it did not have the pomp and circumstance like that of other graduation ceremonies that most of us have attended, the Kindergarten graduates of the Knoe High School in Webster were thrilled just the same. On Friday May 14, the class of 2005 walked across the stage and received their diplomas.

School owner and director, Mrs. Irene Miller said that she was very proud of the five students that have completed the Kindergarten program. "We opened August 18 of last year with 1 student, we now have over fifty children in our day care and pre-school combined. God has really blessed us with great kids."

After Vivian Bearden welcomed the guests, the proud graduates each gave a lively account of what they had learned over the past year.

Tucker Read told about how he and his classmates learned to read. "We learned to read phonetically. We know that 'th' sounds like 'th...th...th'."

Karen Tabor told the audience about the field trips the students took to St. John's Hospital's Teddy Bear Clinic. The students brought their teddy bears in for a check-up. Karen said that most of the teddy bears received shots to treat their ailments.

Zachary Burgeson shared with the parents and friends about the special times that the kids had at school. "We all loved going out on bear hunts with Kurt and singing Father Abraham."

Vivian Bearden, Tucker Read, Karen Tabor, Zachary Burgeson, Alanna Beck

Alanna Beck read a poem about Dr. Seuss week. "Dr. Seuss has been a friend to us, for such a long, long time. He tells the greatest stories, and makes those stories rhyme."

After the ceremony, the children invited the parents and guests to have cake and punch with them. The cake was decorated with the school's logo, a grasshopper holding balloons.

Mrs. Miller had ceremonies like this at her pre-school back in Vermont. "They were always so much fun. Sometimes, the parents had a better time than the kids." Everyone did have a great time. "I enjoyed teaching these kids over the past year. I want to wish them luck when they start the first grade this fall."

Rush

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Unfortunately, all the hotels were booked and more people who wanted to come, couldn't. A twenty-five mile traffic backup on I-25 occured at 12:50 p.m., seven miles of which were chartered buses. This is truly a testament to the popularity of radio and TV talk show host Rush Limbaugh. Crowd estimates have reached 85,000+, far more than the 20,000 that was reported by CNN.

Every hotel room in the area was booked. Denver's Stapleton Airport, and all of the other airports in the Ft. Collins area, were flooded with requests by individuals to land their private planes. The airports were so full, some of the pilots had to fly on to Laramie, Wyoming, and drove the rest of the way to Dan's Bake Sale.

Four different police officers from the college town reported that this was the best behaved crowd they have ever had.

Rush showed up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and spoke for about fifteen minutes. The mass of "Ditto-heads" stood through a torential downpour to hear the Clinton administration's sharpest critic.

Dan sold out of all his baked goods in just forty-five minutes. He raised enough money to buy the subscription and donated what was left over to local charities. Brennan's raised over $24,000. After they cover the cost of making 8,000 servings of Bananas Foster, they will also give the surplus to charities.

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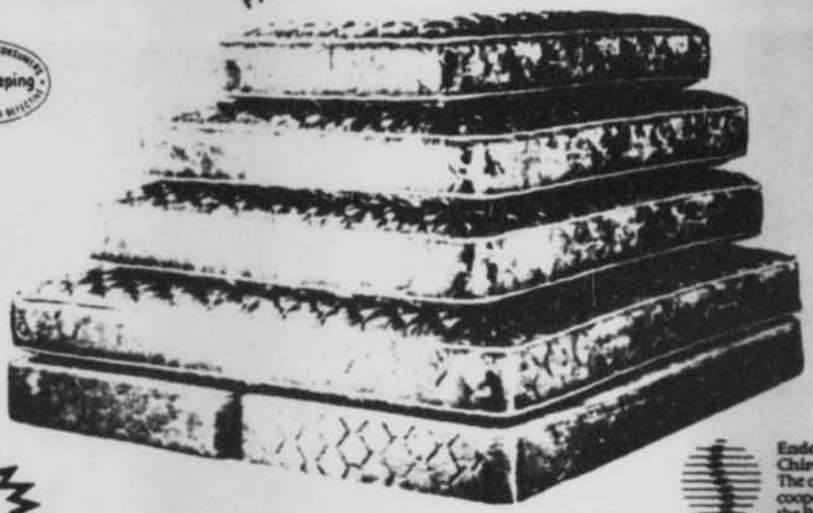

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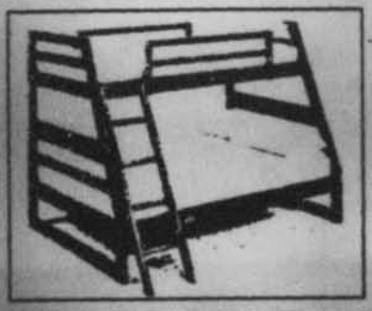

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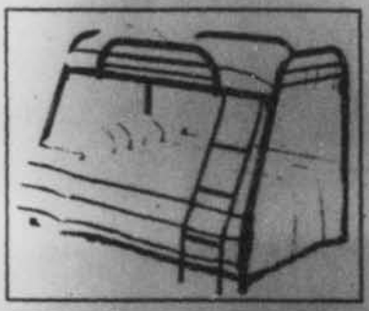

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The Truth About John Connally

The passing away of John Connally has left a pall over the great state of Texas. Known to many as the epitome of Texas itself, John B. Connally II will be missed. Some, though, in the national media find it hard to be gracious to a man who in life, as well as in death, deserves more than the rankor of the dominate media establishment.

The National Public Radio commentator, at the passing of former Texas Governor John Connally, described a man far from what we here in Texas knew him to be. In what can best be described as vicieferous, maligning and mean-spirited, the liberal NPR radio commentary focused mainly on the negatives, in particular the early nineteen-seventies, of John Connally's life. The dominate media is attempting to re-write history by being myopic in its view of Connally. Many here that knew the former governor are asking why the media elite are attacking a man who is best described by his friends and foes alike as a man of principle, humor, and grace.

After closer examination, what really comes to the fore-front is that, like Ronald Reagan, John Connally is a former Democrat. The root of the problem for these commentators is the word "former". What Connally had was what made Texas great - character and principle. Connally was devoted to beliefs; not to a party. Connally had the courage to say - my beliefs are no longer in line with where this organization is going and I am going to change; I am going to stand on the side of principle. That infuriates the "politically correct" left.

But that is what makes Connally a giant; he did not side with a group because his father, his mother, his wife, a union, his mentor or anyone else belonged to that group. He made his decision based on his beliefs. That same belief in principle and conviction overcoming the need to belong is what made this country strong.

Currently, many people still vote Democrat even though they don't support Democrat positions on gays in the military, quotas, tax increases, weakened criminal laws or special "rights" for various special interest groups.

For someone of Connally's stature to say the Democrat Party is wrong to pursue special interest at the risk of losing the middle class was putting salt on the wounds of those

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No Mir Station!

AS WE GO TO PRESS... Space Station Freedom supporters in Texas and across the nation are once again standing at the edge of a precipice. Clinton has chosen to go with a smaller version of Space Station, but it still remains unclear whether Space Station will go the way of *his closest friends* and nominees for Justice Department and Supreme Court, Lani Guinier and Bruce Babbit.

Session after session, Congress, often in highly publicized funding battles which dominated the national news for days, said "Yes, we do support Station!" Again and again, in no uncertain terms; but alas, this has meant very little to the current White House.

It was Bill Clinton himself who brought some of Space Station Freedom's biggest enemies into top positions in his administration, including station arch-enemy and former Congressman, Leon Panetta who now is Clinton's Budget Director.

If Freedom's Plan B derivative is rescued on the floor of Congress, the White House will try to take credit for "saving" the project. That's the "spin" already appearing in news stories from the Washington Press Corps. Take for instance the inexplicable front page story in HOUSTON POST that begins, "President Clinton will give the space station a much-needed boost today, endorsing a redesign that will...."

President Clinton has done nothing of the kind. What he has done is waste our time and our money, while de-moralizing the space industry.

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Connally

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special interest groups. Connally, in fact, felt practicing fairness is far more compassionate than preaching fairness. It was substance over symbolism, the opposite of what we have now. In the eyes of the commentator for National Public Radio Connally, for his stance in life, apparently warrants this cheap shot. It comes at the time of his passing when he is no longer able to respond.

But, as always, those who scream the loudest for fairness and free speech are the greatest suppressors of both.

John Connally, we love you and will miss you. Thanks for your adherence to your beliefs, convictions and your exemplary leadership.

Editorial

Managing Editor, Jeff Van Fleet

The constituents of the Ninth district received a rude awakening on Tuesday June 15. Several Clear Lake citizens and dignitaries went to Washington D.C. to lobby Congressman Jack Brooks concerning the ensuing battle for funding of Space Station Freedom.

When asked by the Clear Lake residents to support the station, Mr. Brooks took offense. He asked why he should vote for something to benefit a part of his district where the voters rejected him 2:1. Apparently, the 33% of the voters that did support him, don't deserve his service.

Was he not elected, by a very narrow margin, to represent all citizens of the Ninth district? A person would think that someone who has been in office since 1952 would know what is expected of them.

Critics of Congressman Brooks charge that this attitude of "What have you done for Jack Brooks lately," is just par for the course. It is this attitude, some say, that has made Mr. Brooks the richest man in Congress. How else could a man who went to Washington in 1953 with one suit, that somebody else bought for him, become a multi-millionaire?

We have a representative form of government. The people elect someone to go to Washington D.C. to fight for their needs and desires. This is not a trusteeship, where we are to "trust" our representative to do what he thinks is best for us. There are too many people in our nation's capital that "think" they know what we need to make our lives complete.

What we are talking about is jobs, not his re-election. He should do what we sent him to Washington to do; to represent us and our interests. It does not matter if almost half of the people in this district voted against Mr. Brooks. What matters is that he, whether we like it or not, is our representative. If after 40 years, Mr. Brooks has forgotten how to represent us, I am sure there is someone else who would be more than willing to do the job.

If Congressman Brooks does not have to listen to and heed the request of the constituents who did not necessarily vote for him, does that mean that those who did not vote for him are exempt from the laws which he helps to pass?

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POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER OF THE LOONEY LEFT

PART ONE: FRANKENSTEIN GOES TO WASHINGTON

Whether you are a parent, student, educator or school board member with a deep and abiding concern over the quality of American education, or whether you are simply just another lowly, hard-working, over-burdened taxpayer concerned with the quality of America's future, you have undoubtedly heard about the Great Debate raging both in Texas and across this nation concerning the "Political Correctness" movement in politics and on the campuses of schools and universities.

A Frankenstein-like creature of the looney Left, "Political Correctness" is a severely twisted and woefully deformed version of the intellectual, moral and political commitments Mainstream America has made to equal rights and equal opportunities, the protection of the environment, the tolerance and preservation of individual liberty.

Indeed, the Frankenstein comparison is more than appropriate. As those of you who have read Mary Shelley's classic 1818 science fiction novel may recall, the main character in the story is mad scientist Victor Frankenstein, a megalomaniac who thinks he can become "god" by creating a monster.

TOTALITARIAN TO THE CORE

In fact, on close examination, "Political Correctness" in American education and politics reveals itself as a "monster" in the form of an openly Totalitarian ideological movement. Some of the main features of "Politically Correct" Totalitarianism are:

1) An adament, inculcated racism based on a "devil theory" of the "white race" and "European culture."

2) A vicious woman-centered sexism, demonizing all males, especially white ones.

3) A pseudo-"scientific" environmentalism based on one or more of a variety of cause and effect theories, usually coupled with the declaration of an environmental crisis or an apocalyptic vision.

4) A glorification of the intellectually inferior, especially to the point where they are viewed as intellectually superior.

5) A demented fascination with, and glorification of, the morally perverse.

6) The ruthless use of Totalitarian tactics -- including intimidation, inquisitions, thug squads, violence and official repression.

7) In education, the abandonment of traditional education and the transformation of the university and the college classroom into instruments of Totalitarian ideological indoctrination. "PC" on campus also involves the use of all five of the tactics listed in #6, above.

THEATRE OF THE ABSURD

"Political Correctness" in the education system is much more deeply entrenched and its fundamental Totalitarianism far more publicly pronounced than in the political field, and a good case can be made that, in the long term, it is the more dangerous of the two.

Of late, however, "Political Correctness" in the realm of the national political arena has had the determined, if not altogether undivided, attention of the mass media. On the other hand, depressingly scant notice has been given to the "Political Correctness" movement in the realm of education.

The reasons for this are, of course, the ludicrous antics of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton in Old Foggy Bottom.

The divine logos of "Political Correctness" hangs about the necks of our nation's hapless First Couple of Mischief on the Potomac like a cat-o'-nine-tails 'round the necks of a pair of 14th century heretics of the Flagellant persuasion -- a fanatic sect that ran wild and naked through the communities of late medieval Thuringia, flogging themselves profusely and frightening the wits out of the plague-ravaged townspeople, until the instigators were finally scooped up by the dismayed local authorities and burned at the stake.

Just as the Flagellation riots in mid-1300's Thuringia must have been a sight to behold, so has it gone, and so does it still go, with Clintonian "Political Correctness."

Mr. Bill's and Hillary's comic attempt to appoint an administration that "looks like America" has attracted the devout attention of the mass media since day one.

To date, Bill and Hillary have nominated a discredited former university chancellor known as the "Godmother of the PC Mafiosi"; two potential Attorney Generals who were breaking U.S. immigration laws; a third Attorney General who is so concerned about the welfare of children that she ordered a paramilitary assault on a compound in Waco; a Civil Rights attorney who held a rather dim view of majority rule; a lesbian activist from California; and a former Arizona Governor who launched vicious political attacks on those enemies of humanity, the Boy Scouts of America.

Please don't misunderstand. There is no complaint here about the attention the media regulars have heaped on Clintonian "PC." Nor is this a complaint about the resulting carnage of Clintonian "PC" nominees or the resulting public outcry that has descended, with all the splendour of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, upon the heads of our First Couple of Political Correctness and their colorful scheme to turn the U.S.S. Enterprise into a floating San Francisco bath house.

The media attention in these matters has helped alert the American people to the absurdly incompetent and politically isolated nature of the Clinton gang at the White House, and to the attendant wackiness in word and deed bred by such isolation from the mainstream.

But as a library full of books by professional educators has shown, the source of the infection of our politics by "PC" Totalitarianism is found in the universities. To put it succinctly, the political hacks of the "PC" mobilization of America like Bill and Hillary did not create "PC." Rather, the "Political Correctness" movement created the political hacks.

Best-selling books like Alan Bloom's THE CLOSING OF THE AMERICAN MIND and Dinesh D'Souza's ILLIBERAL EDUCATION have exposed both the intellectual mindset which has brought about "PC", and the tactics and methods used by "PC" ideologists to take over campuses and ruin the minds of American youth. Another great book on "PC", SURVIVING THE PC UNIVERSITY, is a collection of essays from the anti-"PC" magazine Heterodoxy that includes such "Ten Worst" lists as "The Ten Worst College Administrators" and "The Ten Wackiest Feminists On Campus."

And speaking of wacky feminists, the relationship between "PC" education and "PC" politics is in no way better illustrated than by a look at the wit, wisdom and doings of the two top "PC" political hacks in America: Hillary Rodham Clinton and Donna Shalala. This we shall do, in some detail, in part two.

SEE PART TWO, "THE BRIDES OF FRANKENSTEIN," IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS TIMES

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New Best Seller Shatters Myth of Anita Hill

THE REAL ANITA HILL THE UNTOLD STORY by David Brock

The Free Press 438 pages with extensive notes & index reviewed by Tom Tyler

Like most Americans since the highly publicized Senate confirmation hearings on the nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas (now Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas) to the High Court in late 1991, I have often wondered what motivated Anita Hill to tell the kind of whopper I and three score million other Americans realized she was telling after she, Thomas and the witnesses had completed their testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

For those who realized Hill was lying, the proverbial missing piece to the puzzle has always been her motivation for so doing.

After all, the mass media and Hill's allies painted her as a brave and courageous woman. She supposedly came forward of her own accord, out of a sense of civic duty, and fought the prejudices of the all-male club on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Like Ollie North, she wanted to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

They told us she was a Conservative Republican who, by joining Thomas at the EEOC under Ronald Reagan, had dared to stand up to the extreme liberal wing of the Civil Rights lobby. She was described as a supporter of Judge Robert Bork during his ill-fated confirmation hearings. She was said to be a devout Southern Baptist with strong moral and religious views, and thus probably against abortion-on-demand and hostile or indifferent to radical feminism.

In other words, according to the mass media, Anita Hill had no personal or political motives to derail Thomas. Indeed, she ought to have, by all rights, been on his side.

In the two years since the hearings, the story of Saint Anita has been repeated over and over again with religious fervor by the Politically Correct. Her legend has been reverently embellished by the Church-of-PC hierarchy, and routinely dispensed as catechesis from its pulpits in the press and the university classroom.

But thanks to the old-fashioned journalistic curiosity, hard work and, especially, hard-nosed objectivism of a superb young investigative reporter by the name of David Brock, we now know that the entire Legend of Saint Anita is a complete and pious fraud, knowingly perpetrated upon the Republic by a gang of political rascals whose antics would cause the authors of the Donation of Constantine to blush like novices in a brothel.

Fellow Texans, meet David Brock, whose new best seller THE REAL ANITA HILL: The Untold Story, looses for us those huge sectors of reality missing from the standard version of the Legend of Saint Anita.

Brock cut his teeth as investigative journalism covering the Iran-Contra affair. A semi-liberal who favors many liberal social programs and a moderately pro-choice, Brock is hardly a model Conservative with a political ax to grind against Hill. During the hearings, Brock actually believed Thomas might be guilty as enquestioned.

But, as he began his investigation, he found a number of promising leads which had been left unpursued by the national news media - all of which bore directly on the credibility of Anita Hill.

Even as the Hill Legend got more and more rank, Brock held his nose, and to his great and everlasting credit, kept his intellectual and professional objectivity intact.

The result is that THE REAL ANITA HILL is a superbly documented, thoroughly researched book. Indeed, Woodward and Bernstein might have learned a great deal about investigative journalism, had they the benefit of Mr. Brock's example, during their excursion into the Watergate affair. Brock uncovers in massive detail a whole catalogue of previously undiscovered and wholly ignored aspects of the Thomas-Hill fiasco. Here are the major bombshells:

1) As it turns out, Hill was not (surprise, surprise!) the Conservative Republican she was made out to be by the mass media. Never once did they investigate Hill's political beliefs or possible personal motives. Hill was a committed pro-choice activist and a liberal Democrat who helped lead an effort at the University of Oklahoma to ban so-called "hate speech" - a politically correct pseudonym for setting up a campus inquisition banning Free Speech.

Further, Hill's competency as an attorney and law professor had constantly been called into question by employers and students. She developed a pattern of explaining such problems to friends in terms of sexual harassment and racism. She left the EEOC under Thomas after she was passed over for a promotion to top-level staff. When she lost the promotion, she began to backstab Thomas to her fellow workers, calling him a race traitor.

2) Anita Hill did not bravely step forward with her story, nor did an all-male club on the Senate Judiciary Committee ignore and victimize poor little Anita Hill.

Anita Hill was contacted by anti-Thomas groups months before she testified, and these groups pressured Hill for weeks to step forward.

Anita Hill then refused to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee without a guarantee of anonymity. The Committee would not, and has never in history, allowed anonymous charges to be entered as testimony.

Hill only stepped forward after she was tricked into submitting a signed affidavit - three days before the scheduled vote on Thomas and, once again, under a promise of anonymity from Metzenbaum Senate staffer and old friend James Brudney. A committed leftist political activist, Brudney secretly leaked the signed affidavit to Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio, a reporter famous for slanted reporting and disreputable tactics.

3) Anita Hill's only corroborating witness - Susan Hoerchner, a California workmen's compensation claims administrator with the overblown title of a judge, known for her use of valium as well for her reputation as an instigator of sexual harassment charges - never heard Anita Hill refer to Clarence Thomas as the boss who was sexually harassing her.

In fact, Susan Hoerchner repeatedly told Senate investigators that Hill had complained of sexual harassment from her boss in the spring of 1981 - 6 months before Anita Hill went to work for Clarence Thomas at the Department of Education and 8-10 months before Hill followed Thomas to the EEOC.

When Senate investigators spotted this incredible discrepancy in the middle of a deposition, Anita Hill's attorney stopped the interview, took Hoerchner and held a discussion with her. When Hoerchner returned to the interview a few minutes later, she had altered her story to fit Hill's version.

4) Brock shows it was Senator Paul Simon of Illinois who leaked the contents of the Thomas FBI file to Tim Phelps of Newsday. This act was a violation of Senate rules and a grounds for expulsion from the Senate.

5) Last but not least, Brock exposes the group of key operatives on the extreme left wing of Washington politics who manipulated Anita Hill and engineered the attack on Clarence Thomas.

Brock calls this group of operatives the Shadow Senate. The group was formed during the Reagan years to oppose Conservative judicial nominations. It composed of Politically Correct activists such as Nan Aron of the Alliance for Justice, Kate Michelman of the National Abortion Rights Action League, Eleanor Smeal of NOW, and Art Kropp of People for the American Way. This group of activists worked closely with Senate staffers from the offices of Judiciary Committee members Ted Kennedy, Howard Metzenbaum, and Paul Simon to sink Judge Robert Bork's nomination.

Along with Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio, the Shadow Senate pulled out all stops to derail Clarence Thomas using the same tactics employed against Bork. (The strategy, called borking, involves turning a Senate confirmation hearing into a full-blown national political campaign.)

While the televised hearings in 1991 were a soap opera on a spectacular scale - the sort of thing one would expect a television writer to concoct for a fictional movie of the week or some absurd series about the adventures of a gang of make-believe lawyers - Brock's THE REAL ANITA HILL: The Untold Story is investigative journalism, at its best.

And above all, David Brock's THE REAL ANITA HILL exposes the myth of Hill and shows Judge Clarence Thomas' opponents and the liberal Democrats who engineered the Thomas-Hill fiasco for what they were and are: a base and degraded gang of cut-throat political Byzantines from the loonery left, swept along by the manipulations of dirty politics, special interest groups, mass media sensationalism, incompetence, and personal revenge.

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Popular Host John Matthews Addresses Clear Lake Group

The sharp-witted host of one of Houston's most popular radio call-in shows was guest speaker at the June meeting of the Clear Lake Republicans organization, a leading political group in the Bay Area.

The Clear Lake Republicans, who meet the first Thursday of every month at 7PM on the second floor of the Harris County Court House Annex in the heart of Clear Lake City, turned out in force for John Matthews' appearance.

The audience laughed and applauded exuberantly as the conservative iconoclastic humourist barbecued the Clinton administration, "Political Correctness," opponents of the Space Station Freedom project and liberals like Ann Richards and Bob Krueger. So thoroughly, that some spectators laughed so much, they had to wipe away tears of joy.

In fact, as Clear Lake Republicans president Wade Webster noted, Texas conservatives,as well as conservatives across America, have good reasons to celebrate.

"Not only have the people of Texas delivered a loud and clear message to Ann Richards, the Democrat Party and the Clinton Administration by overwhelmingly electing Kay Bailey Hutchison to the U.S. Senate," Webster said, "the polls are showing that the American people have caught on to Bill and Hillary Clinton. Their politically correct, tax-and-spend agenda that replaces high-tech jobs with summer make-work projects is just absurd."

"Now," he added, "if we can win the battle for Space Station Freedom, we'll be even happier."

Also in the audience were such well-known Bay Area conservative political leaders as Texas State Senator Jerry Patterson; Jerry Purdon Republican State Representative candidate from Texas City, and his wife Krystal; Keith Glover, 1992 GOP candidate for Harris County Constable Precinct 8; Sonja Main, president of Bay Area Republican Women; Taxpayers Coalition of Clear Creek chairman Margaret Baird and Coalition executive committee member Boyd Breyer; Judy Small of Citizens for Excellence in Education; Patti Stockman, wife of 1992 District 9 Congressional candidate Steve Stockman who came within a few thousand votes of defeating 40-year incumbent Jack Brooks last year; and Tom Tyler, a supporter of the Space Station Freedom Fighters who helped plan and organize last year's "Stand Up for Freedom" rally in Clear Lake Park.

John Matthews gives Patti Stockman his trade secret for keeping up on the days hot topics comments from the audience.

Matthews began by apologizing for missing the May meeting of the group. The radio personality had been scheduled as guest speaker, but came down with influenza and had to put off his appearance. But invitations had already been sent, and a standing-room-only crowd packed the court house, fans John Matthews.

"I'm sorry I wasn't here for what I understand was the biggest meeting you've ever had." Matthews told the crowd. " But I'm very glad to be here for what I understand is the second-biggest meeting you've ever had!"

To the great amusement of the audience, Matthews drew a comparison between himself and Rush Limbaugh, the immensely popular conservative national radio and television commentator whose often hilarious antics and penchant for speaking his mind have even won him a large number of "liberal" fans.

"People often ask me what the difference is between myself and Rush Limbaugh," Matthews said. "Well, the difference is that Rush Limbaugh's talent is on loan from God, while mine is an outright gift."

The radio call-in host conducted his hour-and-half long presentation just like his marathon five-hour-long morning radio show on KPRC, commenting on various aspects of the American and Texas political scenes and "taking calls" in the form of direct questions or

"If anyone has a question, just jump right in," he said. " We'll get a lot accomplished tonight, if you've got about five hours."

Matthews was continually interrupted by laughter and applause as he discussed a number of topics with the audience, including the Space Station, Bill Clinton, the election of Kay Bailey Hutchison to the U.S. Senate, and what most Texas voters believe is a politically-motivated grand jury investigation by the Democrat District Attorney of Travis County involving allegations made against Hutchison during the final three weeks of the election by defeated Democrat Bob Kreuger.

"Obviously the investigation of Kay Bailey Hutchison is nothing more than sour grapes on the part of our good friends in the Democrat party." Matthews told the audience. "They are so absolutely humiliated by the two-to-one defeat of Bobby 'what's-his-name'; they are trying to fight back the only way they know how, and that's with a trumped-up investigation of charges made during a political campaign."

"When you look at the election returns," Matthews continued, "you see that 'what's-his-name' only carried a few counties in the Rio Grande Valley. He didn't carry Austin or San Antonio and he didn't even carry the heavily unionized Golden Triangle area, which must have sent shivers up the spines of the Texas Democrat party."

"Things do not look good for them over the next few years. But conversely, things look absolutely superb for conservatives, particularly as long as Mr. Clinton is still taking advice from those Hollywood elites."

"I get callers from time to time who accuse me of Clinton-bashing. They say I'm not being fair, and it's just horrible that I and all the other Conservatives are picking on President Clinton and not giving him a chance."

"I tell them, 'they are suffering from what is called the 'shoe is on the other foot syndrome'. For the last twelve years those of us in conservative politics and with conservative beliefs have withstood withering assaults from the liberal left against the policies of Ronald Reagan and George Bush. 'Now that you have captured the White House,' I tell them, 'and now that you have control of the House of Representatives -- apparently, nobody is in control of the Senate -- now is the time for Conservatives to get in their licks.' And, I tell them, 'get used to it because as long as Bill is in the White House, you are going to get a lot of it.' He is an intellectual version of Gerald Ford, and keeps falling all over himself. Republicans don't even have to do a thing to help him along."

"He even has his own Congressmen furious with him. After twisting arms for weeks to force his liberal Congressional supporters out on a limb by voting for the BTU tax, and after promising he wouldn't leave them twisting slowly in the wind on a program that was just overwhelmingly opposed by their constituents, what does he do?"

"He announces that he has abandoned the BTU tax, now that 219 of his fellow Democrats are on record as having voted for it."

"I would think the liberal members of Congress have learned one lesson from this event," Matthews said. "And it's the same lesson I hope the Congressional Black Caucus has learned from the Lani Guinier episode -

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Graham, who has lost twelve appeals in the Texas and Federal court systems, went on a week-long crime spree in 1981 in which he murdered Bobby Grant Lambert of Houston, shot another man, pistol whipped three victims, stole five vehicles at gun point, and kidnapped and raped a 57 year-old woman. Bernadine Skillern, a woman from Houston, is an eyewitness to the murder of Lambert.

Outraged by the attempts of ultra-liberal Hollywood activists to free Graham, victim's rights groups including Graham's surviving victims have launched a state petition drive to assure that Graham's death sentence is carried out.

The Victims groups are also holding rallies in Tranquility Park in downtown Houston Sundays June 20 and 27, 3p.m. 6p.m.

The SOUTHEAST TEXAS TIMES joins area leaders and Gary Graham's victims in supporting the petition drive. Gary Graham is a vicious scumbag and should receive his just punishment.

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July fourth Season Opener

by Patsy Cline

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Tom Johnson, League Director, began organizing the UFA two years ago in Houston. A former TSU offensive guard, Johnson has 14 year's college and professional experience. While primarily promoting fun and fitness, the UFA also focuses on showcasing talented young athletes age 19 and over. College, NFL and CFL scouts will be in attendance at the games. So, for all players that didn't get enough football in high school or college, here's your chance!

Head Coach Ron Lewis and assistant coach James Long of the Southeast area team, the Pasadena Maulers, noted that while turnout has been more than encouraging, more players are needed to round out the team. The Maulers practice three evenings a week in Southeast Houston Park.

Competition between the UFA teams begins on July 4 at Fun Stadium, 6400 Bissonnet, at 2 p.m. The Maulers wil be playing the Houston Buccaneers. There is no Admission to July 4 game. Admission for future games will be $5 in advance and $6 at the gate. Tickets will be available from individual players and various ticket outlets in Houston. All non-profit organizations such as Little League football and baseball teams, etc., will be admitted free.

The success of the United Football Alliance depends on local support and participation. All interested players are encouraged to call the UFA office at 713-779-6620 for more information or to sign up. Come out and join in supporting the Pasadena Maulers!

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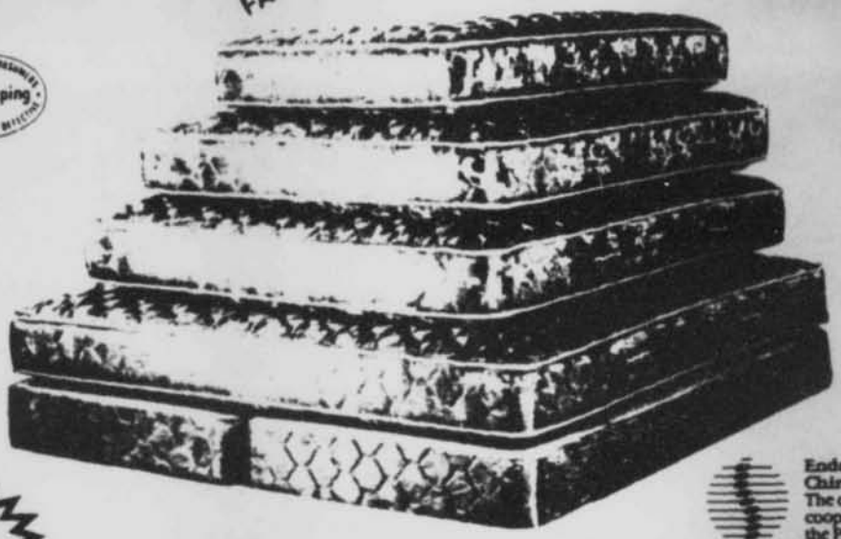

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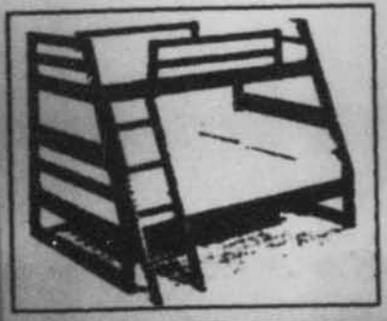

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Tax Dollars Spent to Free Cold-Blooded Killers

Convicted murderer, robber, and accused rapist and kidnapper Gary Graham -- who is sitting on Texas Death Row and has been the object of an all-out effort by Hollywood activists and the federally-financed Texas Resources Center to set him free -- got more than just a piece of bad news from the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

Not only did the Supreme Court reject a related case which might have freed Graham on a technicality, but Graham's victims who survived his murderous 1981 crime spree were joined by a large group of prominent Houston BayArea and Galveston County citizens in calling for "Graham's sentence to be carried out as soon as possible."

And on Tuesday July 6, Roe Wilson, who works for Johnny Holmes at the Harris County DA's office, will do just that when she asks a Texas judge to order a new execution date for Graham "immediately".

Gary Graham was arrested in 1981 after a week-long ultra-violent crime spree. Armed with either a shotgun or pistol, he murdered Bobby Grant Lambert in a hold-up in a Houston grocery store parking lot, shot three others, pistol-whipped three persons, committed nine aggravated robberies

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July 4, 1993 Oh what a weekend!

Bacliff and Friendswood celebrated Fourth of July with parades and fireworks

Famed Scientist Says Program With $40 Billion-A-Year Price Tag Based on Politics, Not Science

In 1990, the Environmental Lobby -- which has an operating budget of $336 million-plus a year, 90 percent of which goes to support political activism, not environmental improvements -- succeeded in getting Congress to pass sweeping new amendments to the Clean Air Act of 1970.

The amendments created a massive spending scheme supposedly intended to "clean up" the "environmental problem" of "acid rain." The 1990 amendments are, by the most realistic estimates available, costing America $40 billion a year.

But according to Dr. Edward C. Krug, the costly amendments to the Clean Air Act were based on an environmental scam. Krug is the famous Soil Scientist who shocked Environmentalists when he discovered that ordinary rain falling on acidic soil can cause nearby lakes and streams to acidify.

According to the Environmental Lobby, the amendments to the 1970 law were needed because the so-called "acid rain" phenomenon -- (i.e., rain with a low pH factor caused by the reaction of natural carbon dioxide or manmade sulfur dioxide emissions with water and oxygen in the atmosphere) -- was "destroying millions of acres" of forest lands and "killing off aquatic life" in "thousands of lakes" in the northeastern United States.

Claims were made, for instance, that the average acidity of the lakes had increased "a hundredfold" over the last forty years due to acid rain, and that the number of lakes "killed off by acid rain" would "double" by 1990. As the propoganda effort continued, Environmentalists made ever more sweeping charges about the effects of acid rain, declaring in one famous instance that "acid rain is destroying our soil, forests, and lakes -- the basis of the earth's life support system -- and damage is occurring coast to coast."

In response to this supposed "problem," the Reagan Administration created the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Project (NAPAP) -- one of the most ambitious and costly environmental research projects ever undertaken.

As Krug has pointed out, after five years of studies and over $500 million dollars worth of research, the NAPAP showed beyond any doubt that the environmental "acid rain" doomsayers had absolutely no idea what they were talking about, and that lake and stream acidity was overwhelmingly the result of local soil and rock conditions, not precipitation.

NAPAP scientists discovered, for instance, that there were only 240 critically acidic lakes in the northeast out of 7,000 -- rather than the "thousands" of lakes claimed by the "Enviro-scammers." They discovered that the average lake is as acidic as it was before the industrial revolution. They found most of the acidic water in the country is in Florida, which has one of the very lowest levels of acidic rain in America. They discoverd that the older Clean Air Act was working and had cut sulfur dioxide emissions in half, down to about the level of the 1930's.

Above all-- and this was the most galling discovery to the Environmentalist Lobby -- the NAPAP scientists discovered that every one of the acidic lakes in the northeast could be "limed" to bring down its acidity for a cost of about half a million dollars a year, compared to the tens of billions of dollars required by the new Clean Air Act of 1990.

As for the forests which were supposedly being "destroyed by acid rain," NAPAP found that the resulting added nitrogen fertilization would have a negative impact on the one percent of the eastern forest found at the highest altitudes, or on about 3 million acres out of 3 hundred million.

In the meantime, Krug has said, while the Environmental Lobby and the media were busily diverting the nation's attention and resources to the acid rain scam, 150 million acres of eastern hardwood forest were assaulted by a number of imported diseases and pests.

The chestnut tree was eliminated from the forest, wiped out by blight, and the

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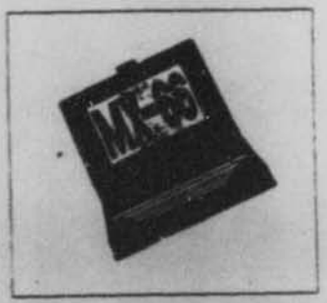

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Gov. Richards Rejects Voter Participation

At high noon, June 3, Governor Ann Richards vetoed the joint resolution of both state legislative bodies for a non-binding referendum which was slated to appear on the November 2 ballets. The non-binding referendum would have revealed the people's opinion and would have provided some guidance for the state legislature in creating a weapons carry law.

Apparently, Governor Richards feels that her wisdom is better than the wisdom of the people she was elected to serve. This seems to have turned the right-to-carry law into a political football to be thrown back and forth from the legislature to the Governor and in no way reflects the desires of the people of Texas.

On hand for the veto signing were police chiefs from several of the major cities in the state (including Houston and Austin) who applauded her veto of the referendum. It is interesting that the police chiefs were informed of the press conference and signing, but the conference was kept secret from any of the opposition including the Texas State Rifle Association. The Texas State Rifle Association has collected over 60,000 signatures on a petition calling for qualified, law abiding citizens to legally carry a handgun for personal protection.

The Governor has said repeatedly that the people of Texas don't want to be able to carry guns for personal protection. If this is true then the governor had nothing to worry about because State Representatives Carter (Fort Worth) and Wilson (Houston) said that they wouldn't introduce any additional legislation on this matter next session if the voters rejected their proposal for a right-to-carry law on the November ballet.

Representative Carter wondered, "Is she [Governor Richards] concerned that her private pollsters might be wrong, as they were on all of the recent education propositions?"

Governor Richards, in her statement, called the proposal a "joke." In earlier statements she called the proposal by Representatives Carter and Wilson "silly." In retort, Representative Carter stated, "I do not feel that giving women the ability to protect themselves from rapists and murderers is silly at all."

Governor Richards' veto suggests that the sponsors of the legislation are not concerned about violence and putting criminals behind bars. Is the Governor trying to say that a right-to-carry law will cause an increase in crime? Does it follow that the sponsors of this bill have not done their homework prior to introducing a right-to-carry bill?

The interim study on whether Texas should adopt a licensing and training system for law abiding citizens was conducted by Representatives Wilson and Carter and the study committee unanimously recommended that Texas should join the 37 other states that have this type of system. Representative Ron Wilson stated, "I don't believe we have been on the sidelines in trying to get the violent criminals off the streets. We supported increasing prison beds, state jails, and required treatment of drugs and alcohol abusers in our criminal justice system."

In answer to the belief that this legislation would lead to increased violent crime -- since Florida enacted their right-to-carry legislation in 1987, their homicide rate has decreased by more than 20% while the national average has increased over 14%.

Representative Carter stated that "firearms training and knowledge of the laws of deadly force are not going to promote violence on our streets. HB 1776 [right-carry-law] was constructed solely for the purpose of setting up qualifications, rules, and procedures whereby law abiding citizens could get training to legally protect themselves from criminal predators. ...It's unfortunate that the governor will not even allow the people to voice their opinion on this issue. In my opinion, in the upcoming gubernatorial election, the voters of Texas will make it perfectly clear that they don't consider self-protection a joke."

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"Why is it, Friends and Fellow Citizens, that you are here assembled? Why is it, that entering upon the sixty-second year of our national existence, you have honored with an invitation to address you from this place, a fellow citizen of a former age, bearing in the records of his memory, the warm and vivid affections which attached him, at the distance of a full half century, to your town, and to your forefathers, then the cherished associates of his youthful days? Why is it that, next to the birth day of the Saviour of the World, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day?

Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birth-day of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birth-day of the Saviour? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the corner stone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity ...?

Cast your eyes backwards upon the progress of time, sixty-one years from this day; and in the midst of the horrors and desolations of civil war, you behold an assembly of Planters, Shopkeepers and Lawyers, the Representatives of the People of thirteen English Colonies in North America, sitting in the City of Philadelphia. These fifty-five men, on that day, unanimously adopt and publish to the world, a state paper under the simple title of 'A DECLARATION.'

The object of this Declaration was two-fold.

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Secondly, to assume ... among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station, to which the Laws of Nature, and of Nature's God, entitled them.

With regard to the first of these purposes, the Declaration ... was, merely an occasional state paper, issued for a temporary purpose, to justify, in the eyes of the world, a People, in revolt against their acknowledged Sovereign [King George III], for renouncing their allegiance to him, and dissolving their political relations with the nation over which he presided.

For the second object of the Declaration, the assumption among the powers of the earth of the separate and equal station, to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitled them, no reason was assigned,--no justification was deemed necessary.

This was indeed a great and solemn event. The sublimest of the prophets of antiquity with the voice of inspiration had exclaimed, 'Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?' (Isaiah 66:8) In the two thousand five hundred years, that had elapsed since the days of that prophecy, no such event had occurred. It had never been seen before. In the annals of the human race, then, for the first time, did one People announce themselves as a member of that great community of the powers of the earth, acknowledging the obligations and claiming the rights of the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God. The earth was made to bring forth in one day! A Nation was born at once!

... the Declaration of Independence announced the One People, assuming their station among the powers of the earth, as a civilized, religious, and Christian People,--acknowledging themselves bound by the obligations, and claiming the rights, to which they were entitled by the laws of Nature and of Nature's God.

... The laws of social intercourse between sovereign communities constitute the laws of nations, all derived from three sources:--the laws of nature, or in other words the dictates of justice; usages, sanctioned by custom; and treaties, or national covenants. Superadded to these, the Christian nations, between themselves, admit with various latitudes of interpretation, and little consistency of practice, the laws of humanity and mutual benevolence taught in the gospel of Christ. ...

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Let us, in July 1993, do the same.

Mr. Adams's speech was obtained through Wallbuilders. For more information on our nation's history please contact David Barton at Wallbuilders 817-441-6044

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Enviromentalists Sap Economy

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elm tree was threatened with the same fate by Dutch elm disease. The gypsy moth was attempting to eradicate the oak tree. Beech bark disease was making its way across North America from Nova Scotia and Canada. Ninety percent of the mature fir trees in southern Appalachia had been wiped out by a bug called a "woolly adelgid." The spruce budworm had destroyed millions of acres of red spruce in Maine and Canada.

Why would the Environmental Lobby, supposedly the champion of the lakes and forests and creatures of the fields, ignore these very devastating – and very real – problems for the fantasm of acid rain, proven to be a gigantic fraud by one of the most massive scientific research undertakings in the history of environmental protection? Why would they divert resources that might have gone to fight the forest devastation?

To put it in plain language, the "acid rain" scam and the Clean Air Act amendments involved billions and billions of dollars in federal and private expenditures, the creation of vast new powers for the Environmental bureaucracy and the expansion of that bureaucracy. Fighting chestnut blight, Dutch elm disease, the gypsys moth, or "liming" a few lakes hardly offered the Environmental Lobby the opportunities for power, expansion, aggrandizement and profit offered by a full-blown Enviro-scam like "acid rain."

The Environmental Lobby has for a long time now embraced the type of issues that involve gaining control over vast areas of human activity, and when there is no such issue it manufactures one, as with acid rain.

At the same time, the Lobby has also established a clear pattern of ignoring vital environmental problems which do not offer opportunities for aggrandizement.

In a seminar on the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments hosted by Hillsdale College in Michigan, Dr. Krug had this to say about the "acid rain" scam and the Environmental Lobby:

"If the Environmental Lobby was a genuine champion of the environment, it wouldn't be pre-occupied with multibillion-dollar acid rain controls or other pet concerns like the spotted owl and the snail darter."

"The truth is that the Environmental Lobby is dominated by false prophets whose concern for the environment masks their real agenda, which is social engineering, and their ultimate goal, which is power."

"The Lobby is not interested in using logic and science to correctly identify problems, or to decide which response might do more harm than good. It ruthlessly pursues any legislation that gives it the means not just to control economic activity, but all forms of human behavior."

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Victims Rights Protest

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against thirteen victims, took five vehicles at gunpoint and kidnapped and raped a 57 year old woman. Graham has since lied again and again to the public about his crimes, claiming that he did not murder Lamb or shoot anyone, despite eyewitnesses including his surviving victims.

The "Texas Resource Center," a federally-financed legal corporation, is heavily involved with taxpayer dollars in the effort to free Graham. Victims Rights leaders charge the TRC hired a New York public relations expert to conduct a fraudulent "PR" campaign to convince the public Graham is an "innocent man."

The slick "PR" campaign carried out by Graham's supporters has included appearances on his behalf by singer Kenny Rogers, actress Farah Fawcett and actor Danny Glover.

During one awful episode, the Texas Senate skipped over Victims Rights advocate Dianne Clements, who had been waiting for hours to speak to the Senate, to allow actor Glover-- who had just arrived at the capitol and "had a pressing appointment elsewhere" -- in ahead of her. According to sources inside the Texas Senate, the trick was arranged by Texas Senator Royce West (D. Dallas).

Graham's "public relations" people have used every form of "twist" and lie in attempting to cover up his misdeeds. They have called the Victims Rights people "racists" and a "white lynch mob"-- despite the fact that the chief eyewitness against Graham is a black woman and many of the Victims Rights advocates are blacks and Hispanics, some of whose family members were Graham's victims.

The Graham people even tried to discredit the surviving eyewitness in the Bobby Lambert murder, Houston black woman Bernadine Skillieren. Graham's advocates said she "failed to identify" Graham the first time she was shown a police "photo spread" and asked to pick out the killer. Graham was not in the first photo spread-- a tactic often used by police to check the credibility of a potential witness. When shown the second photo spread, containing the photo of Graham, she immediately and positively identified Graham as the killer of Bobby Lambert.

Victims Rights groups, led by victim Pam Lynchner of Houston, have been holding rallies and circulating petitions to the Texas Parole Board and Ann Richards opposing "any future suspension of sentence" for Graham, and urging the state to carry out Graham's sentence "as determined by the court," i.e., the death penalty.

The Victims Rights coalition last week was joined in the effort not only by Texas State Senator Jerry Patterson (R-Clear Lake) and the well-known Gee family of Houston, parents of murder victim Tracy Gee, but also by:

- Steve Stockman, a Bay Area accountant and popular conservative political leader who came close to defeating 40-year-incumbent Congressman Jack Brooks in the '92 election.

- Margaret Baird, chairman of the powerful Taxpayers Coalition of Clear Creek, who led the famous 1991 taxpayers' revolt and tax rollback in the Clear Creek school district.

- Jerry Purdon of Texas City, a UTMB computer expert, candidate for next year's Republican nomination for State Representative Dist. 24 and son of Texas City Police Chief J. Purdon, Sr.

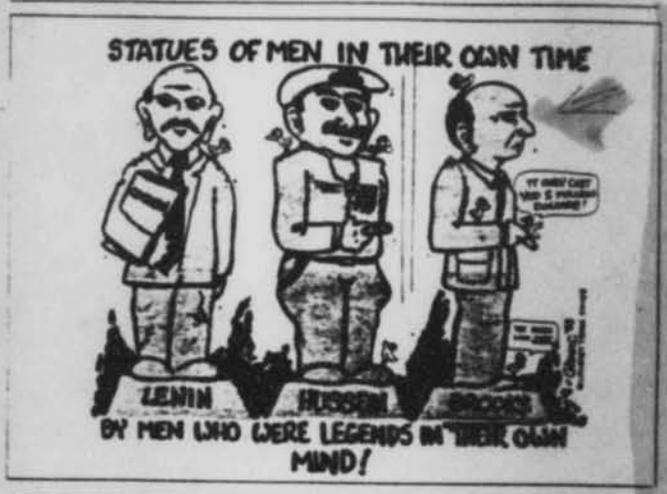
- Wade Webster, a Lockheed engineer, a leader of Clear Lake Crime Watch, a member of the famous Space Station Freedom Fighters group, president of Clear Lake Republicans and a member of the Executive Committee of the Harris County GOP.

- Jeff Van Fleet, editor of the Southeast Texas Times and the first prominent member of the Houston-Galveston news media to join the Victims Rights drive.

In a statement endorsing the petition drive and the Victims Rights movement in general, TIMES editor Van Fleet said, "For too long we have been doing everything in our power to see that criminals are treated fairly while neglecting those who have fallen prey to them."

Conservative leader Steve Stockman said, "The time has come for a Congressional investigation of the Texas Resource Center and what it's doing with our tax dollars. Efforts by Congressman Jack Fields were stone-walled. What have these people at the TRC got to hide?"

Jerry Purdon, leading candidate for District 24's State Representative seat, stands with Pam Lynchner, leader of the victims rights group



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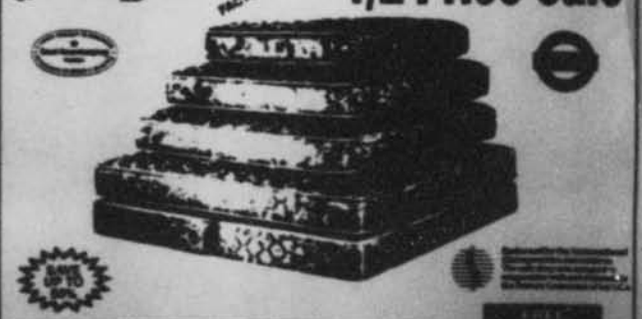

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I served my country with pride and would do it again if the conditions remained the same.

While Oxford drop-out student Clinton was demonstrating against the war in Vietnam, smoking marijuana (but not inhaling) and going to Russia, I was picking up his dead peers from the jungles of Vietnam in my Huey helicopter and carrying them to graves registration.

I do not respect President Clinton nor do I agree that his homosexual agenda is good for the military or the country. It will lower the morale and will endanger the lives of all soldiers who do not go along with this life style.

If the gays are allowed in the military under President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy none of my sons or my grandsons will ever serve in this great nation's armed forces. Bill Clinton is not in step with the majority of the country. He is a cancer to the Democrat party and impeachment procedures should be started before he can do any more damage to the United States.

I urge the passage of House Resolution #667 to continue the Military Ban on Homosexuals, by Congressman Robert Dornan (R-CA). I feel the people of the United States should rally behind Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA) and give him our support to stop the radical left from advancing with their homosexual agenda. The destruction of the military will further the destruction of the moral fiber of this nation and will increase the social and economic strain on the taxpayers. D.Norton - Houston.

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Clinton's announcement of allowing homosexuals in the military alarms many retired and active military in and around Southeast Texas.

It's Not that Free-Market Medicine has Failed It's that We Don't Have Free-Market Medicine

By Jim Rodgers, staff writer

Government pays for 40 percent of medical care in this country. In other words, we have 40 percent socialized medicine. But does that mean we have 60 percent free-market medicine, health care in which the consumer is king, in which medical care providers stumble over each other in their competitive eagerness to serve us well and cheaply? Far from it.

Government is in on the act in many ways, not just in making direct payments for medical care. For example, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) creates tremendous barriers to the introduction of new drugs. Companies have to wait for years for FDA approval. The expense of years of testing is added to the cost of drugs. And some have said FDA judgment on the worthiness and safety of particular drugs has been capricious. The FDA has complete control over which drugs are allowed on the market, when they will be allowed on the market, and which conditions can be treated.

What about decreased competitiveness? The government regulates and licenses laboratories, hospitals, clinics, dentists, physicians, and nurses. For example, physicians who don't have the government-prescribed amount and kind of training in college and medical schools are not allowed to practice medicine. The government won't let them. The door to entry into medical practice is narrow and comparatively few squeeze through it. The more competition in a field, the better for the consumer. Competition works with computers and hamburgers, why not with medical care? Limited entry drives up cost and drives down quality.

Medicare/Medicaid and state government regulations delineate in minute detail how health care providers are to render care. The Medicare/Medicaid paperwork slows down the rate at which medical staff can treat patients and drives up the cost of providing the care while controlling the amount they can charge. The result is that medical providers add the extra cost onto other patients, driving up their costs. The providers have to make a profit or go out of business.

For 50 years, public (government) policy in this nation has concentrated power in the hands of bureaucracies, both public and private. Yes private bureaucracies. Consider the following.

Consumers pay directly for only about 20 percent of the cost of care received. Of those people who have private health care plans, more than 90 percent have employer-based plans. Individuals have little say in the choice of such plans. One physician said he left a big HMO in disgust because it told physicians to spend no more than 15 minutes per patient.

Not one in 100 health economists knows that World War II price and wage controls are a major cause of today's problems. To lessen the adverse effects (mostly a shortage of health care) of the wage controls it has imposed, the federal government's War Labor Board ruled that fringe benefits in the form of health insurance would not be exempt from price control. As a result, enrollment in group hospital insurance would not be exempt from price control. As a result, enrollment in group hospital insurance jumped. From 1942 to 1945, enrollment grew from less than 7 million people to about 26 million and marginal income tax rates rose from about 4 percent to 23 percent. Employers laundered wages through insurance companies. (That means health expenses were paid for with pre-tax dollars at a saving of 23 percent.)

Today, with total marginal tax rates over 50 percent (federal, Social Security, Medicare, state, and local), most Americans obtain health care via employer-

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Medicine High Cost

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SPACEWEEK HEADQUARTERS CONTINUES LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESS

QuickQuiz: What do the following cities, spread across this great blue globe, have in common?
San Jose, California; Athens , Greece; Lincoln, Nebraska; Dhaka, Bangladesh; Waterloo, Iowa; Brescia, Italy; Titusville, Florida; Hilo, Hawaii; and River Grove, Illinois.

Answer: Even though many of these cities are thousands of miles apart and separated not only by entire continents and oceans, but by cultural and language barriers that might even give globe-trotting adventurer Indiana Jones a problem, they have at least one major "cultural tie" that seems to cross all borders, natural barriers and socio-cultural differences.

Thanks to a Houston-based volunteer organization called SPACEWEEK, every one of the cities listed above --among more than a hundred cities spread out across America and planet Earth -- will in one way or another be celebrating SPACEWEEK 1993 July 16-24 this year, generating public enthusiasm for Space Exploration not only across America, but across the world!

SPACEWEEK is an international public forum on space held annually from July 16-24, the anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. It was chartered in 1981 as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational corporation with its National Headquarters located at 1110 NASA Road 1 in the Clear Lake-Bay Area.

The SPACEWEEK organization doesn't take positions on space issues.

Rather, its purposes are to educate the public about the benefits of space, attract public interest in and support for space endeavors, increase interaction between the public and government on space issues; and of

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Popular GOP Leader Steve Stockman takes a Spin on the "MMU"

As a pavement-pounding Republican candidate last year in the sprawling Texas Ninth Congressional District, the staunch Space Program and Space Station Freedom supporter Steve Stockman knocked on thousands of doors, rode in parades and learned the often strange terminology used by professional political media experts.

A key phrase in what Stockman describes as " first convoluted lessons" is the the term "spin doctor"--- meaning a public relations expert who specializes in twisting the truth.

"I really don't like those guys and I didn't hire any," says Stockman, who carried nearly one hundred thousand votes out of just over two hundred thousand cast, with a campaign managed and operated by grassroots volunteers who believe in Stockman's principled advocacy of human space exploration.

At last week's SPACEWEEK 1993 National Gala at Space Center Houston, Stockman stood in line --- along with scores of other SPACEWEEK celebrants who turned out for the benefit --- to try out the Center's astronaut training exhibits, and learned a wholesome new meaning for the phrase "spin doctor" by riding the MMU Trainer, one of Space Center Houston's popular attractions.

"MMU" stands for "Manned Maneuvering Unit," and the "spin doctors" in this case were aerospace industry scientists and engineers who invented the MMU to simulate repairing satellites in the frictionless environment of space. Space Center Houston's model was specially-built for the exhibit, and is similar to the "professional" model used by NASA astronauts next door at Johnson Space Center.

"A mind that can devise and build something like the MMU," Stockman said, "is a

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"I've heard of spin doctors, but ..."

Conservative leader Steve Stockman navigates the "MMU" at Spaceweek National Opening Gala, held at Space Center Houston last week.

Spaceweek Volunteers Committed to Vision, Ideals, Future of Space Exploration

Voluntary donations from businesses and foundations aren't all that make an organization like SPACEWEEK successful.

In fact, while funding is obviously of crucial importance, it's also true that SPACEWEEK very simply could not function without a dedicated force of committed volunteers who will "stand up and be counted" when it comes to supporting the human endeavour to reach and explore the stars.

And, as several SPACEWEEK volunteers have told us, it's a very rewarding and worthwhile experience.

Take, for instance, Rita Underwood, a native Texan and (of course!) a long-time supporter of the Space Program. She describes humankind's effort at space exploration as something that "touches every human being on earth" and will "benefit the entire human race."

SPACEWEEK National Gala Night took place at the famous new Clear Lake area attraction, Space Center Houston. Spaceweek volunteers help organize the event.

Rita's story is unusual, because while she's a SPACEWEEK volunteer who helped with the National Gala last week, she isn't from here. She is just visiting. Yes, that's right, she's "on vacation," believe it or not!

But while other vacationers might be basking in the sun on some lonely central American beach, Rita Underwood has been stuffing envelopes and manning telephones and helping with all the other considerable chores it takes to make SPACEWEEK not only a local, but an international success as well.

"I've loved every minute of it," Rita said. "It's a wonderful avenue for a family to work together, spend quality time together and teach children at an early age the value of volunteering to help a worthy cause."

The children Rita refers to are her grandchildren, Amber Bates (age 7) and Shiloh Becker (age 5), who along with their mother, Hope Underwood, and grandmother Rita, have also been part of the small army that has helped Spaceweek National Headquarters with this year's celebration.

Hope Underwood, in fact, has been one of SPACEWEEK's leading volunteers for a long time now, and considers it one of the most important things she does every year. This year, she has been tending to her children and SPACEWEEK while enrolled in nursing school.

Hope's young daughters agree with mom about the importance of SPACEWEEK.

Amber, who will tell you that she had a ball stuffing envelopes and folders for SPACEWEEK and was "real good at it," also believes that she will one day go into space. "I bet it would be fun!" she says. She'll be a second grader next year at McWhirter, and can't wait to help out again with SPACEWEEK.

Her younger sister Shiloh, who will proudly inform you she has "just graduated" from pre-kindergarten, thought working at the SPACEWEEK Headquarters was "great!" She'd like to be an astronaut, and she really enjoyed the ice cream she got when she worked at the office.

Mike Fried, a newcomer to Houston, has also discovered what a great experience working as a SPACEWEEK volunteer can be— but from an adult's point of view, of course!

An aerospace engineering graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautics University in Daytona Beach, Fried left Boston just a month ago to follow his dream to Texas. "I've had a life-long love affair with space exploration," he explained. "I finally decided to just up and leave Boston and come to Houston." He's looking for a job here as an aerospace engineer.

Mike, who was a National Space Society chapter president in Daytona Beach, says it's a "lot of fun" to be involved here in Houston with SPACEWEEK. "I just dropped by to pick up some information, and wound up a volunteer," he laughs. "But it's been a great way for me to meet interesting people while at the same time serving a major purpose."

"I'd urge everyone, from space executives to workers, to support SPACEWEEK. It needs more volunteers. It's a very worthwhile event and organization, and deserves their support."

Other volunteers who helped with the National Gala are Jan Bailey, Linsey Haley, Kathy Miller, Don Peterson and Sharlene Tennyson.

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course, to demonstrate grassroots public support for space exploration to national leaders.

No one in these parts is likely to doubt the absolute necessity of pursuing SPACEWEEK's mission, and the need for an organization to pursue that mission!

Over the last twelve years, SPACEWEEK has been a tremendous success.
Growing from a small group of volunteers and interested space industry leaders at its founding in 1981, SPACEWEEK National Headquarters now aids in the organization and coordination of SPACEWEEK events world-wide, like the SPACEWEEK celebration in Dhaka, Bangladesh at the Dhaka Science Museum, or the public lectures and videos on astronautics and astronomy in Brescia, Italy this week, or the "Within You: Without You" artists' gathering that will explore human relevance to the universe at the famous "Place of Refuge" at Honaunau, Hawaii this weekend.

SPACEWEEK's governing board now includes 26 prominent members of America's Space Industry and Space Program, including former astronaut Eugene Cernan of Cernan Corporation, Dr. George Mueller of the International Academy of Astronautics, General Donald Cromer of Hughes Space, Robert Thompson of Eagle Engineering, and General Sam Armstrong of NASA.

The theme of this year's world-wide SPACEWEEK celebration is "Space After the Cold War," a theme that challenges us "to think about how space can best serve society in the future," as SPACEWEEK National Headquarters' "resident President" Dennis Stone puts it.
"Space exploration was launched by the Cold War. Now the war is over and there are new reasons for going," says Stone.
SPACEWEEK National Headquarters is also gearing up for next year's 25th Anniversary celebration of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. The near-term goal of the organization is to involve over 2,000,000 people in the SPACEWEEK celebration of that historic event.

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Star Trek's Wil Wheaton Delivers "Stellar Performance" at Spaceweek National Gala

Moving Speech Termed "One of the Best" Ever on Reasons for Exploring the "Final Frontier"

On Friday evening, July 16, at Space Center Houston, Wil Wheaton — the critically-acclaimed young actor best-known for his role as "Wesley Crusher" in Gene Rodenberry's *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and for his leading roles in such films as *Stand By Me* — delivered an address to the SPACEWEEK National Gala at Space Center Houston that has quickly been recognized as one of the finest speeches yet made on the overwhelming support for space exploration found among America's younger generation.
Here are a few key excerpts from Wheaton's speech.

Wil Wheaton

"As I toured the Johnson Space Center yesterday, walking through the space station mock-up and mission control and taking the tour of the shuttle orbiter with a real astronaut, I was reminded of the excitement I felt when I was nine years old and watched the Space Shuttle Columbia lift off from Kennedy. And as I toured Space Center Houston today, I remembered looking at the moon through my telescope, as a child, and thinking of it, not as an astro body, but as a place I would visit in my lifetime...."

"In recent years my space travels have been confined to the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. According to the Astronauts I've met, it's a pretty good to start...."

"I'm of the first generation born after the Apollo missions. We've never known a time when we could sit at night under the stars and stare up at the heavens, and imagine what a tremendous acheivement it would be for humanity to send people into space.... The Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions are like ancient history to us, until we come here and are reminded of how awesome those acheivements were and are...."

"To us, Space Exploration is natural. It's as natural for us as it was for past generations to cross a great wilderness or sail across an ocean. It is our birthright to take humanity to the stars...."
"There are those who say we shouldn't go into space, that we shouldn't build the Space Station and explore our solar system. What they fail to realize is that it's human nature to explore. To explore is to gain knowledge. For every answer, we discover new questions. When Galileo was told that the earth was at the center of the universe, he dared to explore the stars through his telescope. When Columbus was told the earth was flat, he dared to sail west. When Chuck Yeager was told that the sound barrier couldn't be broken, he dared to fly his X-1 above the California desert...."

"Just as these men challenged the cynics who said it couldn't be done, now my generation faces its own challenge of exploration. In the entire history of the human race, we are the generation best equipped to do it...."

"I was privileged to know Gene Roddenberry, one of the greatest visionaries of our time. He understood how important it is to human beings to explore our environment, to learn and to grow and to evolve...."

Stockman says election of Republican Senators, Congressmen in '94 will help prevent replay of Clinton Freedom Debacle

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mind with integrity and respect for truth and fact. Unfortunately for our country, Washington seems to be dominated at this time by a very different type of mind, one that has no integrity and no respect for fact and truth."

"That's why 'spin doctors' are so popular in Washington," Stockman continued.

"And there is no better example of the 'spin' the spin doctors are putting on the truth in Washington than the recent debacle we've suffered over Space Station Freedom."

"It's incredible, but the president whose administration has tried to cripple the project is now taking credit for 'saving' it," Stockman said of the Clinton administration. Stockman said the Clinton administration knew it would have trouble "getting Texas Congressman to support its plans for high taxes and cuts in military spending" and probably "put the Station and Supercollider on the table on purpose, as bargaining chips for its programs."

"It's a politics that stinks to high heaven," Stockman continued. "A project like Freedom, which is in our national interest, was very nearly scrapped by people who were more interested in paying off the welfare constituency that elected them."

"A lot of Texas politicians," Stockman said, "who haven't done much to help us are now claiming credit for 'saving' Space Station. Now, that's what I call putting the 'spin' on the truth." Stockman said the Democrats in Congress, even those who support the Space Station, "refused to oppose Clinton's re-design project and stand up for Freedom because they didn't want to hand an embarrassing defeat to Clinton. "It was all based on party politics, not on the interests of our country."

Asked by reporters whodid the most to prevent cancellation of the project and oppose the Clinton re-design, Stockman said, " The Republican leadership, especially our good friends Newt Gingrich, Tom Delay, Jack Fields and Dick Armey in the House."

"If it had been up to the Republican leadership, there would not have been a re-design," Stockman said. "Problems with cost over-runs would have been cleared up by reforming the burdonsome management structure and leaving the design alone for a change. Hence, we would have avoided the demoralizing struggle and confusion we are going through."

"And let's not forget," Stockman continued, "that a significant portion of those so-called cost over-runs were caused by the previous attempt by Congress to re-design the Station." Clinton's budget director, former Congressman Leon Panetta, was a major leader of previous attempts to scrap or cut back Space Station funding.

Stockman said the best way to prevent further attempts to scrap the Station or cut back on space exploration and military preparedness "is to elect as many Republicans to the Congress and Senate as we can possibly elect in 1994, and then divest ourselves of Bill Clinton in 1996." Stockman said despite the opposition to Station of "a few GOP Mavericks" who are "outside the pale of the party" on Space Station, "the overwhelming number of votes for Spece Station in the House came from the Republicans. If it had been up to the Democrats, we'd have lost."

"We've got to realize that despite all the rehtoric about 'saving the station' and 'supporting high tech, both Space Station and high tech investment face big enemies in the Clinton administration and among the Congressmen who are supporting that administration."

"In the meantime," said Stockman, "it's a real pleasure for me to get away from the politics for awhile, come here to Space Center Houston and appreciate the wonderful creations of honest, hard-working people who can build something intelligent like the MMU trainer."

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SPACEWEEK NATIONAL GALA
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Steve Stockman, Bob Thompson, Patti Stockman

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, with Aaron Cohen, spoke to JSC workers just prior to SPACEWEEK .

Mercury Astronaut and American Hero Alan Sheppard was among the many Astronauts who attended the SPACEWEEK National Gala, the first National Gala held at the gorgeous new Space Center Houston next door to Johnson Space Center in Clear Lake City.

A chocolate Gemini space capsule and other Hilton treats tempted Gala goers at the SCH desert bar.

Star Trek's Wil Wheaton waited all day to "Land the Shuttle" on one of the many SCH simulators.

Freedom Fighters to Hold Picnic on Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Day Saturday July 24, Clear Lake Park

Clear Lake's famous Space Station Freedom Fighters group is holding a picnic in Clear Lake Park this Saturday, July 24, right next to the Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Fair. Radio Station SUNNY 99.1 will be there with some great give-aways, and there will be a "Martial Arts" demonstration! Bring your picnic lunch or buy from any of the many Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Fair concession stands! Just our way of saying "Thanks, Bay Area Texas, for Standing Up for Freedom!"

How much do 25,000 signatures weigh?

Freedom Fighters Tom Munoz, David Cochran and Sophia Lecour hold more than 25,000 Freedom Fighters signatures from all fifty states and the District Columbia. The stack of petitions, weighing over 13 pounds, was sent to the U.S. Congress as the "first wave" of petition signatures supporting Space Station Freedom. The fate of the Space Station now rests in the U.S. Senate and Freedom Fighters urges suppoters to call their senators. For blank copies of the petition drop by the Freedom Fighters Picnic at Clear lake Park this Saturday July 24 or send an SASE to Space Station Freedom Fighters, 16582 Space Center Boulevard, Houston 77058.

SPACEWEEK 1993 KEY EVENTS for JULY 19-24

July 19-23– Display of Astronaut space food and equipment, Boeing Flight Equipment Processing Facility. Reservations required. Call 713-280-2028.

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July 24– Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Fair. Landolt Pavillion, Clear Lake Park. Call 713-532-1254.

Bay Area Community Leader Cynthia Tauss Elected Chairman of Galveston County GOP

Texas City— Galveston County Republican leaders elected one of their most popular North Galveston County citizens to the Chairmanship of the Galveston County Republican Party last Tuesday night at a special Executive Committee meeting called to choose a replacement for outgoing chairman Dr. Ben Raimer.

Cynthia Tauss, who is an active League City resident and chairs that city's Community Task Force on Crime, is well known to Galveston Countians. Last year Tauss, as a candidate for Galveston County Commissioners Court, carried the North County precincts for County Commissioners Precinct 1 by record margins, garnering over eighty percent of the vote in her home town and other North County voting precincts. Tauss later ran as a candidate for State Representative in a special election called to fill the seat left vacant by the tragic death of State Representative James Hury at last year's airshow.

Tauss was elected by a near unanimous vote of the Executive Committee members who gathered at Nessler Recreation Center in Texas City after former Chairman Ben Raimer of Galveston announced his retirement from the post and endorsed Tauss for the position. Raimer has moved on to the State Republican Executive Committee.

Tauss is the first North County leader to hold the post in more than ten years.

Top photo: GOP Volunteer of the year Kris Ann Vogelpohl presents an appreciation gift to outgoing GOP Galveston County Chairman Dr. Ben Raimer. Below, Cynthia Tauss meets with Jerry Purdon and Senator Patterson just an hour before being selected as new County Chairman.

State Senator Jerry Patterson Hosts "Open House" for New Clear Lake-area District Office at 2625 Bay Area Boulevard

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Dr. B. J. Garner, Sagemont optometrist; SenatorPatterson; Darlene C. Witt, executive director, South Belt Ellington Chamber; Mrs. Garner.

Clear Lake City— Texas State Senator Jerry Patterson (R-District 11) and his staff hosted an "Open House" for the Senator's Clear Lake area District office at 2625 Bay Area Boulevard, Suite 120. The phone number for the office is 486-0111.

Constituents from all over the huge State Senate district attended, including voters from Brazoria County, Galveston County and Pasadena. Representatives of the Bay Area's space industry also attended.

The visitors were treated to "TexMex" snacks from Casa Ole restaurant in Clear Lake, and a chance to share their opinions and concerns directly with the famed Texas State Senator, who defeated thirty-year incumbent Democrat Chet Brooks for the seat in last year's general election.

Patterson told the crowd, "The doors of this office are open to all the people of this area and District 11. I've put together a great staff here that can help you. And I want to hear from you all."

"Don't just let me know when I'm doing something you approve of. Tell me when I'm doing something wrong. I'm interested in your views about that, just as I'm interested in hearing what I'm doing that you like."

The staff in Senator Patterson's Clear Lake office includes Vicki Shroyer, district manager; Larry Laine, district representative; LeAnn Davis, district aid; Thomas Zaubi, intern; and Brian Nenninger, intern.

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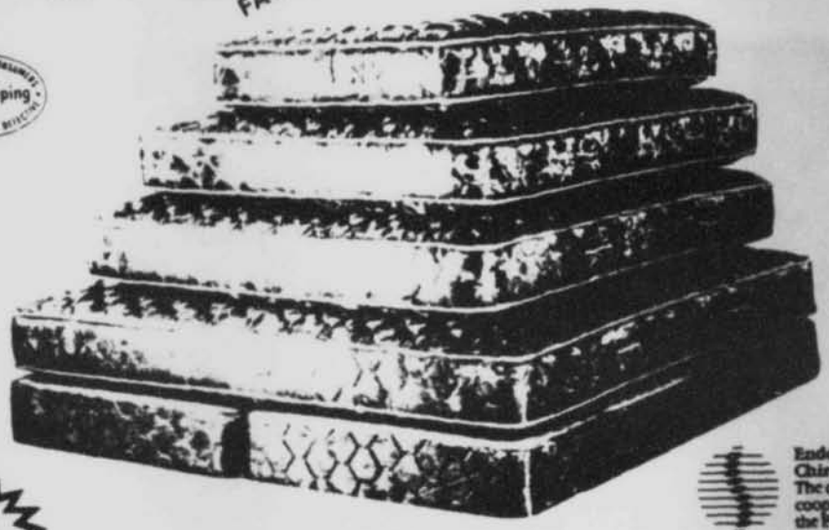

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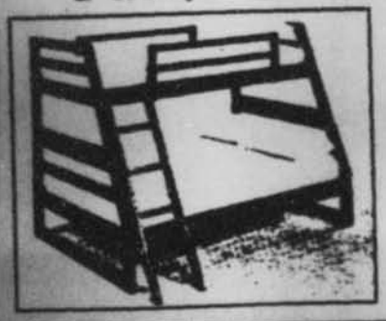

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300 New Jobs-Not!

Outgoing project director Aaron Cohen told a crowd of NASA employees and news media on August 17, that Johnson Space Center has been chosen as the lead center for President Clinton's newly redesigned space station.

"This move will bring 300 new jobs to JSC." The jobs will come form the restructuring of the space stations administrative hierarchy. Cohen stated that the jobs will be middle and upper-level management positions.

Sources close to NASA state that plans are under way for massive layoffs of those employees connected to space station projects as a result of the President's decision to shrink the size of Space Station Freedom. NASA officials laid off all space station employees then asked everyone to re-apply for their old jobs.

When asked by one reporter about possible job losses due to the down-sizing of Space Station Freedom, Cohen answered by saying that there would be some reductions, but there were no estimates as to how many there would be. "*I expect a net loss as a result of this.*" Cohen said. "*Force reductions will likely take place through lay-offs and some attrition.*"

Governor Ann Richards, Representatives Jack Brooks and Mike Andrews, and NASA director Dan Goldin all released statements announcing the decision to name JSC as the new host center for space station operations and development. All five officials happily stated that the new designation would bring in 300 new jobs, but neglected to point out the fact that there would be a net loss of jobs until Cohen was pressed on the issue.

Public Outrage at Channel 13! Concerned citizens protest pornography on local television! See related story, page 3.

MIKE DRISCOLL IS INVESTIGATING JUDGE LINDSAY— BUT WHO IS INVESTIGATING MIKE DRISCOLL?

HARRIS COUNTY ATTORNEY'S DISMAL RECORD DISPLAYS GROSS INCOMPETENCE, POSSIBLE CORRUPTION

While Harris County Attorney Mike Driscoll may be privately gloating over the role he played in the destruction of Harris County John Lindsay's political career through a so-called "investigation" into allegations that Lindsay accepted a bribe from a developer, County Attorney Mike Driscoll might also do well to reflect on that old adage concerning "people who live in glass houses."

The charges against Lindsay— that he "accepted a $100,000 bribe" from a developer "in a paper sack" in the parking lot of a Mexican food restaurant to "re-route a road" — are ridiculous enough.

Anyone who could picture the elegant and erudite Judge Lindsay cavorting about in parking lots late at night to meet with a "bag man" has been watching too many Humphrey Bogart movies on late-night television.

The man who originally made the charges is a convicted felon in a Florida land scam who was, at the time he made the charges, attempting to bargain in federal court for a lighter sentence. As any courtroom attorney will tell you, juries and judges would never accept the word of such a "witness."

And, as the facts of the case show, the "re-routing" of the road in question — Cypresswood in north Harris County — was a "done deal" by the County months before the developer who allegedly "bribed" Lindsay even owned land along the new route.

In fact, it was a neighborhood association in the area — not developers or Judge Lindsay — who asked that the road be re-routed, in the first place.

There will never be a trial of Judge Lindsay, in a real courtroom with a real jury, and with real attorneys— not a media -conscious elected "attorney" and a private eye — making accusations and questioning witnesses.

You see, the statute of limitations on any possible criminal charges against Lindsay has run out. Lindsay has already been through all the "court time" he is liable to get on the matter, all of it in the press, and all of it orchestrated by the County Attorney.

Judge Lindsay has denied the charges in a very public way, yet believes that he was so politically damaged by the "media event" Mike Driscoll made out of the accusations and Driscoll's "investigation" that he is not seeking re-election next year.

Which leaves Harris County voters with the other "major figure" involved in the fiasco — Harris County Attorney Mike Driscoll.

Why did Driscoll go after Lindsay in the media, in a case that will never come to court unless Judge Lindsay himself sues Driscoll and his accusers for defamation of character?

One theory is that Driscoll wanted to clear the way for his friend and former Assistant County Attorney Vince Ryan — now a Houston City Councilman — to run for the County Judge's position in next year's election. With Lindsay out of the way, the field is wide open. Ryan was planning to quit City Council and was already considering making the run.

With the voters attention now on Driscoll and on his record, and with voters now wondering why he pursued an apparently innocent Judge Lindsay out of office and wrecked the man's political career, Harris County Attorney Mike Driscoll may soon wish he had stuck to his real job of representing the County in land condemnation proceedings — and wishing that he had a much better job of that, to boot!

DRISCOLL HAD IT IN FOR LINDSAY

By all accounts, Harris County Attorney Mike Driscoll has "had it in" for Harris County Judge John Lindsay for many years.

Driscoll's attacks on Lindsay date back as far as 1978, when Driscoll sought the Democrat nomination for County Judge to oppose Lindsay, who had just completed his first term

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About sixty concerned citizens picketed Houston's ABC network affiliate Channel 13 on Monday, August 30th. Getting a group of people to demonstrate on a Monday afternoon required a strong motivation and this one was certainly controversial.

ABC is producing the first "R-rated" network TV program, entitled NYPD BLUE. Plans are for ABC affiliates to begin showing the program this fall. Reviewing NYPD BLUE, USA Today had this to say: "A clip shown at the New York presentation (of NYPD BLUE) featured a copy--Dennis Franz--in bed with a prostitute. Another scene had a colleague undressing a woman in a steamy sex scene. All this, and blood and guns and racy language, too..."

Stephen Bochco, the show's producer, has been pushing the standards for network television for years and at last he has the freedom to do it all. The first ever nudity on network TV (Mariel Hemingway appeared nude in CIVIL WARS last fall) was his work, as was TV's first lesbian kiss (on L.A. LAW).

Although Channel 13 is an ABC affiliate, they do not have to show every program offered by ABC. The protester's goal is for Channel 13 to refuse NYPD BLUE and show respect for the families and children in the Houston viewing area. The group included people from as far away as Galveston and Katy. A petition drive is also under way, asking Channel 13 to refuse the show, calling it soft-core pornography.

The protest was peaceful, as the five dozen pornography opponents marched and carried posters disclaiming the violent, sex-oriented program and asking for more family-oriented programs. Curiously, only Channel 13 reported on the protest. All other networks had been notified, but chose to censor the event.

The next protest is scheduled for Saturday, September 18th. For more information, call Dan at 484-5075.

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Outcome Based Education...
Will It Help or Hurt Your Child?

Outcome-Based Education (OBE) is a multi-faceted, federal program which is being presented as "THE ANSWER" for the declining educational system in America. Research data on the performance of OBE, however, does not always back up this claim.

Outcome-Based Education operates under many names including Mastery Learning, Outcome Based Instruction, Outcomes Driven Developmental Model, Performance Based Education, RE:Learning and Comprehensive Based Education.

A Performance-Based Education Task Force has been established in the Clear Creek Independent School District. The purpose of this task force is to develop a model of OBE and to develop a plan for the implementation of this model in CCISD. The projected date for this task force to bring their recommendations before the Board of Trustees for a vote is sometime this fall.

Because OBE has been tried and removed from school districts in many different states and because it is so controversial, information is not hard to find. There are some serious concerns and questions about OBE and educational restructuring that need to be looked into:

1. OBE advocates are not able to produce any replicable research or pilot studies to show that OBE results in increased academic achievement. In fact, there is evidence that academic skills such as reading, writing and math actually decrease under OBE. It is the parents with high-achieving students that load objections to OBE. When OBE advocates refer to success stories, these questions must be asked: Are they referring to standardized academic test scores or scores on revamped "attitudinal tests"? Where the superior results attained at a proportionally greater cost than traditional methods?

2. OBE is an extremely expensive way to educate children. The academic effects of OBE may be controversial, but the cost of OBE is not. Peg Luksik, a foremost opponent of OBE in the United States, debated Dr. William Spady, sociologist and director of the International Center on Outcome-Based Restructuring, in Arkansas last month. In this debate, he to agreed that OBE is extremely expensive. Educational costs have doubled and even tripled in school districts because of such things as the need to retrain teachers, the need to retool curriculum, the increased paperwork, the creation of portfolios, and the increase in teaching time required. One school district did an initial report and found that it was going to cost $424,000 for the first year. That did not include student implementation. Littleton High School in Colorado budgeted $1,270,500 for implementation.

3. Underlying OBE is a philosophy where as much attention is placed on changing students' values, attitudes and beliefs as on teaching them academic skills. OBE quickly gets down to the issue of parents' rights: Do parents have the right to pass their personal values and beliefs to their own children? In OBE the children are tested. They must make a score of at least 80% (mastery) to go on to the next section of their school work. If they do not score 80% or more, they are remediated or recycled through the same material over and over until they do. Children are tested and remediated for academic material and for values, beliefs and attitudes. If children do not "master" the values, beliefs and attitudes that the test writers determine they should hold, each child is remediated or recycled until they do. Parents have the right to instruct their children in matters of morality and religion. They have a fundamental right to pass on their values and beliefs. This is non-negotiable. OBE gives the parental role of defining the values and beliefs of children to the local school district, state government, and federal government.

4. OBE is not pro-family -- it is not even family friendly. This is a "bypass parent" program because it does not include each parent in determining the values and beliefs his child holds. It will weaken every family in CCISD because OBE will create a division -- if not an outright conflict -- between parent and child in the area of values, beliefs and actions. Also, the extra expense of this program will create a serious financial burden or a financial crisis for many families in CCISD. OBE will limit the opportunities and the choices CCISD families should have.

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT OBE:

A. An actual cost study:
1. What is the cost of restructuring for OBE?
2. What is the cost of implementing OBE?
3. What is the cost per student using OBE?
4. Where will this extra money come from and what existing programs will be cut or eliminated to fund OBE?

B. What will the standard for mastery be and who will set it?

C. How will these outcomes/standards be measured? Ask for a definition of terms such as "self-esteem" and "citizenship". If "good self-esteem" is an outcome, how will it be measured? How much is enough? How much is too much self-esteem?

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Texas Penal Code Now Tougher
Says Houston-area State Senator

Minimum prison time for certain categories of criminals in Texas has gone up, according to state Senator Jerry Patterson and district aide Lee Ann Davis. Furthermore, sodomy, exposing others to AIDS,and soliciting a child for sex are now felonies and thus incur much longer prison sentences.

Under SB 1067, the law that revises the state penal code, these changes go into effect Sept. 1, 1993. Patterson, who represents Texas Senate District 11 (parts of Harris, Galveston and Brazoria counties), support the changes.

Under the new code, capitol offenders will serve 45 years "flat time" (minimum time before being considered for parole) instead of 35 years mandated by the old code. Furthermore, 3(g) offenders must do flat time of 30 years or 50 percent of their sentences instead of 25 as in the past.

The term 3(g) is used to indicate crimes that are considered particularly bad, such as aggravated rape, aggravated robbery, deadly weapon finding, and murder.

Under the new code, deliberately infecting or exposing anybody to AIDS or HIV is a second-degree felony (Section 15.01) that is prosecutable as attempted murder (Section 19.02). Previously, this crime was a third-degree felony with less severe penalties.

The new code adds murder and indecency with a child to the list of 3(g) offenses.

Under Section 25.06, sexually solicitating a child (anybody 16 years or younger) is prosecutable as either kidnapping (third-degree felony), aggravated kidnapping (first-degree felony), or indecency with a child (a 3(g) offense). Penalties under all three classifications are much heavier than when solicitation was classified as a misdemeanor.

Some people believe sodomy was decriminized, but this is not so. Homosexual conduct is still illegal under Section 21.06 of the new penal code.

Constituents who want more details may examine a copy of the lengthy penal code in Patterson's district office, located on the first floor of 2625 Bay Area Blvd., one block west of Clear Lake High School.

Patterson also said a bill he authored to eliminate APPAC(Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenthood Advisory Council) had become law and will terminate that council as of midnight August 31. Many concerned parents had opposed APPAC's proposal to install a sex-educated program in all Texas schools, from kindergarden to twelfth grade.

The program would have included the teaching of tolerance toward "alternative life styles" such as homosexuality and premarital sex. Several members of the Bridging the Gap Committee, a watchdog group at Clear Lake Bible Church, rejoiced at the news of the death of APPAC. But they warned that the disenfranchised APPAC members might seek other ways to practice their social-engineering schemes on the children of Texas.

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Deficits & Debt: Who's to Blame?

The Democrats have passed their 1992 tax plan, claiming it will reduce the Federal deficit by $496 billion in the next five years. President Clinton is celebrating the combination of new taxes and "spending cuts." He has proclaimed this as the first serious effort to reduce the deficit in the last twelve years. Not only has he claimed that Reagan and Bush ignored the deficit, but he has even gone so far as to blame the whole deficit on their policies! Is this really true? Who is really to blame for the deficit?

Clinton's plan is nothing new. First, there was Bush's Folly, the 1990 budget deal. President Bush gave in to Congressional Democrats and broke his pledge not to raise taxes, ostensibly because of the menace of the deficit. In his own words, "The bipartisan leaders and I have reached agreement on the budget. Over five years, it would reduce the projected deficit by 500 billion dollars. That is half a trillion dollars!" Does that sound familiar? In fact, the 1990 budget and the 1992 budget are incredibly similar. They both included major income tax hikes on the rich, as well as a new gas tax.

But is that as far back as it goes? Even the mainstream press has begun to catch on to the similarities between these budgets. But no one seems to credit Reagan with any concern about the Federal deficit. To liberals, President Reagan was the source of all evil in this country. The eighties were the decade of greed, when everyone was only concerned with what they could get, including the President. But is that really true?

On February 5, 1986, President Reagan outlined his proposals for the budget for fiscal year 1987. Here is his introduction: "Conditions are now in place for a sustained era of national prosperity. But there is a major threat looming on the horizon: the Federal deficit. If this deficit is not brought under control, we risk losing all we've achieved, and more. We cannot let this happen. Therefore, the budget I am presenting has as its major objective setting the deficit on a downward path to a balanced budget by 1991."

Yes, President Ronald Reagan had a five-year plan, not to reduce the deficit by $500 billion, but to bring it down to zero, a balanced budget. But there is a marked difference between Reagan's plan and those of Bush or Clinton. Reagan refused to raise taxes. This entire budget and deficit reduction plan was based entirely on spending cuts--real, specific spending cuts.

In fact, this was not the first time Reagan had tried to get a handle on the rising Federal deficit (which started in the early sixties, not 1980). In 1985, he submitted a plan to reduce the deficit by $74 billion, also without tax hikes.

So what happened to these plans? The Democratic Congress simply threw them out and came up with their own budgets. Did Reagan care about the deficit? Obviously. Did the Democrats? No! The fault of our skyrocketing Federal budget deficit lies solely with the Democrats in Congress, many who have been there since before Reagan and are still there today.

In a recent letter, Senator Phil Gramm pointed out that during the Reagan budgets or the Gramm-Rudman bill (which enforced spending cuts if Congress could not work out the budget on time), callers to Capital Hill asked Congressmen to vote against cutting their programs. In the recent budget battle, no one called in begging Senator Gramm to vote against President Clinton's budget because their program was being cut. That's because everyone recognizes that the spending cuts in this budget are phony. The only real cuts are in defense; all others are promised sometime in the nebulous future.

The only way to end the Federal deficit is to cut spending, not raise taxes. In the conclusion of his 1986 budget message, President Reagan said, "We must all realize that the deficit problem is also an opportunity, an opportunity to construct a new, leaner, better focused and better managed Federal structure." Unfortunately, the liberal Democrats in Congress don't understand or refuse to understand how to build such a structure. It's time for a new construction crew.

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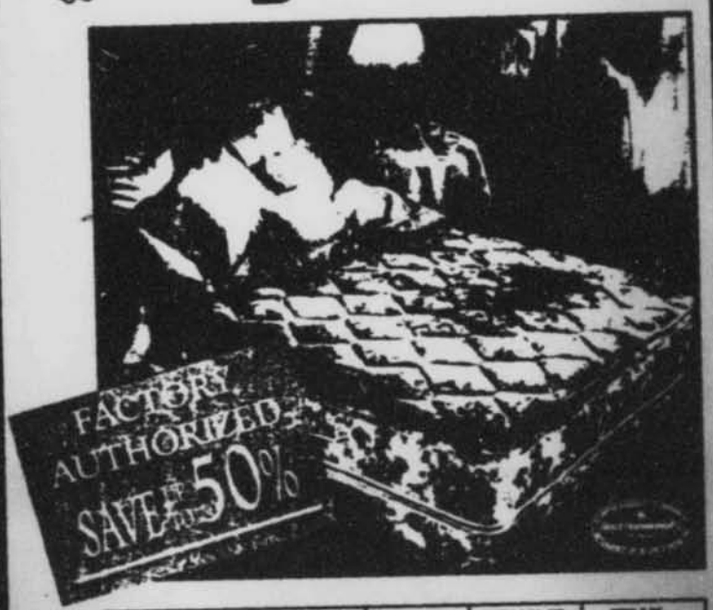

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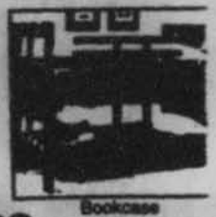

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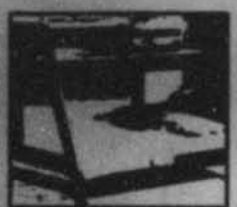

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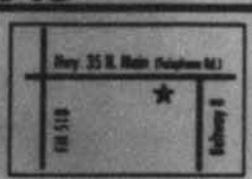

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Clinton Nominee for Surgeon General Unfit to Serve

Joycelyn Elders Has Long Record of Failure, Scandal

A few weeks ago, just when many of us were beginning to believe that self-styled "New Democrat" Bill Clinton had "wised up" and was moving his Administration back toward the American political mainstream and away from the "Politically Correct" lunatic fringe from which he has drawn so many of his major appointments, Clinton "did it again" and went to the Looney Left for his choice to become Surgeon General of the United States.

Clinton's previous appointments have been bad enough.

Besides the embarrassing failure of the Zoe Baird nomination to the Justice Department (Baird was withdrawn after it was revealed she had hired an illegal alien as a "nanny" for her children and failed to pay employer taxes) Clinton has filled his Administration with a gallery of "nut" cases from the Kookie Jar of Politics.

His pick to head the gigantic Health and Human Services department was Donna Shalala, known as the "Godmother of the PC Mafioni" for the thought-control policies she instituted as former Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin. Shalala ruined the reputation of the University and was investigated by the Wisconsin State legislature for her policies.

Clinton placed former Arizona Governor Bruce Babbitt — who was run out of Arizona politics on a rail after he banned the Boy Scouts from Arizona state parks because they will not accept "gay" scoutmasters — in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency. He also appointed Lesbian activist _____ — who also made war on the Boy Scouts in California — to the Justice Department.

And, he placed Janet Reno in charge of the Justice Department. Reno is the anti-gun rights fanatic who ordered the bloody attack on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, and then tried to defend her actions by claiming she did so "out of concern for the children" in the compound — who were, of course, killed in the attack.

But with his attempt to make Joycelyn Elders the Surgeon General of the United States, Clinton has scraped lower than ever in the bottom of the barrel for political appointments.

SCANDAL AFTER SCANDAL

Joycelyn Elders, who was Clinton's 1985 choice as director of the Arkansas Public Health Department when he was Governor, has been involved in scandal after scandal.

First of all, Elders is a former director of the National Bank of Arkansas who was forced to resign that position and was sued for malfeasance after her role in making illegal loans to a Little Rock businessman, James Hodges. Hodges was a major backer of Bill Clinton.

Hodges received $2.8 million in loans from the bank from August 1982 through March 1987. Elders repeatedly gave new loans to Hodges, who was already in default on the previous loans. The bank "wrote off" the loans, and hodges filed a $1.5 million Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Elders and the other bank board members forced to resign were aware that the write-offs violated the National bank Act by exceeding lending limits that could lead to insolvency.

To cover the loss, Elders and the other Board members broke the law by approving a loan to an Illinois S&L which, in turn, loaned the money back to Hodges.

Elders and the other board members also gave themselves each a $230,000 line of unsecured credit at the bank, again a violation of banking laws.

Elders is also involved in a scandal over her salary as head of the Arkansas Public Health Department.

The state of Arkansas places a cap on how much state employees can be paid. To circumvent this cap on salaries, Clinton had her salary transferred to the University of Arkansas Medical School. The school then paid her approximately $30,000 extra a year under the guise of being a professor of pediatrics, even though her real job as health director was a full-time, year-round job.

"CONDOM-GATE"

As Arkansas health director, Elders — who is a radical advocate of unsound "safe sex" education and policies — subverted a ban on state funding of contraceptive and condom distribution at the school-based clinics she created in several Arkansas public school districts. Going around the legislature, which opposed the distribution of condoms and the "safe sex" policies and abortion counseling for teenagers Elders provided at the clinics, Elders used local and federal money to distribute over a million condoms per year in Arkansas.

As it turned out, these condoms — purchased with federal and local tax dollars — were defective and Elders knew it.

She covered up an attempt by the federal Food and Drug Administration to have U.S. Marshal's seize the defective condoms and continued to distribute them to unsuspecting Arkansas teenagers.

Believe it or not, her excuse for not withdrawing the condoms and warning

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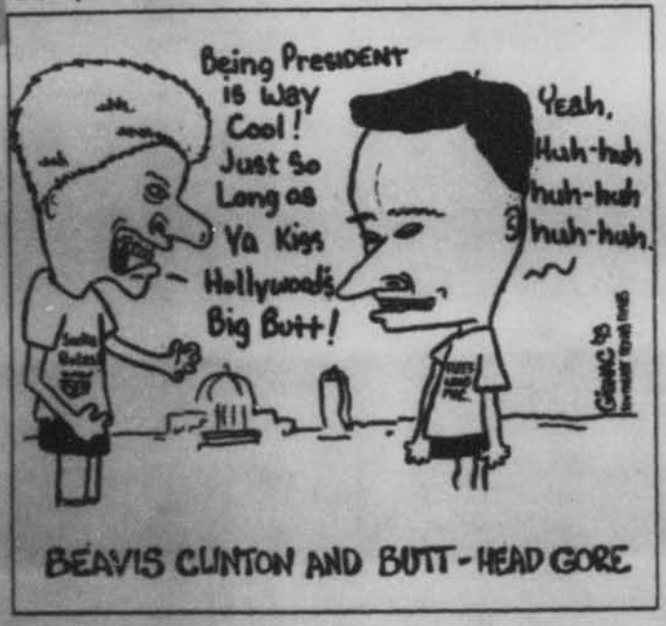

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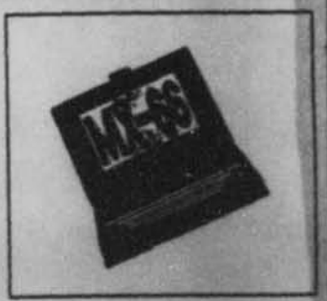

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Are You Prepared for a Hurricane?

by Robert C. Taylor

Our hurricane season is June 1 through November 30. We had a minor threat from Arlene in June, but major threats don't usually come until later.

There are a number of things you can do to better prepare yourself for hurricanes. Among them is to know the terminology. A hurricane warning means that something is out there which can threaten us within 48 hours, but may not. A hurricane watch means that the threat is still there and its movement is such that it will probably come here or near here, within 24 hours.

Most of us live in a flood-prone area. The vast majority of casualties in storms come from the flood surge, not the wind. You should, therefore, be prepared to evacuate if the storm is coming your way. There are several things you should do now to help, assuming that you haven't already done them.

Prepare a "disaster" supplies kit." It should include first-aid items, special medication, important papers, blankets, cooking equipment, and a portable radio with extra batteries.

Have on hand or know where you can quickly get materials to board up your home.

Plan to secure objects which would become flying missiles.

Make plans for the security of your boat, if applicable.

If you plan to stay and ride it out (not recommended), have on hand several days' supply of non-perishable food and water. Fill the bathtub, if necessary. Have lots of spare batteries on hand, since power-outage is a probability.

Check your insurance. Flood insurance is available, but usually requires a five day waiting period, so don't wait until the last minute.

When you evacuate, head for an area north or northwest of here outside of Galveston or Harris counties. Don't plan to find hotel or motel accommodations unless you have reservations or are a very early evacuee. There will be designated shelters in the safe areas for you to use.

Local officials will tell you when to return. Should you return to a federally declared disaster area and you need help beyond that available from your insurance company, local information will be available to tell you how to contact FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, for help, if eligible.

Tracking maps with evacuation routes and brochures on this subject are available from your local Emergency Management office or from the Office of Emergency Management, County of Galveston, 1301 FM 646, Dickinson, TX 77539. Programs for presentations to groups, large or small, are also available.

Taylor is the Deputy Coordinator for the Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.

Good News on "Assault Weapon" Restrictions

Reminiscent of the recent Texas governor's decision to veto a non-binding public referendum for a "right-to-carry" law is the Denver, Colorado law banning so-called assault weapons. A Denver Councilwoman and the police Chief very privately (and some say secretly) drafted an ordinance banning "assault weapons." Planning carefully, judiciously calling in favors, and secretly making backroom deals, the pair managed to get a majority vote on the City Council. Then, by holding only the minumum of public hearings and ignoring all the protests and criticisms, they managed to get their ordinance passed. Isn't it interesting that Texas does not hold a monopoly on public officials who think they know better than those that elect them what the people want.

The good news is that a District Court Judge ruled that the ordinance is unconstitutional. Judge Michael Mullins declared that the gun control measure was "unconstitutionally overbroad" as it pertains to persons in legal possession of an assault weapon because it would preclude "constitutionally protected conduct."

Judge Mullins referred to the Colorado State Constitution which states that "All persons have certain natural, essential, and inalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; of...protecting property; and of seeking and obtaining their safety..." Judge Mullins also noted that the right to keep and bear arms has previously been held to be "fundamental" by the Colorado Supreme Court.

The bottom line in this court ruling was that the Denver ordinance, by banning the manufacture, possession or sale of the "assault weapons," limited those weapons in such a way that they could no longer be legally used for the defense of person, property or home and therefore directly disallowed the constitutional provision protecting those rights.

Further, the court found that, "the original design use of an assault weapon is insufficient ground for restricting the possession and [sale] of assault weapons." The fact that these weapons were, "originally designed for 'antipersonnel and military use,' in and of itself, does not make them more susceptible to restriction than any other weapon."

Maybe it would be a good idea to look at just what all the fuss is about and give a brief description of an "assault weapon." If you own a gun that chambers a new round every time you pull the trigger then you own an "assault weapon," if some lawmakers in Congress have their way.

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Elders Not Fit to Serve

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the public was that she was afraid the news would "undermine the public's confidence in condoms." But of course, the FDA has so little confidence in condoms that it will not allow condoms to be labeled as "contraceptive devices."

Only when her boss, Governor Bill Clinton, became a nominee for the democrat nomination for president did distribution of the defective condoms stop.

RUINING THE LIVES OF ARKANSAS TEENAGERS

But perhaps the biggest scandal of Joycelyn Elders' career is her dismal record of failure in Arkansas in the area of educating teenagers over the dangers and risks of sexual promiscuity.

Elders, as mentioned above, is a radical advocate of the so-called "Safe Sex" sex education programs for teenagers.

"Safe Sex" education programs — that is, sex education programs which stress the use of condoms and contraceptive devices over abstinence — have been a huge failure across America.

The reason is that such programs encourage teenagers to experiment with sex by teaching the falsehood that condoms and other devices will protect them against pregnancy and the spread of such diseases as AIDS and Syphilis.

The fact is, condoms have a dismal record when it comes to protecting against AIDS, pregnancy or the spread of venereal diseases— especially when the condoms being distributed are defective (that is, have holes in them!)

Elders began her campaign for "safe sex" education by placing "school-based clinics" on several Arkansas high school campuses.

The clinics distributed condoms to students and gave out condoms, contraceptive and abortion counseling — despite both state and local bans.

Elders also adopted a "safe sex" education program for the schools.

The results were staggering!

Within two years of Elders taking office, Arkansas had the highest teenage pregnancy rate in the nation.

The state also experienced record growth in the rates of teenage HIV infection, teenage venereal disease, and teenage abortion.

Further, as a result of Elders' policies the poverty rate for teenagers — closely associated with teenage pregnancy and the inability of unwed teenage mothers to provide financially — also rose to records rates.

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Harris County Judge Under Fire

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as Harris County's first Republican County Judge.

In 1980, Driscoll was elected Harris County Attorney, and has ever since carried on a protracted battle with Judge Lindsay and the County Commissioners Court.

Driscoll — whose competence as County Attorney has always been seriously questioned in Harris County government circles — has continually fought with Lindsay and the Commissioners Court over using private attorneys on County projects. One such clash involved the use of outside attorneys on the Hardy Toll Road project.

Undaunted by charges that the County Attorney's office was badly staffed with attorneys appointed more on the basis of politics than on their skills as attorneys, Driscoll has maintained that the Commissioners Court has no authority to hire outside attorneys without his consent.

ATTEMPTED SABOTAGE OF COUNTY JAIL PROJECT

In a far more serious — and, for taxpayers, a far more costly — instance of the long battle between Driscoll and the Commissioners Court, in 1988 County Attorney Driscoll began a series of media, legal and political moves in an attempt to sabotage the Commissioners Court effort to construct a new County Jail.

In 1988, in response to lawsuits and federal court orders on jail overcrowding, Harris County conducted an extensive review of nine proposals submitted by private sector contractors to design and build a new 4,000 bed jail. The Commissioners Court chose a proposal submitted by the Facilities Development Group.

The County created a "6320" non-profit corporation, the Harris County Public Facilities Corporation, to carry out the project and issue bonds to build the new jail. The County was to have a twenty-year lease-purchase agreement on the facility. Under this arrangement, the new jail could be constructed at a cost of $20,000 per bed, about half the national average cost.

While negotiations were being conducted on the plan, Driscoll's representatives took part in the meetings.

But after months of work, Driscoll's assistants walked out of the meetings just days before the agreements were scheduled to appear on the Commissioners Court agenda.

Driscoll's office said the County Attorney "could not approve a lease-purchase agreement in concept," even though the State Attorney General had approved such agreements between a County and a private corporation in 1986.

At 4:30 PM the day before the Commissioners Court was to take action, Driscoll staged a "media event" and delivered a thoroughly misleading letter to the Commissioners Court and to local media outlets in an effort to kill the project.

The issues raised in the letter could have — and should have — been brought forward by the County Attorney during the months of meetings and negotiations.

In the letter, Driscoll made a series of completely incorrect assertions about the legality and financing of the project.

Driscoll, for instance, claimed that the non-profit, tax exempt corporation set up to finance the jail would be subject to Ad Valorem and other taxes.

Later, after "outside" attorneys from Fulbright and Jaworski reviewed Driscoll's letter and found it to be misleading and inaccurate, the Commissioners Court went ahead with the project and our new County Jail was built.

But Driscoll's letter and the assertions it contained about the legality of the project mysteriously appeared, nearly word for word, as the basis for a private lawsuit against the construction of the new jail.

The lawsuit, which eventually cost taxpayers more than $350,000 in legal fees, was thrown out by every level of the Texas civil courts.

Which doesn't say much for Mike Driscoll's legal expertise, does it?

SABOTAGE OF BEN TAUB RENTAL

In 1990, Driscoll's interference in a proposed lease of the old Ben Taub Hospital building to Baylor College of Medicine cost — and has continued to cost — area taxpayers a fortune.

The Harris County Hospital District had sought to lease the building to Baylor for fifty years for an up-front payment of $6 million. The old hospital building was to be used for research and support facilities for the medical school.

Because of its location and age, the building was not a feasible investment for private companies. Located within the Medical Center, it could be leased or sold only to non-profit entities.

Baylor was the only party interested in the building. As Dr. George Alexander of the Hospital District put it, " The building is going to cost the county a lot of money. It is a turkey and it's hard to get rid of turkeys... we ought to resolve... the legal difficulties... and go ahead with it [the lease to Baylor.]"

But in a maneuver that is now all-too-familiar, Driscoll blocked the rental deal with another media event and letter to Commissioners Court, taking issue with numerous provisions of the lease agreement and claiming that due to "continued improvements in the Houston economy" the County should "seek new proposals."

Because of bad publicity generated by Driscoll, Baylor withdrew its offer. The old Ben Taub Hospital sits vacant to this day, and has deteriorated appreciably.

Driscoll's office, in fact, has been accused numerous times of providing incompetent legal representation to the Hospital District. Director Lois Moore has requested many times that Driscoll remove the attorney, Dori Wind, that he has assigned to the Hospital District. Driscoll will not respond.

LAND DEALINGS AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTORS

While Driscoll has brought John Lindsay under fire for his alleged dealings with land developers, Mike Driscoll 's dealings with land developers have not been given the attention they deserve.

As many of Driscoll's critics in County government have told us — and not Judge Lindsay, but other officials in other departments — Driscoll's record on acquiring just settlements for the County in land condemnation proceedings has been dismal.

"Time and again Driscoll has settled for much more than a good attorney for the county would have settled," one County official told us.

Those settlements are local and state taxpayers dollars used to buy land that has been condemned for public purposes from its private owners.

But even more startling, even while launching conflict of interest charges against Lindsay several times, Driscoll has handled "big bucks" land condemnation cases for large political contributors.

One such case involved a large contributor to Driscoll's election campaign, developer Chester Reed. A supporter of Driscoll since the late 1970's, Reed contributed at least $45,500 in an eight year period to "Friends of Mike Driscoll," Driscoll's election campaign committee.

In the early 1980's, while Reed was involved in a condemnation suit against the County over a 16.1 acre tract at the planned Beltway 8-Southwest Freeway intersection, Reed made a total of $25,000 in contributions to Driscoll's election campaign.

Driscoll's office later arranged a settlement of nearly $6.3 million for the 16.1 acres of property in the suit.

Not only was that settlement $575,000 higher than the settlement recommended by a County panel, the settlement also returned the use of two of the acres— valued at $700,000 — to Reed's company after two years.

Driscoll claims he stayed out of the negotiations on the property, but attorneys from his office, hired by Driscoll, conducted the settlement.

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Assault Guns

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(In their eyes this places you in the same category as this nation's most violent criminals.) Your little tube-fed, .22 auto-loader small game and plinking rifle that you purchased as a youngster with your first paycheck from the paper route and the AR-15 (military M-16 look alike), both fall under the same ruling. In addition, the auto-loading shotgun you've owned for 25 years that you break out every fall for dove and duck hunting is classified by some as an "assault weapon."

These weapons are a far cry from machine guns and certainly don't meet the U.S. Department of Defense definition of real assault weapons that are capable of fully automatic fire. Machine guns have been strictly regulated for almost 60 years.

While we are on the subject, maybe it is a good opportunity see what is happening on a national level. Senators Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) and DeConcini (D-Arizona) and Representative Schumer (D-New York) have legislation pending which would:

1. Make it a federal crime to transfer or possess certain perfectly legitimate semi-auto used by hunters.
2. Give the Secretary of the Treasury the power to select semi-autos to be banned.
3. Require current owners of those banned semi-automatic firearms to tell the government how they acquired these particular guns.

In New Jersey laws are already in place which makes you subject to fine and even imprisonment for just owning a firearm as conventional as a tub-fed 22 rimfire rifle that fires one bullet with each trigger squeeze because it is considered by some to be the dreaded "assault weapon."

As always, we recommend you contact your local lawmaker and your federal congressman with your views on gun-control issues. Keep your views brief and respectful. The Texas Governor's hot-line for expressing your opinions is 800-843-5789. — Robert Williams

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2	**HR1335: Fiscal 1993 Supplemental Appropriations.** "Clinton stimulus package" of construction, youth jobs, other social programs. (Passed 235-190 on March 19 1993. Roll Call #58.) **Total Cost: $16.3 Billion**	$167		X
3	**H Con Res 64: Fiscal 1994 Budget.** Includes a $253 billion deficit in '94 and adding over $1 trillion more to the deficit by 1999. (Passed 240-184 on March 31 1993. Roll Call #127.) **Total Cost: $1.307 Trillion**	$15,453		X
4	**HR 1430: "Temporary" Debt Limit Increase.** Big government rolls on as the ceiling limit on the national debt is raised to $4.37 trillion. (Passed 237-177 on April 2 1993. Roll Call #133.) **Total Cost: $285.0 Billion**	$2,307		X
5	**HR 820: National Competitiveness.** Taxpayers forced to pay for grants, loans, and technical aid for U.S. industry. UnConstitutional! (Passed 243-167 on May 19 1993. Roll Call #173.) **Total Cost: $1.5 Billion**	$15		X
6	**S J Res 45: Somalia Troop Authorization.** U.S. troops to police the world? Their job is defending American lives and property. (Passed 243-179 on May 25, 1993. Roll Call #183.) **Estimated Cost: $1.8 Billion**	$18		X
7	**HR 2244: Fiscal 1993 Supplemental Appropriations.** Includes jobs for "youths" up to 30 years old, Amtrak funds, construction grants. (Passed 267-140 on May 26, 1993. Roll Call #193.) **Total Cost: $.9 Billion**	$9		X
8	**HR 2264: Fiscal 1993 Budget Reconciliation.** Includes over $250 billion in NEW TAXES – on income, on Social Security, on energy. (Passed 219-213 on May 27 1993. Roll Call #199.) **Total Cost: $260 Billion**	NEW $2,563 TAXES		X

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If a business doesn't profit, it dies. The price of its product or service must cover its costs. And one of its biggest costs is the federal/state/local tax bite. Employers "pay" some of these taxes with wages lower than could otherwise be paid. But it's customers who pay most "business taxes" through higher prices or through the "cheapening" of the product. Take delivery on a new Chevy and you'll pay part of General Motors' taxes.

One of the fastest rising costs for business is the "hidden tax" of government regulation. U.S. companies spend an estimated $100 billion every year just to complete the paperwork! As with other taxes, these costs must be included in the pricing of their product.

Still, a business can be taxed to death – when the product price or reduced quality no longer attracts enough sales. Then, employees pay the ultimate price – their jobs, and consumers pay with lost choices in the marketplace.

So, if you're an employee or a consumer (and you've probably both), there's a good reason to avoid promoting more taxes on the other guy – all too often that other guy is you!

For an up-to-date look at the huge cost of government regulation of business, see the special "regulation" issue of The New American *magazine – available for $2.50 postpaid from your local TRIM Chapter, or from National TRIM, Box 8040, Appleton, WI 54912.*

About the votes on the back page . . .

TRIM reports the final votes on money bills that: 1. Involve a billion dollars or more of your taxes. 2. Contain significant unconstitutional spending; and/or 3. Include increased spending – instead of the cuts needed to bring the disastrous deficits under control. All members of the House are scored on the same bills – we play no favorites!

This Bulletin includes [illegible] of the "Fiscal 1993 Budget Reconciliation" – promoted as the "Clinton deficit-reducer" – [illegible] Legs" even though it would give us a trillion dollars in deficits over the next five [illegible] its massive $250 billion on-time-date new taxes to the big government while some of $67 billion in promised cuts are projected over future years – the old classic con: "Let me tax you today and I'll cut spending [illegible]."

*Note: This Trim Bulletin was included as an insert in the September issue of the Southeast Texas Times.

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Condom Queen Wins Approval

Elders Brings Arkansas Experience to America

During his campaign, candidate Clinton declared that he would do for America what he had done for Arkansas. To most conservatives, such a statement was frightening, to say the least. Now, with the Senate's approval of Joycelyn Elders as Surgeon General, one of Arkansas' biggest failures is about to do for America what she did for Arkansas under Governor Clinton.

Elders has been labeled the "Condom Queen" by conservatives, a title not far from the truth. Elders even has a "condom tree" on her desk. When speaking to high school girls, she has encouraged them all to be sure to carry condoms in their purses. To Elders, the number one priority during her term as health director of Arkansas was to make sure all students had free condoms available at school.

Here's proof. Elders started a crusade in Arkansas establishing School Based Health Clinics (SBHC), claiming authorization in a vague interpretation of the general wording in Arkansas' 1973 Public Health Act. In 1989, however, the state legislature considered a bill to establish such clinics (even though Elders had already been hard at work without the bill). When conservatives amended the bill to prevent clinics from freely dispensing condoms and other contraceptive devices, Elders immediately dropped her support of the bill and it failed. Before the amendment, she insisted that the clinics were necessary to provide comprehensive health care for the Arkansas young people. Obviously, free distribution of condoms is Elders' obsession.

Even though the bill was defeated, Elders continued to establish SBHCs throughout Arkansas. The clinics offer abortion counseling as an option for pregnant teens, and (of course), unless a local school board specifically objects, free distribution of condoms and other contraceptives to minors.

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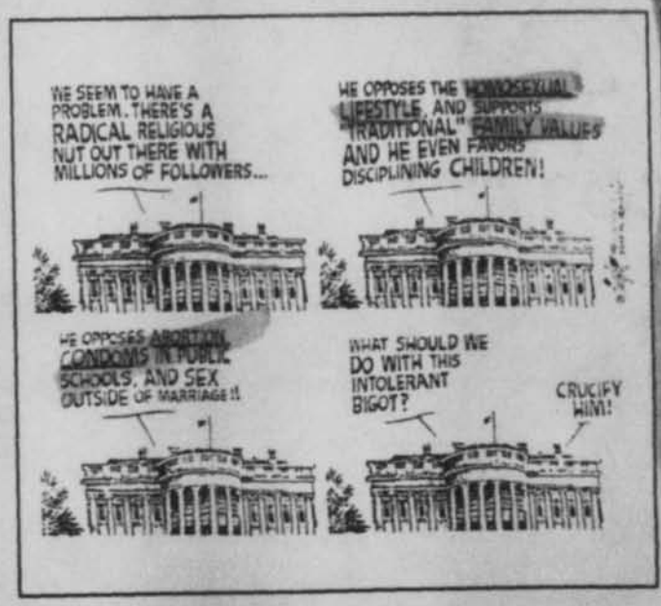

NEA Artwork Kicked Out of Congress

Liberals Censor Themselves

Warning: This article contains explicit language. We apologize for the graphic depictions, but this is how Congress is spending your money.

The debate on the National Endowment for the Arts has resurfaced several times in the last few years. Each time, the public is shocked to find out what their tax dollars have been funding. People have been fired, funding has been cut back, and Congress has debated restrictions on what the NEA should be allowed to fund.

In the last year, while President Clinton and the Congress have raised taxes, here's a few descriptions of some of the artwork funded by tax dollars through the NEA:

* A picture of a dead man who had his head ripped from his body, split in half, and then turned around so he was kissing himself.
* A picture of a man trying to stick his head up the rectum of another man.
* Many blasphemous pictures of Jesus Christ in the most perverted art form ever taken.
* A picture titled "Testicle stretch with the possibility of a crushed face."

House Speaker Tom Foley, NEA Defender

* Pictures of dismembered limbs, dead babies, and severed heads.

Even more confusing, the NEA has been funding three artists in San Diego to pass out $10 bills to illegal immigrants. How can that be considered art? The artists said they were making a political statement, reimbursing the foreigners for the sales taxes they have to pay. A political statement is art? If the NEA is now funding political statements, when are they going to start paying Rush Limbaugh?

The liberals in Congress don't want anyone, taxpayers or other politicians, to know what is being funded. On Thursday, July 29, the Christian Action Network, a long-time foe of the NEA, decided to show Congress what they were funding. They gathered copies of 31 federally-funded pieces of artwork, including those described above and others which defy description, and arranged with Congressman Philip Crane (R-Il.) for a display room in the nation's Capitol. Thirty minutes before the showing, CAN was kicked out by Congressmen Sidney Yates and Dan Rostenkowski (both D-Il.). They were ordered to get out of the United States Capitol building.

Fortunately, CAN had reserved a backup room in a House Annex building. They moved the display and began showing it to scores of media and congressional staffers. However, fifteen minutes into the exhibit, armed Capitol Hill policemen arrived with orders from House Speaker Tom Foley to forcibly shut down the exhibit, if necessary.

CAN president Martin Mawyer explained to a crowd of the national media, "It is the height of hypocrisy for the Congress to admit that these pictures are not suitable to be shown in public build-

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Upcoming Community Events

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Rush Parties

Watch the last two weeks of the *Rush Limbaugh Show*. Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship. Saturday, Sept. 24th. Video begins at 6:45 p.m. Clear Lake Park Community Building on NASA Rd. 1. Call 484-5075 for more information.

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Animal Rights Report

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To the activists' dismay, the wolves refused to leave! They enjoyed their home and did not want to be liberated. This is the second failed wolf liberation at the Como Zoo over the past several years.

The zoo director, Victor Camp, said the wolves are fed another kind of meat that the zoo keeps secret, so they were not interested in the trail of beef. Apparently, the activists did not think past the point of getting the wolves out of the zoo. What are three timberwolves going to do in the middle of St. Paul? "Our orangutans are probably brighter than these people," Camp observed.

Community Events

NYPD Blue Picket

In a few days, KTRK-TV Channel 13 will decide whether they will air the softcore porn TV series "NYPD Blue," the first "R-rated" television series in history. Join other pro-family folks for a picket at the offices of KTRK-TV at 3310 Bissonnett in Houston, on Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Let's send a message to KTRK-TV that the families of Texas don't want softcore pornography broadcast into their living rooms.

Lone Star Legislative Briefing & Banquet

Texas Coalition will bring together key congressmen, state legislators, candidates for 1994 and leaders of pro-family groups (including Congressmen Tom DeLay and Jack Fields, Mike Richards, and Jay Sekulow) on Sat., Oct. 9 at the Marriott-Galleria, Houston, TX. Briefing only, $25. Banquet only, $30. For more info, call 817-545-4044. To register, send your check to: TCC, 1600 Airport Freeway #506, Bedford, TX 76022.

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2. Do you support passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

3. Do you want to help bring Bob Dornan to Houston?

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Free-Trade Advocates Hate NAFTA

Jim Rodgers, Staff Writer

"Free-traders who hate NAFTA!" you exclaim. "Isn't that like King Kong hating bananas?" If that's your reaction, you need enlightening. Remember your mother's warning, "Don't judge a book by its cover"? She gave good advice.

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) is not about free trade. This so-called free-trade agreement is a Trojan horse, a wolf in sheep's clothing, a supranational bureaucracy that promises prosperity but delivers poverty, a con man that steals some of your freedom and well-being while reducing national sovereignty.

Yes, free trade is good for you and the nation. It even creates international peace. As Lord Acton, the astute British historian, said, "When trade crosses borders, armies don't." But NAFTA is not really about free trade. Actually, you probably already suspected that Bill Clinton's NAFTA plan is phony, didn't you? You smelled a rat. You knew that, since free trade is not consistent with the Democrats' historical stance, something was fishy. You just couldn't put your finger on what was wrong.

If God has mercy on Americans, their U.S. Congressmen will read Clinton's 2,000-page NAFTA agreement *before* they sign on the dotted line. Contrary to what many well-meaning people think, NAFTA raises trade barriers and creates a supranational (this word means "above or greater than any nation") trade bureaucracy that will erect protectionist barriers to trade and massively intrude on the lives of North Americans in multifarious ways while stealing some of their freedom by overriding the U.S. Constitution. That's a serious charge, but read on for the facts.

The supranational bureaucracy would be created on Jan. 1, 1994. It would have powers that override the Constitution (which is meant to be the supreme law of this land) and federal, state, and local laws. But the promised reduction of tariffs would not begin until Jan. 1, 2009. Furthermore, tariffs can be reinstated ("snapped back") under the authority of NAFTA. Chapter eight of the as-yet-unratified agreement says phased-out tariffs can be reapplied against imports that "cause or threaten serious injury to a domestic industry." In other words, any time an interest group lobbies a government (United States, Canada, or Mexico) for protection of a product or service, the government can erect protectionist barriers such as quotas, tariffs, or subsidies. For example, U.S. auto makers could ask the government to protect automobile workers from layoff. (The real motive would be to keep the price of cars high, but that's beside the point.) Check for tongues in cheeks when Clinton folk say the words "free trade."

NAFTA also includes an ugly provision called *rules of origin* under which certain products must be manufactured wholly or partially in North America. Products not meeting this criterion are subject to punitive tariffs or quotas. Examples of products that would be shielded from competition: automobiles, pickup trucks, utility vehicles, textiles, computer electronics, and various food products.

Even more dangerous than the protectionism, as debilitating to the economy as that is, Clinton's NAFTA monster creates expansive supranational bureaucracies to create and enforce supranational labor and environmental regulations: ministerial councils, international coordinating secretariats, national administrative offices, joint advisory committees, evaluation committees of experts, and dispute-settlement panels. (Remember: *supranational* refers to authority that is above national authority, that diminishes national sovereignty.)

If Congress ratifies NAFTA, these bureaucratic entities will have the power to investigate, issue reports, and force governments to do things that ostensibly promote worker safety and buttress environmental regulations. (The Greenies love it, of course. On the other hand, some people think the Greens replaced the Reds as World Public Enemy No. 1.) The labor commission will oversee anything and everything that can be construed as being related to occupational health and safety, worker benefits, and industrial relations. The environmental commission will concern itself with natural resources and the environmental effects of products. And, of course, the bureaucrats will be able to intrude anywhere in the United States, Canada, and Mexico -- all the way from the Arctic Ocean to the Yucatan Peninsula not all that far from the Equator.

These are broad mandates indeed! But there's more. Unlike current international trade law, under which a government must prove some environmental effect on trade, or vice versa, before it can intervene, NAFTA's environmental commission is authorized to adjudicate any matters *it considers* to be related to trade and that affect the environment. The commission will be able to compel stricter enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, and not just those that affect trade across national borders.

U.S. trade representative Micky Kantor has called NAFTA's trade and environmental powers "new and unique." He's right. These are new powers. An extra-territorial government is to be given authority in exchange for a measure of our national sovereignty and individual freedom. And much of that new power can be exercised arbitrarily. The NAFTA crew will not be bound by constitutions. The framers of our Constitution said they intended that document to chain down the U.S. government so it cannot infringe on your freedom. But the Constitution does not bind foreign governments. The Constitution also charges the federal government with protecting Americans from entities outside our national borders. By signing NAFTA, your government will partially abdicate its Constitutionally mandated responsibilities to protect your freedom.

NAFTA's dispute settlement panel will be able to assign "action plans" to national, state, and local governments compelling them to enforce labor or environmental laws and regulations more stringently. If a government does not comply, the panel may impose fines on the government (paid by taxpayers, of course) up to $20 million for each so-called offense. That panel also can authorize trade sanctions. And not just tariffs; all trade and investment benefits can be revoked. Interestingly, NAFTA subjects us to the same sanctions that Canada rejected as an infringement on its autonomy. (And the Clinton folk tell us NAFTA ensures free trade!) Bear in mind that the NAFTA panel can punish people for whatever *it considers* to be bad. You, as an American or as a Christian, might think the thing being punished is good. But if the panel says it's bad, the bureaucracy imposes sanctions.

The NAFTA bureaucracy also will give power and influence to whomever it prefers and/or whoever lobbies the NAFTA bureaucracy the hardest. The joint advisory committee and the evaluation committees of experts will comprise representatives from environmentalist groups and labor-supported groups. Sitting in on official commission proceedings, they will advise the committees on regulatory matters. Thus, nongovernmental groups in privileged positions will help create trade sanctions against nations and protectionist barriers on behalf of products or industries.

In addition, these nongovernmental "experts" will be able to influence policy that greatly affects groups and cultures within nations. Let's suppose that "experts" advising the NAFTA bureaucrats charged that evangelical Christians erected a barrier to labor by not employing homosexuals in churches, Christian schools, and parachurch organizations. (They could start by singling out Christian organizations or denominations that

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Condoms Here, Condoms There...

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Elders' stated purpose is to reduce teen pregnancy. "Every child a planned, and wanted child!" has been her mantra. But the figures from her own health department prove that her methods produce the opposite of her stated intentions.

In 1979, the number of pregnancies for ages 10-19 in Arkansas was 11,110. This figure was steadily declining until Joycelyn Elders took office in 1987, reaching 8,798 for that year. Elders began establishing SBHCs the next year. The teen pregnancy rate in Arkansas began going back up. By 1990, the last year for which the Arkansas Health Department has available statistics, teen pregnancies had reached 9,432. In addition, cases of syphilis increased by 130 percent and cases of HIV infections increased by 150 percent among Arkansas teens. Results speak louder than intentions.

As has been documented elsewhere, including the last issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*, Elders even allowed defective condoms to be distributed to school children. She has publicly stated that it would be better for Down Syndrome sufferers if they had been aborted. She has blasted the Catholic church for its stand on abortion. And now she is Surgeon General.

The "condom tree" is taking deep roots. Now every one of America's public schools will be one of its branches. The fruit of this tree will bring nothing but higher teen pregnancy rates, more abortions, and the continual breakdown of America's morals.

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Truth or Compassion?

We all know that lifting the ban on homosexuals in the military is nothing more than a political move by President Clinton to pay off a promise made in the campaign to a special interest group.

But what, exactly, is the military argument against lifting the ban?

How does it help the military capability and morale to bring into West Point, Annapolis, and the Marine barracks promiscuous men, prone to disease, who are sexually attracted to other men, and who engage in acts their comrades consider filthy and perverted?

One side of the argument details that many homosexuals are talented human beings. This is true. They point out that these are our sons, our brothers, our friends and our associates. This is true. The agony of those who are suffering and dying with AIDS-related diseases is also very true.

But, even as we are commanded to have compassion, and are told that we will receive compassion in the same measure as we give compassion, we are also admonished to uphold the truth.

Pat Buchanan relays this information from a D.C. Family Research council report and a Conservative Review article:

1. The average age of men dying with AIDS is 39.

2. The average age of homosexuals dying of all other causes is 41.

3. Only 1 percent live to 65 or older.

4. Only 3 percent of all homosexuals are over 55.

5. Lesbians are 19 times more likely than heterosexual women to have had syphilis, twice as likely to suffer from genital warts, and four times as likely to have scabies.

6. The rate of infectious Hepatitis A is twice the national average and Hepatitis B is three times the national average in the homosexual community.

7. Venereal diseases are 22 times the national average in the homosexual community.

8. The ratio of men murdered is 50 times that of the general population.

9. Suicide is reported as 60 times that of the general population.

10. Death in auto accidents is reported as 45 times the general population.

11. A 1978 study reports 43 percent of the male homosexuals admitted to having sex with 500 partners, 28 percent with over 100 (usually anonymous) partners. A later study (1981) reported only 2 percent having sex with 10 or fewer partners.

12. All the infectious and/or contagious diseases are rampant in the homosexual community -- VC. Hepatitis, enteric diseases (gay bowel syndrome), influenza, tuberculosis, etc.

The arguments for not lifting the ban are apparent -- promiscuity, disease, unapproved lifestyle.

In recent years we have recognized that there is a distinct connection between consumption of "adult" beverages and fatal auto accidents. In response we have raised the minimum drinking age, gotten tough with drunken drivers, and conducted national campaigns to lower the highway carnage. Doesn't this sound like discrimination against a subset of the population -- the people who choose to drink and drive?

We separate smokers from nonsmokers in all public places, recognizing that secondary smoke inhalation is a contributor to all sorts of medical problems. We even overtly (heaven forbid) discriminate against smokers on airlines and in restaurants.

Why then, is there an outcry against the military discriminating against what is not in its, or any other institution's, best interests? The only important discussion must come in the areas of questioning the levels of truth presented about the consequences of the "gay lifestyle." Then we can question how much compassion we should have for those choosing to live in harm's way.

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More Incompetence, Political Game-Playing at Mike Driscoll's Office

In our last issue, the *Southeast Texas Times* carried a front page story alerting Harris County taxpayers to the dismal record -- and possible political corruption -- of the Harris County Attorney's office under County Attorney Mike Driscoll.

To recap as briefly as possible, taxpayers learned from the *Times* story that:

*Harris County Attorney Mike Driscoll is carrying out a media-oriented "investigation" of Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay based on the claims of a convicted felon that Lindsay accepted a bribe from a developer. Driscoll's so-called "investigation" of Lindsay has amounted to nothing more than the re-hashing of charges made against Lindsay by the convicted felon, at "media events" carefully staged by Driscoll's office.

*Driscoll himself has stated to people, in private, that he intends to continue the contrived media barrage and force Lindsay's resignation from office before the 1994 election.

*But in the 1980's, Driscoll's office gave a far-too-generous multi-million dollar settlement in a land condemnation proceeding to a developer who had contributed a total of $45,500 to Driscoll's re-election campaign committee.

*The $6.3 million settlement given to Driscoll's political contributor not only awarded the developer $575,000 over the settlement price recommended for the condemned property by a County condemnation panel, it also returned the ownership of two acres of the land -- valued at $700,000 -- to the developer within a year.

*$25,000 of the $45,500 in political contributions from the developer were given to Driscoll's campaign committee while the land condemnation settlement was being handled in court by the County Attorney's office.

Driscoll's office is not trusted to provide adequate legal representation for the County and the County's taxpayers by most high office holders and elected officials in Harris County government, and many believe Driscoll's staff has been chosen based on political connections, rather than competence as attorneys.

The County Attorney has a long-standing vendetta against Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay, because Lindsay has often led the Commissioners in their attempts to hire "outside" -- i.e., private -- attorneys and law firms to represent the County, in order to get around Driscoll's incompetence and have adequate representation for the County's taxpayers and their interests.

For example, Driscoll cost Harris County taxpayers millions when he sabotaged both the building of the new Harris County Jail and the attempt to lease the county's old -- and now vacant and delapidating -- Ben Taub Hospital building to Baylor Medical School.

In the case of the County Jail, Driscoll presented a document to the Commissioner's Court outlining his "legal objections" to the lease-buy agreement on construction of the new County Jail. That document showed up in a private civil lawsuit against the project -- and every one of the County attorney's "legal objections" to the lease-buy agreement were tossed out of court as having no legal merit.

Picking Jurors by Psychic Powers?

But now come the strangest revelations of all about Mike Driscoll and the Harris County Attorney's Office.

Driscoll's office recently lost a $500,000 lawsuit against Harris County Constable Dick Moore and two of his deputies, who are now personally liable for the $500,000 in damages.

The civil suit had been filed against Moore and the deputies for "malicious prosecution" and other causes by former Deputy Constable Marion James Novark, who was recently acquitted by a Federal jury on Civil Rights charges

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Clinton Wants U.S. Military Under UN

John F. McManus

Appleton, WI - Month-old reports in both the *Washington Post* and *New York Times* claim that President Clinton is moving toward transferring units of the U.S. military to UN commanders. Backed by elements of the Defense Department, the State Department, the National Security Council, and U.S. Ambassador to the UN Madeleine Albright, the President is about to sign Presidential Decision Directive 13, committing our nation to support peacekeeping operations "politically, militarily and financially."

Growing Misuse of U.S. Forces

When President Bush sent troops to the Middle East in 1990, he claimed originally that they were there in a defensive mode to protect Saudi Arabia against a possible Iraqi invasion. Then, in a matter of weeks, he made their mission offensive in nature, and the war they fought against Iraq was waged for a "new world order" and an "enhanced United Nations."

When Mr. Bush decided to intervene in Somalia, he told the nation that our troops were being sent for "purely humanitarian purposes." That too has been changed, this time by the Clinton Administration; our troops are now carrying out political and military roles. Several soldiers have already come home in body bags.

Even more, for the first time in history, several thousand have been placed under a UN commander. On August 23rd, a highly trained Army Ranger team left for Somalia, where they will augment forces assigned to capture Somali warlord Mohammed Aidid.

Did Americans join the U.S. military to carry out the missions of the UN? Where in the Constitution is there any authorization for these moves? Are we really a sovereign nation in control of our own forces? Americans should be asking these questions.

Sellout in '61

In 1961, President Kennedy personally delivered State Department Document 7277 to the UN at its headquarters in New York. Also known as *Freedom From War: The U.S. Program for General and Complete Disarmament in a Peaceful World*, the program outlined in this document remains the fixed and determined policy of the U.S. government.

The plan includes three stages, most of which are already completed. The final stage calls for turning over our nation's military to the UN in these chilling words: "progressive controlled disarmament... would proceed to a point where no state would have the military power to challenge the progressively strengthened UN Peace Force."

The *Freedom From War* document to which the U.S. was committed was superseded in April 1962 by the *Blueprint for the Peace Race*, which states within its text that it merely "elaborates and extends the proposals" of its predecessor. In January 1991, William Nary, the official historian of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, confirmed that "the proposal has not been withdrawn."

Toward the end of Stage II, *Freedom From War* reads: "States shall agree upon strengthening the structure, authority, and operation of the United Nations so as to assure that the United Nations will be able effectively to protect states against threats to or breaches of the peace." That is exactly the blueprint President Clinton is about to follow.

Clinton's Real Motives

The mission of American forces in the war against Iraq was upgraded from defensive to offensive and they were then used with the approval of the UN in an operation George Bush clearly stated would "enhance" the "new world order." The American people were deceived while their forces were employed in complete contempt of the Constitution. Now the same thing has happened in Somalia, where a supposedly "humanitarian" mission has been converted to a military operation with U.S. troops being placed under UN commanders.

Now, President Clinton is about to assign American forces to a permanent UN command. But like his predecessors, he isn't telling us that he is simply fulfilling the mandates of a 32-year old treasonous plan that would leave our nation at the mercy of the world government.

Congress Gets Tough

Editorial Addition

On September 9th, the Senate voted overwhelmingly (90-7) to insist that President Clinton outline a specific purpose for American troops still in Somalia. They also demanded Congressional approval for the presence of any troops in Somalia beyond November 7th. Apparently, Congress is not ready for American soldiers to be used for whatever purpose the UN mandates. The troops in Somalia have already been there many months longer than President Bush had suggested for their mission. In fact, the Somalia operation was supposedly over some months ago. If not for the UN and President Clinton, our men and women of the military would all be out of Somalia by now.

Censored but Funded

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ings, yet they continue to fund them with taxpayer dollars."

Members of the press called Speaker Foley's office to get his side of the story. They were told that "lobbying" was not allowed in those areas. Is it lobbying to show pictures that Congress is ordering the American people to fund with their own money?

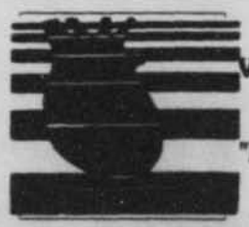
"Mr. Speaker, if we can't look at it, maybe we shouldn't have to pay for it!" Congressman Dennis Hastert (R-Il.) announced on the House floor the next day. Congressman Bob Dornan (R-Cal.) sent all House members an account of the incident from the Washington Times accompanied by a letter in which he stated, "The real irony...is that the Democrat leaders will fund art that they will not allow to be shown anywhere on Capitol grounds. But they have no qualms about subsidizing its display in a public museum where children can see it."

"It is work that is tough to look at," admitted Ginny Terzano, spokesman for the NEA, who seems to have a gift for stating the obvious.

Congressman Crane allowed CAN to set up in his own office on the following Monday. More than 400 Congressional staffers poured through to see how the NEA was spending everyone's money. They were shocked and disgusted. The Senate canceled the vote on more funding for the NEA until after Labor Day.

A news producer for one of the major networks told CAN that he could not bring a camera crew to cover the exhibit because, he said, "we can't put your pictures on the air." Indeed, if a network showed these pictures, it would be penalized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Does it confuse anyone out there that one government agency, the FCC, find these pictures obscene and offensive while another, the NEA, claims that it is good enough for public funding?

President Clinton has said he is serious about spending cuts. Here is an obvious one: abolish the NEA! What business does the government have in art, anyway? To make matters worse, Clinton has appointed actress Jane Alexander to be chairwoman of the NEA. Her confirmation hearings will probably take place in late September or early October. Now Hollywood will control the NEA. Is there anyone out there who actually thinks it will get better?



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Underground Government

Jim Rodgers, Staff Writer

Most people who pressure government to spend less and thus tax less do not notice off-budget spending. This invisibility is to the benefit of government big spenders. Consequently, governments at all levels have moved much of their activity beyond the direct control of taxpayers. They do so by going off budget.

Off-budget spending does not show up on budgets. Therefore, you and I cannot measure it. MostAmericans don't even know it exists. On the federal level, politicians and bureaucrats have created several innovative methods of going off budget. This article presents one of them: the OBE (Off-Budget Enterprise).

When the burdens of government become oppressive, many of us are tempted to escape through various forms of underground activity: dodging taxes, working without a license, hiring unlicensed labor, working off-the-books, dealing in the black market (actually, the free market), and so on. Likewise, when taxpayers put pressure on government to curtail spending or slacken up on laws and regulations, the politicians, legislators, regulators, and other agents of officialdom try to make their assaults on people's actions and property as invisible as possible.

Public officials establish public corporations (i.e., government-owned businesses) in any line of business they choose. Gambling is an example. Most state governments have always forbidden gambling, including lotteries, and punished violators. Now the governments have legalized lotteries--but only when they run them. Actually, governments go into any business they want to enter as long as they think the public will let them get away with it. Many politicians would like to operate government-run whore houses. The excuse would probably be to raise money for education. As yet, the public will not let them get away with state-run bordellos.

Government has businesses (some of them in the form of public corporations) in transportation (roads, rapid transit), zoos, mail delivery, airports, space programs, golf courses, libraries, schools and universities, theaters, stadiums, ambulance services, trash pickup, zoos and squariums, botanical gardens, parks, garbage dumps, ad infinitum. Many people forget that all of the services just mentioned (yes, even highways and schools) were at one time provided by citizens outside government. (Example: Toll roads were created as a profit-making business, but government took them over.)

Off-budget enterprises are launched lavishly and wastefully, with your money if you are a taxpayer. Though they consume taxes, they are exempt from paying them. They pay generous salaries and fringe benefits to their "public servant" employees. Their sometimes staggering losses are placed on the shoulders of the taxpayers. Their spending and borrowing do not appear on any government budget. Their debt is exempt from any constitutional debt limitation, nor is it subject to approval by voters.

Politicians make much of their spending invisible by the stroke of a pen, just by creating an OBE. The spending fades from view faster than the smile on the Cheshire cat in Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland.

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What is the Price for Crime?

According to Wayne LaPierre of the National Rifle Association, "the price for crime in America today is going down while the price for everything else is going up."

The statistics for 1990 are a matter of public record. These statistics show that the average sentence for murder was 1.8 years, down from 2.3 years in 1988. Rape sentences averaged just 60 days -- down from 75 days in 1988. Looking at lesser crimes: robbery was penalized with an average of 23 days, arson, 6.7 days; aggravated assault, 6.4 days; burglary, 4.8 days; and auto theft, 1.5 days.

Very interesting statistics, wouldn't you say? Let's look at some more interesting information. About 3 million living Americans have been convicted of a violent crime. About 2 million of them are free and on the streets. A violent crime is committed today about every 17 seconds. It has been estimated that 70 percent of those violent crimes are committed by just 6 percent of all violent criminals.

Police solve only one in five crimes as a national average. Depending on where you are in the country, up to nine out of 10 cases end in a plea bargain. Only about one in six of those accused who go to trial end up with prison sentences. As noted above, the average murderer sent to state prison doesn't stay long and it is reported that he is freed before he serves even one-third of his short sentence.

So, adding up the probabilities of arrest for a crime, conviction of the crime, and then imprisonment for the crime, it doesn't look to me like a felon has much to worry about. If the worst happens and he is caught, convicted, sentenced, and imprisoned, his vacation from the streets is so short that it amounts to only a brief period of welfare support by the state until he is back once again flaunting the criminal justice system.

We have judges and politicians who think that the criminals are too uncomfortable in the prisons due to overcrowding and they solve the problem by returning the offender, prematurely, to the streets. The National Institute of Justice reports that the typical offender, after he is released from prison, commits 187 to 287 crimes per year. The crimes of this one released offender cost society $430,000 each year!

What does it cost to provide the creature comforts for the convicted felon? The national average for annual costs is $25,300 per prisoner -- about 6% of the cost to society if he were on the street! Why does it make any sense to set the criminal free? Society as a whole must pay anyway for the crime; why not pay the order of magnitude smaller cost? Keep the criminal in the prison for his full term.

Wayne LaPierre points out that the emphasis seems to be leading people to believe that your rights -- instead of the criminals' wrongs -- are the cause of America's crime plague. All the hype and media-induced hysteria points toward trendy "gun-control" measures to solve the crime plague. There are over 20,000 anti-gun laws on the books today. They haven't reduced crime. Our efforts are expended trying continually to defend our rights from the anti-gunners. Why can't we get to the real, effective effort, the effort that will produce results -- focus our efforts on the criminals and the bankrupt criminal justice system that sustains them.

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Game Review

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Inside the game box are two card decks. Each card in the smaller deck has two columns of letters and one column of numbers printed on it. It may look somewhat confusing at first, but then, it's supposed to represent a bill that is up for vote in Congress. No wonder it looks confusing! The bills aren't titled, but you can call them whatever you want (like NAFTA, the Brady Bill, the Van Fleet Balanced Budget Amendment). It all depends on whether you want it to pass or not.

Each player draws a hand from the larger deck. These cards include political groups (generically labeled A-Y), and action cards. A player can then place a political group in front of him, showing his control of the group, or play an action card on the bill or one of his opponents. Different political groups earn various amounts of prestige from different bills that pass or fail. For a real life example, the NRA would lose prestige if the Brady Bill passes.

The action cards make the game really enjoyable. They include everything from Scandal to Bribe and Petition to Filibuster. Bills can be pigeonholed and then recalled. Political groups can be persuaded to change sides. The game is also educational. How many people know what a "whip" does in politics? There's no card that calls for an elaborate speech, but you can throw one of them in at any point during the game.

But what's the point of the game? As in real-life politics, the point is to gain as much prestige as possible, ideally so that the winner can run for President. The only problem with the game seems to be that you can make a few enemies along the way...

The game is only ten dollars, but is not available in very many places. To order by mail, send twelve dollars (two dollars for shipping and handling) to Power, Prestige, Politics Card Game, 7602 Center Street, Hitchcock, TX 77563.

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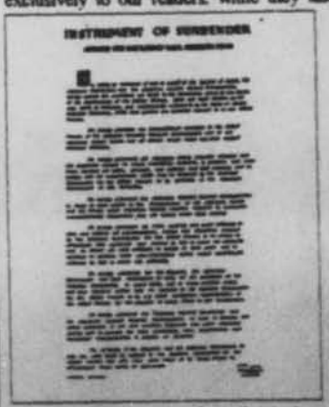

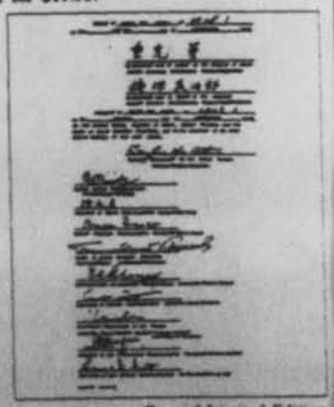

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Who Pays for Health Care Reform?

Robert W. Feldman, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Health care reform in America is a task President Clinton and the First Lady are working on. Americans need to know some of the impact proposed legislation may have. Nothing in life, including health care, is free. Americans presently have access to health care, and over 70 million Americans already have government provided health care (Medicare, Medicaid, VA, military dependents and retirees). Two of these, Medicare and Medicaid, have burgeoning budgets and recipients seem to always have complaints about coverage.

Somewhere between 600,000 and one million jobs will be lost when "health care reform" occurs. Most of these will be minority, single parent mothers. Anyone can walk around a hospital or doctor's office and see who will lose jobs -- women. Nothing in life is free, and these women will be the first to suffer.

The Administration is claiming that patients will have their own choice of doctor -- "they just might have to pay more." While this may be initially true, very few doctors can afford the hundreds of thousands in overhead to keep an office open to see an occasional loyal patient who "opts out" of the proposed HMO type systems. Also, when hospitalization is required, the patient will be forced to utilize the doctor or surgeon already chosen for them by their HMO. The new term HMOs use for the doctor choice is "cherry picking," supposedly based upon outcomes research. Unfortunately, there is no data to even support what outcomes should be looked at. Mostly, bureaucrats and administrators understand bottom lines (dollars) more than they understand quality health care outcome. Watch for increased use of the term "value" in health care. Not only will quality be attempted to be measured, but the cost of the care will be factored in as well. Are Americans ready to be told by the government that "Grandpa can't have the operation, although it will help him, because we have met our budgetary cap this year." Nothing in life is free.

Examples of this exist in countries with socialized medicine. In England, one hospital has over 1000 patients on the waiting list for heart surgery, which averages a 40 month wait. While surgical mortality is only 3-5%, the yearly mortality is over 10% per year waiting "in line." In Canada, waiting lists for heart surgery are up to 58 months. America is the pop-off valve for patients who can afford to pay for their heart surgery.

Americans should be very cautious when promised something for free. Someone will pay and it is usually the taxpayer. Many conservatives are supporting the Medical Savings Account, a tax-free option which Congressional conservatives support. Americans spend over $4500/year in health care for each family. A high deductible policy could be purchased to cover catastrophic illness for about $1500 and the remaining $3000 could be placed in an IRA type account to grow tax-free. Then most health care expenses would be paid for out of the Medical Savings Account. This again puts the patient in charge of his own medical decision making. It acknowledges that nothing in life is free, but the patient gets the best value for his money. He pays dollar for dollar for his health care and doesn't waste money on bureaucracies. The government has to collect nine dollars in taxes to pay one dollar in health care for present programs. That is eight dollars wasted on the bureaucracy. While Vice-President Gore is addressing "re-inventing" government, don't look for major changes in our government bureaucracy.

Jurors in Losing Case Picked by "ESP"

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alleging he had played "Russian Roulette" with a Harris County Jail inmate.

Novark was aquitted in Federal court when the government's chief witness, the inmate who Novark had allegedly played Russian roulette with, could not identify Novark from the witness stand as the officer.

Novark then filed suit against Moore in Harris County, and Mike Driscoll's office took up the defense of Moore. The jury found for Novark, citing as the main reason behind their decision the fact that the witness at the federal trial could not identify Novark.

And, as it turns out, Mike Driscoll's wife, Dorothea Driscoll, aided Driscoll's office as a "consultant" in choosing the jury that went against Moore and the other deputies defended by her husband's office.

Dorothea Driscoll -- a Houston businesswoman who owns the "Yellow Brick Road Mineral and New Age Store" which sells "New Age" paraphernalia such as "healing rocks" and books on "soul travelling" and "Extra Sensory Perception" -- was asked by her husband to help the County Attorney's office pick the jury for the trial they lost.

"New Age" is a catch-all phrase describing a number of philosophies and religions that believe in "psychic powers," "holistic healing," and other concepts. New Age philosophies often involve simple "pop" psychology ideas and concepts. New Age "religions" can run the gamut from "spiritualism" to the following of ancient pagan rites and witchcraft.

Mrs. Driscoll told the Houston Chronicle that "she has an ability to assess potential jurors' characters and the way they may decide a case."

Mrs. Driscoll said, "I am able to feel what a juror is going to do and feel how a case is going to go."

Mrs. Driscoll also claimed to be a "psychotherapist, homeopathist and counselor." She said she has worked as a consultant on other cases handled by her husband's County Attorney's office.

Harris County Commissioners and Judge Lindsay were outraged at the handling of the court case by Driscoll's office and Driscoll's Assistant County Attorney Barabara Burnett, and have "requested" Driscoll's office to hire a private attorney to handle the appeal on Moore's behalf.

Short Takes/Opinions

Budget Cuts and Pastes

Don't you just hate to buy something at regular price and then find out it has gone on sale for 96% off? That is exactly what happened to President Clinton. This guy Christophe, according to Harry Thomason, has decided to drop his haircut prices to $8 so he can be competitive in Washington, D.C. Later the President went to Manchester, New Hampshire and insisted that the television anchor woman who was going to interview him also apply his make-up. This was obviously a cost-cutting move, but the woman flet quite put-upon and the White House had to issue an apology. Folks are just so touchy these days. First they get all upset about having to circle over Hair Force One for an hour, and now this make-up thing. But I have a suggestion for President Clinton. Little Chelsea could teach him to put on his own make-up since most 13-year-old girls love to put on make-up. Then, much to all our relief, I am sure, President Clinton would be able to focus back like a laser beam on trying to tax us all into oblivion.

Almighty Government

If so-called "sin taxes" are levied upon alcohol and tobacco, it will be a violation of the First Amendment. The First Amendment prevents our federal government from establishing a religion. By imposing sin taxes, our government would, in effect, be setting itself up as a god with the authority to designate certain legal practices as sins to be disapproved of and for which penance in the form of taxes must be paid. By not taxing other practices which more traditionally have been regarded as sin, the government would likewise be sanctioning those practices as acceptable and approved. Lacking the ability to condemn its sinners to eternal punishment, this double-minded deity would simply torture them in a financial purgatory. This bloated god would not be loved, only feared and grudgingly obeyed as it sent out its confusing message of taxes on sin while simultaneously taxing hard work and success. With April 15 as its high holy day, this god's name surely would be "ECONOMY STUPID."

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Underground Government

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OBEs operate outside the regular government structure. They are not "taxing districts" endowed with taxing power and managed by government officials. But although they lack taxing power, they enjoy immense spending power. They are managed by appointed (not elected) directors who are either self-appointed government officials or their kin-folk and friends. Often, they are appointed along the lines of loyalty to a political party or faction.

As a non-profit business, an OBE is exempt from onerous regulations. OBEs compete with private businesses that are hampered by regulations and that are taxed by the very authorities that created the OBE.

It may be the only licensed ambulance service in the community, or the only licensed airport management service, or the only licensed incinerator service. With a monopolistic poor service. Despite--actually because of--their monopolistic privileges, most OBEs lose money heavily because of poor management, poor labor, and poor customer service.

Their mountains of debt are assumed or guaranteed (with taxpayers' money) by the political authority that created the OBE. If losses become politically embarrassing, the parent authority may have to liquidate the enterprise or privatize it (sell it to a non-government customer). Often, privatizing is not complete. Buyers might be induced to buy only if non-market, government-granted privileges are granted along with the enterprise. Forms of privilege can be many. For example, it might be a license to operate as a monopoly.

As many as 50,000 OBEs might exist in the United States, issuing tax-exempt bonds not subject to approval by voters. OBE officials provide employment to countless political favorites and dispense economic favors to friends in exchange for political support.

Significantly, the number of OBEs rises when taxpayers demand tax and spending relief. When tax revenue goes down or taxing becomes unpopular, officials at all levels evade (by going off-budget) rather than accomodate.

Like thieves who cooperate with each other in order to fleece a victim, when officials at the local level go underground, officials at the federal level help them do so by providing them grants-in-aid or loans. A few politicians and officials can provide the money to a state, county, district, or municipal OBE with no reference to the will of those who paid the taxes. Taxpayers have no say in the matter.

OBEs masquerade under various names: boards, authorities, agencies, corporations, commissions, trusts. Pennsylvania has 1,548 municipal enterprises, and most of their 2,896 projects are off-budget. These include 37 airport authorities, 121 parking authorities, 691 sewer authorities, 298 water authorities, 97 recreation authorities, 48 solid-waste authorities, 82 health authorities, 95 other single-purpose authorities, and 341 multi-purpose authorities. Together, these Pennsylvania muncipal OBEs borrow half a million dollars a year and are indebted $8.2 billion.

Throughout the nation, the multitude of municipal OBEs owe an estimated long-term debt of more than half a trillion dollars, of which one half is full-faith-and-credit issues and half is non-guaranteed ("moral obligation") issues. Guess who pays the principal and interest. That's right: the suckers who let government rule their lives.

On the state level, hundreds of OBEs spend undisclosed amounts of money, borrow as much as the state governments themselves, and carry long-term non-guaranteed debt of nearly a trillion dollars. The state of New York is an example of using OBEs to flout taxpayer appeals to curtail spending.

When New York voters rejected a $100 million housing bond issue for the third time, the state legislature created the Housing Finance Authority, which lost no time in issuing non-guaranteed debt obligations exceeding the entire full-faith-and-credit debt of New York state.

When the New York voters rejected a higher-education bond issue for the fourth time, the legislature created the off-budget State University Construction Fund.

When the same New York voters voted down a public-housing bond for the fifth time, the legislature created the Urban Development Corporation (UDC). When UDC-issued bonds and then defaulted on the massive debt it had so incurred, the state legislature created yet another OBE: the Project Finance Agency, which issued still more bonds to pay the bills of the bankrupt UDC and the deficits of other OBEs. If the Mafia did it, it would be bad. But the government did it, so it must be okay. Right?

The federal government does it, too. They use various methods of excluding categories of spending in the federal budget. Larry Burkett's recent book, The Coming Economic Earthquake (order at 1-800-722-1976) describes some of them. One way of excluding spending items from the budget is to create new off-budget entities (their number is legion) to carry out federal programs. Another way is to conduct numerous government loan-guarantee programs, which channel private credit toward government-favored programs. If the taxpayers don't see that long, rusty, bent, square needle approaching their hindmost epidermis, they won't resist.

Obviously, elected politicians and nonelected government officials have moved much of their expensive activity partly out of our sight and completely out of our control. Their multifarious ave-nues of underground spending make government seem much smaller than it is.

A constitutional amendment or law to reduce spending and balance the budget addresses only visible on-budget spending. No such amendment or law can impose integrity and frugality on politicians and officials as long as the back door is left open. As long as taxpayers let them practice underground spending, the possibilities for concealment, deception, pretext, sophistry, strategem, and just plain cheating are endless.

In 1950, the average U.S. family paid two percent of its income to the federal government; in 1992 (before tax-increasing Clinton took office), the average family paid 25 percent. In 1992, the federal government employed 18 million workers, more than any industry sector. Since the days when the John F. Kennedy Democrats promised us Camelot, we have paid for it several times but have not received it. Taxpayers need to abandon conventional, polite tax resistance methods. They should organize nationally and start playing hardball.

Hillary's Health Terms

A Hilarious Look into the Hidden Health Care Files of the First Lady

No one really knows what will be in Ms. Rodham-Clinton's health plan until it is actually released, but hints keep leaking out. The following definitions were recently obtained:

Vein: Conceited

Artery: The study of paintings

Bacteria: The back door of a Cafeteria

Barium: What the doctors do when a patient dies

Bowel: A letter (like a,e,i,o, or u)

Caesarean Section: A neighborhood in Rome

Cat Scan: Searching for kitty

Cauterized: Make eye contact with her

D & C: Where Washington is

Dilate: To live long

Enema: Not a friend

Genital: Not a Jew

G.I. Series: Soldier ball game

Hangnail: Coat hook

Impotent: Distinguished, well-known

Labor Pain: Getting hurt at work

Medical Staff: A doctor's cane

Morbid: A higher offer

Nitrates: Cheaper than day rates

Node: Was aware of

Outpatient: A person who fainted

Pelvis: A cousin of Elvis

Postoperative: A letter carrier

Recovery Room: A place to do upholstery

Rectum: Dang near killed 'em

Seizure: Roman Emperor

Tablet: A small table

Terminal Illness: Getting sick at the airport

NAFTA Not Free Trade

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send missionaries to Mexico and escalate the pogrom later.) If the NAFTA bureaucracy then threatened sanctions against the nation harboring the culprits, the nation's government would be motivated (or have an excuse for) cracking down on "narrow" Christians. You can think of other possibilities; just use your imagination. Evil or selfish nationals together with like-minded NAFTA bureaucrats would have great opportunity to repress or control national groups and cultures.

NAFTA will also eliminate the kind of competition among governments that creates favorable economic conditions, the kind of competition that results in *real* free trade. In recent years, Mexico, Argentina, Chile, and other nations have been giving their people more freedom of action by deregulating and privatizing economic sectors. But parts of NAFTA forbid such deregulation and other competitive actions. Article 114 is such a section. It prohibits relaxing environmental laws and regulations. We must become ever more cooperative in worshipping the Great Mother Goddess Earth. Why must we? Because the sacred environmental doctrines will be enforced by a powerful supranational entity.

When enlightened leaders of Mexico wanted free trade in recent years, all they did was tear down (completely or partially) some of the trade barriers that their benighted predecessors had erected. Simple. But NAFTA will create endless lobbying, litigation, negotiating, bickering, and begging. The ones on the thrones will be the NAFTA bureaucrats. The ones genuflecting before the thrones will be us.

An old-time North American Indian (*Gasp! He didn't use the politically correct term "Native American."*) might tell the Clinton crowd, "White man speak with forked tongue. Keepum beads. Me keepum land."

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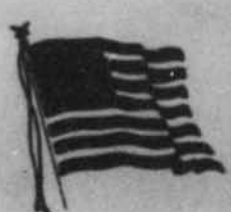

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Key to issues cited:

A. Jack Brooks/Congress
B. Homosexuality
C. Abortion
D. Term Limits
E. Taxes/Budget
G. National Endowment for the Arts/Pornography
H. Space Program
I. Gun Control
J. Death Penalty/Crime
K. "Christian" Concerns/Values (e.g., Sex Education, Condoms, Home Schooling, Parents Rights, etc.)
L. Health Care

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for U.S. Congress

E G H E J I

A Voice For Traditional Values

- Has pledged to vote against any increase in taxes.
- Opposes using tax dollars for pornography.
- Supports an increase in space exploration and development, and favors a replacement shuttle.
- Favors line item veto to cut government waste.
- Supports death penalty for drug kingpins.
- Opposes Gun Control.

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A Voice For Traditional Values

- Has pledged to vote against any increase in federal income taxes.
- A solid Pro-Life candidate.
- Opposes any Congressional pay raise.
- Opposes using *our* tax dollars for pornography.
- Favors death penalty for drug kingpins.
- Will work for a dynamic space policy with ambitious goals.
- Opposes Gun Control.

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A Voice For Traditional Values

- Has pledged to vote against any increase in taxes.
- Opposes using tax dollars for pornography.
- Supports an increase in space exploration and development including a lunar outpost.
- Favors line item veto to cut government waste.
- Supports death penalty for drug kingpins.
- Only candidate who Opposes Gun Control.
- Favors Enterprise Zones to revitalize cities.

Stockman Vs. Meyers

Stockman	Meyers
Only candidate who has ***pledged*** to vote ***against*** any increase in ***taxes***.	**He raised taxes** to the point that Beaumont pays the **highest taxes in Texas.** §
Opposes gun control and promises to protect gun owners' rights.	**Favors gun control** and a ban on all semi-automatic guns. †
Supports traditional family values and will vote pro-family in Congress.	**Favors homosexuals teaching your children** and adopting children. *
Believes in the sanctity of human life from conception and favors parental consent legislation.	**Favors abortions for purposes of sex-selection.** †

§ Texas Research League
† Meyers Press Conference, 12-6-89
* Golden Triangle Woman's Rep. Club, 2-5-90

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Stockman Vs. Clifford

Stockman	Clifford
Only candidate who has ***pledged*** to vote ***against*** any increase in ***taxes***.	Has not signed a pledge against tax increases.
Opposes gun control and promises to protect gun owners' rights.	Favors gun control and mandatory training for gun owners. †
Favors a strong national defense and negotiations from strength.	Would unilaterally cut our strategic national defense.†
Led fight for the Pro-Life resolution at his 1988 Republican Senate District Convention.	Led opposition to the Pro-Life resolution at his 1988 Senate District Convention.

† Taken from his campaign literature.

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It's time for a Change

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- ***Opposes corrupt congressional leadership*** and will force congress to reform.
- ***Will*** support economic reform to ***create jobs.***
- ***Supports death penalty*** for drug kingpins & ***Favors mandatory sentencing*** for criminals.
- Has pledged to ***vote against any tax*** or tax increase.

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- *Not only vote for, but work for Space Station Freedom's continued funding
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- *Propose legislation to set manned space exploration as a higher priority
- *Fight to ensure that Johnson Space Center will be the hub of all Space Station Freedom activity

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1952

1. Harry S. Truman took office.
2. Willie Mays was beginning his second year in the Major Leagues.
3. "Cry" by Johnnie Ray was the most popular song of the year.
4. The federal deficit was about $1.5 billion (compared to this years $400 billion deficit), and the accrued federal debt ran at only about $260 billion (1/8 of current figure).
5. Princess Di had yet to be born.
6. Johnny Carson was an unknown.
7. Jack Brooks was elected to Congress.
8. America had [illegible]
9. Congress has [illegible]
10. District 9 has [illegible]

But how could Jack [illegible] Virginia since 1952.

1992

Steve Stockman stands for:

1. Term limitations.
2. Voluntary prayer in schools.
3. Balanced budget.
4. A reduction in government regulation in order to promote free enterprise.
5. A freeze on taxation.
6. Our right to keep [illegible]
7. [illegible]

save [illegible]

It's Time For a Change!

Vote Stockman for

Stockman U S Congress

Steve Stockman, age 35, comes from a long line of native Texans, his grandparents being long-time residents of DeLeon. Steve, like his ancestors, stands for traditional values and shares the Texas spirit of free business enterprise. Steve lives in Friendswood with his wife, Patti, who is a Program Analyst at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

While working full-time, Steve earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the University of Houston - Clear Lake. He has a broad employment experience, giving him knowledge of numerous and varied industries; he is currently on leave from McKee Environmental Health, where he is a staff accountant.

Steve has been active in politics for over 15 years. He is well known in local and state political circles for his involvement in state and national campaigns. Steve was the State Chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas for two years, becoming known at state and national levels for his effective leadership.

Additionally, Steve is active in community affairs, focusing his attention on youth and education. Steve is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation South Texas Leadership Conference. He served on the University of Houston Chancellor's Advisory Committee and on the University of Houston - Clear Lake Accreditation Committee. He also holds memberships in the Society for the Exploration and Development of Space, the Zoological Society, the Smithsonian Institution, Accuracy in Media, and the Society of Personnel and Management.

Stockman knows the issues concerning his district and the nation, and he has the experience and knowledge to successfully represent the people and interests of Congressional District 9. His accounting and business knowledge, coupled with his determination and fighting Texas spirit, qualify Steve Stockman to fill this demanding leadership position in Washington. By setting an aggressive agenda, he can make a change for the better!

My opponent worked hard for HR 25, which allows children to be aborted in the ninth month, permits minors to have abortions without parental consent, and allows our tax dollars to be spent on abortion. Balance and common sense need to prevail. I will be the voice of reason.

Americans deserve quality health care. Congress is a "do nothing" Congress. Change and fresh ideas are needed. I have a solution to the health crisis. Contact my office at 713-480-1023 for a copy of that plan. It is time for a change; enough is enough, and 40 years to too much!

"American voters are tired of government that is corrupt and does not work. Unlike my opponent, I am not a lawyer who's been in Congress 40 years. I am an accountant and my strongest asset is that I am not a career politician, nor do I intend to be!

Job losses in this district are sickening. Because my opponent has failed to fight to save jobs in the district, and, in fact, strongly supported and voted for legislation that has led to higher unemployment. I pledge to use this office to fight for jobs, not enrich friends with HUD money. I have fresh energy and new ideas for the district. Examples of my opponent's lack of attention are the lost Chevron jobs, the closed copper smelting plant, his imposition of competition restrictions on the Bell companies, and the lost home port. It is time for a Change.

It will take courage to cut the over $4 trillion national debt. My opponent, with one of the highest absentee records from Texas, proposes an incredible $366 in new spending for ever $1 cut. He votes for 91 % of all tax increases, and 97 % of the time he votes against businesses that create jobs.

Clinton's foreign policy experience is "pretty much confined to having had breakfast once at the International House of Pancakes."

Pat Buchanan

Paid Political Advertisement, the Republican Party of Galveston County, Dr. Don Palmer, Chairman, 624 Rosenberg, Galveston, Texas 77550

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Steve Stockman is not a professional politician.

He is an ordinary citizen. He is one of us.
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He works to earn a living at McKee Environmental; his chief concern is his home and our children's future.

Our Interests

Steve Stockman will put our interests above the special interests.

He will challenge Congress to return to a tradition of integrity and responsible ethics. It won't be easy and he won't make friends in Washington, but Steve Stockman is not running to make friends.
He's running to make a difference.

Real Change

Steve Stockman has common sense solutions for real change.

- **A Balanced Budget Amendment** - Force Congress to take responsibility for the wasteful government spending; put a stop to the Washington tax-and-spend mentality.
- **Economic Revitalization** - Get the economy moving again with job-producing incentives to employers and reduction of government regulations and red tape.
- **Term Limitations** - Prevent professional politicians from controlling Congress. Steve Stockman agrees that Congressional terms should be limited.
- **Health Care Reform** - Control the sky-rocketing cost of health care; create small business pools to make health insurance affordable.
- **Fighting Crime** - Get tough on violent crime with an enforceable federal death penalty; shorten the appeal process of prisoners on death row.

A citizen leader putting our interests first, for a change.

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Two ways for *you* to *vote to raise your taxes*.

Two peas in a pod...

The Mayor you thought you knew ...

As Mayor of Beaumont, Meyers has increased taxes 50% and the budget 14%.

Meyers has mortgaged the city's future and increased Beaumont's debt to $93,351,091.00

Now he wants to go to Washington to work on your *Federal Budget!*

Are **you** going to accidentally vote to *raise taxes* ?

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Before you vote on March 13th, look at the differences.

Issues	Stockman	Meyers
Taxes	Has pledged to vote against any increase in taxes.	Has not signed the pledge against taxes. He has raised taxes in Beaumont to the point that Beaumont residents pay higher taxes than any other city in Texas. (4)
Drugs	Favors death penalty for drug kingpins.	Opposes death penalty for drug kingpins. (1); (7)
Budget	Believes in cutting spending, not expanding the budget. Also supports a line item veto for the President.	Has increased Beaumont's budget 14% last year alone and has had to put Beaumont into $93,351,091 of debt to pay for the increase.(2)
Gun Control	Opposes Gun Control and promises to protect gun owners' rights.	Favors Gun Control including mandatory licensing and a ban on all semi-automatic firearms. (1); (3); (7)
Values	Supports traditional family values. Will vote for pro-family and pro-children legislation. Opposes homosexuals teaching your children or adopting children.	Opposes family values. Favors homosexuals teaching your children. Favors homosexuals adopting children. (3)
Abortion	Believes in the sanctity of human life from conception. Favors parental consent legislation. Opposes abortions funded with federal tax revenue.	Favors abortion in the final 3 months of pregnancy, including right up to birth. Favors abortions for minors without parental consent. Favors abortions funded with federal tax revenue. (1); (3); (5); (6); (7)
Party Loyalty	A life-long Republican and activist in conservative politics. Strongly supports the Republican Platform.	A life-long Democrat, having always voted in the Democrat primary and opposes the Republican platform. (1); (6)

Stockman's Endorsements

Howard Phillips
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Richard Viguerie
United Conservatives of America

George Urbie II
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Conservative Victory Committee

Dr. Tim LaHaye
President, Family Life Seminars

Brad Wright
Republican State Representative, District 134

Charlie Hartland
Republican State Representative, District 149

Dr. James D. Morgan
State Republican Executive Committee, Senate District 10

Lt. Col. Oliver North (Ret.)
Former Marine Officer and Advisor To President Reagan

Young Conservatives of Texas

Galveston Police Association

Conservatives of Texas

Association of Conservatives of Texas

National Right To Life

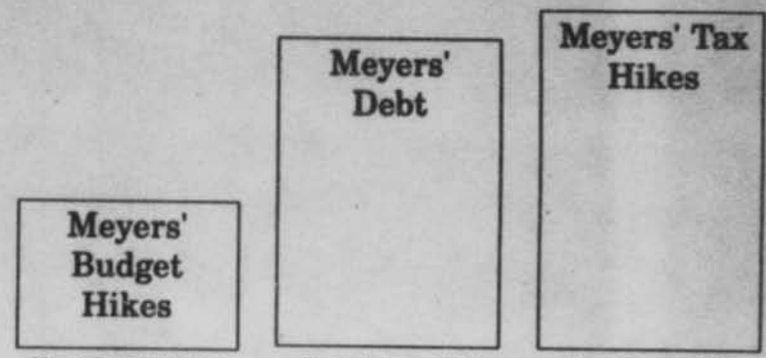
U.S. Senator Phil Gramm and Stockman.

Congressman Tom DeLay and Stockman.

State Sen. Buster Brown with Stockman.

1. Meyers Press Conference, Clear Lake, 10-5-92; 2. City of Beaumont Financial Records; 3. Golden Triangle Voters • Republican Club, 9-5-92; 4. Texas Research League; 5. Beaumont Enterprise, 12-7-92; 6. Human Events, 12-20-92; 7. Galveston Young Republican Forum, 9-16-92.

Meyers' record shows his true liberal Democrat, tax-and-spend philosophy.



Meyers' Beaumont Budget Up 14% Last Year Alone

Meyers' Beaumont Debt Up to $93,351,091.00

Meyers' Beaumont Sales Taxes Up 50%

Through greatly increased borrowing and spending, Maurice Meyers has managed to increase Beaumont's budget by more than 14% over last year alone — which he has attempted to offset by increasing Beaumont's sales taxes by 50%.†

Steve Stockman won't mortgage your future or raise your taxes.

A vote for Stockman for U.S. Congress is a vote *for* financial responsibility and *against* higher taxes.

† All Statistics have been taken from the City of Beaumont's Finance records or the Texas Research League.

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Association of Conservatives of Texas

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Conservatives of Texas

Galveston Police Association

American Vietnamese for Freedom

National Right to Life

A progressive-thinking congressman who will help our nation become a world leader and growing nation again.

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B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code JO ELLEN VALENTINE 2315 B FORREST DR ANNAPOLIS MD 21401 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation HOUSEWIFE Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 2,000.00	Date (month, day, year) 10/15/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code KEN CLARK 2512 FREDERICKSBURG LEAGUE CITY TX 77573 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer HOLLYWOOD HARDWARE Occupation SALESMAN Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 505.00	Date (month, day, year) 10/19/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 500.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code SHERRY CLARK 2512 FREDERICKSBURG LEAGUE CITY TX 77573 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation HOUSEWIFE Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year) 10/19/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code DANIEL NORTON 11518 SAGEVALLEY HOUSTON, TX 77089 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation RETIRED Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year) 10/20/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code ALTRICE NORTON 11518 SAGE VALLEY HOUSTON, TX 77089 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation HOUSEWIFE Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year) 10/20/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code ALBERT POLLANS 4445 THOMAS GUEN BEAUMONT TX 77706 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer SELF EMPLOYED Occupation CPA Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Dr. Robert Feldman 5 Gladeway Houston, Tx 77024 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: Self-employed Occupation: Surgeon Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 500	Date (month, day, year): 3-31-92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 500.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code William Schubert 12919 Golden Rainbow Cypress, Tx 77429 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: U.S. DOT Occupation: Regional Representative Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 700.00	Date (month, day, year): 3-31-92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 700.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Ken Jackson 12818 Chrywood Dr. Cypress, Tx 77429 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: NALCO Chem Co. Occupation: Sales Representative Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 500.00	Date (month, day, year): 3-31-92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 500.00
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B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code MRS NATHAN J ROGERS PO BOX 1310 BEAUMONT, TX 77704 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: Occupation: HOUSEWIFE Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year): 10/22/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 1,000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code RUTH S. ROGERS 2129 FOOTHILLS RD SANTE FE N.M. 87505 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: Occupation: RETIRED Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year): 10/26/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 1,000.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code VICTOR ROGERS, JR. PO BOX 691 RPT LOS, ANGELES CAL 90069 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: SELF EMPLOYED Occupation: INVESTMENTS Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year): 10/24/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 1,000.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code AL LEE PO BOX 260319 PLANO, TX 75026 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: MAGEC Occupation: OWNER Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 300.00	Date (month, day, year): 10/15/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 300.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code DAVID BARTON PO BOX 397 ALEDO TX 76008 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: WALLBUILDERS Occupation: LECTURER Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 500.00	Date (month, day, year): 10/23/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 500.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code JAY D. JENKINS STAR RT BOX 778 HANKAMER TX 77560 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: SELF EMPLOYED Occupation: FARMER Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 200.00	Date (month, day, year): 10/16/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 200.00
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C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code JAMES T GROSS 2201 NINTH ST N TEXAS CITY, TX 77590 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Occupation: PASTOR Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 50.00	Date (month, day, year): 9/18/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 50.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code RUSS LITTLE 10700 NW FWY #200 HOUSTON TX 77092 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: SELF Occupation: ATTORNEY Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 50.00	Date (month, day, year): 7/9/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 50.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code GRAY WAKEFIELD 619 HUNTER'S GLEN LANE HOUSTON, TX 77024 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: SELF Occupation: ACCOUNTANT Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1,000.00	Date (month, day, year): 7/1/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 1000.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code CINDY CATO 12229 28TH ST SANTA FE, TX 77510 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: ATTY GEN. OFFICE Occupation: COURT LIAISON Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 50.00	Date (month, day, year): 9/19/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 50.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code GEORGE PARKER 517 LEMO LAMARQUE, TX 77568 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer: Occupation: RETIRED Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 50.00	Date (month, day, year): 9/19/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period: 50.00

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A. MICHAEL B BOYLAN 4526 T C JESTER BLVD HOUSTON, TX 77018-	INVESTOR SELF	04/06/92	$ 250.00
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B. VICTOR J. ROGERS P.O. BOX 1311 BEAUMONT, TX 77704-	INVESTOR SELF	04/17/92	$ 500.00
[ ]primary [X]general	Aggreg yr-to-dt $ 500.00		
C. JUANA JACKSON 12818 CHRISWOOD CYPRESS, TX 77429-	HOMEMAKER SELF	04/28/92	$ 600.00
[ ]primary [X]general	Aggreg yr-to-dt $ 600.00		
D. BOB J. PERRY P.O. BOX 34153 HOUSTON, TX 77234-	OWNER PERRY HOMES	05/05/92	$1,000.00
[ ]primary [X]general	Aggreg yr-to-dt $ 1,000.00		
E. SHELLY RAE GORDON 1707 SHERIDAN BAYTOWN, TX 77520-	REQUESTED NOT RECVD REQUESTED NOT RECVD	05/14/92	$ 210.00
[ ]primary [X]general	Aggreg yr-to-dt $ 210.00		
F. DONALD W. WING 7285 BRYN MAWR CIRCLE HOUSTON, TX 77024-	RETIRED SELF	04/13/92	$ 500.00
[ ]primary [X]general	Aggreg yr-to-dt $ 500.00		
G. JOHN DIXON 2332 PECAN ORCHARD DR LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573-	SALESMAN SELF	05/15/92	$1,000.00
[ ]primary [X]general	Aggreg yr-to-dt $ 1,000.00		
H. RICHARD F REED 502 MULBERRY LN BELLAIRE, TX 77401-	OWNER BUBBA'S SHACK REST.	06/19/92	$ 300.00
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I. KENT ADAMS 4890 LITTLEWOOD BEAUMONT, TX 77705-	LAWYER SELF	06/19/92	$ 250.00
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Dear fellow Christians,

We are supporting Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress and want to urge you to vote for him in this Tuesday's Republican runoff. We have talked with Steve and know he is a Christian and stands for the traditional family values we all share.

While Steve has campaigned only on the issues, recently he has been under severe personal attack by his opponent. Matthew 5:11 says "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Since Steve has been unwavering in his Christian positions, this scripture is particularly pertinent.

Here is how Steve stands on the issues.

- Believes in the sanctity of human life from conception.
- Has pledged to vote against any increase in taxes.
- Opposes using tax dollars for pornography.
- Supports an increase in space exploration.
- Favors line item veto to cut government waste.
- Supports death penalty for drug kingpins.
- Opposes gun control.
- Favors enterprise zones to revitalize cities.

With freedom comes responsibility. It is our Christian responsibility as voters to support godly values and join the battle against evil of all kinds -- especially when it is in our own backyard. Please join us and vote for Steve Stockman on Tuesday.

This runoff is critical if we are to uphold Christian values in our nation. Your vote on Tuesday can make the difference.

Darrell and Pat Bolding
Grace Family Fellowship

Sister Anthony Theresa
Queen of Angels R.C. Church

John Vogel
St. Mary's Catholic Church

Wayne Hauffer
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

John Harris
Living Way Church

Dan Mache
Houston Church

Barbara McMahon
St. Paul's Catholic Church

Archie and Jill Crabtree
St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Jimmy Womack
Sagemont Baptist

Patricia Murphy
Sagemont Full Gospel

Wilda Lindstrom
First Baptist - Houston

Joe Kelly
Church of Joy

Ed Carter
Bookrook United Methodist

Marilyn Adams
University Baptist

Dick Vanair
Friends Church

Ron Dansi
First Baptist - Texas City

Ray and Beth Yglesias
Grace Community Church

Charles Candido
Living Stones

P.S. You can vote in the Republican runoff as long as you did note vote in the Democratic primary.

Dear fellow member of Gloria Dei,

While I supported former candidate and Gloria Dei member, Steve Clifford, in the primary, I am now supporting Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress and I want to urge you to vote for him in Tuesday's Republican runoff. I have met and visited with my neighbor, Steve Stockman and know that he is a Christian and stands for the traditional family values we all share, including the sanctity of human life from conception.

While Steve has campaigned only on the issues, recently he has come under severe personal attack. Matthew 5:11 states "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." Since Steve has been unwavering in his Christian positions, this scripture is particularly appropo.

With freedom comes responsibility. It is our Christian responsibility to fight the good fight of faith in the battle against evil of all kinds, including abortion. Especially when the battle is in our very backyard.

Please join me and vote for Steve Stockman on Tuesday.

Thank You and
God Bless You
Wayne Hauffer

P.S. Enjoy your wonderful new Family Life Center and do not forget to vote Tuesday April 10. Please read the accompanying literature, and judge for yourself.

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Name of Committee: STOCKMAN FOR U.S. CONGRESS '92

Name,mailing address,zip	Purpose of Disbursement	Date	Amount this per.
[illegible] HATCH [illegible] PEARL 6299 NACOGDOCHES, TX 75961-	CONTRACT STAFF PAY	06/01/92	$ 100.00
	CONTRACT STAFF PAY	06/09/92	$ 300.00
	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
[illegible] & P P.O. BOX 1545 HOUSTON, TX 77251-1545	ELECTRICITY	04/01/92	$ 89.80
	ELECTRIC-OFFICE	06/07/92	$ 66.70
	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
[illegible] HARRIS CO MUD # 55 [illegible] 300 PILGRIMS PT DR WEBSTER, TX 77598-	MC 55 10602000	06/23/92	$ 29.50
	[illegible]		$ 100.00
	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
[illegible] SHOT PIZZA [illegible] FM 528 [illegible], TX 77546-	PIZZA FOR VOLUNTEERS	04/14/92	$ 17.00
	PIZZA FOR VOLUNTEERS	04/15/92	$ 17.00
	PIZZA FOR VOLUNTEERS	04/16/92	$ 17.00
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[illegible] [illegible] PADRE ISLAND DR [illegible] CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78412-	CONSULTING	06/08/92	$ 250.00
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	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
[illegible] SUITE912A [illegible] TX 77098-	CONTRACT STAFF PAY	06/01/92	$ 100.00
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	06/05/92	$ 4.00
	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] TX 77062-	CONSULTING	04/14/92	$ 75.00
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	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
12. JOSE HERNANDEZ INS P.O. BOX 7845 HOUSTON, TX 7727[illegible]	INSURANCE	04/[illegible]/92	$ 227.23
	[ ]Jdciary [X]general		
13. KELLY GORDON [illegible] [illegible] TX 77520	MONEY ORDER	05/[illegible]/92	$ 400.00
	CONTRACT STAFF PAY	05/14/92	$ 300.00
	CONTRACT STAFF PAY	05/19/92	$ 482.87
	CONTRACT STAFF PAY	06/08/92	$ 500.00
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14. KINKO'S 707 NASA RD 1 HOUSTON, TX 77058	PRINTING SERVICES	04/[illegible]/92	$ 40.00
	OFFICE SUPPLIES	04/[illegible]/92	$ 4.29
	PRINTING SERVICES	04/[illegible]/92	$ 26.50
	PRINTING SERVICES	04/[illegible]/92	$ 11.55
	PRINTING SERVICES	04/[illegible]/92	$ 7.61
	PRINTING SERVICES	04/[illegible]/92	$ 41.62
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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code RAYMOND H. DILLARD P O BOX 191 MEXIA, TX 76667 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer SELF EMPLOYED Occupation ATTORNEY Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000.00	Date (month, day, year) 7/23/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code JOAN CASTLE JOSEFF 10060 TOLUCA LAKE AVE TOLUCA LAKE, CA 91602 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer JOSEFF-HOLLYWOOD Occupation C.E.O Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 4,000.00	Date (month, day, year) 8/2/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code DON WING 285 BRYN MAWR CIRCLE HOUSTON, TX 77024 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer RETIRED Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000.00	Date (month, day, year) 8/4/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 500.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code CAROLE MATCHETTE 4918 CALVIN TARZANA, CA 91356 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer SELF EMPLOYED Occupation INVESTMENTS Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000.00	Date (month, day, year) 8/3/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code WALLY WALLINGFORD 89 BAYOU LANE KEMAH, TX 77565 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 250.00	Date (month, day, year) 8/7/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 250.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code GEORGE A PICOU JR 501 E. MAIN HOUMA LA 70360 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer SELF EMPLOYED Occupation ATTORNEY Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 4000.00	Date (month, day, year) 8/5/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 1000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code SHIRLEY PICOU 501 E. MAIN HOUMA LA 70360 Receipt For: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify):	Name of Employer Occupation HOUSEWIFE Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 500.00	Date (month, day, year) 8/5/92	Amount of Each Receipt this Period 500.00

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reciated "a few hundred more votes" to finish the race without a runoff.

"Our strategy will be to continue to do the same," Meyers said.

He said he will concentrate on voters in southeast Harris County and Galveston County in the next four weeks to reach the voters who know him less.

Meyers said the third opponent in the race, Steve Clifford, contacted him late Tuesday to endorse him in the runoff and offered his support in the campaign.

Stockman could not be reached for comment Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

District-wide figures from the Secretary of State's office, with 94 percent of the votes in, indicated a Republican runoff between the conservative Friendswood businessman and Meyers. The tally showed Meyers netting the most votes with 7,617 or 46.3 percent of the votes, Stockman netting 6,608 or 40.2 percent of the votes and Clear Lake planetary scientist Steve Clifford grabbing 2,216 votes or 13.5 percent of the votes. None of the three Republican candidates received more than 50 percent of the votes to avoid a runoff.

As of midnight, figures from the office of the Secretary of State showed incumbent Congressman Jack Brooks won easily over his sound-alike opponent Jack Brookshire in the Democrat primary Tuesday. With 96 percent of the votes in, Brooks took 72.9 percent of the votes with 51,374 to Brookshire's 27 percent with 19,104 votes.

Meyers took an early lead in Jefferson County, his home county, with 80 percent of the absentee votes. Absentee votes in the 17 precincts of south Harris County within the district showed the three Republican candidates almost neck-and-neck with Clifford wi 28 percent, Meyers with 33 perce and Stockman with 38 percent the votes.

Later on in the evening, with ju 29 percent of the Harris Coun votes in, Stockman was runnin way ahead in the county with percent of the votes over Meyer 18 percent and Clifford's 32 pe cent.

Tallies of Republican votes fro both Chambers and Galvest counties came in slowly all nig with no official count by midnig A spokesperson from the coun clerk's office of Galveston Coun said an accumulator, which tot the votes from the precincts, mu functioned, causing totals to com in more slowly than expected.

With 21 percent of the Rep blican votes in Jefferson Count where Meyers gained a reputati for helping his city out of economic slump, Meyers gained percent of the votes to Stockman

Citizen photo by Brenda Pribula

Steve Stockman, center, talked with supporter and campaign worker Lora Weeks during a post-election party at South Shore Harbour in League City. Stockman will meet Maury Meyers in a runoff election to be the Republican candidate to go up against incumbent Democrat Jack Brooks for the District 9 U.S. Congress seat.

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Attachment 15 **Examples of press coverage Stockman received during his 1990 and 1992 campaigns:**

15a. Newspaper article "Questions surround Stockman: Records dispute candidate's employment, education claims", *Beaumont Enterprise*, dated 3/23/90.

15b. Editorial "Stockman's distortions cap muddy campaign", *Beaumont Enterprise*, dated 4/8/90.

15c. Alan Bernstein's column, "National convention continues to have ripple effect locally," *Houston Chronicle*, 8/23/92.

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Friday 25 cents

Beaumont Enterprise

March 23, 1990 Beaumont, Texas

Questions surround Stockman

Records dispute candidate's employment, education claims

STOCKMAN

By PATRICK K. GRAVES
Staff writer

Contrary to campaign literature and statements to newspeople, Republican congressional candidate Steve Stockman has not worked as an accountant or directly for IBM, and he is not a college graduate, the Beaumont Enterprise has learned.

At least two of Stockman's brochures say he received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, but give no graduation date. University officials say Stockman is not a graduate.

Betty Leighton, a clerk in the registrar's office, said Stockman has not received approval for graduation. She said he enrolled in the spring of 1987 and attended full time through the summer of 1989.

Academic adviser Karen Morton in the dean's office in the School of Business also confirmed that Stockman has not received an accounting degree.

"He did apply for graduation but failed to provide us with transcripts from other schools for required courses," Morton said. "His course work here is OK. He's fulfilled upper level course work here but not lower level."

Leighton described Stockman as a good student with lots of credit hours. Morton said she does not know whether Stockman has completed all his degree requirements but that his current academic status is inactive.

Stockman, 33, of Friendswood insisted Thursday that he graduated and participated in commencement exercises in August 1989. He said, however, that he does not have a diploma.

He said Morton's version of his

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situation is untrue and that he received a letter from the school in January questioning one of his courses.

The cause of the problem is a lower-level mathematics course that the school is contesting for fulfillment of degree requirements. Stockman said he has taken the course and is fighting to clear up the matter and obtain his degree.

Stockman said he considers himself an accountant because he studied in that field. He said the only accounting work he has done was income tax return preparation while he was a student.

Stockman's literature states he works for a Houston computer firm. In December he identified the company as IBM.

Stockman disclosed Thursday that, although he has sold IBM computers to educational clients for about a year, he actually receives his paycheck from Manpower Inc., a Houston employment service. Stockman said he attends IBM staff meetings and receives both a commission and salary.

Czolgus Evans, a Houston IBM marketing representative, confirmed that Stockman has a contractual relationship with IBM through Manpower. A Manpower receptionist in Houston said Stockman registered with the agency in the fall of 1989 and is an employee.

Stockman said he was a researcher and technical computer consultant for UH-Clear Lake for two years and performed some accounting duties in that position.

Stockman's latest campaign financial report filed in late February lists him as a self-employed accountant.

Stockman blamed Maury Meyers, his opponent in the April 10 primary runoff, for circulating rumors leading to the revelations as well as several inquiries from news organizations about other matters. He said he will rebut them more fully today at a news conference where he had planned to discuss economic development and his runoff campaign strategy.

Stockman criticized Meyers for engaging in mud-slinging and personal attacks out of desperation because "he can't win on the issues." He said Meyers is upset because of Stockman's near-41 percent showing in the March 13 primary.

Stockman also accused Meyers of hiring a private detective to investigate him.

"We've got guys out front checking our garbage," he said.

Meyers denied hiring a private investigator.

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EDITORIALS

Stockman's distortions cap muddy campaign

Dirty politics and personal attacks have marred several statewide races in Texas, but they have played a particularly ugly role in one local campaign.

The tactics of distortion by Republican congressional candidate Steve Stockman have been highly questionable from the beginning. But a recent letter written on behalf of Stockman, and approved by him, offers more outright lies, misleading information and false comparisons than one can refute in this space.

The letter was written for the most part by Stockman supporter R.M. "Ric" Warchol, a local businessman frequently at odds with Beaumont Mayor Maury Meyers, Stockman's opponent in the race to oppose Democrat Jack Brooks this fall.

The letter refers to Meyers as deceitful, an opportunist, unpredictable and a quitter. Examples of the distortions in the letter, followed by the facts, include:

DISTORTION: After residents voted to cut taxes, Meyers increased taxes 50 percent. FACT: In the first place, mayors don't increase or decrease taxes. A majority vote of the city council or the voters does. Residents voted by a wide margin to increase the local sales tax, which automatically cut property taxes by an equal amount.

DISTORTION: When Meyers first took office in 1978 the city had a $7 million surplus, and when he left in 1982 it had a $7 million deficit. FACT: The city had a $7 million surplus in the general fund balance in 1978, but one then would have to include bond money spent on capital projects to come up with a deficit of $7 million in 1982. Comparing the general fund balance that showed a $7 million surplus to the same fund when Meyers left office in 1982 would have shown a $700,000 deficit. The city now has a $3.5 million surplus.

DISTORTION: The city is $93 million in debt. FACT: This is a reference to bonded indebtedness approved by voters during several administrations over the past 25 years. No new bond issues have come before Meyers since he returned to office in 1986.

DISTORTION: Meyers supports gun control. FACT: Meyers opposes gun control, but would consider endorsing President Bush's decision to ban the import of foreign-made semi-automatic weapons.

DISTORTION: Meyers approves of homosexuals teaching school children and adopting children. FACT: Meyers has never made any such statement.

DISTORTION: Meyers favors abortion, including sex-selection abortions and for minors without parental consent. FACT: Meyers personally opposes abortion but supports a woman's right to make the decision. He opposes sex-selection abortions, and has not made a decision on parental consent because of his concern that in the case of incest, a child might have to get consent from the person involved in the incest.

Stockman, who has no public record on which to run, has problems with the truth about his own background, including whether he was graduated from college and whether he officially works for IBM.

Southeast Texas voters do not deserve the kind of dishonesty the Stockman campaign has displayed.

The Enterprise already has endorsed Maury Meyers in Tuesday's runoff because of the mayor's record of achievement.

The Enterprise not only stands by its endorsement, but it also believes voters should make a strong statement against this kind of campaigning.

Republicans who want a serious candidate to challenge Jack Brooks should reject the Stockman campaign's unprincipled tactics and vote for a proven leader in Maury Meyers.

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National convention continues to have ripple effect locally

Alan Bernstein

JUST AS EXPECTED, the Republican National Convention elephant blew its trunk onto the state and local political scene.

■ In welcoming remarks to the convention, Houston Mayor Bob Lanier, Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay and U.S. Rep. Bill Archer of Houston portrayed the city as a bastion of Republicanism and conservative values.

Indeed, private business interests have been as powerful as government in Houston, in ways that would make any conservative thinker smile.

But Houston is anything but a one-party town. Kathy Whitmire, a Democrat and an adamant abortion-rights advocate, ruled City Hall for a decade. U.S. Reps. Craig Washington, Mike Andrews and Jack Brooks, all Democrats, represent part of the county.

And Whitmire's successor, Lanier, offers a vision of how government can reverse the population drain from the inner city — a pattern driven by economic forces. That approach doesn't conform with the Republican idea of downsizing government and letting the free market determine the future.

"We don't need Washington bureaucrats telling us how to run things," Lindsay shouted during his turn at the podium. "These are *our* schools, *our* prisons and *our* charity hospitals. We have different problems than they do in New York City or Miami or Los Angeles."

His plea connects with every voter's disgust with red-tape and government gridlock. But in addition to ignoring the fact that urban problems are strikingly similar all across the country, it ignores the role of a centralized government.

Without federal intervention, our schools might still be segregated. Without federal funding, our pre-school children might not have access to the Headstart program.

■ The convention keynote speech by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas was rated by the delegates as one of the biggest bombs of the convention. After listening supportively to a speech by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp, some delegates walked out during Gramm's speech.

Will that deter Gramm's presidential ambitions for the 1996? Of course not. Bill Clinton gave a bad speech to the Democratic convention in 1988, and four years later he accepted the party's presidential nomination.

■ State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, a cheerleader in college, proved herself an able cheerleader for the GOP as temporary chair of the convention. Look for Hutchison to be invited to speak at Republican functions across the nation — where she can reap campaign contributions for a run at higher office.

■ Abortion-rights "defenders" who countered anti-abortion demonstrators at local abortion clinics became a captive audience for politicking.

Democratic state Sen. Gene Green, who changed to an abortion-rights stance in February during his campaign for the 29th Congressional District seat, spoke to the "pro-choice" side at the downtown Planned Parenthood clinic.

Similar words of support came on another day from Republican Jerry Hall, who is challenging state Rep. Debra Danburg, another abortion-rights advocate.

Green's Republican opponent for Congress, Clark Kent Ervin, conducted a fund-raiser with Kemp at his side. The event was promoted to the news media by Virtle Bennett, who said he remains on the payroll of Ben Reyes, the Democrat defeated in the primary by Green.

Reyes, meanwhile, organized a demonstration outside a Gramm reception co-sponsored by the National Rifle Association. Reyes blamed his July 28 runoff defeat partly on the NRA's advertising campaign for Green, who favors allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed handguns.

■ Steve Stockman, the Republican challenging U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks of Beaumont, organized a "congressional cruise" on the Ship Channel, designed to let donors mix and mingle with House members. But according to the Associated Press, no members of Congress showed up.

Stockman was quoted as blaming the situation on the busy schedules of the congressmen. But Republican House members in the Houston area had put out the word days earlier that the cruise didn't have their blessing. They claimed that Stockman had concealed the fact that profits from the cruise would go to Stockman's campaign fund.

■ Lanier and Lindsay will most likely earn political points for the the city's smooth logistical performance.

Air

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adoption of rules.

This plan is supported by the Greater Houston Partnership, which includes the Chamber of Commerce, as a way to let industrial and other economic growth proceed in the area as the Clean Air Act's tough new mandates are phased in.

Companies that reduce pollution more than the act requires would get credits that they could sell to other companies — including new industries seeking to locate facilities here.

Under the act, industries in the Houston area will have to "offset" every ton of pollutants they propose to emit from a new plant by eliminating 1.3 tons of existing pollutants elsewhere. They could meet that requirement by buying another company being studied by an advisory committee that will report to the board by early next year.

James Dodds, an air board official working on the issue, said concerns about the creation or perpetuation of pollution "hot spots" in certain neighborhoods will become a bigger issue if officials decide to allow credits for purposes other than as "offsets."

If they are used only for "offsets," the agency would continue its current practice of scrutinizing a new plant's proposed emissions before issuing a permit, in order to require that pollution does not exceed specified maximum levels in areas nearby, he said.

The board's advisory committee is studying whether to let industries also use emission credits in lieu of the "best available" pollution controls required at new plants, or as the sole means of meeting emission-reduction requirements.

Fund, which strongly supports market-based solutions to environmental problems.

George Smith, the state Sierra Club's air quality chairman, said that group is wary of moving ahead now even with a plan that would allow using emission credits solely to meet "offset" requirements.

"Hot spots" could result in industrial areas, he said, if industries are allowed to increase emissions there by buying credits that were earned for reducing automobile pollution in another Houston-area location far away.

State officials have said two elements of a market-based approach "most likely" to be adopted here would let businesses earn emission credits by converting vehicle fleets to cleaner-burning natural gas and by voluntarily exceeding the Clean Air Act's requirements for reducing the solitary commuting by their employees.

Attachment 16 **Copies of candidate "comparisons" distributed by the Young Conservatives of Texas (YCT) and the Southeast Texas Roundtable to promote Stockman's candidacy.** The two comparisons (Attachments 16a and 16b) contrasting Maury Meyers with Steve Stockman were issued by the YCT during the 1990 primary and runoff. The address listed on the bottom of both is that of Mr. Brian T. Carter, who, as seen in the accompanying resignation letter to the FEC (Attachment 16c), served as Mr. Stockman's campaign treasurer from May 14, 1991 to May 25, 1992. The other two comparisons, contrasting Rep. Jack Brooks with Stockman (Attachment 16d), were issued by the Southeast Texas Roundtable during Stockman's 1992 general election campaign. The Southeast Texas Roundtable is a group of politically active pastors that Mr. Stockman helped organize from local area churches. In addition to their endorsement of Stockman (Attachment 16e) and the publication of the "Brooks vs. Stockman" comparison flyer (which was actually composed by Mr. Stockman's campaign), Mr. Stockman was invited to address the congregations of several Roundtable pastors.

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The Candidates from the Ninth Congressional District:

Where They Stand on the Issues

	Stockman	Brooks	Meyers
Supports the Republican Party Platform	yes	no	no
In favor of federally-funded abortion	no	yes	yes
In favor of Congressional pay raise	no	yes	no opinion
In favor of using tax dollars for pornography	no	yes	no opinion
Opposes any increase in federal or local taxes	yes	no	no
Favors death penalty for drug kingpins	yes	no	?
In favor of negotiating with PLO terrorist organization	no	yes	yes
Would favor moving U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem	yes	no	no opinion
Voted in Democratic Primary as a Democrat	no	yes	yes

Produced by Young Conservatives of Texas - Clear Lake, a non-partisan organization, supporting both Democrats and Republicans. The purpose of this flier is to inform and educate the general public. The issues represented are considered to be important by those individuals supporting traditional family values and a conservative foreign policy. Due to the non-partisan nature of this material, churches, synagogues, and other religious organizations may distribute this flier without jeopardizing their tax-exempt status. ***Exercise your right to vote. You may do so by absentee ballot or at the polls on March 13, 1990. You will make the difference. Please copy this flier and mail to five or more individuals.***

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Ninth U.S. Congressional District
1990 Republican Primary

Voter's Guide

Issues	Stockman	Meyers
Taxes	**Has pledged to vote against any increase in taxes.**	Has not signed the pledge against taxes. He **has raised taxes** in Beaumont to the point that Beaumont residents pay higher taxes than any other city in Texas. (3)
Drugs	**Favors death penalty for drug kingpins.**	**Opposes death penalty for drug kingpins.** (1)
Gun Control	**Opposes Gun Control** and promises to protect gun owners' rights.	**Favors** Gun Control including mandatory licensing and a **ban on all** semi-automatic **firearms.** (1); (2)
Values	**Supports traditional family values.** Will vote for pro-family and pro-children legislation. Opposes homosexuals teaching your children or adopting children.	Opposes family values. **Favors homosexuals teaching your children.** Favors homosexuals adopting children. (2)
Abortion	**Believes in the sanctity of human life** from conception. Favors parental consent legislation. Opposes abortions funded with federal tax revenue. Led fight for Pro-Life resolution at his Republican Senatorial District Convention.	**Favors abortion in the final 3 months of pregnancy,** including right up to birth. Favors abortions for minors without parental consent. Favors abortions funded with federal tax revenue. (1); (4); (5)
Party Loyalty	**A life-long Republican** and activist in conservative politics. Strongly supports the Republican Platform.	**A life-long Democrat,** having always voted in the Democrat primary and opposes the Republican platform. (1); (5)

(1) Meyers Press Conference, Clear Lake, 12-6-89; (2) Golden Triangle Woman's Republican Club, 2-5-90; (3) Texas Research League; (4) Beaumont Enterprise, 12-7-89; (5) Human Events, 12-30-89.

Clear Lake Area
Young Conservatives of Texas

The Young Conservatives of Texas is a non-partisan political youth organization dedicated to promoting the conservative philosophy, the conservatism, and informing the public about candidates and issues. In this capacity, we offer the following voter's guide.

All of the information has been taken from that candidate's literature, speeches made by that candidate, or responses to our questions from that candidate. We hope that this guide will make you a more informed voter.

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Brian T. Carter
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Clerk of the House
U.S. House of Representatives

Effective 12:01 am on May 25, 1992, I, Brian T. Carter, dissolved, severed, and/or discontinued any and all relationships, dealings, and/or arrangements with the 1992 Stockman for U.S. Congress campaign in the Ninth U.S. Congressional District of Texas, previous campaigns for Steve Stockman, and/or Steve Stockman himself, of 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, in the county of Harris within the state of Texas.

I am no longer the treasurer of the 1992 Stockman for U.S. Congress campaign in the Ninth U.S. Congressional District of Texas and/or any previous campaign for Steve Stockman, and I no longer accept any financial responsibility and/or liability for any campaigns for Steve Stockman.

Further, I do not accept responsibility for any activities performed, positions stated, and/or obligations made, by anyone on behalf of any campaign for Steve Stockman.

I hereby declare my full independence from the Steve Stockman, the 1992 Stockman for U.S. Congress campaign in the Ninth U.S. Congressional District of Texas, and/or any previous campaign for Steve Stockman.

Brian T. Carter 26 May 1992

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Family Values Scorecard

Challenger

Steve Stockman

U.S. Congressional District 9

Chambers, Galveston, Jefferson, Harris (parts SE, SW)

Incumbent

Jack Brooks

AGAINST	NEA/Taxpayer Funded Pornography	FOR
FOR	Term Limits	AGAINST
AGAINST	Gun Control	AGAINST
FOR	Death Penalty	AGAINST
AGAINST	Raising Taxes	FOR
AGAINST	9th Month Abortions*	FOR
FOR	Investigation & Disclosure of Congressional Scandals	AGAINST
FOR	Balanced Budget Amendment	AGAINST
AGAINST	Congressional Perks	FOR
FOR	Abstinence-Based Sex Education	AGAINST
AGAINST	Gay "Rights"	FOR

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Family Values Scorecard

In office

Jack Brooks

U.S. Congressional District 9

Chambers, Galveston, Jefferson, Harris (parts SE, SW)

Candidate

Steve Stockman

AGAINST	Term Limitations	FOR
FOR	NEA/Taxpayer Funded Pornography	AGAINST
AGAINST	Gun Control	AGAINST
AGAINST	Death Penalty	FOR
FOR	Special Congressional Privileges	AGAINST
FOR	9th Month Aborti s	AGAINST
AGAINST	Investigation & Disclosure of Congressional Scandals	FOR
AGAINST	Balanced Budget Amendment	FOR
FOR	Raising Taxes	AGAINST
FOR	Environmental Laws that Eliminate Jobs	AGAINST
FOR	Gay "Rights"	AGAINST

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Southeast Texas Roundtable

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Rev. James D. Wright
South Shore Church of the Living Water

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October 18, 1992

Dear Friend,

Recently, the Southeast Texas Roundtable, a group of local pastors, began meeting together for the purpose of helping to restore morality and righteousness to our government. We believe the most effective method to affect change is to elect men and women to office that believe in and will make laws consistent with biblical, moral principles.

One man we feel holds these values is running for election to the United States Congress from District 9 of Texas. His name is Steve Stockman. Steve is an accountant that has worked for McKee Environmental Health, Incorporated. In addition, during the last fifteen years he has been involved with the political system as a precinct chairman, campaign director, campaign finance chairman, area coordinator for national campaigns, and now as a candidate himself.

Steve is running against Jack Brooks who has held the District 9 seat for 40 years. We believe it is time for a change. Enclosed is a political scorecard prepared by a non-partisan public information group that shows the stand each candidate takes on some important issues. If you agree that Steve Stockman reflects the values that most of us Americans have cherished all our lives, then help place him in office by casting your vote for Steve Stockman on election day.

This endorsement is sent to you by the pastors listed on this stationery. However, we are not speaking for any group or church, but simply as concerned citizens who want a return to moral, biblical values in government. All expenses for this letter have been paid for by private donations.

Sincerely,

Pastor Paul Golden

P.S. Don't forget to vote early, if you can.

P.O. Box 3218, Galveston, Texas 77552 Phone: (713) 486-0837, FAX: (713) 486-6801

"Righteousness exalts a nation." * Proverbs 14:34

** Churches' names listed for reference only*

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JANUARY 6, 1994

Stephen M. Clifford
Friends of LeCour
P.O. Box 591414
Houston, TX 77259-1414

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Clifford:

This letter acknowledges receipt on December 29, 1993, of your complaint dated December 27, 1993, alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), by Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times, Conservative Action Network, Southeast Texas Roundtable, The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas, Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, and Wright for Senate Committee and Joe Terry Rye, as treasurer. The respondents will be notified of this complaint within five days.

Your letter seeks injunctive relief to prevent the Southeast Texas Times from continuing to engage in the allegedly improper activity. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6) provides that the Commission may seek such relief at the end of the administrative enforcement process. Accordingly, the Commission will not grant your request for injunctive relief at this time.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JANUARY 6, 1994

Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Stockman:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Friends of Steve Stockman and you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please call Joan McEnery at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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JANUARY 6, 1994

Jeff Van Fleet
Southeast Texas Times
190 B2 Gulf Freeway, Suite 115
League City, TX 77573

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Van Fleet:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Southeast Texas Times and you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Southeast Texas Times and you in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

The complainant seeks injunctive relief to prevent the Southeast Texas Times from continuing to engage in the allegedly improper activity. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6) provides that the Commission may seek such relief at the end of the administrative enforcement process. Accordingly, the Commission will not grant the complainant's request for injunctive relief at this time. The Commission will proceed with the processing of the remainder of the complaint pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a).

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This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

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Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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JANUARY 6, 1994

Kathryn A. Wood, Treasurer
Fields for Senate
P.O. Box 2828
Humble, TX 77347

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Wood:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Fields for Senate and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against Fields for Senate and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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If you have any questions, please call Joan McEnery at (202) 219-3690. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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JANUARY 6, 1994

Joe Terry Rye, Treasurer
Wright for Senate Committee
16302 Waycreek
Houston, TX 77068

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Rye:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Wright for Senate Committee and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Wright for Senate Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JANUARY 6, 1994

President
Conservative Action Network
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Madam or Sir:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Conservative Action Network may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

JANUARY 6, 1994

President
The Clear Lake Area
Young Conservatives of Texas
45 Lazy Lane
Kemah, TX 77565

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Madam or Sir:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 3847. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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12 January 1994

Mr. Lawrence Noble
Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Noble:

I received a letter dated 6 January 1994, regarding the complaint filed and numbered MUR 3847. The purpose of this letter is to explain our involvement in the newspaper the "Southeast Texas Times".

When Jack Fields ran for U.S. Senate in the special election in Texas earlier this year, I was contacted by numerous small newspapers across the state to place advertising. The "Southeast Texas Times" was one of many who contacted me. I never had any knowledge of any connection between the newspaper and Steve Stockman until I received the notice from the FEC.

My decision to place an ad and submit editorials to the paper was based solely on the paper's special space station edition which would reach voters favorable to Mr. Fields. My records indicate that we placed one ad at a cost of $100, check #1308 dated 3/25/93, and several editorials in the special edition. This was one-time political advertising only, with no intention of supporting any other candidate, and as mentioned before, with no knowledge of Stockman's alleged connection with the paper.

Based on the above, in the event that a violation is found regarding Stockman and the "Southeast Texas Times", I would respectfully request that no action be taken against Fields for Senate or me, as treasurer. Please inform me of your decision.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Ann Wood
Treasurer

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State Reps. Tell Area Residents Gov. Richards is Lying

At a special area "Town Hall Meeting" in Clear Lake City April 1, Houston-area legislators warned voters, parents and school employees that Texas Governor Ann Richards, other politicians and state education bureaucrats have been lying to the public about the effects of a statewide voter rejection of the proposed "Robin Hood" amendment to the Texas Constitution.

Richards, along with other supporters of Proposition One -- the "Robin Hood" amendment that sets up a state property tax in Texas -- have been using scare tactics against taxpayers, parents, school children and teachers across the state, telling Texas voters that if the amendment is rejected in the May 1 special election, Texas schools will close and teachers will be fired.

State Representatives John Culberson, Mike Jackson, and Robert Talton told voters that the campaign tactics being used by pro-Robin Hood leaders, including Texas Governor Ann Richards, are "a complete deception" and a "total fraud."

Neither the passage or defeat of the "Robin Hood" amendment will have an effect on the June 1, 1993 deadline set by ultra-liberal Austin State Judge Scott McCowan, who has threatened to "withhold" some state funds from Texas school districts if the Legislature does not come up with a "school finance bill" -- a funding bill *totally separate* from the "Robin Hood" amendment -- that meets the court system's criteria for "tax equity."

"The Texas legislature must pass a separate school finance bill before June 1. This is what the court wants. Judge McCowan told state officials that the only thing the court needs to remove the June 1 deadline is a school finance bill, not a constitutional amendment," Culberson told the voters from Harris and Galveston counties who had gathered in Clear Lake. Culberson, a Houston state representative and attorney, is a member of the House Judicial Committee in the Texas Legislature.

Judge McCowan told legislative leaders in January, "I want to emphasize that we do not need to have a constitutional amendment to fix this (school funding) problem."

In agreement are the lawyers for the poorer school districts in Texas, whose lawsuits against the state for school tax equity have created the tremendous legal and legislative battles over school funding that have resulted in this year's constitutional referendum.

The Equity Center, a statewide organization of lawyers representing poorer school districts who hope to gain more state funding and tax equity, reported in February that the Robin Hood bill, "only provides for the recapture means of of any number of different(finance) plans and approaches the legislature has at its disposal...The legislature still has to pass a complete school finance bill."

In plain language, the issue in the courts is not about the means of collecting funds, such as the "Robin Hood" amendment or any number of possible alternative mechanisms. The issue is about the equity of the legislature's separate school finance bill, which must be passed after the May 1 election and before the June 1 court-set deadline.

As State Senator Jerry Patterson has repeatedly said, "If the attorneys for the poorer districts do not

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Fields Urges $385 Billion in Spending Cuts

Space Station Supporter Says No to Clinton Tax Plan

U. S. Congressman Jack Fields (R-Humble), a leading Congressional supporter of NASA and Space Station Freedom who is a candidate for the United States Senate in the May 1st special election to fill the senate seat from Texas vacated by Lloyd Bentsen, has written to Bill Clinton outlining 28 specific spending cuts that would reduce federal spending by $385 billion over the next five years while preserving America's commitment to the NASA space program and the current Space Station Freedom project.

The Houston-area Congressman, who led the effort two years ago to prevent a shift of space program work and jobs from Clear Lake, has strongly criticized Clinton for proposing a "down-sizing" and "re-design" of the Space Station.

Fields has also strongly criticized the Clinton administration for calling for tax increases to "reduce the deficit" while at the same time has proposed large spending increases and a "socialized medicine scheme" that could cost taxpayers and consumers $100 billion a year.

Fields says he's confident that spending cuts such as he has proposed will "reduce the budget deficit while sparing working families in Texas higher taxes."

Fields' 28 specific recommendations range from cutting the over-all Congressional budget by 25 percent (savings: $3.5 billion) to privatizing AMTRAK ($2.6 billion), and includes proposals to eliminate federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities ($5.2 billion), the Appalachian Regional Commission ($540 million), the National Fertilizer Development Center ($100 million), the Economic Development Administration ($870 million), the Legal Services Corporation ($1.9 billion), the Job Corps program ($4.7 billion), and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting ($883 million).

Jack Fields, front runner for the Republicans

He proposed to terminate a number of federal commissions, including the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission, the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad, and others. Doing so would save $1.2 billion over five years.

Additionally, Fields urged the Clinton Administration to fully implement legislation to prohibit direct federal benefits and unemployment benefits to illegal aliens ($27 billion); to require all food stamp recipients to work in exchange for their benefits ($600 million); and to end the practice of providing Pell Grants (college grants) to incarcerated prisoners ($280 million).

Fields is a strong supporter of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and of providing the president with the line-item veto. He said his proposed spending cuts "represent things we can do now, today, to start saving money, until the Democrat Congressional leadership finally hears the public's demand for the balanced budget amendment, loud and clear."

The largest single money-saving proposal in the Fields' package is his call for a two-year freeze at current levels on the overhead costs of non postal civilian agencies such as transportation and rental costs, phone and utility costs, equipment costs, etc. The freeze would save $136.7 billion per year.

Fields' second-largest single money-saving proposal is his call for a two percent across-the-board reduction in entitlement programs, except for Social Security and Veterans programs. The two percent cut would save $107 billion a year.

"America's senior citizens and American Veterans have earned their benefits. Social Security benefits are paid out of the Social Security trust funds, and do not contribute to the alarming budget deficit."

The Clinton administration has proposed $378 billion in cuts over five years but has also called for $328 billion in higher taxes. The Clinton "stimulus package" would increase federal spending by billions of dollars.

Fields has said he will oppose the Clinton taxes. "It's the largest tax increase in our nation's history. And the fact is that, for every dollar raised through higher taxes, Congress has spent $1.59. The last budget agreement in 1990, which I worked against on the floor of the Congress, actually spent $2.37 for every dollar in new taxes it raised."

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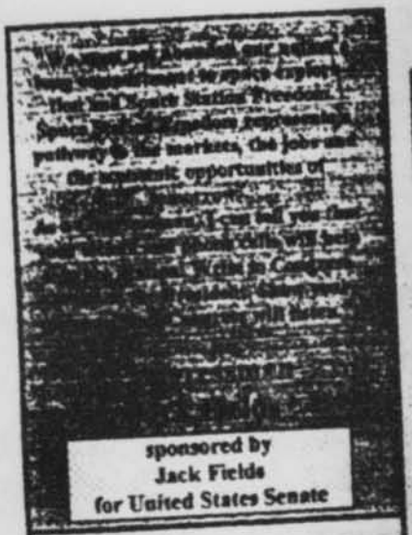

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Jerry Patterson
Texas State Senator
District 11

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Write and call the President of the United States and express your support for Space Station Freedom!

Write and call the targeted Senators and Congressmen listed on the facing page!

Contact the Space Station Freedom Fighters and sign and help circulate the Pro-Station Petition (See back page of this supplement for a "Master Copy" which you can duplicate!)

If you are a faculty member, college administrator, student, or if you have children in school, contact the Young Conservatives of Texas Pro-Space Station group at UH-Clear Lake!

If you are a teacher, contact Johnson Space Center, Space Center Houston and local aerospace companies and learn what resources are available to you for teaching your students about the U.S. Space Program and Space Station Freedom! Have your class write to the President and Congress in support of Space Station!

If you have friends, relatives or business associates in other cities or states, send them a copy of this supplement and ask them to take action supporting Freedom!

If you belong to a group or organization:
Take the Freedom Fighters Petition to your next meeting and ask your group to sign it!
Ask your group to hold a Pro-Freedom letter writing session!
Ask your district, state and national leadership to participate! Make copies of these pages and send to them!

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Steve Stockman
1992 Republican Candidate for U.S. Congress District 9

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Wade Webster
President
Clear Lake Republicans

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Upcoming Community Events

Kevin Herrington's 6th Annual March of Dimes Family Fun '93

There will be a Bar-B-Que and Chili Cook-off on Saturday March 20 at the Walter Hall Park in League City. To enter the cook-off or for more information contact Kevin at (713) 559-2000

Clear Lake Republicans

present George Scott, Pres.Tax Research Assoc..Speaking on the "Robin Hood" school finance amendment. Thursday March 11 at 7 p.m. Harris Co. Courthouse Annex. 16603 Buccaneer, 2nd floor. For information call 488-1318.

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The Clear Lake Symphony

presents Benedetto Marcello's *Oboe Concerto in C Minor*. The concert will be on March 27 at 8 p.m. at Webster Intermediate School. Tickets may be purchased at Fiesta in Webster, and at the Clothes Basket Resale Shop in Clear Lake. For more information or to order tickets by phone, please call the symphony hot line, 333-0059.

Luv Ya Houston

A group of Christian Businessmen meet the first and third Thursday of every month at the Ramada Inn on NASA Road 1. To find out more contact E.Z. Jones at (713) 494-6046

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Tom DeLay on Freedom

Space Station Freedom Fighters will welcome Congressman Tom DeLay on Monday, March 15 at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church 16335 El Camino concerning the status of Space Station Freedom. Open to the public. For information: call David Corchran 482-7705

Town Hall Forum

featuring Congressman Joe Barton Monday March 8, 1993 will be at the Harris County Courthouse Annex in Clear Lake City located at 16603 Buccaneer. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last until about 9 p.m. To learn more contact Marilyn Hueni at 488-6938

Committee of Correspondence

will hold it's meeting on Monday March 8 at 7 p.m. The committee will meet at Bay Area First Baptist Church located at 4800 W Main St in League City. For more information contact Ken Clark at 332-4454

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Rush Parties

Watch the last two weeks of Rush at Mr.Gatti's Pizza. March 6 and 13 Begins at 7:00 p.m. Call Jeff or Sean at 713/ 996-6900

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Dear Editor,

I congratulate the *Southeast Texas Times* on the great front-page article, "Clinton Team Eyes Space Station," which appeared in your first issue. As the *Times* correctly pointed out, Democrat leaders are playing games with space station in order to limit the damage the issue can do to them in the special election for the U.S. Senate on May 1.

As Clear Lake area community leaders and residents are well aware, my record on space station has been absolutely consistent. From the first day I entered Congress, I have opposed efforts to reduce or eliminate funding for the space station and other NASA programs.

I am appalled, quite frankly, that some in Congress and the White House are willing-- almost eager-- for the United States to abdicate its leadership in space. The space station program holds the promise of providing our country and all mankind with benefits that cannot even be imagined, in areas as diverse as medicine, industrial production, and basic science.

The idea that eliminating or down-sizing the space station project will help balance the budget is simply wrong. The space station budget is about 1/700th of the federal budget. Obviously, we're not going to eliminate the deficit by eliminating or reducing one of the few government investments that produce a return for our tax dollars!

If elected to the U.S. Senate in the May 1 special election, I will continue my active support of NASA and the space station.

Yours Truly,

Congressman Jack Fields

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Dear Ms. Taksar: MUR 3847

~~We~~ I just received a FAX of your acknowledgement ~~of having rec~~ of ~~[redacted]~~ having received the complaint I filed on behalf of Friends of LeCour against Stephen E. Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times.

Unfortunately, although our intent had only been to file the complaint against Mr. Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times, your acknowledgement also listed the Southeast Texas Roundtable, The Young Conservatives of Texas (Clear Lake Chapter), Fields for Senate and Wright for Senate. It was never our intent to file any action against any of these other groups or individuals (our cover letter stated explicitly that we were filing the complaint against Mr. Stockman). These other groups or individuals may have been highlighted for various reasons in the supporting documentation - but this was only done so to provide evidence that the paper printed material (from various sources) that promoted issues that Mr. Stockman had used in his campaign, or to demonstrate an ~~[redacted]~~ association with groups like the Southeast Texas Roundtable and YCT that had supported Mr. Stockman in the past.

As a result of their having been notified by the FEC that a complaint had been filed against them, these other groups and individuals have become understandably distraught. This

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has caused a good deal of confusion and animosity that we'd clearly like to correct as soon as possible.

We would sincerely appreciate it if the FEC would send letters to these other groups and individuals notifying them that there had been an administrative mistake and that they were <u>not</u> identified as defendants in the original complaint. We would appreciate this corrective action at the soonest possible opportunity.

I'll give you a call on Tuesday to follow up on this.

Thanks alot,

Steve Clifford
Friends of LoCour

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Office of the General Counsel
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 3847

Gentlemen:

I have received your letter of January 6, 1994 regarding the above referenced complaint. As suggested, I tried on three occassions to reach Joan McEnery in your office, without success.

I have reviewed the volumnious material included with your letter and I can find only one item relating to the Wright for Senate campaign and nothing regarding Clymer Wright personally. The one item, was a Clymer Wright for U. S. Senate ad appearing on page 3 of an issue of the Southeast Texas Times that does not indicate who paid for the ad. This ad was not mentioned in the complaint letter filed with you, nor is it pointed out in the description of the attachments included with the complaint letter.

I have to assume that this is the reason for your letter. If there something else, you will have to point me to it. Looking to find this one item was almost like looking for a needle in a haystack.

As to the one ad:

1. It was not paid for or authorized by the Wright for Senate Committee.

2. Mr. Wright nor I know who composed the ad, authorized the ad or paid for the ad. Neither of us knew of the ad until we received your letter.

3. When compared to Wright for Senate literature you can readily see that this ad bears no resemblance to the other material. In fact, the statement in the ad, "Opposes Abortion for the Purpose of Sex Selection" was offensive to Mr. Wright when I read it to him. He was and is opposed to all abortions.

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I, respectively, submit that neither the Wright for Senate Committee nor I as Treasurer violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. I, therefore, request that no action be taken against either the Committee or myself.

Respectively submitted,

Joe T. Rye

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SIGNED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY, 1994

CAROL ANN DEMARET
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MEMO

To: Joan McEnery/Mary Taksar 202-219-3923

From: Jeff Van Fleet

Date: January 20, 1994

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Joan

I received the documentation on this complaint January 11, 1994. The case was dated January 6. 1994.

As we are a small newspaper with a complete volunteer staff, it has been very difficult for us to compete the necessary documentation to respond in time to meet the fifteen deadline. I would like to request an extension. I would like to request a seven working day extension so that I may respond fully to this complaint.

Please contact me at my home number, (713) 992-3830 or send your response to the address listed above.

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Complaint Number MUR 3847

Date: January 19, 1993

Dear Mr. Noble

We have just receive the fourth FEC complaint from a Mr. Clifford on behalf of Mr. John LeCour. The date of the complaint was dated January 6 but we did not receive this complaint until yesterday, January the 19th.

The complaint was directed to the Conservative Action Network but the documentation that was provided had no relation to C.A.N. but was rather the same documentation that I received from an early complaint. Please send the material regarding complaint MUR 3847.

I would also like information on how to stop these harassing and frivolous complaints against us. Are there any FEC regulations that would stop the abuse by Mr. Clifford and his candidate? It is only 27 days before early voting and Mr. Clifford is filing complaints merely to attempt to derail my campaign. I fully expect to see more complaints without merit if some action is not taken.

Thank you for time,

Sincerely,
Steve Stockman

Fax: 713-996-8638
Voice:713-996-6900
Address: PO Box 57135
Webster, TX. 77598

I try to send this fax several times to the fax machine listed but apparently your fax machine did not work last week. Early voting starts February 16, 1994.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

FEBRUARY 3, 1994

Jeff Van Fleet
Southeast Texas Times
190 B-2 Gulf Freeway #115
League City, TX 77573

MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Van Fleet:

This is in response to your letter dated January 24, 1994, requesting an extension of seven working days to respond to the complaint filed in the above-noted matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on February 4, 1994.

If you have any questions, please contact Joan McEnery at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Taksar

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Jeff Van Fleet
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Southeast Texas Times
League City, Texas

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Dear Ms. Taksar,

Recently, Mr. Steve Clifford filed a F.E.C. complaint(M.U.R. #3847) against the *Southeast Texas Times*, the newspaper that I publish. The story that Mr. Clifford tells, with his "evidence" supplied to support his accusations, is a sensational tale at best. It is apparent that Mr. Clifford is less concerned about the alleged violations of which he accuses me than about the political viability of his client. There is clear evidence to suggest that this complaint is nothing more than a personal vendetta for a letter which I wrote back in August of 1993 which was totally independent of the newspaper.

As an active Republican, I personally have advised and supported many candidates. By Mr. Clifford's rationale, the *Southeast Texas Times* could be associated with many candidates. Additionally, even though I felt compelled to send a letter to Republican leaders asking them to urge Mr. LeCour to stop a mudslinging campaign, I have never printed anything negative about Mr. LeCour in my newspaper.

This paper was established in January of 1993 by me and me alone. Steve Stockman has no financial ties to this newspaper. His is not now, and never has been, involved with the editorial policy of this newspaper. I have never advocated the election of Steve Stockman has he received special treatment from me in the newspaper. My goal has simply been to publish the paper twice a month, or as ad revenue allows.

The *Times* printed an article by David Brannon. He is the spouse of Mr. LeCour's campaign manager. As a matter of fact, in the July B issue of the *Times* (page 12), we published an article with a picture of Sophia LeCour, candidate John LeCour's wife. Would this make the publication of the *Southeast Texas Times* a conflict of interest with the LeCour campaign.

I take article submissions from leading conservatives from all over Southeast Texas. The implication that, just because the paper is conservative, it is an arm of a particular candidate is inaccurate. The paper has never endorsed a candidate, although it is well within my prerogative, as owner and President, to do so.

The *Southeast Texas Times* has always been accessible to area candidates. The paper gives all candidates consideration. As you can see, the *Times* has printed stories and ads for candidates from both the Republican and Democrat parties.

By examining the content of the paper, one can see that its objective is not to promote one candidate, but to print the frequently overlooked conservative side of the news. Clearly, supporters of conservative candidates would also support our paper.

The *Southeast Texas Times* was started in January of 1993. From the information I received, I found out that Mr. Stockman did not file for office until January of 1994, long after I started the *Times*.

The paper has carried favorable articles not only about Republicans, but also favorable articles about Democrats. If there is anything I could plead guilty to, it is that the paper is admittedly biased in support of the space station, which is a very important issue in this area. The paper has carried more stories on the space station than on any other topic.

When I first started the newspaper, I asked Steve Stockman for his help. I also asked State Senator Jerry Patterson and other leading Republicans for their help. It is only natural that, as the publisher of a conservative newspaper, that I ask other leading conservatives in the area to help me.

I have requested assistance from many Republicans-- office holders, candidates, and "laymen". The fact is that many candidates have sent us announcements, articles, and other information. I could not publish the paper without help from various individuals and groups. By Clifford's own admission, he states that the vast majority of the paper is dedicated to other things beside Mr. Stockman. Mr. Stockman just happens to be an active, popular conservative in this area of Texas.

The paper is delivered, mailed and thrown to people all over southeast Texas. Harris County, where the paper is distributed, is four times the size of any congressional district. My paper is called the *Southeast Texas Times* for a reason. It is distributed throughout Southeast Texas. As much as 50% of the copies are delivered OUTSIDE Mr. Stockman's district.

An example of Mr. Clifford's outright grasping for straws is his identification of a woman named "Dee" who was supposedly a "volunteer" for Mr. Stockman. The woman in the photograph is Dee Pitcher. Dee is from Oregon, not Texas! The picture was taken at "Dan's Bake Sale" in Fort Collins, Colorado. Mr. Clifford should be able to read the

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caption on the picture: it states where Dee is from. I doubt the lady has even been to Texas, let alone even heard of Stockman.

I am outraged that Mr. Clifford gives great credit to Mr. Stockman for so many activities. It is wrong to give someone else credit for the hard work I, and those who help me, have done. I have started, developed and produced this newspaper for almost one year.

To suggest the paper is anything more than a conservative newspaper is false.

Some of the complaint's supporting documentation is confusing at best. I do not know why the Beaumont Enterprise or the Young Conservatives of Texas were even introduced as evidence.

In conclusion, there are at least four undeniable truths concerning this matter:

A) I own the paper. Steve Stockman has no ties, financial or otherwise, to my newspaper.

B) The paper has never printed a negative article about Mr. LeCour.

C) I have printed favorable articles about Democrats, as well as Republicans.

D) Mr. LeCour, being a conservative candidate, has as much to gain from a conservative newspaper as does Mr. Stockman.

I feel violated. I am compelled to print a story about this entire fiasco in the newspaper. Patrick Henry would weep. I believe strongly in the first amendment. I think that this charge is based on nothing but contempt for me and the First Amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I am hopeful that we will be able to clear this matter up as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (713) 992-3830.

Sincerely,

Jeff Van Fleet

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I have addressed the specific complaints as thoroughly as possible in the pages that follow.

Section 1. Mr. Clifford's complaint points out that I was a paid consultant to Mr. Stockman in 1992. The disbursement listed on Mr. Stockman's FEC report for $1200 was paid to me as an advertising agent to arrange advertising in the Beaumont Enterprise. This transaction took place long before the I established of the *Southeast Texas Times*.

I am the owner of the Southeast Texas Times. I have always been the owner and will be until I decide that I do not want to be anymore.

Section 2. Regarding a letter I wrote in October of 1993, this letter is completely divorced from my newspaper. There is nothing wrong with me expressing my personal opinion in a personal letter. This letter was in no way associated with the *Times*. The fact that I did not use the paper to express my feelings about Mr. LeCour's campaign, in fact, demonstrates that the newspaper is not a tool used to beat down those in opposition to my own personal beliefs.

Section 3. The address of the *Southeast Texas Times* is as listed on the Certificate of Ownership. Due to the nature of my publication, I did not think it was wise to give out my physical address. Some of the subjects that are discussed in the *Times* are very controversial. For this reason, I decided that it would be wise to keep the newspapers address at arms length.

Mr. Stockman allowed me to use his telephone number when I first started the newspaper. I have not used this phone number since May of 1993, a full seven months prior to his announcement as a candidate.

Section 4. Regarding the listing of the Southeast Texas Times on a volunteer form that was sent out by Mr. Stockman. My newspaper is sustained in part by subscriptions. I believed it would be very wise if I could tap into other conservatives. Being that my paper is conservative, I asked if I could list it on the form so that I could broaden my readership.

The Conservative Action Network is only the name of the form. This form was enclosed in a letter that Stockman sent to his supporters. I have used this form at functions that I have attended. He paid for the printing of the forms that he used and I paid to print the forms that I used.

Section 5. As I stated before, I asked Mr. Stockman to help me out when I first started the newspaper. At the time Mr. Brannon's article was written, Mr. Stockman knew of Mr. Brannon's involvement in the military and suggested that it would be good to have his perspective on this issue. This was a guest article. Many other

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people have written guest articles. He is a like minded individual when it comes to political philosophy. He only wrote an article about an issue.

Section 6. The advertised copies of the World War II "Japanese Surrender Document" were ordered and paid for by the Southeast Texas Times. (See attachment 1...Invoice from Audio Archives, Inc.)

Section 7. As a service to the readers of the Southeast Texas Times, I decided to have a listing of community events. Anyone may submit information to be posted on the bulletin board. Rush Limbaugh is America's leading conservative talk-show host. I publish a conservative newspaper. Naturally, I would like to publicize any event that would enable Conservatism to be spread in such a manner as Rush Limbaugh does.

My newspaper routinely lists community events that feature Republicans. Examples include appearances and campaign events of Congressmen Joe Barton and Tom DeLay, and groups such as Clear Lake Republicans and the Bay Area Republican Women's Club of which, Mr. Clifford is a member. I have not only advertised meetings for his organization, but I have also ran stories about the group. (See attachment 2a...a copy of the membership list from the Bay Area Republican Women showing Mr. Clifford as a member and 2b...a copy of the March issue of the *Times* where I printed an article regarding a function of the Bay Area Republican Women. pg. 4)

Section 8. The newspaper has made references to numerous candidates and office-holders during the year that I have published it. I have done cover stories on State Representative John Culberson and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. Bill Clinton and former Senator Bob Krueger have also graced the front page a time or two.

Representative Jack Brooks is one of the office-holders from my distribution area. I run a conservative newspaper. Brooks is one of the most liberal men in Washington. I have also done stories on Republican Congressman, Tom DeLay and Democrat Senate Candidate, Sonny Payne. (See attachment 5 a & b)

Mr. Stockman does not have a monopoly on Conservative issues. I like to believe that I am able to think for myself. My conservative values were instilled in me by my parents when I was growing up; long before I met Stockman. This is a free country. The first amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives me the right to express my thoughts and values openly, whether spoken or written. Writing about the same issues that Steve Stockman espouses in his campaign does not equal a connection between my newspaper and his campaign other than a philosophical one. I have never advocated the election of Steve Stockman nor have I ever published an article written by him. Has Mr. Clifford also filed complaints against the *Conservative Chronicle* and the *National Review*?

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Mr. LeCour claims himself to be a "Conservative you can trust." If he is actually conservative, then this newspaper would benefit Mr. LeCour as it would any other candidate who is conservative. (See attachment 3...copies of LeCour for Congress campaign literature dealing with the same issues that are listed as Stockman campaign issues in this complaint.)

Section 9. People subscribe to and advertise in this newspaper do what they do not because they thought it would help Steve Stockman, but because it is conservative. I do all the things that other newspapers do; write articles, cover events, and sell advertising. The only thing that I do differently is that I look at things from a conservative perspective. My advertisers, 92.7%, have no relationship to Stockman.

I have enclosed a list of everyone who has advertised in the Times. (See attachment 4) As you can see the list of those who have given to the Stockman campaign is far outweighed by the list of those who have not supported him.

Section 10. The paper is delivered, mailed and thrown to people all over southeast Texas. Harris County, where the paper is distributed, is four times the size of any congressional district. My paper is called the *Southeast Texas Times* for a reason. It is distributed throughout Southeast Texas. As much as 50% of the copies are delivered OUTSIDE Mr. Stockman's district.

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Attachments

Attachment 1: Invoice showing that the Japanese Surrender documents advertised in the *Times* were ordered and paid for by the *Southeast Texas Times*.

Attachment 2a: Copy of the membership list from the Bay Area Republican Women listing Steve Clifford as a member of the club. This club's meeting were regularly advertised in the Community Events section of the newspaper.

2b: Copy of the newspaper in which I ran a full page article(page 4) about the Bay Area Republican Women's Lincoln Day Dinner.

Attachment 3: A copy of John LeCour's literature where he lists his position summaries. When compared to the lists of issues that were presented in this complaint as those of Steve Stockman and of my newspaper, one can see a striking resemblance. Mr. LeCour admits that he is a conservative. It is for that reason that I can not understand how a neutral, conservatively aligned newspaper help one conservative candidate without helping another.

Attachment 4: A list of all businesses and individuals that have advertised in the *Times*. There are 9 businesses listed in the complaint as contributors to Stockman and advertisers in the paper. There are 123 other businesses who have advertised in the newspaper that have not connection to Stockman.

Attachment 5a. Copy of an article written about Congressman Tom DeLay in the April B 1993 issue of the *Times*.

5b. Copy of an article written about Democrat Sonny Payne and an advertisement placed by him as a Democrat candidate for U.S. Senate

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Attachment 2a

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Alice Combest	H	
402 Biscayne Blvd		
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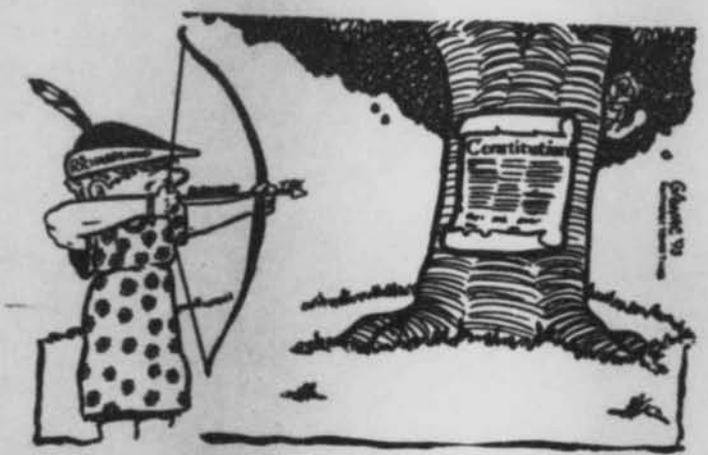
Southeast Texas Times

Good morning! This is your hometown news. April 1993 The Best Read and Most Widely Talked About Paper in Town!

Vote No May 1st Or Face A 176% Property Tax Increase



Hold on to your wallets, taxpayers. Read this story twice. As most of you are aware, on May 1 Texas voters will go to the polls to vote for or against two proposed school finance Amendments to the Texas constitution.

The "Robin Hood" tax amendment, if passed, will legitimize the curently unconstitutional "County Education Districts." Before you vote, be sure you understand this amendment and what it will do to your school taxes.

Craig Miller, of Citizens for Tax Fairness, explained the Robin Hood Proposal:"Under the Robin Hood plan, citizens in the Clear Creek ISD, who now pay 53 cents per $100 of valuation to CCISD and 89.5 cents to the County Education District (already ruled unconstitutional) could possibly have their CCISD taxes raised to $1.50 per $100 and their CED rate raised to $1.00 per $100, that is if the school district raises their rate to recoup the tax dollars siphoned off to poorer school districts."

See Robin Hood *page 12*

Rush Is Back!

Ditto-heads Overwhelm Mr. Gatti's

Rush Limbaugh fans came together on March 6 to enjoy videos of the right-minded talk show host's television show. Over 100 attendees watched and enjoyed two weeks worth of his highly rated program free of commercials.

Steve Stockman, one of the organizers of the 'Rush Party,' said "We started out with 30 to 35 people. By Friday afternoon the count was up to 65. When we got here Saturday night, it had grown to over 100. The manager told me that he turned more than 25 callers away."

Upcoming Rush parties will be Saturday March 27 and Saturday April 10 at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., Mr. Gatti's will close the doors to the all but Rush fans.

Bay area ditto-heads will be glad to know that there is still one broadcasting corporation that has not given in to the political thought police. Fox 26 will begin carrying the *Rush Limbaugh Show* March 29 at 11:30 p.m. This news will bring smiles to the faces of Rush's devoted fans.

DeLay Says Don't Delay

Fight for Freedom Just Beginning

U. S. Congressman Tom DeLay, the influential Sugarland Republican noted for his ability to build bi-partisan Congressional coalitions, told a packed meeting hall in Clear Lake City last week that, despite attempts by the Clinton Administration and some Congressmen to maim or kill the Space Station Freedom project, the battle will be decided " on the floor of the U.S. Congress" and still is winnable by a Republican-Democrat coalition that wants the project carried on.

DeLay spoke before a large crowd of Space Station supporters gathered at the Fellowship Hall of United Methodist Church. The meeting was organized by Space Station Freedom Fighters, the Clear lake-based group that leads a pro-Station grassroots organization in the United States. The Freedom Fighters have collected thousands of signatures in support of Freedom through a national petition drive to the Congress.

"Congress has time and again expressed support for the Space Program and for Space Station Freedom in particular," DeLay said, "and we are not looking forward to going through this (re-design) exercise."

Calling the Clinton Administration's plans to "re-design" and "down-size" the Station in 90 days unproductive and impossible to achieve, DeLay said the way to stop the Clinton administration's interference in the project is to "introduce a pro-Station sense-of-the-Congress resolution that expresses our discontent with the presidential directive handed to NASA." The "sense-of-the-Congress" resolution would call for full funding and continuation of the current Freedom project.

"By passing such a resolution, a very real message will be sent to the President," DeLay continued. " It's not a new process. We just did

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CED's: Taxpayers Do Not Get to Vote

Robin Hood *from pg. 1*

There is currently a cap of $1.50 per $100 on what a school district can charge its residents. Consequently, if Texans pass the proposed ammendment and both the CED's and school districts take full advantage of the authorization, taxes would soar from $1.42 to $2.50 per $100 valuation, an increase of 176 percent.

As mentioned, the current system of County Educational Districts has been declared unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court, but taxes still are being collected by these districts.

According to estimations from the state comptroller, Democrat John Sharp, school taxes increased by almost $1 billion ($984 million) in 1992 because of this plan. Despite assurances from state leaders that this increase would affect only those in wealthy school districts, the comptroller's office reports Texans in 85 percent of all districts paid higher taxes as a direct result of the CED system.

"Does this sound a little bit like President Clinton's 'middle-class tax cut' and 'the rich are going to pay their fair share' scenario," asked Grady Gill of Webster, "where the 'rich' turned out to be anyone making more than 30,000 a year and everyone, including the middle class, is going to have to 'contribute'?"

John Mauldin of the Dallas-based group Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes, stated, "This proposed amendment will also take away the taxpayers' constitutional right to authorize (through a vote of the public) a taxing entity to impose taxes. And it will allow the state to redistribute local property tax revenue from one school district to another."

These activities are prohibited by the U.S. Constitution and the Texas Constitution. Mauldin went on to describe how the Constitution deals with these issues: "Article 8, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the legislature from imposing a statewide property tax." Last year, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that Robin Hood was unconstitutional in part because it effectively imposed a statewide property tax.

"In the Texas Constitution," Mauldin Continued, "Article 7, Section 3 requires that before any taxing unit can impose a tax, it must be given that authority by a vote of the taxpayers who reside in the district." In the same ruling that overturned SB 351, the Supreme Court found that the County Education Districts like those called for under the Robin Hood plan were unconstitutional because they would impose a tax without the approval of the residents.

Democrat Governor Ann Richards is taking her message on the road. She has been criss-crossing the state, at taxpayers expense, like a cheap carnival caravan, pushing for the passage of this plan. Her hard sell tactic has been to instill fear into the minds of little school children and Texas taxpayers.

At her appearances in public schools around the state, she tells school children that they should persuade their parents to vote for this plan or their schools will be closed down. Actually the legislature will still have time after the election to pass a finance bill that will keep the schools open if they choose. "In June of 1987," Mauldin said, "the legislature convened at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, passed five major tort reform bills, and adjourned 11:17 a.m. on Wednesday."

Representative Tom Craddick (R-Midland) said, "The liberals smell a free lunch. They want you to believe a dangerous situation exists because all school districts do not spend the same amount of money to educate each child."

"They don't want you to know that spending on public education in Texas has risen from $5.7 billion to $17.2 billion since 1979. During that same period, although student population rose only 33 percent, expenditures increased 127 percent. They want you to ignore the fact that since 1971 SAT scores in Texas have declined by 45 points and last year the scores on the verbal portion of those test reached an all-time low."

Organizers of Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes have a keen strategy to help defeat this proposed amendment. Strategies include distributing bumper stickers, massive letter campaigns, forums, billboards and newspaper and radio advertisements. "We can prevent this atrocity if we have the resources and volunteer efforts of the fine citizens of this state. If we all pull together we can retain control of our schools and our children's future," Mauldin said.

For information about Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes, write or call:

John Mauldin at: Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes, P.O. Box 595808, Dallas, Texas 75359; (214) 713-4835

Congress Will Decide Freedom's Fate

DeLay *from page 1*

it a couple of weeks ago on the issue of allowing Haitian immigrants infected by AIDS into the country."

The resolution on the AIDS issue originated in the Senate, and the House of Representatives instructed the Congress Committee to accept the Senate amendment.

"That killed the issue of immigration of HIV-infected Haitians into the United States," DeLay added. "It's dead, and the president probably will not issue such an order again."

DeLay said the sense-of-the-Congress resolution would also have to be originated in the Senate, due to House rules governing attachment of un-related amendments to bills.

"I'm going to the Senate, and I'm going to ask one of our Texas senators or another senator with space industry at home to sponsor the resolution," DeLay said. "I'm sure we have many Senators who will be willing to sponsor it."

DeLay blasted the Administration for its interference in the project. "I can see absolutely no reason for going through this and keeping the entire space community upset and literally turned upside down on something that won't have the votes in Congress," DeLay said of the Clinton directive on Freedom.

"This is killing the morale of NASA and the space industry. We've got rumors floating around, accusations are being made, and some of our politicians have already made a scapegoat out of a fine man," DeLay said in reference to what he called the "despicable politics" involved in the firing of former Space Station Projects Manager John Aaron. "We've had some big cost over-runs in the project," DeLay said," and there is no way one individual could be responsible for all of it."

Aaron was fired in what most observers believe was a political deal cooked up by Texas Governor Ann Richards and Texas Congressman Jack Brooks to aid the sagging Senatorial campaign of Bob Kruger. He was appointed to the U.S. Senate by Richards when Lloyd Bentsen resigned the seat to join the Clinton Administration. Both Kruger and Brooks quickly sent out press releases claiming they had saved the space station, but they were highly embarrassed when the Clinton Administration announced its "re-design" and "down-sizing" plans the same day."

"This is a sad situation that has been created by people in Washington who don't have any idea what they are doing," DeLay said.

DeLay urged the Freedom Fighters and other pro-Station groups to keep up the pressure on the president and the Congress. "We need to pursue a two-track strategy which combines popular support for the station with our efforts on the floor of the House and Senate."

"We have a good shot at this," DeLay said. "The president is not about to veto veterans funding appropriations just because it has a fully funded Space Station Freedom amendment attached to it. We believe the votes are there and that we will ultimately prevail."

DeLay said his staff was already drafting the sense-of-the-Congress resolution. "If we can get 218 co-sponsors in the House and 51 in the Senate, that will make it a done deal. This a very intense short-term strategy and I urge you to continue your efforts for the station."

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Bay Area GOP Celebrates with Lincoln Day Dinner

The Bay Area Republican Women held their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, February 26. The guest were thrilled to have several local and state republican officials in attendance including Texas Agriculture Comissioner Rick Perry.

Perry spoke about several different topics including Texas' need for the creation of jobs in the value adding processing sector. The agricultural products that are produced in the state are often shipped off to other areas to be processed, and later returned to Texas as finished products. "We only process 8% of our raw products...We lead the nation in the production of cotton, cattle, wool... but we ship it out of here. We process it somewhere else. All those jobs and all those dollars have been added to it and we didn't get the benefit from."

Commissioner Perry went on to say, "I love being number one. Texas was number one in the last two yearsin the number of employees they have put on the state payrolls. We put more people on the state payroll than any other state, led by our governors staff....Folks, that can no longer go on...There are two state agencies that have fewer people on the payroll and have smaller budgets than they did when those state agency heads got there in 1991. The state treasury, headed by fellow Republican Kay Bailey Hutchinson, and the Texas Department of Agriculture."

When Commissioner Perry was asked about the prospects of the Aggies winning the National Championship next year, he said that he was confident the Aggies would win the Southwest Conference Championship once again and will go to the Cotton Bowl. "I hope that they will invite Notre Dame back once again so we can make amends."

Public Utility Commissioner Marta Greytok was also in attendance. She was asked about the President's proposed BTU tax and how she thought it would effect businesses in Texas. "This is a tax that is not only regressive but it's the worst form of tax. Those who propose it obviously are not proud \enough of it to put it down on the table and let the community see it for what it is. This will be a hidden tax that people will not realize they are having to pay it because it will not be listed on the consumers bill at the end of the month."

State Senator Jerry Patterson gave some insight on the proposed Robin Hood Bill that was passed last month in an attempt to solve the school funding problem. "I voted against SJR 7 because it did not define equity, it did not define equal access or efficiency of education and those are the things I wanted to see because if we were to define that then, we would not wind up in court again. I predict that we will wind up in court again, doing this all over....it's an inefficient way to run government."

Senator Pattern said that the issue that has generated the most mail and phone calls to his office has been AAPAC. "AAPAC is dead. It ain't gonna fly. Several of us have co-sponsored a bill to eliminate AAPAC. It is dead because of people...who got out there and said we are not going to put up with this."

State representative Joe Crabb from Texas' 127th district, who has recently come under criticism for his decision to support passage of SJR 7, took the opportunity to explain why he voted the way he did. "If everybody likes having the criminals in their houses when you have a federal judge running the prison system, it has been a disaster. If we turn the school system over to a liberal judge in Austin, it will be a disaster. If we don't want a judge to be running our schools, we have to get some legislation out."

Mike Jackson, State Representative from the 129th district, said that he was planning to support the proposed bill to allow Texans carry concealed weapons. "There are numerous safeguards built in as far as background check and proficiency checks...to make sure that people are going to be competent."

UPPER PHOTO: Texas Ag Commissioner, Rick Perry stole the show.

LOWER PHOTO: Betsy Lake and Cynthia Tauss receive the BARW "Volunteer of the Year" award from awards chairman Cherie Moore.

The Bay Area Republican Women would like to give special thanks to following businesses who donated gifts for this event:

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Randall's Store #51
Gayle's
Cavanagh's Restaurant
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Tres Amies
Cardies
Danielss Gelateria
Flying Dutchman Restaurant
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Congressman Tom Delay
Lynnberi Gourmet Catering
Wedgewood Village Jewelers
Toni's Family Hair Care
Millie's Bride & Formal

Dianne Lauletta, A Remembrance

Dianne Lauletta -- housewife, mother, friend, dedicated Republican activist and a member of the Bay Area Republican Women -- was lost to us in February.

She was to all who knew her a kind, wonderful and dedicated woman with strong beliefs and the courage to stand up for those beliefs. Whether she was knocking on doors for Jerry Patterson, or calling voters for Cynthia Tauss, or helping with the BARW newsletter, Dianne was always there and always willing to help.

As strong as it was, her commitment to the cause was but a pale shadow compared to Dianne's love and dedication to her family.

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Dianne Lauletta, and to her friends and compatriots in Bay Area Republican Women.

Dianne Lauletta
wife, mother, friend, dedicated compatriot

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LeCour for U.S. Congress

Attachment 3

John LeCour: Position Summary

As a life-long Republican, Party activist, and recent acting Precinct Chairman of Harris County #416, *I fully support the 1992 State and National GOP Platforms.* The following is a brief summary of my specific positions on various issues:

Federal Budget/Taxes

To reduce the growing national debt we must cut spending, pass the Balanced Budget Amendment, and give the President a line item veto to help eliminate waste and pork barrel spending. *I oppose <u>any</u> increase in Federal taxes.*

Crime, Death Penalty & Gun Control

The federal government must get out of our state prisons. To fight crime we must impose stiffer penalties and put away, for good, those offenders who represent a continued threat to our society. In the cases of murder, rape, and drug trafficking, I favor the death penalty. Money spent on juvenile training and drug treatment programs should only be invested in those projects that work. I oppose any legislation that would restrict the right of law-abiding citizens to Keep and Bear Arms.

Health Care

The last thing this country needs is more government regulation and interference in our health care system. Although I applaud the recent proposals to reduce unnecessary paperwork, over regulation, and frivolous lawsuits, I believe that the ultimate solution to the health care crisis must be based on our existing private, competitive, free-market system. Finally, I oppose the use of Federal funds for abortions. As your Congressman, I promise I will fight to ensure that Americans continue to enjoy the best quality of health care in the world.

Campaign Ethics & Congressional Reform

Bounced checks, political junkets, and midnight pay raises, have done little to inspire the confidence and trust of the American people in our nation's Congress. Indeed, for many, there are few examples of hypocrisy more glaring than the numerous instances Congress has exempted itself from the laws it has passed. I'm convinced that the seeds of much of this abuse arise from the election process itself -- which allows special interests to bankroll a candidate with large sums of money and donated services, and permits candidates who knowingly and demonstrably misrepresent their credentials to escape any criminal or civil penalty. These are just a few of the abuses that I promise i will strive to reform.

NAFTA

No state stands to gain more from ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement than Texas. Like former Presidents Reagan and Bush, I believe the Agreement will promote economic growth by allowing the United States, Mexico, and Canada to trade freely among themselves and compete more effectively in world markets. In the long run this will mean more jobs, lower prices and greater opportunities for all Americans.

Welfare

I believe in workfare, not welfare. Only U.S. citizens should be eligible for Federal aid.

Paid for by Friends of LeCour, Diana Clark, Treasurer, P.O. Box 591414, Houston, TX 77259-1414

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Attachment 4

Southeast Texas Times

190 B-2 Gulf Freeway #115, League City, Texas 77598

I have prepared a list of each and every business that has advertised in the South east Texas Times since it's inception. The list of businesses, as alleged by Mr. Clifford, to have advertised in the Times because they have supported Steve Stockman are listed on the right. All other advertisers are listed on the left. I suggest that if asked why the people who gave money to Mr. Stockman did so. they would tell you it was because he was the conservative candidate. I propose the reason these individuals chose to advertise in the Times is because it is a conservative newspaper not for any other reason. The fact that their finances went to both Stockman and the newspaper is merely evidence of their committment to the conservative philosophy. If each of those individuals also shopped at Wal-Mart, would Mr. LeCour and Mr. Clifford file a F.E.C. complaint against Sam Walton if he were still alive?

No Stockman ties:

The Comment Line
Crusade for Christ
Wilson Lighting, Inc.
Sterling Enterprises
Crisis Pregnancy Center
Neighbors Inn
The Jalepeno Tree
Bay Area First Baptist Church
Grace Community Church
Clear Lake Glass, Tinting, and Alarms, Inc.
Power Unlimited, Inc.
Jack Fields for U.S. Senate Tx. (Republican)
Clumer Wright for U.S. Senate Tx. (Republican)
Joe Barton for U.S. Senate Tx. (Reoublican)
Expert Automotive
"Ditto-Heads" ad
Re/Max Real Estate
Nassau Bay Hilton
Jerry Patterson, Tx. State Senator (Republican)
Crazy Cajun Food Factory
Wade Webster, Clear Lake Republicans
Third Base
Bob and Elyse Lanier Mayor of Houston
Jon Lindsay, Harris County Judge
The Young Conservative of Texas University of Houston-Clear Lake
American Family Assn. Law Center
Bay Area Ground Control
E.W.E Software
Halls Carpet Haus

Alleged Stockman ties:

Bubba's Texas Burger Shack
Allison Technical Services
Russell Little, Atty. at Law
Pearland Furniture
Glorious Godly Graphics
MAGEC Software
Clark Services
Valley Tech Corp.
Wallbuilders, Inc.

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No Stockman ties (continued)

Clear Lake Grocers
Traveling Summer Camp
The Josiah Co.
Sun-Land Nursery
Knee High School and Day Care
McDonalds, League City
Fishbones Restaurant
Hal Polluck, Candidate,
City Council R.,Dickinson,Texas
J&B's Seafood Restaurant & Club
Randy's Smokehouse & Bar-B-Que
Excalibur Marine
Road Kill Cafe
John Towner, Candidate, City Council
League City,Texas
Pat F. Corte, A.C. Collins Ford
Sneak-in-Out
Fredric's Antiques
Sullivan Pharmacy
Tom's Auto Repair
Primo Pools, Inc.
Ellington Bar and Billiards
Seabrook Produce
Kuntry Kar Kare, Inc.
D&D Feed
J&A Garage
Hillman's Seafood
Frank's Wrecker Service
Lakeside Emporium
A+ Printing
Red Lantern Restaurant
Bay Run Stables
Bente Interiors
William C. Brann, Notary
Fisherman's Realty
Lou's Grocery, Inc.
Jardina Sand Pit
Mrs. Bryce's Produce
Grace Dry Cleaners
Bacliff Srvices
Roadrunner Automotive
Bluebonnet Landscaping & Lawn Service
Screened Expressions
Wood Shop
Bacliff Hair Shop
Skinaroos Eatery
Courtyard Gallery
Hoagie Ranch
Shanks Land Surveyors
Bay Area Christian School
Trey Schoelkopf, Candidate, City Council
League City, Texas (Democrat)

No Stockman ties (continued)

Bacliff Medical Center
Casey's Tackle
T-Bone Tom's
Ocean Jewlry
Russel's Marine
Bacliff Dental Clinic
Sal's Pizza
Scampi's
Sonny Payne for U.S Senate,
Tx. (Democrat)
Bay Run Stables
Legends Billiards
Bay Area Taxi
Bay Area Tree Experts
Central Vacuum Systems of Tx.
G.J's Wheel
ABBA Roofing
Boy Scouts of America By
Underwater, Inc.
Bayside RV Park
Trumps Restaurant
L&L Reality
Signs
D&L Bait Camp
Padgett Shoreline
Construction, Inc.
Frank's Meat Market
Avon, Lee Brann
The Working Man's Shop
Auto Inspections, Plus
Bob Rowland Realtors
Moore and Humphreys
Bay Area Legal Services
Ole Henry's Place
Red's Tire Shop
Magic's Woodworkings
ServiceMaster, League City
Calvary Chapel of S.E. Houston
Hart Pharmacy
Rapha Treatment Centers
Eco Tech Recycled Discs
Larry Walls, Sprinkler Systems
Pine Drive Baptist Church
Central Auto Supply
Wayno's
Amanda's
Camilo's
Shalamar Restaurant
Hosanna Christian Center

ATTACH. TO AFF-58

SONNY PAYNE FOR U.S. SENATE

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* No gays in the military.

* Jobs, and equal rights for <u>all</u> workers.

* Reduce Taxes for the working man.

No Payne, No Gain. Vote for Sonny the "Crazy Cajun".

Not a NEW democrat
but a <u>REAL</u> Democrat.

Paid for by Sonny Payne for U.S. Senate

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Crazy Cajun Enters Senate Race

Friendswood resident and restaurateur, Sonny Payne, has decided to enter the race for United States Senate. In a statement released April 2, Mr. Payne, a Democrat, gave details concerning a confrontation he had with the Secretary of State's office in Austin. "I wanted to be listed on the May 1 ballot as Sonny "Crazy Cajun" Payne but they would not let me. I had to register as C. "Sonny" Payne.

"I am known throughout the state as the Crazy Cajun, not Sonny Payne. I feel this is nothing more than an attempt by the Secretary of State's office and the Democrat party to diminish my name recognition in order to help the Freddy Kruger of the new Democratic party, Senator Bob Kruger, who was approved by Bill Clinton and the militant homosexuals in Austin and appointed by Gov. Ann Richards." He is planning to file a lawsuit against the Secretary of State's office for their attempts to derail his campaign.

Sonny, who is running as a "True Democrat" said that he is the only alternative to the new breed of Democrats, "that have led us down the primrose path of deceit and broken promises."

When asked why he got into the race he stated, "I am bringing a message from my fellow Americans and Texans to our president, senators, representatives, Jesse Jackson, Gloria Steinham and the homosexuals. The slaves are rebelling. "We are sending a message," Payne continued, "to the Benidict Arnold's who sell out our country daily. We are tired of carrying the load for the deadbeat freeloaders and selfish interest groups. Now, they are asking us to do even more. Their tax and spend policies are putting us in the poor house. We have nothing left to give."

Sonny wants to, "return this country to the values and standards upon which it was founded." He thinks that the Clinton administration, Bob Kruger and the new breed of Democrats are destroying the foundations of American society. "These people want to let homosexuals in the military, provide federal money to pay for abortions, and bring in hundreds of foreigners who are infected with the AIDS virus. We aren't even able to pay for treating our own citizens who have AIDS, much less those from other countries."

"The current administration is being very liberal with the amount of time and money that they require us to stay away from our family to work and pay for the thievery of back room, under the table, slimeball politicians and other special interest groups who have their own selfish agendas. They are auctioning off Americans and their dreams. They are making us pay for the bribery of special interest and the laziness and irresponsibility of those who will not do anything to help themselves."

Sonny said that the people he talks to at his two restaurants are tired of politicians living high on the hog at their expense while they mismanage the public's tax dollars. "We're tired of affirmative action replacing equal opportunity. A person has to earn each level of opportunity. It's there for the taking for those who are willing and able take it."

Sonny in the Strawberry Festival Parade

Mr. Payne said that his decision to run was partially influenced by the forces of political correctness. "I don't need to be coerced into being politically correct. Political correctness is not correct at all. I don't have to like you and you don't have to like me. I can't do anything that will impede your rights just as you can't do anything to hinder mine. I want to have my freedom of speech back. I want to be able to think and speak freely without being threatened by some group who might have their feelings hurt by what I have to say."

This self pronounced Crazy Cajun has several objectives that he will work to achieve if and when he gets elected. Aside from the usually safe stands that candidates take such as favoring a balanced budget amendment and line item veto, Sonny does have innovative plans designed to solve some of the difficult problems America is facing.

Sonny is strong supporter of Law and Order

He wants to eliminate all civil rights that do not apply to each and every American. "I am sick of the government taking away my rights to provide special privileges to special interest groups. We are all Americans. God created everyone equal. While I realize that some individuals do get a head start on others, anyone can achieve greatness if he or she tries hard enough. I started over ten years ago with $2000. I now own one of the top five restaurants in the state of Texas. I want to help show others how to dream and make their dreams come true."

He takes a hard line on crime and punishment. "I strongly support capital punishment. There is no sense in letting a person, who is caught red-handed with a smoking gun, sit in a cell for years waiting for a trial that will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Meanwhile, the taxpayers are paying $150 a day to keep this murderer in jail with cable TV and air conditioning. I am sick of having to spend extra time away from my family to work and pay for this garbage. I will not take this sitting down any more!" This wrath extends also to white-collar criminals. He is calling for the end to the "country clubs", better known as minimum security prisons. "Crime is crime. If you break the law you should pay the price with hard time." He also proposes that all politicians and businessmen who are caught committing bribery, theft or fraud forfeit all of their possessions to be sold with the proceeds used to help retire the public debt.

Payne wants to look into reforming the federal court system. "I think it would be useful if all federal judges were subject to a vote of confidence every four years. That way, when a federal judge takes control of our prison system like William Wayne Justice has done, the public will have a way to check their activities when they overstep their bounds."

Sonny is optimistic about his chances to make the second ballot. No candidate is expected to win the 50% plus votes needed to win outright in the May 1 election. "We can make the run-off if we can raise enough money to get my message out. My wife and I have invested over $15,000 of our own money into this campaign. We are tapped out. If we could raise another fifty thousand dollars we could get our commercials on in every major media market in Texas. If people hear what I am saying, they will want to help me win this election."

"Our democracy is at stake. It is war. Everyone who cares needs to get involved or we are going to lose what we have," Sonny said. "Our kids' and grandkids' futures are at stake. This is not a game. We have to wake up. They are taking our country down. If Bill Clinton's agenda does not make you get involved, nothing will."

"I cannot do this by myself. We as Americans need to unite behind those things that we all agree on. We can not divide ourselves. We must forget about political parties and different religious doctrines that separate us. We are all Americans. We all love this country. If we don't work together, the selfish leaches will conquer us."

"Unless real Americans get involved, it will not matter who gets elected. If you pull the lever for the politician with a two million dollar war chest, don't complain about bought politicians," Sonny continued. "They have to pay back the people who financed their campaign. Every senator must raise $2000 a day to have enough money for his next campaign six years down the road."

Sonny's Campaign slogan is 'No Payne, no gain'. "We do not need someone who will just vote correctly on all the issues. If that was the case, I would have not entered the race. Instead, I would have supported a candidate who represented the kinds of values and traditions that my father, who was a Democrat all his life, worked to emulate and instill in his son.

Someone has to go to Washington D.C. and pitch a fit. We need someone who can raise some eyebrows but do it with diplomacy. Only then will we start to make some headway on the problems facing our country."

If you would like to get involved with Sonny's campaign or would like to know more about him, contact the campaign:

Sonny "Crazy Cajun" Payne for U.S. Senate, P.O.Box 3094, LaPorte, Texas 77572-3094, (713) 471-6513. If you would like to meet Sonny in person, try to catch him at the Crazy Cajun Cafe in Seabrook or at the Happy Cajun in LaPorte.

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FAX: 202-219-3923

TO: Mr. Noble

FROM: Mr. Stockman

Date: 1 February 1994

RE: MUR 3847

In response to one of the numerous complaints filed against me by Mr. Clifford on behalf of Mr. LeCour:

I do not own the Southeast Texas Times. I have not written for the Southeast Texas Times.

I have, as well as many other conservatives, helped Mr. Van Fleet. The help that I offered, and he accepted, was to give Mr. Van Fleet names of people who might want to help him start a paper. Also I did allow on a very temporal basis the use of my phone number which Mr. Van Fleet has not used for sometime.

Mr. Van Fleet is a fine young man, and I wish him all the luck with his newspaper.

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WASHINGTON DC 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Gentlemen:

The undersigned represents Rev. Paul Golden and the Southeast Texas Roundtable. Enclosed is the Statement of Designation of Counsel.

The Southeast Texas Roundtable responds to the referenced Matter Under Review (MUR). No violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 can be seen by us in what you sent to Rev. Golden.

Rev. Golden specifically denies that Steve Stockman "helped organize" the Southeast Texas Roundtable, as alleged in the LeCour letter, page 11. The Southeast Texas Roundtable has no connection with the Southeast Texas Times, about which the LeCour camp has its chief complaints.

Perhaps if Mr. LeCour's "Friends" could be more specific in their allegations about what aspect of the Federal Election Campaign Act has been violated by Southeast Texas Roundtable, or if your office can shed some light on that question, we could respond to the specifics.

We look forward to hearing back from you if further information is desired by you.

Very truly yours,

Michael A. Culling

MC:cc:M4082

cc: Mr. Paul Golden

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3847

NAME OF COUNSEL: MICHAEL A. CULLING

ADDRESS: P O BOX 465
MANVEL TX 77578

TELEPHONE: (713) 489 9113

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

March 24, 1994
Date

Paul D Golden
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Paul D. Golden

ADDRESS: Light Christian Center
P.O. Box 2161
Alvin TX 77512

TELEPHONE: HOME

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

MUR 3847
DATE COMPLAINT FILED: December 27, 1993
DATE OF NOTIFICATION: January 6, 1994
DATE ACTIVATED: April 8, 1994
STAFF MEMBER: Caryn L. Zimmerman

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COMPLAINANT: Stephen M. Clifford

RESPONDENTS: Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer
Southeast Texas Times
Jeff Van Fleet
Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as Treasurer
Wright for Senate Committee and Joe Terry Rye, as Treasurer
Conservative Action Network
The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas
Citizens fo. Honesty in Government

RELEVANT STATUTES: 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i)
2 U.S.C. § 434(b)
2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A)
2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B)
2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8)
2 U.S.C. § 441a(f)
2 U.S.C. § 441d(a)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: FEC Indices

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was initiated by a complaint filed on December 27, 1993, by Stephen M. Clifford. Clifford alleges that the Southeast Texas Times, a semi-monthly publication owned by Jeff Van Fleet and published in League City, Texas, is connected with, and perhaps financed by, Stephen E. Stockman, the successful Republican candidate for the 9th District of Texas, and was used to promote his candidacy. Notification letters were sent to Stockman and his principal campaign committee,[1] Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, and to the political committees and organizations implicated in the complaint as having published or distributed campaign advertising or fundraising material with improper or no disclaimers. Responses have been received from all respondents notified except for Conservative Action Network and The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. The Allegations

Stephen M. Clifford, the complainant, is a campaign consultant to Friends of LeCour. John R. LeCour opposed Stephen E. Stockman in the 1994 Republican primary for the 9th District of Texas. Clifford's complaint charges that the

1. This Office originally notified only Stockman's principal campaign committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, and erroneously identified Stockman as its treasurer. In fact, John Hart is treasurer of Friends of Steve Stockman. Stockman is actually treasurer of his own authorized committee, Stockman for Congress. The involvement of Stockman for Congress in this matter was not immediately apparent from the complaint.

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Southeast Texas Times is published by Stockman for the purpose of promoting his political candidacy; that Stockman uses the publication to circumvent contribution limits and restrictions by categorizing as subscription and advertising revenues what are actually political contributions earmarked for campaign literature; and that the publication lacks the proper disclaimer.

Clifford supports his allegations with evidence that, inter alia, Jeff Van Fleet, Managing Editor and owner of the Southeast Texas Times, was paid by Stockman's principal campaign committee on September 21, 1992, for "consulting"; the telephone number provided by the publication for business communications is also Stockman's home telephone number and his committees' telephone number; on July 30, 1993, Stockman mailed a letter addressed to "Concerned American" which included an attachment soliciting, among other things, subscribers, volunteers, authors, and donations for the Southeast Texas Times; Stockman personally solicited an article for the publication; Van Fleet was a coordinator for Stockman's 1992 campaign; the publication frequently runs advertisements for "Rush Limbaugh Parties" with no disclaimers, which individual invitations to those parties reveal to be connected with Stockman's campaign; and many writers and advertisers in the Southeast Texas Times are also Stockman volunteers and contributors. The complaint included nine issues of the publication as exhibits.

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B. The Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office.[2] 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), it is a violation of the Act for any candidate to knowingly accept any contributions which are, themselves, in violation of the Act. Candidates are required to report all contributions they receive. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

The Act and the Commission's regulations exclude, under certain conditions, costs associated with the production or dissemination of news stories, commentaries or editorials distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication

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2. The Southeast Texas Times is not a corporation. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession, filed in the County Court of Galveston County, Texas, lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times, and indicates that the business is to be conducted as a Sole Practitioner. For the purposes of this report and the following recommendations, and during the initial investigation, this Office will treat Van Fleet and the publication as interchangeable, assuming all knowledge and actions are shared.

from the definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure," so long as such facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

The Commission has interpreted the media exemption broadly, consistent with Congress' admonition that the Act was not intended "to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedom of the press." H.R. Rep. No. 943, 93d Cong., 1st Sess. 4 (1974). For instance, although Section 431(9)(B)(i) speaks only of "news stor[ies], commentar[ies], or editorial[s]", the Commission's regulations have applied the protection to "costs incurred in covering or carrying" exempt material. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

Section 431(9)(B)(i) identifies only "broadcasting station[s], newspaper[s], magazine[s], or other periodical publication[s]" as press entities entitled to the exemption. To determine, on an individual basis, whether a particular medium of communication fits one of these descriptions, the Commission has applied the definitions of "broadcaster," "newspaper," and "magazine or other periodical publication" offered in its Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), to the medium in question. See, e.g. MURs 2277 and 2567. Although that regulation deals with the sponsorship of candidate debates by news organizations, the definitions in the Explanation and Justification were explicitly drafted with the media exemption in mind. See

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Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), 44 Fed. Reg. 76,734 (1979).

According to the Explanation and Justification,

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'. A 'bona fide' magazine or other periodical publication is a publication in bound pamphlet form appearing at regular intervals (usually either weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly) and containing articles of news, information, opinion and entertainment, whether of general or specialized interest. Only magazines and periodicals which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions and advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

44 Fed. Reg. 76,735.

In addition to determining whether a press entity is one which ordinarily would be entitled to the press exemption, the Commission also must determine whether the press entity is owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i). This test involves an inquiry into whether there is evidence that the complaint, response or other data available to the Commission suggest that a media entity is so owned or controlled. See, e.g., MUR 3645. If it is, the media exemption from the definition of a contribution extends only to the costs of news stories "(i) which represent ... bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and (ii) which [are] part of a general

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pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation ... area ...." 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).[3]

Paid advertising expressly advocating a candidate's election or defeat would not qualify for the media exemption in any case, however, and would be subject to the requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). That section requires a written disclaimer "whenever any person makes an expenditure" for "general public political advertising" containing express advocacy. The disclaimer must clearly identify who paid for the communication and whether or not it was authorized by a candidate or candidate's committee. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a); 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1). Congress did not intend through the media exemption to exempt paid advertising containing express advocacy from the definition of "expenditure"; otherwise, Section 441d would be a nullity.

Finally, the Act requires that any entity acting as a conduit for receiving contributions earmarked for a particular candidate must report the original source and the

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3. One court has held that the Commission may commence investigation of alleged substantive violation only after it has determined that media entity is not entitled to press exemption. See Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1214-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1981).

intended recipient of such contributions to the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8).[4]

C. Analysis

1. Ownership and Control of the Southeast Texas Times

a. Background and Responses

The Southeast Texas Times is a conservative, semi-monthly publication published in League City, Texas, and distributed throughout Harris County, Texas. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner. The 9th Congressional District of Texas, in which Stockman and LeCour ran in the Republican primary, is located within Harris County. The publication covers a variety of regional and national issues.

The publication is unbound and printed on newsprint paper. It appears at fairly regular intervals, usually monthly and sometimes semi-monthly.[5] According to Van Fleet, the publication's "objective is ... to print the frequently overlooked conservative side of the news." It is circulated

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4. This Office will defer making a recommendation regarding the complainant's allegations of violations of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8) pending investigation of this matter.

5. In his response, Van Fleet stated that it is his goal to "publish the paper twice a month, or as ad revenue allows."

both to its paid subscribers, and to the general public through free delivery.[6]

During 1993, the publication ran numerous articles on Space Station Freedom and the Semi-conducting Supercollider, both significant employers in southeast Texas which faced major budget cuts during that time period. The publication also addressed issues of national and regional debate including abortion, gays in the military, gun control, and health care. Most issues include political cartoons, letters to the editor, restaurant reviews and a calendar of community events.

Van Fleet has indicated that he relies on advertising revenue to support the publication, which actively solicits both advertising and subscriptions. The actual source of the publication's revenue, however, is an open question which goes to the heart of this matter -- whether Stockman has provided either seed money or continuing financial support to the Southeast Texas Times.

In response to the complaint, Stockman stated that he neither owns nor has written for the Southeast Texas Times. Stockman stated that he helped Van Fleet only by providing him with the names of others who might want to help him start a publication. He also admitted that he allowed Van Fleet to use his telephone number "on a very temporal basis", but

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6. In his response, Van Fleet stated: "The paper is delivered, mailed and thrown to people all over southeast Texas .... As much as 50% of the copies are delivered OUTSIDE Mr. Stockman's district." (Emphasis in original).

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added that Van Fleet "has not used [the telephone number] for sometime."

Van Fleet responded that he is the sole owner and founder of the publication, and that there are no financial ties between Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times. He stated that Stockman has no editorial control over the publication, and that the Southeast Texas Times has advocated neither the election of Stockman nor the defeat of LeCour. Van Fleet also pointed out that the publication has included an article by and a photograph of people affiliated with LeCour.

Van Fleet argued that the conservative slant of his publication does not establish a connection with any particular candidate. Instead, it is intended to appeal to all conservatives. He pointed out that it has run articles about and advertisements supporting many candidates. Van Fleet indicated that he sought help in establishing his publication not only from Stockman, but from "other leading Republicans." According to Van Fleet, fifty percent of the publication's distribution is outside of the 9th Congressional District, which Stockman represents.

Van Fleet responded to the complainant's specific allegations by stating that the 1992 payment he received from Stockman's principal campaign committee was for his services as an advertising agent to place advertising in the Beaumont Enterprise. He stated that he has not used Stockman's telephone number since May 1993, that he asked Stockman if he

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could list his publication on the volunteer form in an effort to reach conservative subscribers,[7] and that the article the complainant alleges was personally solicited by Stockman was one of many guest articles the publication has run.

According to Van Fleet, the listing of community events is a service to his readers; the publication routinely lists community events that "feature Republicans". He adds that the publication has covered the activities of numerous Republican and Democratic politicians, not only Stockman, and that the mere fact that his publication addresses the same issues that Stockman did in his campaign does not establish a connection between the publication and the Stockman campaign. Finally, Van Fleet responds that his advertisers support his publication because it is conservative, not because of any connection to Stockman, and that 92.7 percent of his advertisers have no connection with Stockman.

Although no response was received from the Conservative Action Network,[8] Van Fleet stated in his response:

> The Conservative Action Network is only the name of the form. This form was enclosed in a letter that Stockman sent to his supporters. I have used this form at functions that I have attended. He paid for the printing of the forms that he used and I paid to print the forms that I used.

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7. The form Van Fleet refers to, (Attachment 1), was included in attachment 8 to the complaint, attached to a July 30, 1993, letter from Stockman seeking volunteers and contributions to support his 1994 campaign. The form bore the heading "Conservative Action Network" (the "Network"), and suggested that the Network is an entity. The Network was notified of the complaint by this Office.

8. Stockman did not address the Conservative Action Network in his response.

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The form solicits volunteers for various political activities, including precinct organizing, fundraising, collecting signatures, and registering voters. It also solicits subscriptions, advertisements, articles and donations for the Southeast Texas Times.

b. Discussion

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is, at the very least, jointly controlled by Van Fleet and Stockman, and one or both of Stockman's committees. The apparent purpose of their joint activity is two-fold: 1) to publish a local, conservative newspaper, and 2) to use that publication to promote Stockman's candidacy.

Although the Certificate of Ownership lists only Van Fleet as the publication's owner, the fact that Stockman provided the publication with the use of his personal and campaign committee telephone number for conducting its business dealings appears to indicate that he has a personal interest in the Southeast Texas Times. Further, in July 1993, even before he officially declared his candidacy for the 1994 Congressional election, Stockman distributed a letter seeking support for both the publication and his intended candidacy.

Indeed, the information available at this time appears to indicate a longstanding relationship between Van Fleet and his publication, and Stockman and his campaigns. During Stockman's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1992, and his more recent successful campaign, the Stockman committee

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reported payments to Van Fleet, including one in 1992 for $1260 for "consulting," and three described as "reimbursement[s]" for $200 and $250 in June 1994, and $200 in October 1994. The Stockman committee paid the Southeast Texas Times a total of $265 in September 1994 for "materials for literature distribution", and $400 in September 1993 for "newspaper ads." Additionally, the publication's listing of "Upcoming Community Events" frequently includes announcements soliciting volunteers for the Stockman campaign, with no similar entries for other state or federal candidates.

Evidence of the close association between Stockman and the publication is also found in the advertisement of a series of social events publicized by both Stockman's authorized committee and by the Southeast Texas Times. Read independently, the announcements for these social events appearing in the publication offer no hint of a connection with Stockman's campaign. When juxtaposed with the authorized committee's own invitations to these events, however, there is no doubt that the events described are one and the same.

Three of the authorized committee's postcard invitations to these events, postmarked June 2, June 22, and August 9, 1993, were attached as exhibits to the complaint. (Attachment 3). Each postcard invited the recipient to attend a "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress," (emphasis added), at The Caddyshack, listed the date and time of the event, and provided the telephone number (713)

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996-6900 for more information.[9] Each invitation is postmarked no more than five days before the event is to occur.

On page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993,[10] issues of the publication, the Upcoming Community Events listing included announcements concerning the same events, occurring at the same dates and times, but identifying them only as "Rush Parties," at which attendees could watch the previous two weeks of the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on videotape. Two of the three announcements provided the same telephone number to call for details and reservations.

The telephone number provided in both the announcements and the postcard invitations is actually Stockman's home and committee telephone number. The Upcoming Community Events announcements include no indication that Stockman for Congress is involved in the event.[11] Significantly, the editions in which each of these announcements appeared were published well before the postcard invitations were distributed, making it highly unlikely that the Southeast

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9. "Stockman for Congress" is the name of Stockman's authorized campaign committee, of which Stockman, himself, is treasurer. The postcards bear no disclaimers.

10. For those months in which the Southeast Texas Times published two issues, the second issue was denoted the "B" issue of that month.

11. Because neither the announcements nor the postcard invitations explicitly advocate Stockman's election or solicit contributions, disclaimers do not appear to be required. See AO 1980-67.

Texas Times was merely reprinting information it had received in the ordinary course of business.[12]

Finally, the Conservative Action Network, which Van Fleet describes as merely a name used on a form to seek volunteers (see supra, pp. 10-12, fn. 7 and 8 and accompanying text), appears to tie Stockman and his committees directly to the Southeast Texas Times. The form solicits volunteers for various political activities, without mentioning Stockman or his campaign. It also solicits subscriptions and advertising for the Southeast Texas Times. Standing alone, the form appears to have no relationship with the Stockman committees or Stockman himself. Rather, it appears to be an attempt to identify local conservative activists.

In fact, the address provided for the return of completed forms is actually the Stockman committees' post office box,[13] although the form indicates that it is the

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12. In addition, page 2 of the March 1993 issue includes an Upcoming Community Events announcement for Rush Parties being held on March 6 and 27, and advises the reader to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900." The investigation in this matter may reveal that the announcement is referring to respondents Jeff Van Fleet and Steve Stockman. Further, page 11 of the June 1993 issue and page 2 of the July B, 1993 issue contain what purport to be advertisements for two of the events which were publicized by both invitation and in the Upcoming Community Events announcements, each identified, once again, only as "Rush Party," and include the Stockman telephone number, but bear no obvious indication that the Stockman committee is involved in the events and no disclaimers.

13. Both Stockman's principal campaign committee and his authorized committee use the same post office box.

Network's own address. Consequently, it appears that payment for subscriptions to the Southeast Texas Times ordered through the Conservative Action Network form would be delivered directly to the Stockman campaign. Further, when read in conjunction with Stockman's July 30, 1993 letter to his supporters, the form directly ties the Conservative Action Network to Stockman and his efforts to defeat Jack Brooks.[14] Stockman stated in that letter:

> 3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

Public records indicate that Van Fleet is presently on Stockman's congressional payroll, serving Stockman as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. There is no current telephone listing for the Southeast Texas Times and no information publicly available to indicate that the publication remains in existence. If this evidence that the Southeast Texas Times has ceased publishing proves true, this fact, taken together with Van Fleet's employment by Stockman, is further evidence of the notion that the publication was actually a part of the effort to get Stockman elected, and was no longer needed by Van Fleet or Stockman once that effort proved successful.

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14. The Conservative Action Network is not registered with the Commission, nor is it incorporated in the State of Texas or listed with Dun & Bradstreet Information Services. An investigation into this matter would determine the status of the Network as a legal or financial entity, and its relationship with Stockman and the Stockman committees.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is jointly controlled by Stockman and Van Fleet, and that they use the conservative publication to promote Stockman's campaign events and his candidacy. The shared telephone number, the payments to Van Fleet, Van Fleet's current employment as Stockman's legislative assistant, the publication's efforts to solicit volunteers for Stockman, its regular advertisement of Stockman campaign events even before the invitations are distributed, and the joint effort to raise funds and attract volunteers for both Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times through the Network all appear to indicate that Stockman is directly involved with the publication.

The evidence that the publication appears to be a joint activity of Stockman and Van Fleet and, therefore, that the press exemption does not appear to be applicable, establishes reason to believe that Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), in that Van Fleet and the publication made contributions to Stockman in excess of $1,000 per election, in the form of advertisements, announcements, and news coverage. An investigation into the publication's finances is necessary to determine the full extent of those contributions.

Should the press exemption prove to be unavailable, there is reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stockman, as treasurer, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), by

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knowingly accepting contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and Van Fleet in excess of the limits set forth in 441a(a); and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), by failing to report those in-kind contributions.

Finally, because the evidence that the publication is a joint activity indicates that the press exemption may not be available, and because the evidence suggests extensive, personal involvement by Stockman in facilitating the relationship between the publication and the Stockman committees, there is reason to believe that Stockman, individually, in his capacity as candidate, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), by knowingly accepting contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and Van Fleet in excess of the limits set forth in 441a(a).[15]

2. Disclaimer Issues

In the nine issues of the Southeast Texas Times attached to the complaint there appear four separate advertisements advocating the election of particular candidates to the United States Senate, yet which bear no disclaimers or an improper disclaimer. Based upon a

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15. In similar matters, the Commission has held candidates liable for FECA violations where the evidence indicates that the candidate was personally involved in the activity out of which the violation arose. See MUR 3650 (Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar found to have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) where she personally arranged for loan out of which violations arose); see also MURs 2655 and 2292. With respect to the Conservative Action Network, this Office recommends that the Commission take no action at this time. Substantive recommendations regarding the Network may be forthcoming following the investigation of this matter.

combination of the responses received and the context of each of the advertisements, it appears that, for three of those advertisements, the publication provided the space at its own expense. The fourth was purchased by a candidate's committee.

As will be discussed below, because the three advertisements for which the publication appears to have contirbuted the space each bears no disclaimer, there is reason to believe that Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Because it remains unclear whether the actual value of any of these advertisements exceeds $1,000, this Office makes no recommendation at this time as to whether Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The investigation into this matter will determine the precise value of the advertisements. The investigation will also enable this Office to determine whether there are violations of 2 U.S.C. § 434(c) by Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times. The fourth advertisement, which was purchased by a candidate's committee and bears an improper disclaimer, will be discussed below.

a. Fields for Senate Advertisement

Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, were notified of the complaint because an advertisement expressly advocating Fields's election to the U.S. Senate,

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yet bearing no disclaimer, was published in the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. (Attachment 4).[16]

Wood responded that the Fields committee placed a single advertisement in the Southeast Texas Times, at a cost of $100, when the publication ran a special edition devoted to the space station. The committee also submitted several editorials for that edition.[17]

The March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times included an eight-page "Space Station Supplement." Pages 4 and 5 of the supplement bore the heading: "Join with these elected officials and area businesses whose sponsorships have helped make this TIMES supplement possible". (Attachment 4a).[18] Below that headline were instructions on where to write or call to express support for Space Station Freedom. The two-page spread featured ten boxes, each containing text, in quotation marks, supporting the space station and followed by an attribution line. One such box is attributed to Congressman Jack Fields, and states:

> "We must not abandon our nation's long commitment to space exploration and Space Station Freedom. Space Station Freedom represents a pathway to the markets, the jobs and the economic opportunities of tomorrow.

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16. The advertisement appears on page 2 of the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12b to the complaint.

17. The response stated that the Fields committee had no knowledge of any possible connection between the publication and Stockman.

18. The two-page spread within the the supplement appears on pages 4 and 5 of the Space Station Supplement to the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12b to the compaint.

> As a Congressman, I can tell you that your letters and phone calls will help save the Station! Write to Congress. Write to the President. Show your viewpoint, and Congress will listen." Congressman Jack Fields

The text is followed by the statement: "sponsored by Jack Fields for United States Senate".

The reference to "sponsorships" in the headline suggests that it was that "box" for which the Fields committee admitted paying the Southeast Texas Times $100. The text discusses an issue of tremendous significance to the Texas electorate, mentions Fields's experience as a congressman, and indicates that members of Congress can affect that issue. In this context, the use of the Fields committee name, "Jack Fields for United States Senate", amounts to expressly advocating his election. Because this paid advertisement contains an improper disclaimer, it appears that Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

The same edition of the publication, however, also includes what purports to be a letter to the editor from Jack Fields. That "letter" identifies Fields as a candidate for the U.S. Senate and expressly advocates his election, yet bears no disclaimer.[19] The Fields committee letterhead is reproduced, the text of the letter is printed in larger type than other text in the publication, and the letter appears on

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19. The advertisement stated, in part: "If elected to the U.S. Senate in the May 1 special election, I will continue my active support of NASA and the space station."

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page 2. The publication also contains a section entitled "Letters and Editorials," which appears on pages 8 and 9 of the March 1993 edition. Two other letters to the editor were published in that edition, both in the section specifically provided for such letters. These other letters are printed in the same typeface as all other news and editorial text in the publication, and include no individualized letterhead or graphics.

Because the Fields letter is spatially and graphically distinct from the other letters to the editor, it appears to be a paid advertisement and not a bona fide letter to the editor. Because this advertisement does not seem to be the one purchased by the Fields campaign, it appears that the Southeast Texas Times provided the space at its own expense.

b. Wright for Senate Advertisement

Wright for Senate and Joe T. Rye, as treasurer, were notified of the complaint because an advertisement expressly advocating Clymer Wright's election to the U.S. Senate, yet bearing no disclaimer, was published in the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. (Attachment 5).[20]

Rye responded that the advertisement was neither paid for nor authorized by the Wright Committee; that neither the candidate nor the treasurer was aware of the advertisement

20. The advertisement appears on page 3 of the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12b to the complaint. The advertisement stated, in part: "Clymer Wright for U.S. Senate" and "Wright for Texas... Right Now!"

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until they received the complaint; and that the advertisement is inconsistent with Wright's other campaign materials. Given the context of the advertisement, Rye's denials appear credible. It appears that the publication provided the space at its own expense.

c. Barton for Senate Advertisement

In the course of preparing this report, this Office discovered that an advertisement expressly advocating Joe Barton's election to the U.S. Senate, yet bearing no disclaimer, was published in the April B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. (Attachment 6).[21]

The advertisement promoting Barton's candidacy was similar in graphic and editorial style to several others that appear throughout the nine editions of the publication appended to the complaint, but contain no express advocacy.[22] By contrast, an advertisement promoting Barton's candidacy that appears in an earlier edition includes a proper disclaimer indicating that it was paid for and authorized by Barton. This Barton advertisement is presented in a distinctly different and more professional graphic and

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21. The advertisement appears on page 10 of the April B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12d to the complaint. Texans for Joe Barton and Charles R. Thomas, as treasurer, were not named as respondents nor have they been notified of the complaint. The advertisement stated: "Vote for Joe Barton U.S. Senate May 1."

22. See April B, 1993, p.6, "Vote May 1"; May 1993, p.6, "Watch Rush!! Ch. 26 11:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri."; May 1993, p.7, "Read the Times for the news. Read it. Learn it. Love it."

editorial style.[23] Thus, given the context of the advertisement which lacks a disclaimer, it appears that the publication provided the space at its own expense.

Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) with respect to each of the three advertisements. This Office further recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), issue a letter of admonishment, and take no further action as to these respondents. Finally, this Office recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that Wright for Senate and Joe T. Rye, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

d. Other Disclaimer Issues

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23. See March 1993, p.5.

The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas ("YCT"), which was also notified of the complaint, distributed two candidate comparisons. (Attachment 9).[27] No response has been received from YCT.

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27. The two comparisons were included in the complaint as attachments 16a and 16b.

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(2). Citizens for Honesty in Government

Citizens for Honesty in Government was not notified of the complaint, but in the course of preparing this report, this Office discovered that an advertisement expressly advocating the defeat of Rep. Jack Brooks, and bearing an improper disclaimer, was published in the September B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. (Attachment 10).[29]

The advertisement states: "Today's Fun Fact to Know and Tell: As of November, Jack Brooks will have been your Congressman for 41 years." This statement is followed by a circle with the number "42" inside, and a slash across the entire circle and number. The disclaimer states only "Paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government", and fails to indicate whether the advertisement was authorized by a candidate or committee. Because the advertisement expressly advocates the defeat of Rep. Jack Brooks, yet does not bear a proper disclaimer, it appears that Citizens for Honesty in Government may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that Citizens for Honesty in Government

29. The advertisement appears on page 12 of the September B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12j to the complaint.

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violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), issue a letter of admonishment, and take no further action as to this respondent.

(3). Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

In the course of preparing this report, this Office discovered that an advertisement soliciting contributions for Stockman's authorized committee, and bearing no disclaimer, was published in the April 8, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. (Attachment 2).[30]

The advertisement states, in part: "Garage Sale.... Proceeds to benefit 'Stockman for Congress' To Donate items or to get directions. Call Dee...." Because the advertisement solicits contributions for Stockman's campaign through advertising to the general public, yet bears no disclaimer, it appears that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

III. DISCOVERY

Further investigation into the relationships among the Southeast Texas Times, Van Fleet, Stockman, and the Stockman committees, and into the publication's finances, is warranted. The investigation will inquire into whether

30. This advertisement appears on page 3 of the April 8, 1993, edition, included in the complaint as attachment 12d.

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Stockman has any input into decision-making at the publication or has ever provided it with financial assistance; and into the nature of the payments from his committee to Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times. The investigation will also examine the publication's sources of revenue, its advertising charges, evidence of payment by the Fields, Wright, and Barton committees, its sources of information for the "Rush Party" advertisements and announcements, and its contacts with Stockman and his committees. To expedite the investigation, this Office recommends that the Commission approve the attached Subpoenas for the Production of Documents and Orders to Answer Interrogatories.

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IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find reason to believe that Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a).

2. Find reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

3. Find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f).

4. Find reason to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a).

5. Take no action at this time as to the Conservative Action Network.

6. Find reason to believe that Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a); take no further action; and close the file as to these respondents.

7. Find no reason to believe that Wright for Senate and Joe T. Rye, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), and close the file as to these respondents.

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9. Find no reason to believe that The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), and close the file as to this respondent.

10. Find reason to believe that Citizens for Honesty in Government violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a); take no further action; and close the file as to this respondent.

11. Approve the attached Factual and Legal Analyses.

12. Approve the appropriate letters.

13. Approve the attached Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Jeff Van Fleet.

14. Approve the attached Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to the Southeast Texas Times.

15. Approve the attached Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Stephen E. Stockman.

16. Approve the attached Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer.

17. Approve the attached Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer.

5/24/95
Date

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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Attachments:

1. Conservative Action Network form
2. Advertisement soliciting items for garage sale to benefit Stockman for Congress
3. Postcard invitations
4. Advertisement advocating the election of Jack Fields
4a. Space Station Supplement
5. Advertisement advocating the election of Clymer Wright
6. Advertisement advocating the election of Joe Barton
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9. Voter's Guides distributed by The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas
10. Advertisement advocating the defeat of Rep. Jack Brooks
11. Response of Stephen E. Stockman
12. Response of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times
13. Response of Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as Treasurer
14. Response of Wright for Senate Committee and Joe Terry Rye, as Treasurer
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16. Factual and Legal Analyses (7)
17. Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times.
18. Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Stephen E. Stockman.
19. Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer.
20. Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/BONNIE J. ROSS
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE: MAY 31, 1995

SUBJECT: MUR 3847 - FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT DATED MAY 24, 1995.

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission on Thursday, May 25, 1995 at 11:00.

Objection(s) have been received from the Commissioner(s) as indicated by the name(s) checked below:

Commissioner Aikens	
Commissioner Elliott	
Commissioner McDonald	
Commissioner McGarry	XXX
Commissioner Potter	
Commissioner Thomas	XXX

This matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for Tuesday, June 6, 1995.

Please notify us who will represent your Division before the Commission on this matter.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer;	)	
Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Jeff Van Fleet;	)	
Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as Treasurer;	)	
Wright for Senate Committee and Joe Terry Rye, as Treasurer;	)	
Conservative Action Network;	)	
The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government	)	

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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on June 13, 1995, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to

   a) Find reason to believe that Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a).

   b) Take no action at this time as to the Conservative Action Network.

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c) Find no reason to believe that Wright for Senate and Joe T. Rye, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), and close the file as to these respondents.

d) Approve appropriate letters.

e) Approve the Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Jeff Van Fleet as recommended in the General Counsel's May 24, 1995 report.

f) Approve the Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to the Southeast Texas Times as recommended in the General Counsel's May 24, 1995 report.

g) Approve the Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Stephen E. Stockman as recommended in the General Counsel's May 24, 1995 report.

h) Approve the Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer, as recommended in the General Counsel's May 24, 1995 report.

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i) Approve the Subpoena for the Production of Documents and Answers to Interrogatories to Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer, as recommended in the General Counsel's report dated May 24, 1995.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, Potter, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

2. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to reject recommendation number 6 in the General Counsel's report dated May 24, 1995 and instead find no reason to believe that Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) and close the file with respect to these respondents.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, Potter, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

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4. Failed in a vote of 3-3 to pass a motion to find reason to believe that The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives for Texas violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), and direct the Office of General Counsel to draft an appropriate Factual and Legal Analysis and an appropriate letter.

   Commissioners McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the motion; Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, and Potter dissented.

5. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to take no further action and close the file with respect to The Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas.

   Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, Potter, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

6. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to find reason to believe that Citizens for Honesty in Government violated 2 U.S.C. 441d(a).

   Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, Potter, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

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7. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to approve appropriate Factual and Legal Analyses.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, Potter, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

6-15-95
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 26, 1995

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA HAND DELIVERY

Jeff Van Fleet
Southeast Texas Times
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and
Southeast Texas Times

Dear Mr. Van Fleet:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified the Southeast Texas Times and you of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

Upon further review of the allegations contained in the complaint, and information supplied by you, the Commission, on June 13, 1995, found that there is reason to believe Southeast Texas Times and you violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a), provisions of the Act. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Statements should be submitted under oath. All responses to the enclosed Order to Answer Questions and Subpoena to Produce Documents must be submitted to the General Counsel's Office within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Any additional materials or statements you wish to submit should accompany the response to the order and subpoena. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

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You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this order and subpoena. If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notification or other communications from the Commission.

If you are interested in pursuing pre-probable cause conciliation, you should so request in writing. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d). Upon receipt of the request, the Office of the General Counsel will make recommendations to the Commission either proposing an agreement in settlement of the matter or recommending declining that pre-probable cause conciliation be pursued. The Office of the General Counsel may recommend that pre-probable cause conciliation not be entered into at this time so that it may complete its investigation of the matter. Further, the Commission will not entertain requests for pre-probable cause conciliation after briefs on probable cause have been mailed to the respondent.

Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

Enclosures:
Order and Subpoena
Designation of Counsel Form
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times

MUR: 3847

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated by a complaint filed on December 27, 1993, by Stephen M. Clifford.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. Applicable Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office.[1] 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), it is a violation of the Act for any candidate to knowingly accept any contributions which are, themselves, in violation of the Act. Candidates are required to report all contributions they receive. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent,

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1. The Southeast Texas Times is not a corporation. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession, filed in the County Court of Galveston County, Texas, lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times, and indicates that the business is to be conducted as a Sole Practitioner.

shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

The Act and the Commission's regulations exclude, under certain conditions, costs associated with the production or dissemination of news stories, commentaries or editorials distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication from the definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure," so long as such facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

The Commission has interpreted the media exemption broadly, consistent with Congress' admonition that the Act was not intended "to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedom of the press." H.R. Rep. No. 943, 93d Cong., 1st Sess. 4 (1974). For instance, although Section 431(9)(B)(i) speaks only of "news stor[ies], commentar[ies], or editorial[s]", the Commission's regulations have applied the protection to "costs incurred in covering or carrying" exempt material. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

Section 431(9)(B)(i) identifies only "broadcasting station[s], newspaper[s], magazine[s], or other periodical publication[s]" as press entities entitled to the exemption. To determine, on an individual basis, whether a particular medium of communication fits one of these descriptions, the Commission has applied the definitions of "broadcaster," "newspaper," and "magazine or other periodical publication"

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offered in its Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), to the medium in question. See, e.g. MURs 2277 and 2567. Although that regulation deals with the sponsorship of candidate debates by news organizations, the definitions in the Explanation and Justification were explicitly drafted with the media exemption in mind. See Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), 44 Fed. Reg. 76,734 (1979).

According to the Explanation and Justification,

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'. A 'bona fide' magazine or other periodical publication is a publication in bound pamphlet form appearing at regular intervals (usually either weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly) and containing articles of news, information, opinion and entertainment, whether of general or specialized interest. Only magazines and periodicals which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions and advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

44 Fed. Reg. 76,735.

In addition to determining whether a press entity is one which ordinarily would be entitled to the press exemption, the Commission also must determine whether the press entity is owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i). This test is a straightforward inquiry into whether there is evidence that the complaint, response or other data available to the Commission suggest that a media entity is so owned or controlled. See, e.g., MUR 3645. If it is, the media exemption from the

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definition of a contribution extends only to the costs of news stories "(i) which represent ... bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and (ii) which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation ... area ...." 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).[2]

Paid advertising expressly advocating a candidate's election or defeat would not qualify for the media exemption in any case, however, and would be subject to the requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). That section requires a written disclaimer "whenever any person makes an expenditure" for "general public political advertising" containing express advocacy. The disclaimer must clearly identify who paid for the communication and whether or not it was authorized by a candidate or candidate's committee. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a); 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1). Congress did not intend through the media exemption to exempt paid advertising containing express advocacy from the definition of "expenditure"; otherwise, Section 441d would be a nullity.

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2. One court has held that the Commission cannot investigate whether there is "reasonably equal coverage" unless it first finds that a media entity is owned or controlled by a party, committee or candidate. See Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1214-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1981) (Commission may commence investigation of alleged substantive violation only after it has determined that media entity is not entitled to press exemption).

Finally, the Act requires that any entity acting as a conduit for receiving contributions earmarked for a particular candidate must report the original source and the intended recipient of such contributions to the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8).

B. Discussion

1. Ownership and Control of the Southeast Texas Times

The Southeast Texas Times is a conservative, semi-monthly publication published in League City, Texas, and distributed throughout Harris County, Texas. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner. The 9th Congressional District of Texas is located within Harris County. The publication covers a variety of regional and national issues.

The publication is unbound and printed on newsprint paper. It appears at fairly regular intervals, usually monthly and sometimes semi-monthly. According to Van Fleet, the publication's "objective is ... to print the frequently overlooked conservative side of the news." It is circulated both to its paid subscribers, and to the general public through free delivery.

During 1993, the publication ran numerous articles on Space Station Freedom and the Semi-conducting Supercollider, both significant employers in southeast Texas which faced major budget cuts during that time period. The publication also addressed issues of national and regional debate including

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abortion, gays in the military, gun control, and health care. Most issues include political cartoons, letters to the editor, restaurant reviews and a calendar of community events.

The record indicates that the publication relies on advertising revenue, and actively solicits both advertising and subscriptions. The actual source of the publication's revenue, however, is an open question which goes to the heart of this matter -- whether Stockman has provided either seed money or continuing financial support to the Southeast Texas Times.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is, at the very least, jointly controlled by Van Fleet and Stockman, and one or both of Stockman's committees. The apparent purpose of their joint activity is two-fold: 1) to publish a local, conservative newspaper, and 2) to use that publication to promote Stockman's candidacy.

Although the Certificate of Ownership lists only Van Fleet as the publication's owner, the fact that Stockman provided the publication with the use of his personal and campaign committee telephone number for conducting its business dealings appears to indicate that he has a personal interest in the Southeast Texas Times. Further, in July 1993, even before he officially declared his candidacy, Stockman distributed a letter seeking support for both the publication and his intended candidacy.

Indeed, the information available at this time appears to indicate a longstanding relationship between Van Fleet and his

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publication, and Stockman and his campaigns. During Stockman's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1992, and his more recent successful campaign, the Stockman committee reported payments to Van Fleet, including one in 1992 for $1260 for "consulting," and three described as "reimbursement[s]" for $200 and $250 in June 1994, and $200 in October 1994. The Stockman committee paid the Southeast Texas Times a total of $265 in September 1994 for "materials for literature distribution", and $400 in September 1993 for "newspaper ads." Additionally, the publication's listing of "Upcoming Community Events" frequently includes announcements soliciting volunteers for the Stockman campaign, with no similar entries for other state or federal candidates.

Evidence of the close association between Stockman and the publication is also found in the advertisement of a series of social events publicized by both Stockman's authorized committee and by the Southeast Texas Times. Read independently, the announcements for these social events appearing in the publication offer no hint of a connection with Stockman's campaign. When juxtaposed with the authorized committee's own invitations to these events, however, there is no doubt that the events described are one and the same.

Three of the authorized committee's postcard invitations to these events, postmarked June 2, June 22, and August 9, 1993, were attached as exhibits to the complaint. Each postcard invited the recipient to attend a "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress," (emphasis added), at The Caddyshack,

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listed the date and time of the event, and provided the telephone number (713) 996-6900 for more information.[3] Each invitation is postmarked no more than five days before the event is to occur.

On page 2 of the May, June, and July 8, 1993, issues of the publication, the Upcoming Community Events listing included announcements concerning the same events, occurring at the same dates and times, but identifying them only as "Rush Parties," at which attendees could watch the previous two weeks of the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on videotape. Two of the three announcements provided the same telephone number to call for details and reservations.

The telephone number provided in both the announcements and the postcard invitations is actually Stockman's home and committee telephone number. The Upcoming Community Events announcements include no indication that Stockman for Congress is involved in the event. Significantly, the editions in which each of these announcements appeared were published well before the postcard invitations were distributed, making it highly unlikely that the Southeast Texas Times was merely reprinting information it had received in the ordinary course of business.[4]

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3. "Stockman for Congress" is the name of Stockman's authorized campaign committee, of which Stockman, himself, is treasurer.

4. In addition, page 2 of the March 1993 issue includes an Upcoming Community Events announcement for Rush Parties being held on March 6 and 27, and advises the reader to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900." Further, page 11

Finally, the Conservative Action Network, which has been described as merely a name used on a form to seek volunteers, appears to tie Stockman and his committees directly to the Southeast Texas Times. The form solicits volunteers for various political activities, without mentioning Stockman or his campaign. It also solicits subscriptions and advertising for the Southeast Texas Times. Standing alone, the form appears to have no relationship with the Stockman committees or Stockman himself. Rather, it appears to be an attempt to identify local conservative activists.

In fact, the address provided for the return of completed forms is actually the Stockman committees' post office box,[5] although the form indicates that it is the Network's own address. Consequently, it appears that payment for subscriptions to the Southeast Texas Times ordered through the Conservative Action Network form would be delivered directly to the Stockman campaign. Further, when read in conjunction with Stockman's July 30, 1993 letter to his supporters, the form directly ties the Conservative Action Network to Stockman and

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of the June 1993 issue and page 2 of the July 8, 1993 issue contain advertisements for two of the events which were publicized by both invitations and in the Upcoming Community Events announcements, each identified, once again, only as "Rush Party," and include the Stockman telephone number, but bear no obvious indication that the Stockman committee is involved in the events and no disclaimers.

5. Both Stockman's principal campaign committee and his authorized committee use the same post office box.

his efforts to defeat Jack Brooks. Stockman stated in that letter:

> 3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

Public records indicate that Van Fleet is presently on Stockman's congressional payroll, serving Stockman as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. There is no current telephone listing for the Southeast Texas Times and no information publicly available to indicate that the publication remains in existence. If this evidence that the Southeast Texas Times has ceased publishing proves true, it further supports the notion that the publication was actually a part of the effort to get Stockman elected, and was no longer needed by Van Fleet or Stockman once that effort proved successful.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is jointly controlled by Stockman and Van Fleet, and that they use the conservative publication to promote Stockman's campaign events and his candidacy. The shared telephone number, the payments to Van Fleet, Van Fleet's current employment as Stockman's legislative assistant, the publication's efforts to solicit volunteers for Stockman, its regular advertisement of Stockman campaign events even before the invitations are distributed, and the joint effort to raise funds and attract volunteers for both Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times through the Network all appear to indicate that Stockman and his committees are directly involved with the publication.

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The evidence that the publication appears to be a joint activity of Stockman and Van Fleet and, therefore, that the press exemption does not appear to be applicable, establishes reason to believe that Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), in that Van Fleet and the publication made contributions to Stockman in excess of $1,000 per election, in the form of advertisements, announcements, and news coverage.

2. Disclaimer Issues

In the nine issues of the Southeast Texas Times attached to the complaint there appear three separate advertisements advocating the election of particular candidates to the United States Senate, yet bearing no disclaimers. Based upon a combination of the responses received and the context of each of the advertisements, it appears that, in each case, the publication provided the space at its own expense.

As will be discussed below, because none of the advertisements at issue contains a disclaimer, there is reason to believe that Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

a. Fields for Senate Advertisement

An advertisement expressly advocating the election of Jack Fields to the U.S. Senate, yet bearing no disclaimer, was

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published in the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times.[6]

The record indicates that the Fields committee placed a single advertisement in the Southeast Texas Times, at a cost of $100, when the publication ran a special edition devoted to the space station, and that the committee submitted several editorials for that edition.

The March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times included an eight-page "Space Station Supplement." Pages 4 and 5 of the supplement bore the heading: "Join with these elected officials and area businesses whose sponsorships have helped make this TIMES supplement possible". Below that headline were instructions on where to write or call to express support for Space Station Freedom. The two-page spread featured ten boxes, each containing text, in quotation marks, supporting the space station and followed by an attribution line. One such box is attributed to Congressman Jack Fields, and states:

> "We must not abandon our nation's long commitment to space exploration and Space Station Freedom. Space Station Freedom represents a pathway to the markets, the jobs and the economic opportunities of tomorrow. As a Congressman, I can tell you that your letters and phone calls will help save the Station! Write to Congress. Write to the President. Show your viewpoint, and Congress will listen." Congressman Jack Fields

The text is followed by the statement: "sponsored by Jack Fields for United States Senate". The reference to

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6. The advertisement appears on page 2 of the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12b to the complaint.

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"sponsorships" in the headline suggests that it was that "box" for which the Fields committee paid the Southeast Texas Times $100.

The same edition of the publication, however, also includes what purports to be a letter to the editor from Jack Fields. That "letter" identifies Fields as a candidate for the U.S. Senate and expressly advocates his election, yet bears no disclaimer.[7] The Fields committee letterhead is reproduced, the text of the letter is printed in larger type than other text in the publication, and the letter appears on page 2. The publication also contains a section entitled "Letters and Editorials," which appears on pages 8 and 9 of the March 1993 edition. Two other letters to the editor were published in that edition, both in the section specifically provided for such letters. These other letters are printed in the same typeface as all other news and editorial text in the publication, and include no individualized letterhead or graphics.

Because the Fields letter is spatially and graphically distinct from the other letters to the editor, it appears to be a paid advertisement and not a bona fide letter to the editor. Because this advertisement does not seem to be the one purchased by the Fields campaign, it appears that the Southeast Texas Times provided the space at its own expense.

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7. The advertisement stated, in part: "If elected to the U.S. Senate in the May 1 special election, I will continue my active support of NASA and the space station."

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b. Wright for Senate Advertisement

An advertisement expressly advocating Clymer Wright's election to the U.S. Senate, yet bearing no disclaimer, was published in the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times.[8]

The record indicates that the advertisement was neither paid for nor authorized by the Wright Committee; and that the advertisement is inconsistent with Wright's other campaign materials. It appears that the publication provided the space at its own expense.

c. Barton for Senate Advertisement

An advertisement expressly advocating Joe Barton's election to the U.S. Senate, yet bearing no disclaimer, was published in the April B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times.[9]

The advertisement promoting Barton's candidacy was similar in graphic and editorial style to several others that appear throughout the nine editions of the publication appended

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8. The advertisement appears on page 3 of the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12b to the complaint. The advertisement stated, in part: "Clymer Wright for U.S. Senate" and "Wright for Texas... Right Now!"

9. The advertisement appears on page 10 of the April B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times, attachment 12d to the complaint. The advertisement stated: "Vote for Joe Barton U.S. Senate May 1."

to the complaint, but contain no express advocacy.[10] In addition, an advertisement promoting Barton's candidacy and appearing in an earlier edition includes a proper disclaimer and is presented in a distinctly different and more professional graphic and editorial style.[11] Given the context of the advertisement, it appears that the publication provided the space at its own expense.

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10. See April B, 1993, p.6, "Vote May 1"; May 1993, p.6, "Watch Rush!! Ch. 26 11:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri."; May 1993, p.7, "Read the Times for the news. Read it. Learn it. Love it."

11. See March 1993, p.5.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times	)	
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Jeff Van Fleet, Owner/President
Southeast Texas Times
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 26th, day of June, 1995.

For the Commission,

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Interrogatories and Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and requests for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

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DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. Describe the legal business form of the Southeast Texas Times (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.) and the date on which it came to exist under such form.

2. If presently incorporated, identify all directors and officers, and provide copies of all the articles of incorporation and by-laws under which the Southeast Texas Times has operated since its inception.

3. Identify all individuals who have ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

4. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

5. Identify all sources of start-up funds and initial and continuing revenue for the Southeast Texas Times since its inception, including, but not limited to, subscriptions, advertising and contributions, and indicate the percentage of the publication's operating budget each income source represents.

6. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date and amount of each such contribution.

7. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value and the date of each such contribution.

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8. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that such purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

9. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

10. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

11. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

12. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

13. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

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14. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

15. Provide a price list or other indication of the charges for purchasing advertising space in the Southeast Texas Times. Include pricing terms for special editions or inserts, columns, inches, boxes of varying sizes, pages, half-pages, quarter-pages, or any other advertising unit.

16. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased by Stockman for Congress, Friends of Steve Stockman, Fields for Senate, Wright for Senate, Texans for Joe Barton and Citizens for Honesty in Government. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

17. Identify the individual or entity who paid for each of the following advertisements appearing in the Southeast Texas Times:

a. Attachment 1
b. Attachment 2
c. Attachment 3
d. Attachment 4
e. Attachment 5
f. Attachment 6
g. Attachment 7

18. Provide the address for Citizens for Honesty in Government.

19. State whether you have ever shared your list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress or their agents or representatives. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, and provide copies of any documents shared.

20. State whether Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress or their agents or representatives have ever shared their contributor lists, mailing lists, or any other information with you. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, and provide copies of any documents shared.

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21. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress and their agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

22. Provide the precise addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, for each location at which all work, including, but not limited to, editorial, financial, and printing, related to producing the Southeast Texas Times is accomplished.

23. Provide all legal mailing addresses and actual residential addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, for Jeff Van Fleet for the years 1993 to date. If any of the actual residential addresses were not owned by Jeff Van Fleet, provide the name and address of each landlord or owner.

24. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to Jeff Van Fleet from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. 1992 -- $1260
b. June 1994 -- $200
c. June 1994 -- $250
d. October 1994 -- $200

25. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to the Southeast Texas Times from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. September 1993 -- $400
b. September 1994 -- $265

26. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July 8, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;
b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;
c. Whether Jeff Van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

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d. Whether Stephen E. Stockman participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

f. All documents referring or relating to the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

27. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900," state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";

b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;

c. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stephen E. Stockman;

d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman for Congress;

e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman.

28. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;

b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;

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d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;

e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;

f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);

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g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

29. Provide originals, if available, or copies, of each edition of the Southeast Texas Times published between September 1, 1994 and January 1, 1994.

30. State whether the Southeast Texas Times is currently being published. If not, state the date on which it was last published and the reason(s) publication ceased.

31. State the date on which Jeff Van Fleet became employed by Rep. Stephen E. Stockman as a legislative assistant, and the dates(s) on which the offer of such employment was made and accepted.

32. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

SENSITIVE

June 21, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

RE: MUR 3847
Re-vote of Recommendations #2-4 Pursuant to
1st General Counsel's Report Dated March 24, 1995

On June 13, 1995, the Commission considered the First General Counsel's Report recommending findings of reason to believe in this matter. Apparently, the transcript of this executive session meeting was unclear as to whether recommendations #2-4 were included in a motion that subsequently passed by a vote of 6-0. Although the discussion itself makes clear that these recommendations were intended to be included in the motion, the transcript remains ambiguous. Therefore, this Office recommends that the Commission re-vote on recommendations #2-4 as stated in the First General Counsel's Report dated March 24, 1995. Attached are copies of both the original recommendations and the certification.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

2. Find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f).

3. Find reason to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a).

Attachments:
Original Recommendations
Original Certification

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
Stephen E. Stockman;	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer;	)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on June 22, 1995, the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Find reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

2. Find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f).

3. Find reason to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a).

Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Potter voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioners Aikens and Thomas did not cast votes.

Attest:

6-22-95
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

Received in the Secretariat: Wed., June 21, 1995 3:02 p.m.
Circulated to the Commission: Wed., June 21, 1995 4:00 p.m.
Deadline for vote: Thurs., June 22, 1995 4:00 p.m.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 26, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer
Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

RE: MUR 3847
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Stockman:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified Stockman for Congress ("Committee") and you, as treasurer of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

Upon further review of the allegations contained in the complaint, and information supplied by the Committee, the Commission, on June 22, 1995, found that there is reason to believe Stockman for Congress and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a), provisions of the Act. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Statements should be submitted under oath. All responses to the enclosed Order to Answer Questions and Subpoena to Produce Documents must be submitted to the General Counsel's Office within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Any additional materials or statements you wish to submit should accompany the response to the order and subpoena. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

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You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this order and subpoena. If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notification or other communications from the Commission.

If you are interested in pursuing pre-probable cause conciliation, you should so request in writing. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d). Upon receipt of the request, the Office of the General Counsel will make recommendations to the Commission either proposing an agreement in settlement of the matter or recommending declining that pre-probable cause conciliation be pursued. The Office of the General Counsel may recommend that pre-probable cause conciliation not be entered into at this time so that it may complete its investigation of the matter. Further, the Commission will not entertain requests for pre-probable cause conciliation after briefs on probable cause have been mailed to the respondent.

Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Danny L. McDonald

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer
MUR: 3847

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated by the Commission in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. APPLICABLE LAW

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office.[1] 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), it is a violation of the Act for any candidate to knowingly accept any contributions which are, themselves, in violation of the Act. Candidates are required to report all contributions they receive. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

1. The Southeast Texas Times is not a corporation. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession, filed in the County Court of Galveston County, Texas, lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times, and indicates that the business is to be conducted as a Sole Practitioner.

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The Act and the Commission's regulations exclude, under certain conditions, costs associated with the production or dissemination of news stories, commentaries or editorials distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication from the definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure," so long as such facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

The Commission has interpreted the media exemption broadly, consistent with Congress' admonition that the Act was not intended "to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedom of the press." H.R. Rep. No. 943, 93d Cong., 1st Sess. 4 (1974). For instance, although Section 431(9)(B)(i) speaks only of "news stor[ies], commentar[ies], or editorial[s]", the Commission's regulations have applied the protection to "costs incurred in covering or carrying" exempt material. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

Section 431(9)(B)(i) identifies only "broadcasting station[s], newspaper[s], magazine[s], or other periodical publication[s]" as press entities entitled to the exemption. To determine, on an individual basis, whether a particular medium of communication fits one of these descriptions, the Commission has applied the definitions of "broadcaster," "newspaper," and "magazine or other periodical publication" offered in its Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), to the medium in question. See, e.g. MURs 2277 and

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2567. Although that regulation deals with the sponsorship of candidate debates by news organizations, the definitions in the Explanation and Justification were explicitly drafted with the media exemption in mind. See Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), 44 Fed. Reg. 76,734 (1979).

According to the Explanation and Justification,

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'. A 'bona fide' magazine or other periodical publication is a publication in bound pamphlet form appearing at regular intervals (usually either weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly) and containing articles of news, information, opinion and entertainment, whether of general or specialized interest. Only magazines and periodicals which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions and advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

44 Fed. Reg. 76,735.

In addition to determining whether a press entity is one which ordinarily would be entitled to the press exemption, the Commission also must determine whether the press entity is owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i). This test is a straightforward inquiry into whether there is evidence that the complaint, response or other data available to the Commission suggest that a media entity is so owned or controlled. See, e.g., MUR 3645. If it is, the media exemption from the definition of a contribution extends only to the costs of news stories "(i) which represent ... bona fide news account[s]

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communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and (ii) which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation ... area ...." 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).[2]

Paid advertising expressly advocating a candidate's election or defeat would not qualify for the media exemption in any case, however, and would be subject to the requirements of 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). That section requires a written disclaimer "whenever any person makes an expenditure" for "general public political advertising" containing express advocacy. The disclaimer must clearly identify who paid for the communication and whether or not it was authorized by a candidate or candidate's committee. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a); 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1). Congress did not intend through the media exemption to exempt paid advertising containing express advocacy from the definition of "expenditure"; otherwise, Section 441d would be a nullity.

Finally, the Act requires that any entity acting as a conduit for receiving contributions earmarked for a particular candidate must report the original source and the intended

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2. One court has held that the Commission cannot investigate whether there is "reasonably equal coverage" unless it first finds that a media entity is owned or controlled by a party, committee or candidate. See Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1214-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1981) (Commission may commence investigation of alleged substantive violation only after it has determined that media entity is not entitled to press exemption).

recipient of such contributions to the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8).

B. Discussion

1. Ownership and Control of the Southeast Texas Times

The Southeast Texas Times is a conservative, semi-monthly publication published in League City, Texas, and distributed throughout Harris County, Texas. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner. The 9th Congressional District of Texas is located within Harris County. The publication covers a variety of regional and national issues.

The publication is unbound and printed on newsprint paper. It appears at fairly regular intervals, usually monthly and sometimes semi-monthly. The record indicates that the publication's "objective is ... to print the frequently overlooked conservative side of the news." It is circulated both to its paid subscribers, and to the general public through free delivery.

During 1993, the publication ran numerous articles on Space Station Freedom and the Semi-conducting Supercollider, both significant employers in southeast Texas which faced major budget cuts during that time period. The publication also addressed issues of national and regional debate including abortion, gays in the military, gun control, and health care. Most issues include political cartoons, letters to the editor, restaurant reviews and a calendar of community events.

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The record indicates that the publication relies on advertising revenue, and actively solicits both advertising and subscriptions. The actual source of the publication's revenue, however, is an open question which goes to the heart of this matter -- whether Stockman has provided either seed money or continuing financial support to the Southeast Texas Times.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is, at the very least, jointly controlled by Van Fleet and Stockman, and one or both of Stockman's committees. The apparent purpose of their joint activity is two-fold: 1) to publish a local, conservative newspaper, and 2) to use that publication to promote Stockman's candidacy.

Although the Certificate of Ownership lists only Van Fleet as the publication's owner, the fact that Stockman provided the publication with the use of his personal and campaign committee telephone number for conducting its business dealings appears to indicate that he has a personal interest in the Southeast Texas Times. Further, in July 1993, even before he officially declared his candidacy, Stockman distributed a letter seeking support for both the publication and his intended candidacy.

Indeed, the information available at this time appears to indicate a longstanding relationship between Van Fleet and his publication, and Stockman and his campaigns. During Stockman's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1992, and his more recent successful campaign, the Stockman committee reported payments

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to Van Fleet, including one in 1992 for $1260 for "consulting," and three described as "reimbursement[s]" for $200 and $250 in June 1994, and $200 in October 1994. The Stockman committee paid the Southeast Texas Times a total of $265 in September 1994 for "materials for literature distribution", and $400 in September 1993 for "newspaper ads." Additionally, the publication's listing of "Upcoming Community Events" frequently includes announcements soliciting volunteers for the Stockman campaign, with no similar entries for other state or federal candidates.

Evidence of the close association between Stockman and the publication is also found in the advertisement of a series of social events publicized by both Stockman's authorized committee and by the Southeast Texas Times. Read independently, the announcements for these social events appearing in the publication offer no hint of a connection with Stockman's campaign. When juxtaposed with the authorized committee's own invitations to these events, however, there is no doubt that the events described are one and the same.

Three of the authorized committee's postcard invitations to these events, postmarked June 2, June 22, and August 9, 1993, were attached as exhibits to the complaint. Each postcard invited the recipient to attend a "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress," (emphasis added), at The Caddyshack, listed the date and time of the event, and provided the telephone number (713) 996-6900 for more information. Each

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invitation is postmarked no more than five days before the event is to occur.

On page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993, issues of the publication, the Upcoming Community Events listing included announcements concerning the same events, occurring at the same dates and times, but identifying them only as "Rush Parties," at which attendees could watch the previous two weeks of the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on videotape. Two of the three announcements provided the same telephone number to call for details and reservations.

The telephone number provided in both the announcements and the postcard invitations is actually Stockman's home and committee telephone number. The Upcoming Community Events announcements include no indication that Stockman for Congress is involved in the event. Significantly, the editions in which each of these announcements appeared were published well before the postcard invitations were distributed, making it highly unlikely that the Southeast Texas Times was merely reprinting information it had received in the ordinary course of business.[3]

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3. In addition, page 2 of the March 1993 issue includes an Upcoming Community Events announcement for Rush Parties being held on March 6 and 27, and advises the reader to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900." Further, page 11 of the June 1993 issue and page 2 of the July B, 1993 issue contain advertisements for two of the events which were publicized by both invitation and in the upcoming Community Events announcements, each identified, once again, only as "Rush Party," and include the Stockman telephone number, but bear no obvious indication that the Stockman committee is involved in the events and no disclaimers.

Finally, the Conservative Action Network, which has been described as merely a name used on a form to seek volunteers, appears to tie Stockman and his committees directly to the Southeast Texas Times. The form solicits volunteers for various political activities, without mentioning Stockman or his campaign. It also solicits subscriptions and advertising for the Southeast Texas Times. Standing alone, the form appears to have no relationship with the Stockman committees or Stockman himself. Rather, it appears to be an attempt to identify local conservative activists.

In fact, the address provided for the return of completed forms is actually the Stockman committees' post office box,[4] although the form indicates that it is the Network's own address. Consequently, it appears that payment for subscriptions to the Southeast Texas Times ordered through the Conservative Action Network form would be delivered directly to the Stockman campaign. Further, when read in conjunction with Stockman's July 30, 1993 letter to his supporters, the form directly ties the Conservative Action Network to Stockman and his efforts to defeat Jack Brooks. Stockman stated in that letter:

> 3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

4. Both Stockman's principal campaign committee and his authorized committee use the same post office box.

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Public records indicate that Van Fleet is presently on Stockman's congressional payroll, serving Stockman as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. There is no current telephone listing for the Southeast Texas Times and no information publicly available to indicate that the publication remains in existence. If this evidence that the Southeast Texas Times has ceased publishing proves true, it further supports the notion that the publication was actually a part of the effort to get Stockman elected, and was no longer needed by Van Fleet or Stockman once that effort proved successful.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is jointly controlled by Stockman and Van Fleet, and that they use the conservative publication to promote Stockman's campaign events and his candidacy. The shared telephone number, the payments to Van Fleet, Van Fleet's current employment as Stockman's legislative assistant, the publication's efforts to solicit volunteers for Stockman, its regular advertisement of Stockman campaign events even before the invitations are distributed, and the joint effort to raise funds and attract volunteers for both Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times through the Network all appear to indicate that Stockman and his committees are directly involved with the publication.

Finally, should the press exemption prove to be unavailable, there is reason to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stockman, as treasurer, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), by knowingly accepting contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and Van Fleet in excess of the limits set

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forth in 441a(a); and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), in that they failed to report those in-kind contributions.

2. Disclaimer

Stockman for Congress appears to have purchased an advertisement soliciting contributions for Stockman's campaign, yet which bears no disclaimer. The advertisement was published in the April 8, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times.[5]

The advertisement states, in part: "Garage Sale.... Proceeds to benefit 'Stockman for Congress' To Donate items or to get directions. Call Dee...." Because the advertisement solicits contributions for Stockman's campaign through advertising to the general public, yet bears no disclaimer, it appears that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

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5. This advertisement appears on page 3 of the April 8, 1993, edition, included in the complaint as attachment 12d.

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer	)	

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer
Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 26th, day of June, 1995.

For the Commission,

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Interrogatories and Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and requests for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

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"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. State whether any employee, agent or representative of Stockman for Congress has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

2. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

3. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

4. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased from the Southeast Texas Times by Stockman for Congress. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Stockman for Congress. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

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7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Stockman for Congress and its agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

8. Provide the precise address, including telephone and fax numbers, of the location(s) out of which Stockman for Congress actually conducts business.

9. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to Jeff Van Fleet from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. 1992 -- $1260
b. June 1994 -- $200
c. June 1994 -- $250
d. October 1994 -- $200

10. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to the Southeast Texas Times from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. September 1993 -- $400
b. September 1994 -- $265

11. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July 8, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;
b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;
c. Whether Jeff Van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
d. Whether Stephen E. Stockman participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

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f. All documents referring or relating the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

12. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900" (Attachment 1), state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";
b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;
c. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman for Congress;
e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman;
f. If your responses to 12b-e were "no", identify the individual or entity whose telephone number was provided in Attachment 1.

13. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;
b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;
c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;
e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;
f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);
g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

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h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

14. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 26, 1995

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Hon. Stephen E. Stockman
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: MUR 3847
The Hon. Stephen E. Stockman

Dear Mr. Stockman:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

Upon further review of the allegations contained in the complaint, and information supplied by you, the Commission, on June 22, 1995, found that there is reason to believe Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), a provision of the Act. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Statements should be submitted under oath. All responses to the enclosed Order to Answer Questions and Subpoena to Produce Documents must be submitted to the General Counsel's Office within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Any additional materials or statements you wish to submit should accompany the response to the order and subpoena. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this order and subpoena. If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notification or other communications from the Commission.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENT: Stephen E. Stockman MUR: 3847

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated by the Commission in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. APPLICABLE LAW

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office.[1] 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), it is a violation of the Act for any candidate to knowingly accept any contributions which are, themselves, in violation of the Act. Candidates are required to report all contributions they receive. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

1. The Southeast Texas Times is not a corporation. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession, filed in the County Court of Galveston County, Texas, lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times, and indicates that the business is to be conducted as a Sole Practitioner.

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The Act and the Commission's regulations exclude, under certain conditions, costs associated with the production or dissemination of news stories, commentaries or editorials distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication from the definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure," so long as such facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

The Commission has interpreted the media exemption broadly, consistent with Congress' admonition that the Act was not intended "to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedom of the press." H.R. Rep. No. 943, 93d Cong., 1st Sess. 4 (1974). For instance, although Section 431(9)(B)(i) speaks only of "news stor[ies], commentar[ies], or editorial[s]", the Commission's regulations have applied the protection to "costs incurred in covering or carrying" exempt material. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

Section 431(9)(B)(i) identifies only "broadcasting station[s], newspaper[s], magazine[s], or other periodical publication[s]" as press entities entitled to the exemption. To determine, on an individual basis, whether a particular medium of communication fits one of these descriptions, the Commission has applied the definitions of "broadcaster," "newspaper," and "magazine or other periodical publication" offered in its Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), to the medium in question. See, e.g. MURs 2277 and

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2567. Although that regulation deals with the sponsorship of candidate debates by news organizations, the definitions in the Explanation and Justification were explicitly drafted with the media exemption in mind. See Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), 44 Fed. Reg. 76,734 (1979).

According to the Explanation and Justification,

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'. A 'bona fide' magazine or other periodical publication is a publication in bound pamphlet form appearing at regular intervals (usually either weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly) and containing articles of news, information, opinion and entertainment, whether of general or specialized interest. Only magazines and periodicals which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions and advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

44 Fed. Reg. 76,735.

In addition to determining whether a press entity is one which ordinarily would be entitled to the press exemption, the Commission also must determine whether the press entity is owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i). This test is a straightforward inquiry into whether there is evidence that the complaint, response or other data available to the Commission suggest that a media entity is so owned or controlled. See, e.g., MUR 3645. If it is, the media exemption from the definition of a contribution extends only to the costs of news stories "(i) which represent ... bona fide news account[s]

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communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and (ii) which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation ... area ...." 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).[2]

Finally, the Act requires that any entity acting as a conduit for receiving contributions earmarked for a particular candidate must report the original source and the intended recipient of such contributions to the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8).

B. Discussion

1. Ownership and Control of the Southeast Texas Times

The Southeast Texas Times is a conservative, semi-monthly publication published in League City, Texas, and distributed throughout Harris County, Texas. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner. The 9th Congressional District of Texas is located within Harris County. The publication covers a variety of regional and national issues.

The publication is unbound and printed on newsprint paper. It appears at fairly regular intervals, usually monthly

2. One court has held that the Commission cannot investigate whether there is "reasonably equal coverage" unless it first finds that a media entity is owned or controlled by a party, committee or candidate. See Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1214-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1981) (Commission may commence investigation of alleged substantive violation only after it has determined that media entity is not entitled to press exemption).

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and sometimes semi-monthly. The record indicates that the publication's "objective is ... to print the frequently overlooked conservative side of the news." It is circulated both to its paid subscribers, and to the general public through free delivery.

During 1993, the publication ran numerous articles on Space Station Freedom and the Semi-conducting Supercollider, both significant employers in southeast Texas which faced major budget cuts during that time period. The publication also addressed issues of national and regional debate including abortion, gays in the military, gun control, and health care. Most issues include political cartoons, letters to the editor, restaurant reviews and a calendar of community events.

The record indicates that the publication relies on advertising revenue, and actively solicits both advertising and subscriptions. The actual source of the publication's revenue, however, is an open question which goes to the heart of this matter -- whether Stockman has provided either seed money or continuing financial support to the Southeast Texas Times.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is, at the very least, jointly controlled by Van Fleet and Stockman, and one or both of Stockman's committees. The apparent purpose of their joint activity is two-fold: 1) to publish a local, conservative newspaper, and 2) to use that publication to promote Stockman's candidacy.

Although the Certificate of Ownership lists only Van Fleet as the publication's owner, the fact that Stockman

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provided the publication with the use of his personal and campaign committee telephone number for conducting its business dealings appears to indicate that he has a personal interest in the Southeast Texas Times. Further, in July 1993, even before he officially declared his candidacy, Stockman distributed a letter seeking support for both the publication and his intended candidacy.

Indeed, the information available at this time appears to indicate a longstanding relationship between Van Fleet and his publication, and Stockman and his campaigns. During Stockman's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1992, and his more recent successful campaign, the Stockman committee reported payments to Van Fleet, including one in 1992 for $1260 for "consulting," and three described as "reimbursement[s]" for $200 and $250 in June 1994, and $200 in October 1994. The Stockman committee paid the Southeast Texas Times a total of $265 in September 1994 for "materials for literature distribution", and $400 in September 1993 for "newspaper ads." Additionally, the publication's listing of "Upcoming Community Events" frequently includes announcements soliciting volunteers for the Stockman campaign, with no similar entries for other state or federal candidates.

Evidence of the close association between Stockman and the publication is also found in the advertisement of a series of social events publicized by both Stockman's authorized committee and by the Southeast Texas Times. Read independently, the announcements for these social events

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the postcard invitations were distributed, eliminating any claim that the Southeast Texas Times was merely reprinting information it had received in the ordinary course of business.[3]

Finally, the Conservative Action Network, which has been described as merely a name used on a form to seek volunteers, appears to tie Stockman and his committees directly to the Southeast Texas Times. The form solicits volunteers for various political activities, without mentioning Stockman or his campaign. It also solicits subscriptions and advertising for the Southeast Texas Times. Standing alone, the form appears to have no relationship with the Stockman committees or Stockman himself. Rather, it appears to be an attempt to identify local conservative activists.

In fact, the address provided for the return of completed forms is actually the Stockman committees' post office box,[4] although the form indicates that it is the Network's own address. Consequently, it appears that payment for

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3. In addition, page 2 of the March 1993 issue includes an Upcoming Community Events announcement for Rush Parties being held on March 6 and 27, and advises the reader to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900." Further, page 11 of the June 1993 issue and page 2 of the July 8, 1993 issue contain advertisements for two of the events which were publicized by both invitations and in the Upcoming Community Events announcements, each identified, once again, only as "Rush Party," and include the Stockman telephone number, but bear no obvious indication that the Stockman committee is involved in the events and no disclaimers.

4. Both Stockman's principal campaign committee and his authorized committee use the same post office box.

appearing in the publication offer no hint of a connection with Stockman's campaign. When juxtaposed with the authorized committee's own invitations to these events, however, there is no doubt that the events described are one and the same.

Three of the authorized committee's postcard invitations to these events, postmarked June 2, June 22, and August 9, 1993, were attached as exhibits to the complaint. Each postcard invited the recipient to attend a "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress," (emphasis added), at The Caddyshack, listed the date and time of the event, and provided the telephone number (713) 996-6900 for more information. Each invitation is postmarked no more than five days before the event is to occur.

On page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993, issues of the publication, the Upcoming Community Events listing included announcements concerning the same events, occurring at the same dates and times, but identifying them only as "Rush Parties," at which attendees could watch the previous two weeks of the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on videotape. Two of the three announcements provided the sare telephone number to call for details and reservations.

The telephone number provided in both the announcements and the postcard invitations is actually Stockman's home and committee telephone number. The Upcoming Community Events announcements include no indication that Stockman for Congress is involved in the event. Significantly, the editions in which each of these announcements appeared were published well before

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subscriptions to the Southeast Texas Times ordered through the Conservative Action Network form would be delivered directly to the Stockman campaign. Further, when read in conjunction with Stockman's July 30, 1993 letter to his supporters, the form directly ties the Conservative Action Network to Stockman and his efforts to defeat Jack Brooks. Stockman stated in that letter:

> 3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

Public records indicate that Van Fleet is presently on Stockman's congressional payroll, serving Stockman as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. There is no current telephone listing for the Southeast Texas Times and no information publicly available to indicate that the publication remains in existence. If this evidence that the Southeast Texas Times has ceased publishing proves true, it further supports the notion that the publication was actually a part of the effort to get Stockman elected, and was no longer needed by Van Fleet or Stockman once that effort proved successful.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is jointly controlled by Stockman and Van Fleet, and that they use the conservative publication to promote Stockman's campaign events and his candidacy. The shared telephone number, the payments to Van Fleet, Van Fleet's current employment as Stockman's legislative assistant, the publication's efforts to solicit volunteers for Stockman, its regular advertisement of

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Stockman campaign events even before the invitations are distributed, and the joint effort to raise funds and attract volunteers for both Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times through the Network all appear to indicate that Stockman and his committees are directly involved with the publication.

Because the evidence that the publication is a joint activity indicates that the press exemption may not be available, and because the evidence suggests extensive, personal involvement by Stockman in facilitating the relationship between the publication and the Stockman committees, there is reason to believe that Stockman, individually, in his capacity as candidate, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and Van Fleet in excess of the limits set forth in 441(a). In similar matters, the Commission has held candidates liable for FECA violations where the evidence indicates that the candidate was personally involved in the activity out of which the violation arose. See MURs 3650, 2655 and 2292.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman)

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: The Hon. Stephen E. Stockman
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 26th, day of June, 1995.

For the Commission,

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Interrogatories and Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and requests for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

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DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. State whether you have ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

2. State whether you have ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date and amount of each such contribution.

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5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising you purchased from the Southeast Texas Times. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with you. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

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7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between you and the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

8. Provide your mailing and residential addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, in the State of Texas.

9. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;
b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;
c. Whether Jeff Van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
d. Whether you participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
f. All documents referring or relating to the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

10. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900" (Attachment 1), state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";
b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;
c. Whether the telephone number provided is also your home or business telephone number;
d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman for Congress;
e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman;

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f. If your responses to 10b-e were "no", identify the individual or entity whose telephone number was provided in Attachment 1.

11. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;
b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;
c. Describe your relationship with the Conservative Action Network;
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 26, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

John Hart, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

RE: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Hart:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified Friends of Steve Stockman ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Danny L. McDonald

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

Enclosures:
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer MUR: 3847

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated by a complaint filed on December 27, 1993, by Stephen M. Clifford.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. APPLICABLE LAW

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office.[1] 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), it is a violation of the Act for any candidate to knowingly accept any contributions which are, themselves, in violation of the Act. Candidates are required to report all contributions they receive. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(2). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

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1. The Southeast Texas Times is not a corporation. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession, filed in the County Court of Galveston County, Texas, lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times, and indicates that the business is to be conducted as a Sole Practitioner.

The Act and the Commission's regulations exclude, under certain conditions, costs associated with the production or dissemination of news stories, commentaries or editorials distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication from the definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure," so long as such facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

The Commission has interpreted the media exemption broadly, consistent with Congress' admonition that the Act was not intended "to limit or burden in any way the first amendment freedom of the press." H.R. Rep. No. 943, 93d Cong., 1st Sess. 4 (1974). For instance, although Section 431(9)(B)(i) speaks only of "news stor[ies], commentar[ies], or editorial[s]", the Commission's regulations have applied the protection to "costs incurred in covering or carrying" exempt material. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

Section 431(9)(B)(i) identifies only "broadcasting station[s], newspaper[s], magazine[s], or other periodical publication[s]" as press entities entitled to the exemption. To determine, on an individual basis, whether a particular medium of communication fits one of these descriptions, the Commission has applied the definitions of "broadcaster," "newspaper," and "magazine or other periodical publication" offered in its Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), to the medium in question. See, e.g. MURs 2277 and

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2567. Although that regulation deals with the sponsorship of candidate debates by news organizations, the definitions in the Explanation and Justification were explicitly drafted with the media exemption in mind. See Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4(e), 44 Fed. Reg. 76,734 (1979).

According to the Explanation and Justification,

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'. A 'bona fide' magazine or other periodical publication is a publication in bound pamphlet form appearing at regular intervals (usually either weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or quarterly) and containing articles of news, information, opinion and entertainment, whether of general or specialized interest. Only magazines and periodicals which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions and advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

44 Fed. Reg. 76,735.

In addition to determining whether a press entity is one which ordinarily would be entitled to the press exemption, the Commission also must determine whether the press entity is owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i). This test is a straightforward inquiry into whether there is evidence that the complaint, response or other data available to the Commission suggest that a media entity is so owned or controlled. See, e.g., MUR 3645. If it is, the media exemption from the definition of a contribution extends only to the costs of news stories "(i) which represent ... bona fide news account[s]

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communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and (ii) which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation ... area ...." 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).[2]

Finally, the Act requires that any entity acting as a conduit for receiving contributions earmarked for a particular candidate must report the original source and the intended recipient of such contributions to the Commission. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(8).

B. Discussion

1. Ownership and Control of the Southeast Texas Times

The Southeast Texas Times is a conservative, semi-monthly publication published in League City, Texas, and distributed throughout Harris County, Texas. The Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession lists Jeff Van Fleet as the sole owner. The 9th Congressional District of Texas is located within Harris County. The publication covers a variety of regional and national issues.

The publication is unbound and printed on newsprint paper. It appears at fairly regular intervals, usually monthly

2. One court has held that the Commission cannot investigate whether there is "reasonably equal coverage" unless it first finds that a media entity is owned or controlled by a party, committee or candidate. See Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1214-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1981) (Commission may commence investigation of alleged substantive violation only after it has determined that media entity is not entitled to press exemption).

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and sometimes semi-monthly. The record indicates that the publication's "objective is ... to print the frequently overlooked conservative side of the news." It is circulated both to its paid subscribers, and to the general public through free delivery.

During 1993, the publication ran numerous articles on Space Station Freedom and the Semi-conducting Supercollider, both significant employers in southeast Texas which faced major budget cuts during that time period. The publication also addressed issues of national and regional debate including abortion, gays in the military, gun control, and health care. Most issues include political cartoons, letters to the editor, restaurant reviews and a calendar of community events.

The record indicates that the publication relies on advertising revenue, and actively solicits both advertising and subscriptions. The actual source of the publication's revenue, however, is an open question which goes to the heart of this matter -- whether Stockman has provided either seed money or continuing financial support to the Southeast Texas Times.

The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is, at the very least, jointly controlled by Van Fleet and Stockman, and one or both of Stockman's committees. The apparent purpose of their joint activity is two-fold: 1) to publish a local, conservative newspaper, and 2) to use that publication to promote Stockman's candidacy.

Although the Certificate of Ownership lists only Van Fleet as the publication's owner, the fact that Stockman

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provided the publication with the use of his personal and campaign committee telephone number for conducting its business dealings appears to indicate that he has a personal interest in the Southeast Texas Times. Further, in July 1993, even before he officially declared his candidacy, Stockman distributed a letter seeking support for both the publication and his intended candidacy.

Indeed, the information available at this time appears to indicate a longstanding relationship between Van Fleet and his publication, and Stockman and his campaigns. During Stockman's unsuccessful campaign for Congress in 1992, and his more recent successful campaign, the Stockman committee reported payments to Van Fleet, including one in 1992 for $1260 for "consulting," and three described as "reimbursement[s]" for $200 and $250 in June 1994, and $200 in October 1994. The Stockman committee paid the Southeast Texas Times a total of $265 in September 1994 for "materials for literature distribution", and $400 in September 1993 for "newspaper ads." Additionally, the publication's listing of "Upcoming Community Events" frequently includes announcements soliciting volunteers for the Stockman campaign, with no similar entries for other state or federal candidates.

Evidence of the close association between Stockman and the publication is also found in the advertisement of a series of social events publicized by both Stockman's authorized committee and by the Southeast Texas Times. Read independently, the announcements for these social events

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appearing in the publication offer no hint of a connection with Stockman's campaign. When juxtaposed with the authorized committee's own invitations to these events, however, there is no doubt that the events described are one and the same.

Three of the authorized committee's postcard invitations to these events, postmarked June 2, June 22, and August 9, 1993, were attached as exhibits to the complaint. Each postcard invited the recipient to attend a "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress," (emphasis added), at The Caddyshack, listed the date and time of the event, and provided the telephone number (713) 996-6900 for more information.[3] Each invitation is postmarked no more than five days before the event is to occur.

On page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993, issues of the publication, the Upcoming Community Events listing included announcements concerning the same events, occurring at the same dates and times, but identifying them only as "Rush Parties," at which attendees could watch the previous two weeks of the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on videotape. Two of the three announcements provided the same telephone number to call for details and reservations.

The telephone number provided in both the announcements and the postcard invitations is actually Stockman's home and committee telephone number. The Upcoming Community Events

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3. "Stockman for Congress" is the name of Stockman's authorized campaign committee, of which Stockman, himself, is treasurer.

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announcements include no indication that Stockman for Congress is involved in the event. Significantly, the editions in which each of these announcements appeared were published well before the postcard invitations were distributed, eliminating any claim that the Southeast Texas Times was merely reprinting information it had received in the ordinary course of business.[4]

Finally, the Conservative Action Network, which has been described as merely a name used on a form to seek volunteers, appears to tie Stockman and his committees directly to the Southeast Texas Times. The form solicits volunteers for various political activities, without mentioning Stockman or his campaign. It also solicits subscriptions and advertising for the Southeast Texas Times. Standing alone, the form appears to have no relationship with the Stockman committees or Stockman himself. Rather, it appears to be an attempt to identify local conservative activists.

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4. In addition, page 2 of the March 1993 issue includes an Upcoming Community Events announcement for Rush Parties being held on March 6 and 27, and advises the reader to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900." Further, page 11 of the June 1993 issue and page 2 of the July B, 1993 issue contain advertisements for two of the events which were publicized by both invitations and in the Upcoming Community Events announcements, each identified, once again, only as "Rush Party," and include the Stockman telephone number, but bear no obvious indication that the Stockman committee is involved in the events and no disclaimers.

In fact, the address provided for the return of completed forms is actually the Stockman committees' post office box,[5] although the form indicates that it is the Network's own address. Consequently, it appears that payment for subscriptions to the Southeast Texas Times ordered through the Conservative Action Network form would be delivered directly to the Stockman campaign. Further, when read in conjunction with Stockman's July 30, 1993 letter to his supporters, the form directly ties the Conservative Action Network to Stockman and his efforts to defeat Jack Brooks. Stockman stated in that letter:

> 3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

Public records indicate that Van Fleet is presently on Stockman's congressional payroll, serving Stockman as a legislative assistant in Washington, D.C. There is no current telephone listing for the Southeast Texas Times and no information publicly available to indicate that the publication remains in existence. If this evidence that the Southeast Texas Times has ceased publishing proves true, it further supports the notion that the publication was actually a part of the effort to get Stockman elected, and was no longer needed by Van Fleet or Stockman once that effort proved successful.

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5. Both Stockman's principal campaign committee and his authorized committee use the same post office box.

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The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Times is jointly controlled by Stockman and Van Fleet, and that they use the conservative publication to promote Stockman's campaign events and his candidacy. The shared telephone number, the payments to Van Fleet, Van Fleet's current employment as Stockman's legislative assistant, the publication's efforts to solicit volunteers for Stockman, its regular advertisement of Stockman campaign events even before the invitations are distributed, and the joint effort to raise funds and attract volunteers for both Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times through the Network all appear to indicate that Stockman and his committees are directly involved with the publication.

Finally, should the press exemption prove to be unavailable, there is reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and Hart, as treasurer, may have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), by knowingly accepting contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and Van Fleet in excess of the limits set forth in 441a(a); and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), in that they failed to report those in-kind contributions.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer	)	
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: John Hart, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 26th, day of June, 1995.

For the Commission,

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Interrogatories and Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and requests for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

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DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. State whether any employee, agent or representative of Friends of Steve Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

2. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

3. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

4. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased from the Southeast Texas Times by Friends of Steve Stockman. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Friends of Steve Stockman. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

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7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Friends of Steve Stockman and its agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

8. Provide the precise address, including telephone and fax numbers, of the location(s) out of which Friends of Steve Stockman actually conducts business.

9. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;
b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;
c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;
e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;
f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);
g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.
h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

10. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 28, 1995

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Stephen M. Clifford
Campaign Consultant to the Friends of LeCour
2522 Tall Ships
Friendswood, Texas 77546

RE: MUR 3847-the Fields for Senate Committee and its treasurer, Kathryn A. Wood; the Wright for Senate Committee and its treasurer, Joe Terry Rye; and the Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas.

Dear Mr. Clifford:

On June 13, 1995, and June 22, 1995, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated December 27, 1993, and the attachments thereto, pertaining to several respondents. This letter only addresses those issues arising from the complaint concerning the Fields for Senate Committee and its treasurer, Kathryn A. Wood; the Wright for Senate Committee and its treasurer, Joe Terry Rye; and the Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas.

Based on the on the information provided in your complaint and information provided by the respondents, the Commission found that there is no reason to believe that the Wright for Senate Committee and Joe Terry Rye, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed. Because it is premature to disclose information concerning other aspects of the investigation to you, only the portion of this Report pertaining to these respondents is provided.

In addition, the Commission found that there is no reason to believe that the Fields for Senate Committee and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

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The Commission was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe that the Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Accordingly, the file in this matter was closed on June 13, 1995, as it pertains to the above-named respondents only. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days after it has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The matters involving the other respondents still remain under the enforcement authority of the Commission. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. You will be notified when the entire file has been closed.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 28, 1995

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

President
The Clear Lake Area Young
Conservatives of Texas
45 Lazy Lane
Kemah, Texas 77565

RE: MUR 3847
The Clear Lake Area Young
Conservatives of Texas

Dear Sir or Madam:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging that the Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas had violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On June 13, 1995, the Commission considered the complaint but was equally divided on whether to find reason to believe the Clear Lake Area Young Conservatives of Texas violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to you. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days after the entire file is closed with respect to all other respondents involved.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) still apply with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

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If you have any questions, please direct them to Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 28, 1995

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Kathryn A. Wood, Treasurer
Fields for Senate
P.O. Box 2828
Humble, Texas 77347

RE: MUR 3847
Fields for Senate and
Kathryn A. Wood, Treasurer

Dear Ms. Wood:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified the Fields for Senate Committee (the Committee) and you, as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On June 13, 1995, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by the Committee, that there is no reason to believe you and the Fields for Senate Committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to you and the Committee. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days after the file has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

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If you have any questions, please direct them to Mark T. Kim, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 28, 1995

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Joe Terry Rye, Treasurer
Wright for Senate Committee
16302 Waycreek
Houston, Texas 77068

RE: MUR 3847
Wright for Senate Committee
and Joe Terry Rye, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Rye:

On January 6, 1995, the Federal Election Commission notified the Wright for Senate Committee (the Committee) and you as treasurer of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On June 13, 1995, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint, and information provided by the Committee, that there is no reason to believe the Wright for Senate Committee and Joe Terry Rye, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to you and the Committee. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the General Counsel's Report that provided the basis for the Commission's action. The information pertaining to other respondents has been redacted from the Report.

This matter will become a part of the public record within 30 days after the file has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. The Commission reminds you

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that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect until the entire matter is closed. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

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Attn. Mark T. Kim
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

The Honorable Steve Stockman
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Case No. MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Kim

I received a notice from you office on June 26, 1995 seeking a response to numerous questions. I am asking for a 20-day extension. I am reviewing the complaint, and need this additional time in order to adequately answer the legal issues involved.

Thank you so much for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Congressman Steve Stockman

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999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re. Jeff Van Fleet
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Case No. MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Kim

I received a notice from you office on June 26, 1995 seeking a response to numerous questions. I respectfully request a 20-day extension. I am reviewing the complaint, and need this additional time in order to adequately answer the legal issues involved.

Thank you so much for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Jeff Van Fleet

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 14, 1995

VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY

Jeff Van Fleet and
Southeast Texas Times
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and
Southeast Texas Times

Dear Mr. Van Fleet:

This is in response to your facsimile dated July 12, 1995, which we received on the same date, requesting an extension of 20 days in order to respond to the Commission's order and subpoena as well as finding of reason to believe. According to our phone conversation on July 12, 1995, it is your understanding that the response to the order and subpoena is due on July 17, 1995, and that an additional 20 days would be necessary to respond. In fact, your response is not due until July 26, 1995. After considering the circumstances presented in your facsimile, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on August 7, 1995.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 14, 1995

VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY

The Honorable Stephen E. Stockman
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: MUR 3847
The Hon. Stephen E. Stockman

Dear Mr. Stockman:

This is in response to your facsimile dated July 12, 1995, which we received on the same date, requesting an extension of 20 days in order to respond to the Commission's order and subpoena as well as finding of reason to believe. There appears to be some confusion as to when the response to the order and subpoena is due. The actual due date is July 26 rather than July 17, 1995, as your facsimile suggests, and your request appears to be for an additional 20 days from the 17th. After considering the circumstances presented in your facsimile, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on August 7, 1995.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 21, 1995

Mr. Stephen M. Clifford
Campaign Consultant to
The Friends of Lecour Committee
2522 Tall Ships
Friendsworth, Texas 77546

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Clifford:

By letter dated June 28, 1995, the Office of the General Counsel informed you of determinations made with respect to the complaint filed by you against the Fields for Senate Committee. Enclosed with that letter was the First General Counsel's Report.

Enclosed please find a Statement of Reasons adopted by the Commission explaining its decision that found no reason to believe the Fields for Senate Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act ("FECA"). This document will be placed on the public record as part of the file of MUR 3847.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) still apply with respect to you, the complainant, and all respondents in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 501-7133.

Sincerely,

Colleen Behan
Staff member

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners
Staff Director Surina
General Counsel Noble
Press Officer Harris

FROM: Marjorie W. Emmons/Bonnie J. Ross
Secretary of the Commission

DATE: July 24, 1995

SUBJECT: Statement of Reasons for MUR 3847

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons in MUR 3847 signed by Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Potter. This was received in the Commission Secretary's Office on Friday, July 21, 1995 at 1:52 p.m.

Attachment

cc: V. Convery, OGC

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer	)	
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STATEMENT OF REASONS

On June 13, 1995, the Federal Election Commission declined to adopt, by a six-to-zero vote, the recommendation of the Office of the General Counsel to find reason to believe the above-named respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act ("FECA") with respect to the 1994 primary campaign for the United States Senate in Texas.

This matter was initiated by signed sworn complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("The Commission") on December 27, 1993 by Stephen M. Clifford from Texas. In the course of reviewing the complaint an issue arose as to whether an advertisement published in the March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times and sponsored by the Fields for Senate Committee expressly advocated Fields's election to the U.S. Senate, thus requiring a disclaimer identifying who paid for the communication and whether it was authorized.

In responding to the complaint the Fields Committee explained that they placed a single advertisement in the Southeast Texas Times, at a cost of $100, when the publication ran a special edition devoted to the space station. The March 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times included an eight-page "Space Station

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The Commission determined that the text of the advertisement constitutes issue discussion and that in such context the words "Jack Fields for United States Senate" do not by themselves constitute express advocacy, but are simply a tag-line identifying the sponsor of the advertisement. The Commission thus concluded that this advertisement did not constitute express advocacy.

After reviewing the allegations made in the complaint and the respondents' responses thereto, the Commission determined that there was no evidence that the respondents had violated FECA as alleged in the complaint filed in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission found no reason to believe that Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1).

1-18-95
Date

Danny L. McDonald
Chairman

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July 18, 1995
Date

Lee Ann Elliott
Vice-Chairman

July 18, 1995
Date

Joan D. Aikens
Commissioner

July 18, 1995
Date

John Warren McGarry
Commissioner

July 18, 1995
Date

Trevor Potter
Commissioner

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 21, 1995

Ms. Kathryn A. Wood, Treasurer
The Fields for Senate Committee
P.O. Box 2828
Humble, Texas 77347

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Wood:

Enclosed please find a Statement of Reasons adopted by the Commission explaining its decision that found no reason to believe the Fields for Senate Committee violated the Federal Election Campaign Act ("FECA"). This document will be placed on the public record as part of the file of MUR 3847.

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Sincerely,

Colleen Behan
Staff member

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners
Staff Director Surina
General Officer Noble

FROM: Marjorie W. Emmons/Lisa R. Davis
Secretary of the Commission

DATE: July 26, 1995

SUBJECT: Statement of Reasons for MUR 3847.

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons in MUR 3847 signed by Commissioner Scott E. Thomas. This was received in the Commission Secretary's Office on Tuesday, July 25, 1995 at 4:49 p.m.

Attachment
cc: V. Convery, OGC

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

In the Matter of

Fields for Senate and
Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer

MUR 3847

STATEMENT OF REASONS

COMMISSIONER SCOTT E. THOMAS

In MUR 3847, the Commission found no reason to believe that Fields for Senate and Kathryn A. Wood, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §441d(a). I join in the July 18, 1995 Statement of Reasons issued by the Commission in reaching that determination.

7/25/95
Date

Scott E. Thomas
Commissioner

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BEFORE:

THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman,
Treasurer

MUR:3847

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Request For Extension of Time to Respond

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TO: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman
ATTN: Mark T. Kim, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Counsel in the above captioned matter requests an extension of time by twenty days, within which to respond to the Subpoena To Produce Documents and ORDER to Submit Written Answers, for the following reasons:

1.) Counsel was not formally retained in this matter until 28 July 1995.

2.) The current deadline for responses to the Subpoena and Order is 07 August 1995.

This gives Counsel only six working days within which to respond. This is not adequate time to research the issues, interview persons having knowledge of the events, review documentation, and to ask and draft responses to the interrogatories.

Considering the nature of the charges, the public position of those against whom the allegations have been made, and the considerable potential damage to good names and careers of those so named, Counsel affirms the necessity of the additional time herein requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen E. Stockman
By Counsel

Norman A. Caron
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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3847

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

28 July 95
Date

Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: STEVE STOCKMAN

ADDRESS: 417 CANNON HOB
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE: 202 225-6565

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BEFORE:

THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Jeff Van Fleet and the
Southeast Texas Times

MUR 3847

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Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Van Fleet
By Counsel

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MUR 3847

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7-25-05
Date

Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Jeff Van Fleet

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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July 28, 1995

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Jeff Van Fleet

Dear Mr. Caron:

This is in response to your letters dated July 28, 1995, which we received on the same date, requesting an extension of 20 days in order to respond to the Commission's finding of RTB as well as Order and Subpoena. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to grant an extension of 10 days and will forward your request for an additional 10 days to the Commission. Accordingly, until you hear to the contrary, your responses are due by the close of business on August 17, 1995.

In addition, please find enclosed several pamphlets that explain various aspects of the complaint process in particular and the Commission in general. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

Attachments:
Pamphlets

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July 31, 1995

Mr. Mark T. Kim
Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20463

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Re: MUR 3847; Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Kim:

Please be advised that I have been retained by Congressman Steve Stockman to represent him in connection with the above referenced MUR. Please direct all future communications to me at the address shown above. Congressman Stockman will be delivering to you shortly a Statement of Designation of Counsel.

I look forward to working with you on this.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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BEFORE:

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In the Matter of

Stephen E. Stockman

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Request For Extension of Time to Respond

TO: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman
ATTN: Mark T. Kim, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
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Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen E. Stockman
By Counsel

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In the Matter of	MUR:3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	

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Request For Extension of Time to Respond

TO: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman
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Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Counsel in the above captioned matter requests an extension of time by twenty days, within which to respond to the Subpoena To Produce Documents and ORDER to Submit Written Answers, for the following reasons:

1.) Counsel was not formally retained in this matter until 31 July 1995.

2.) The current deadline for responses to the Subpoena and Order is 31 July 1995.

This gives Counsel zero working days within which to respond. This is not adequate time to research the issues, interview persons having knowledge of the events, review documentation, and to ask and draft responses to the interrogatories.

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Respectfully Submitted,
John Hart
By Counsel

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3847

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

7/31/95
Date

John Hart
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: John Hart

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MUR 3847

NAME OF COUNSEL: NORMAN A. CARON

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Falls Church, VA 22041

TELEPHONE: 703 820 8857

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31 July 95
Date

Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Stockman for Congress
Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer

ADDRESS: 217 Cannon HOB
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

HOME PHONE:

BUSINESS PHONE: 202 225 6565

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 2, 1995

VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Norman A. Caron, Esq.
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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet

Dear Messrs. Adams & Caron;

This is in response to a letter dated July 31, 1995, which this Office received on August 1, 1995, advising the Commission that Mr. Adams has been retained by Mr. Stockman in regard to this matter. In a phone conversation on August 2, 1995, Mr. Adams indicated an awareness that Mr. Stockman is named as a respondent in this matter in several different capacities and that Mr. Stockman has already designated Norman Caron as counsel in this matter to represent him in these various capacities. Mr. Adams further expressed his understanding that he would now be representing Mr. Stockman and his two committees while Mr. Caron would continue to represent Mr. Van Fleet.

Joint representation by separate counsel is permissible. However, if counsel is subsequently retained to the exclusion of formerly designated counsel, then a statement to that effect must be submitted from the respondent indicating a withdrawal of counsel. A new Designation of Counsel statement would then need to be submitted on behalf of the designated counsel. Finally, a Designation of Counsel statement on behalf of a committee must be signed by its treasurer while a statement on behalf of an individual must be signed by that individual.

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Please be informed that several extensions have already been granted in this matter with regard to these respondents. Although this Office has attempted to accommodate the interests of your clients by granting these extensions, respondents must ultimately bear the burden of retaining counsel so late in the process. Accordingly, this Office is unable to grant any further extensions and any future request for extension will have to be authorized directly by the Commission upon a showing of good cause.

The responses for Mr. Stockman in his capacity as a candidate and Mr. Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times are currently due by the close of business on August 17, 1995, although a request for an additional 10 day extension for each of these respondents is pending before the Commission. The responses for the Stockman for Congress Committee and Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer, and the Friends of Steve Stockman Committee and John Hart, Treasurer, are each due by the close of business on August 17, 1995.

Finally, please be advised that you will not waive your right to request preprobable cause conciliation at some future date by not so requesting at this time. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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August 2, 1995

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
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RE: MUR 3847
Stockman for Congress Committee and
Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Caron:

This is in response to your facsimiles dated July 31, 1995, which we received on the same date, each requesting an extension of 20 days in order to respond to the Commission's finding of RTB as well as Order and Subpoena. In our phone conversation of August 1, 1995, you orally agreed to modify your requests in order to coordinate the due dates of the various respondents that you are representing in this matter. Although requests for extensions must ordinarily be submitted at least five days prior to the due date of the response, this Office understands that counsel was not retained until very late in the process. This Office further understands that the requested extension was conditioned upon your representation of an intent to comply fully with the Commission's subpoena and order. After considering the circumstances of your requests and in an effort not to prejudice the interests of your clients, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your responses are due by the close of business on August 17, 1995.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

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BEFORE:

THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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MUR: 3847

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Request To Close File For Respondent

TO: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman
ATTN: Mark T. Kim, Esq.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

COMES NOW Respondent, Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer of Stockman For Congress, and on behalf of his Motion to Close the file in the above captioned matter says as follows:

1.) The Stockman For Congress committee was active during the 1990 campaign. Due to the fact that an election campaign committee may not be dissolved while there is a debt and while there is a disputed debt being litigated by this committee, the Stockman For Congress Committee has not been dissolved. However, it **has been totally inactive since 1990.**

2.) The current matter before the Federal Election Committee concerns actions and events that occurred three years after the Committee went inactive.

3.) The Stockman For Congress Committee could not have taken

any part in those actions or events form its totally inactive posture.

THEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, respondent requests that his motion to close the file be granted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer
Stockman For Congress
By Counsel

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August 2, 1995

Mr. Mark T. Kim
Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847; Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Kim:

Enclosed please find Congressman Stockman's Statement of Designation of Counsel. I will follow up with him to obtain a letter indicating my representation of his campaign committees as well. It is my understanding that Mr. Van Fleet is represent by Mr. Caron and I represent the Congressman and his two committees, Friends of Steve Stockman Committee and Stockman for Congress Committee.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3847

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550 Fannin, Suite 830
Beaumont, Texas 77701

TELEPHONE: (409) 838-6767

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

8/1/95
Date

Signature
Hon. Steve Stockman

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Hon. Steve Stockman

ADDRESS: Member of Congress
417 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 4, 1995

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

FROM: Lois G. Lerner IGL by AAS
Associate General Counsel

SUBJECT: MUR 3847 - Request for Extension of Time

By separate letters, both dated July 28, 1995, Stephen E. Stockman in his capacity as a candidate and Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times each request an extension of 20 additional days, until August 27, 1995, in which to respond to the Commission's finding of RTB as well as Order and Subpoena. See Attachment 1.

These letters represent respondents' second request for an extension. This Office had previously granted respondents' first request for an extension of 10 days from July 26 to August 7, 1995. See Attachment 2. This Office is able to grant respondents an additional 10 days from the due date of the first extension, but is unable to grant the full request of 20 days.

Counsel for respondents explains that it was only very recently retained in this matter and that an extension is necessary in order to adequately "research the issues, interview persons having knowledge of the events, review documentation, and to ask and draft responses to the interrogatories."[1] This Office notes that respondents created the situation which necessitated their request for an extension by retaining counsel so late in the process. Nonetheless, since this request would not unduly inhibit or slow the investigation in this matter, the Office of the General Counsel recommends that the Commission grant the requested extension until August 27, 1995.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Grant the requested extension of time until August 27, 1995, to Stephen E. Stockman.

2. Grant the requested extension of time until August 27, 1995, to Jeff Van Fleet.

3. Approve the appropriate letter.

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1. Indeed, this Office has already been informed that one of these respondents may soon designate new counsel in this matter.

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Attachments:
1. Requests for Extension
2. First Extension

Attorneys Assigned:
Mark T. Kim
Caryn L. Zimmerman

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman;	)	MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet;	)	
Southeast Texas Times-- Request for Extension of Time.	)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on August 10, 1995, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Grant the requested extension of time until August 27, 1995, to Stephen E. Stockman.

2. Grant the requested extension of time until August 27, 1995, to Jeff Van Fleet.

3. Approve the appropriate letter, as recommended in the General Counsel's Memorandum dated August 4, 1995.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McGarry, Potter, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner McDonald did not cast a vote.

Attest:

8-11-95
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

Received in the Secretariat: Fri., Aug. 04, 1995 11:52 a.m.
Circulated to the Commission: Mon., Aug. 07, 1995 11:00 a.m.
Deadline for vote: Thurs., Aug. 10, 1995 4:00 p.m.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 15, 1995

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in response to a letter dated July 28, 1995, which we received on the same date, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond on behalf of Stephen E. Stockman to the Commission's order and subpoena as well as its reason to believe finding. After considering the circumstances presented in the letter, the Federal Election Commission has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on August 28, 1995.

To date, this Office has neither received a withdrawal of counsel statement nor a subsequent designation of counsel statement in regard to Mr. Stockman's two campaign committees. Please note that the responses of the Stockman for Congress committee and the Friends of Steve Stockman committee are due by the close of business on August 17, 1995. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 15, 1995

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and
Southeast Texas Times

Dear Mr. Caron:

This is in response to your letter dated July 28, 1995, which we received on the same date, requesting an extension of 20 days to respond on behalf of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times to the Commission's order and subpoena as well as its reason to believe finding. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Federal Election Commission has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on August 28, 1995.

To date, this Office has neither received a withdrawal of counsel statement nor a subsequent designation of counsel statement in regard to Mr. Stockman's two campaign committees. Please note that the responses of the Stockman for Congress committee and the Friends of Steve Stockman committee are still due by the close of business on August 17, 1995. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Attorney

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Stephen E. Stockman) MUR 3847
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RESPONSE OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION FILED SUBJECT TO MOTION TO DISMISS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production because the disclosures sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they have a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (*F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign*, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(b) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's first amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech and the freedom of association. (U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. 1).

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery because at no time during the publication of the Southeast Texas Times, was Respondent a candidate for any political office.

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, which we believe to be the period between approximately March and November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. State whether you have ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

ANSWER: Objections, "input", "direction", and "other decision-making authority" , are not areas of proper inquiry under the Act. The only exceptions to the Press exemption (2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i)) are for newspapers "owned" or "controlled" by a party or candidate. Subject to my general objections and the above objections, I exercised no "control" over the Southeast Texas Times. I did not have any ownership interest in the Southeast Texas Times.

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2. State whether you have ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date and amount of each such contribution.

ANSWER: Objection. Exceeds the scope of permissible discovery. Subject to said objection, I let Jeff Van Fleet borrow a post office box for one month, in early 1993, and he had the use of my home phone for 2-3 months in early 1993. I was not a candidate for political office during either of these time periods. The value of the above, I think, was probably less than $100.00 total.

3. State whether you have ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value and the date of each such contribution.

ANSWER: Objection. Exceeds the scope of permissible discovery. Subject to said objection, I let Jeff Van Fleet borrow a post office box for one month, in early 1993, and he had the use of my home phone for 2-3 months in early 1993. I was not a candidate for political office during either of these time periods. The value of the above, I think, was probably less than $100.00 total.

4. State whether you have ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that such purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

ANSWER: Objection. Whether I ever purchased a subscription to this or any newspaper is none of your business and your request is improper on its face as it violates my first amendment rights. Subject to said objection, no. With respect to the balance of your question I do not recall purchasing anything from the Southeast Texas Times.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising you purchased from the Southeast Texas Times. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

ANSWER: N/A.

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6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with you. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

ANSWER: Objection, "any other information" is overly broad and includes information I gained from simply reading the paper. I cannot recall the Southeast Texas Times sharing with me any list of subscribers and/or advertisers.

7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between you and the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

ANSWER: Objection. This question is impermissible on its face and constitutes an attempted gross violation of my first amendment rights. Subject to said objection, and without waiving same, I was not a candidate for any office during the time period of publication of said newspaper and I have no record of any such contacts.

8. Provide your mailing and residential addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, in the State of Texas.

ANSWER: Congressional District Office:
Cotton Exchange Building
2102 Mechanic, Suite 107
Galveston, Texas 77550
Phone: (409) 762-5877
FAX: (409) 763-4133

Congressional District Office:
2490 McFaddin Street
Beaumont, Texas 77702
Phone: (409) 838-0061
FAX: (409) 832-0738

Residence:
2402 Whitman Way
Friendswood, Texas 77546
Phone: (713) 996-6900
FAX: (713) 996-8638

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9. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask the publication.

b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;

ANSWER: Objection; exceeds scope of permissible discovery. Subject to said objection, I submitted it. Jeff Van Fleet drafted it.

c. Whether Jeff Van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask Jeff Van Fleet.

d. Whether you participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, I was not a candidate for political office at the time in question. Subject to said objection, I helped organize and I attended some of these Rush parties. These events were for entertainment value only. They were not fundraisers.

e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

ANSWER: Objection. See answers to discovery filed by Stockman for Congress.

f. All documents referring or relating to the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, I have no such documents, other than those documents which may be contained in the complaint.

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10. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900" (Attachment 1), state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, Van Fleet and Stockman, respectively.

b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, 713-996-6900 is my home phone number. See my answers to Nos. 2 and 3 above.

c. Whether the telephone number provided is also your home or business telephone number;

ANSWER: See 10(b) above.

d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman for Congress;

ANSWER: N/A. Said committee was not active and/or did not exist during the time the paper in question was published.

e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman;

ANSWER: N/A. Said committee was not active and/or did not exist during the time the paper in question was published.

f. If your responses to 10b-e were "no", identify the individual or entity whose telephone number was provided in Attachment 1.

ANSWER: N/A.

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11. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, ask the Southeast Texas Times.

b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, ask Van Fleet.

c. Describe your relationship with the Conservative Action Network;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, none. The Conservative Action Network is the name of a piece of paper. See 11(f) below.

d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, none. The Conservative Action Network was a piece of paper. See 11(f) below.

e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, none. The Conservative Action Network was a piece of paper. See 11(f) below.

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f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). It was the name of a piece of paper. It was used to help network conservatives.

g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc., through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Van Fleet asked to have his paper listed on this networking form. There was no charge.

h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

ANSWER: Objection, irrelevant. This inquiry exceeds the scope of permissible discovery under 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i). Subject to said objection, Patti and Steve Stockman personally paid to type and Xerox the form called the "Conservative Action Network". No receipts exist. The cost was a few dollars.

12. State the date on which you first employed Jeff Van Fleet as your legislative assistant, and the date(s) on which the offer of such employment was made and accepted.

ANSWER: January 4, 1995 - offer made in December, 1994, accepted shortly thereafter.

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13. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

ANSWER: Objection. This request clearly attempts to violate the attorney client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine and further the request exceeds the permissible scope of discovery. Subject to said objection, we believe we have no relevant non-privileged documents which you do not already apparently have.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Stockman for Congress and) MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer)

RESPONSE OF STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION FILED SUBJECT TO MOTION TO DISMISS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production because the disclosures sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they have a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (*F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign*, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(b) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's first amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech and the freedom of association. (U.S.C.A. Const. Amend. 1.)

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery because at no time during which the publication of the Southeast Texas Times, was Respondent a candidate for any political office.

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, which we believe to be the period between approximately March and November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. State whether any employee, agent or representative of Stockman for Congress has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

ANSWER: Objection, Stockman for Congress was inactive and/or did not exist during the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times. Subject to said objection, no such individual exercised any such control. The balance of the inquiry is objected to. See Steve Stockman's answer No. 1.

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2. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No such contribution was made.

3. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No.

4. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

ANSWER: No.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased from the Southeast Texas Times by Stockman for Congress. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

ANSWER: N/A.

6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Stockman for Congress. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

ANSWER: No.

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7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Stockman for Congress and its agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

ANSWER: Objection. This question is impermissible on its face and constitutes an attempted gross violation of the first amendment rights of this committee. Subject to said objection, the committee has no documents or records from which it could prepare a response to this request.

8. Provide the precise address, including telephone and fax numbers, of the location(s) out of which Stockman for Congress actually conducts business.

ANSWER: N/A.

9. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to Jeff Van Fleet from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. 1992 -- $1260
b. June 1994 -- $200
c. June 1994 -- $250
d. October 1994 -- $200

ANSWER: Objection. Exceeds permissible scope of discovery. Further we object because the paper in question operated only in 1993. Subject to said objection:

a. Reimbursement for billboard purchase.
b. Objection, irrelevant. No such payment made by Stockman for Congress.
c. Objection, irrelevant. No such payment made by Stockman for Congress.
d. Objection, irrelevant. No such payment made by Stockman for Congress.

10. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to the Southeast Texas Times from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. September 1993 -- $400
b. September 1994 -- $265

ANSWER: Objection. Exceeds the scope of permissible discovery. Subject to said objection:

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a. Irrelevant, no such payment made by Stockman for Congress.

b. Irrelevant, no such payment made by Stockman for Congress.

11. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask the Southeast Texas Times.

b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask the Southeast Texas Times.

c. Whether Jeff Van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask Jeff Van Fleet.

d. Whether Stephen E. Stockman participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

ANSWER: Objection. See Steve Stockman's answers.

e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;

ANSWER: No.

f. All documents referring or relating to the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

ANSWER: N/A.

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12. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900" (Attachment 1), state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";

ANSWER: Objection. Irrelevant. See Steve Stockman's answers.

b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;

ANSWER: Objection. Irrelevant. See Steve Stockman's answers.

c. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stephen E. Stockman;

ANSWER: Objection. Irrelevant. See Steve Stockman's answers.

d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman for Congress;

ANSWER: N/A.

e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman;

ANSWER: N/A. See answers of Friends of Steve Stockman.

f. If your responses to 10b-e were "no", identify the individual or entity whose telephone number was provided in Attachment 1.

ANSWER: N/A.

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13. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask the Southeast Texas Times.

b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask Jeff Van Fleet.

c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;

ANSWER: Objection. See Steve Stockman's answers.

d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask the Friends of Steve Stockman.

e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;

ANSWER: None.

f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);

ANSWER: Objection. Irrelevant. See answers of Steve Stockman.

g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

ANSWER: Objection. Irrelevant. See answers of Southeast Texas Times and Steve Stockman.

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h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

ANSWER: See Steve Stockman's answers.

14. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

ANSWER: Objection. This request clearly attempts to violate the attorney client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine and further, the request exceeds the permissible scope of discovery. Subject to said objections, we believe we have no other relevant documents other than those which you already appear to have.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	
John Hart, as Treasurer	)	

RESPONSE OF FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION FILED SUBJECT TO MOTION TO DISMISS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

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1. State whether any employee, agent or representative of Friends of Steve Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

ANSWER: Objection, Friends of Steve Stockman was inactive and/or did not exist during the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times. Subject to said objection, no such individual exercised any such control. The balance of the inquiry is objected to. See Steve Stockman's answer No. 1.

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2. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No such contribution was made.

3. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No.

4. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

ANSWER: Objection, this request exceeds the permissible scope of inquiry. The issue is whether any party or candidate controlled the paper in question. We did not. We did purchase ads from newspapers and media outlets throughout Southeast Texas, including the Southeast Texas Times. In addition to an ad, we believe the committee purchased some distribution supplies from the Southeast Texas Times, after it ceased publication. Total value of the ad and purchase was probably less than $750.00.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased from the Southeast Texas Times by Friends of Steve Stockman. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

ANSWER: We are searching for these records, will supplement when located. The ad is contained in the newspapers attached to the original complaint.

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6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Friends of Steve Stockman. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

ANSWER: No.

7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Friends of Steve Stockman and its agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

ANSWER: Objection. This question is impermissible on its face and constitutes an attempted gross violation of my first amendment rights. Subject to said objection, and without waiving same, to the best of my recollection I was not a candidate for any office during the time period of publication of said newspaper and I have no record of any such contacts.

8. Provide the precise address, including telephone and fax numbers, of the location(s) out of which Friends of Steve Stockman actually conducts business.

ANSWER: Objection. During the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times, the Friends of Steve Stockman was not active. The exploratory committee was, during part of this time. When it was active, its address was:

P. O. Box 57135
Webster, Texas 77598
Phone: (713) 996-6900
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9. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask the Southeast Texas Times.

b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;

ANSWER: Objection. Ask Jeff Van Fleet.

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c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;

ANSWER: Objection. See Steve Stockman's answers.

d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;

ANSWER: Objection. The Conservative Action Network was a piece of paper. See Steve Stockman's answers.

e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;

ANSWER: Objection. See answers to Stockman for Congress.

f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);

ANSWER: See Steve Stockman's answers to discovery.

g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

ANSWER: Objection. See answers of Southeast Texas Times and Steve Stockman.

h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

ANSWER: See Steve Stockman's answers.

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10. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

ANSWER: Objection. This request clearly attempts to violate the attorney client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine and further, the request exceeds the permissible scope of discovery. Subject to said objections, we believe we have no other relevant documents other than those which you already appear to have.

Respectfully submitted,

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In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed for processing in connection with the above-referenced matter please find the original and three (3) copies of the following documents:

(1) Statement of Designation of Counsel for Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer;

(2) Motion to Dismiss of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer;

(3) Response of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman to Interrogatories and Requests for Production Filed Subject to Motion to Dismiss;

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(4) Response of Stockman for Congress to Interrogatories and Requests for Production Filed Subject to Motion to Dismiss; and,

(5) Response of Friends of Steve Stockman to Interrogatories and Requests for Production Filed Subject to Motion to Dismiss.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

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Date

John Hart
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: John Hart

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Stephen E. Stockman	)	
In the Matter of Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer	)	MUR 3847
In the Matter of Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman , as Treasurer	)	

MOTION TO DISMISS OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN; FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN AND JOHN HART, AS TREASURER; AND STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS AND STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN, AS TREASURER

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION:

COMES NOW, the Honorable Stephen E. Stockman, Member of Congress for the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer, Respondents in connection with MUR 3847, and make and file this their Motion to Dismiss and for cause therefore would show unto this Commission as follows:

I.

The above-referenced MUR, based on a complaint filed before this Commission on or about December 27, 1993, by Stephen M. Clifford, campaign consultant, Friends of [John] LeCour ought to be dismissed in its entirety as a result of a violation by Mr. Clifford and/or Mr. LeCour of 11 C.F.R. § 111.21(a) which prohibits any person from making public any complaint filed before the Commission except as provided in 11 C.F.R. § 111.20. As the Commission will see from the attached exhibits "A" through "C", this complaint has been made public by Mr. Clifford and/or Mr. LeCour in violation of the above-cited section of the Code of Federal Regulations and Congressman Stockman has suffered great personal and political harm as a result of the exposure to and

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dissemination in the news media of the fact of the filing of this complaint. In fact, over and above revealing that the FEC had received the complaint itself, it is obvious from the above-referenced attachments that the news media has been made generally, if not fully, aware of the contents of the complaint together with its attachments. Exhibit "A" is an article from the Friday, July 28, 1995 issue of the *Houston Chronicle*, the largest newspaper published in the City of Houston and the dominant newspaper in the entire Southeast Texas region within which Congressman Stockman's Congressional District is entirely contained. The article in question appeared in the very first section, Section A, on page 9. The article included references and details which obviously must have come from the Complaintant, or from the Complaint itself. Additionally, the article contained the following quote from Steve Clifford, who signed the complaint: "that any role I may have had in any complaint filed with the FEC was done solely in my capacity as a consultant to John LeCouer [sic]." The complaint itself is signed Stephen M. Clifford, Campaign Consultant, Friends of LeCour and was typed on stationery which contained the logo LeCour for U. S. Congress. Mr. Clifford is a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Congress, in District 9, in opposition to Congressman Stockman, in the 1996 primary, as is evidenced by the letter signed by Mr. Clifford, marked Exhibit "D" and attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Exhibit "B" is a copy of an article which appeared in a recent August 1995 issue of the *Friendswood Journal* written by Marjorie Evans of that paper. In that article, which appeared on the front page of that paper, Ms. Evans states that "John LeCour...said he filed the complaint back in December 1993 because of what he says were violations of the Federal Election laws." The article further states that Ian Stirton, "an FEC spokesman" also "confirmed LeCour filed a complaint". The language of § 111.21(a) of 11 C.F.R. makes it clear that neither Mr. Clifford, nor Mr. LeCour, nor Mr. Stirton had the right to make the statements to the news media that they did make, and in fact that they were in violation of that referenced C.F.R. section which states, in part, "Except as provided in 11

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C.F.R. 111.20, no *complaint* filed with the Commission, nor any *notification* sent by the Commission, nor any *investigation* conducted by the Commission, nor any *findings* made by the Commission shall be made public by the Commission or by any person or entity without the written consent of the Respondent ..." (emphasis supplied). In an obvious comment on the content of the complaint, Mr. Stirton was quoted as saying to the *Friendswood Journal*, "A candidate is obligated to report all money received, whether direct or in-kind". Further, Stirton was quoted as saying "They cannot take corporate contributions of any kind". The newspaper further quoted Mr. Stirton as saying that this prohibition "includes contributions in the form of advertising". In addition to revealing the existence of the complaint, Mr. Stirton of the FEC also, in an impermissible fashion, commented on the substance of the complaint and the merits of the Complaintant's allegations, via the statements he has made. Congressman Stockman, in his affidavit marked Exhibit "E", attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes, has stated that he did not, has not and does not consent to the complaint being made public.

Finally, Exhibit "C" is a copy of an article which appeared in the July 27, 1995, issue of *Roll Call*. That newspaper featured a headline above its masthead which stated "FEC Investigates Stockman Ties to Newspaper, p.3" and contained a lengthy article which began on page 3 of that paper. In that article, the paper states that John LeCour "confirmed that he has filed the complaint". *Roll Call* receives wide circulation throughout the national capitol area and by subscription throughout the United States.

It is clear from the above evidence that John LeCour and/or Stephen Clifford, and/or the Federal Election Commission itself, have each impermissibly and in violation of 11 C.F.R. § 111.21(a) made public the fact of the complaint and in some instances have made public, apparently either directly, or perhaps through supplying copies of the complaint, or through their comments, portions of the substance of the complaint. The purpose of 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 is to protect the confidentiality of complaints so as to protect the reputation of the candidate or public official involved from scandalous and/or

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slanderous attacks until the Commission has satisfied itself with respect to the merits of the complaint. Here, Congressman Stockman is being tried in the court of public opinion, before the Commission has had a chance to review the complaint, consider discovery and/or any motions filed subsequent thereto, or to consider any testimony or arguments which might be offered, or to participate in conciliation between the parties. The very purpose for the confidentiality requirement has been destroyed by the actions of those listed above and the very damage the section referenced seeks to prevent has occurred. Accordingly, because the Complaintant has failed to comply with, and in fact has violated, the requirements of 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 and because as a result of the Complaintant's failure to comply with that section, and because of the failure of the FEC to comply with that section, Congressman Stockman's reputation has been impaired, harmed, and his right to a fair hearing with respect to the complaint has been jeopardized, and the complaint process in this case cannot be cured and the complaint must therefore be dismissed.

II.

Additionally, Complaintant would show that this complaint ought to be dismissed because on its face, the complaint has no merit. The gist of the complaint is that Congressman Stockman allegedly operated or controlled the Southeast Texas Times as an adjunct to or in support of his campaign for Congress for Texas House District 9. It is clear from a reading of the responses to discovery in this MUR, of Congressman Stockman and of the two campaign committees, that the newspaper in question operated approximately during the time period March through November of 1993. The answers of Congressman Stockman and the two campaign committees are unequivocal that at no time during the time period referenced, the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times, was Congressman Stockman a candidate for public office. See also Congressman Stockman's affidavit, Exhibit "E" hereto. Accordingly, by definition, the newspaper could not have been and was not an adjunct to any campaign for Congress of Congressman Stockman, as no campaign was being pursued at the relevant times.

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III.

This complaint and the subsequent MUR should be dismissed because the Plaintiff has failed to meet the threshold test of the press exemption to the Federal Election laws. Specifically 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i) provides, in part, that the disclosure requirements in federal elections relative to campaign funds, contributions and expenditures does not include "any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate". The responses to discovery in this MUR filed by Congressman Stockman and by his two campaign committees make it clear, without exception, that at no time did Congressman Stockman have any ownership interest in the Southeast Texas Times, and that at no time did Congressman Stockman "control" the Southeast Texas Times. Accordingly, pursuant to the statutes cited and pursuant to the Court's holding in the *Readers' Digest Association, Inc. v. Federal Election Commission*, 509 F. Supp. 1210 (U.S. District Court - S.D.N.Y., 1991), "until and unless the press exemption was found inapplicable, the FEC is barred from investigating the substance of the complaint. No inquiry may be addressed to sources of information, research, motivation, connection with the campaign, etc. Indeed, all such investigation is permanently barred by the statute unless it is shown that the press exemption is not applicable". According to the Court's opinion in the *Readers' Digest* case, the only investigation permitted in the first stage is into the two questions on which the exemption turns, whether the press entity is owned by the political party or candidate and whether the press entity was acting as a press entity in making the distribution complained of. In *Readers' Digest*, the magazine distributed a videotape and related materials concerning a computer re-enactment of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's 1969 automobile accident at Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts which resulted in the death of Mary Joe Kopechne. In the present case, the complaint raises issues of whether or not the Southeast Texas Times made unreported contributions to the Stockman

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for Congress campaign by (1) running articles or editorials in support of the Congressman, (2) providing an outlet for advertisers to sponsor a periodical which would enhance the reputation of Congressman Stockman, where those advertisers have allegedly exceeded their contribution limits to the Congressman's campaign, and in (3) disseminating a volunteer activist form called the "Conservative Action Network". As stated in the *Readers' Digest* case, the press exemption is absolute, unless and until the FEC has determined that the newspaper was either owned or controlled by the campaign or candidate in question. As indicated, there is no question, based on the responses to discovery filed by Congressman Stockman, and his campaign that at no time did Congressman Stockman own any interest in the newspaper, nor did he ever control the newspaper. See Congressman Stockman's affidavit, Exhibit "E". Because the FEC cannot meet this threshold, and cannot pass this test, this complaint ought to be, and must, in all things, be dismissed.

IV.

In the spirit of good faith and compliance, Movants are filing their responses to discovery served on them by the Federal Election Commission herewith, but are doing so subject to this Motion to Dismiss.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Movants, the Honorable Stephen E. Stockman, United States Congressman for the Ninth Congressional District of the State of Texas, his two campaign committees, Stockman for Congress, and the Friends of Steve Stockman, and John Hart, as Treasurer of Friends of Steve Stockman, and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer of Stockman for Congress, move this Commission to dismiss this complaint and to dismiss MUR 3847, in its entirety.

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EXHIBIT "A"

Stockman newsletter scrutinized by Federal Election Commission

By BENNETT ROTH
Houston Chronicle Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A conservative newsletter published out of Rep. Steve Stockman's home during his 1994 campaign is at the center of a campaign finance probe by the Federal Election Commission.

The investigation stems from a complaint filed with the FEC by a former primary opponent claiming that the Friendswood Republican improperly used the Southeast Texas Times to promote his campaign and that the newsletter was financed by his political supporters.

The newsletter, which is no longer published, regularly referred to Stockman and his wife and was critical of the former incumbent Democrat representative, Jack Brooks. The paper was edited by Jeff Van Fleet, who now works in Stockman's Washington office.

The gist of the complaint, according to sources, is that advertising and circulation revenue used to put out the newsletter should have been reported on federal campaign finance forms and should have come under restrictions regarding expenditures and contributions.

The complaint against Stockman claims that many of those advertising in the Southeast Texas Times were his supporters who were trying to get around individual and corporate limits on giving. The telephone number listed for advertising in the paper is the same as Stockman's home, which doubled as his campaign headquarters.

FEC spokesman Ian Stirton confirmed that the agency had received a complaint about the newsletter from John LeCouer, who was Stockman's GOP primary opponent in 1994.

While Stirton could not comment on the specifics of the case, he said that "anytime contributions or expenditures are made in conjunction with a federal election, someone has to report them." Stirton also said corporate contributions in the form of advertising would also violate federal campaign laws stipulating that corporate giving must come from political action committees.

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While the FEC policy prohibits the confirmation of any agency probes until they are resolved, a former consultant to Brooks, Dan McClung, said that he had been contacted by an FEC investigator who wanted to interview him about the case.

"I have been contacted by an FEC investigator and expect to meet with him in the near future," McClung said.

Stockman's chief of staff, Jeff Fisher, also confirmed that an investigation was under way regarding the Southeast Texas Times, in a story in Thursday's edition of Roll Call, a weekly Capitol Hill newspaper.

Fisher told Roll Call that a "disgruntled" former opponent of Stockman's named Steve Clifford was behind the complaint. Clifford, a scientist who lives in Clear Lake, ran against Stockman in the 1992 GOP primary and has been considering a primary bid against Stockman in 1996.

Fisher did not return a phone call from the Chronicle.

Clifford said Thursday "that any role I may have had in any complaint filed with the FEC was done solely in my capacity as a consultant to John LeCouer."

While Fisher confirmed that the Southeast Texas Times was run out of Stockman's home, he said that it was not the congressman's operation. The paper regularly ran articles highly critical of Brooks and Democrats while touting Stockman and conservative causes. A May 23,1993, edition featured a front page article about Stockman's endorsement of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, accompanied by a photograph of Stockman and the senator. Another story in that edition begins, "as a pavement pounding Republican candidate last year in the sprawling Texas Ninth District, the staunch Space Program and Space Station Freedom supporter Stockman knocked on thousands of doors, rode in parades and learned the often strange terminology used by professional political media experts."

The FEC also is looking into an $82,000 loan received by Stockman from an Ohio mail firm during his 1990 campaign that he has never repaid. Stockman claims he only owes the Suarez Corp. $44,000, while the company claims it wrote off the whole amount as a bad debt.

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EXHIBIT "B"

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practices her underwater techniques during "ReMay" swim lessons at the edge of Stevenson Park in southerly used by kids of all ages for swimming than usual this summer because of the unseasonably high temperatures.

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Local congressman said to be focus of federal investigation

By MARJORIE EVANS
Journal Staff

A Clear Lake engineer has filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission against U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman of Friendswood.

John LeCour, who ran unsuccessfully against Stockman in the 1994 GOP primary, said he filed the complaint back in December 1993 because of what he says were violations of the federal election laws.

LeCour declined to comment on the specifics of the complaint because doing so violates FEC rules.

But according to the July 27 issue of Roll Call, a Washington, D.C. based magazine, the complaint centers around whether a politically conservative newspaper, The Southeast Texas Times, was used to promote Stockman's campaign and if so, whether advertising and circulation revenues were reported in accordance with federal election rules.

This magazine also reported that the FEC has launched an investigation.

Jim Stirton, an FEC spokesman, confirmed LeCour filed the complaint, but said he is prohibited by the commission rules from confirming the existence of an investigation.

Citing those same FEC rules, Stockman also would not comment about an investigation.

He did, however, deny that he used the newspaper, which was published from about February to December 1993, to promote his campaign.

"I had stories about all kinds of things, other people, even conservative Democrats.

"Unlike what some people have said, this paper didn't win the election for me," he said of his 1994 victory over long-time Democratic incumbent Jack Brooks.

The tabloid-size newspaper was edited by Jeff Van Fleet, now an aide in Stockman's Washington D.C. office, and covered local conservative Democratic and Republican candidates, including Stockman.

About seven people, including Van Fleet, made up the staff.

The paper reported on activities at NASA's Johnson Space Center – a prominent entity in Stockman's 9th Congressional District – and on events sponsored by local churches, schools and community groups, many of which ascribe to conservative ideals.

There were also articles critical of Brooks, then-Gov. Ann Richards and President Bill Clinton.

One issue of the Times included a photo of Stockman with Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and another quoted a picture of him with his wife, Pearl, at a Fourth of July parade.

It also had photos of other area political conservatives including Jack Fields, Jerry Purdon, Sen. Jerry Patterson and Galveston County Republican Party Chairman

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New FISD budget includes raises

By JUDIE O'FARRELL
Journal Staff

A drop in property appraisals heads the list of complications facing Friendswood school district administrators.

"There is absolutely nothing simple about public school funding," according to Assistant Superintendent Walter Wilson, who has directed the tedious drafting of six proposed budget reports for the 1995-96 school year.

Drafters hastily prepare for the budget hearing scheduled for Aug. 15. The latest report, completed July 18, estimates local tax revenue at $838 million.

"That number is dropping," Wilson said, contending that in September the district's tax rate will have to be adjusted.

Wilson said that local tax revenue is now estimated at $825 million, based on property appraisals completed by the Galveston Central Appraisal District last week.

Wilson was not surprised by the drop which, he writes in his report, is a result of "taxpayer appeals and final refinements to the tax rolls."

Local taxes still make up the bulk of FISD revenue, at about $14.5 million, according to Wilson.

That number is up about a million dollars over last year, a decent figure for a growing school district, Wilson said.

The state continues to bear "lots and lots of the cost of education," Wilson said.

While local money makes up 56 percent of the total proposed budget, the state carries only 30 percent.

The state is expected to provide about $800,000 more than last year because of an increase in the number of FISD students, Wilson said.

The most recent budget proposal totaled $2.14 million, but Wilson contends a more accurate figure is $2.23 million.

Wilson attributes the rise to a new state mandate requiring budget reports to include the state's contribution to the district's employee retirement plan. This figure comes to $800,000, Wilson said.

"We never actually see the money," Wilson said. The budget will show the money as a revenue and expenditure.

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Helping hand

Police investigate weekend stabbing

By MARJORIE EVANS
Journal Staff

Police are investigating the weekend stabbing of a local man in the 16900 block of Bougainvilla.

The incident happened around 10:45 p.m. July 29 and, according to Police Captain Gary Edwards, police have not yet been able to interview the victim, Mark Alan Vandeusen, 35, to find out exactly what happened.

Vandeusen was taken by Lifeflight to the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston with a stab wound to his chest, Edwards said, and is still in intensive care.

According to Edwards, the initial call to paramedics indicated that someone was having a heart attack.

"But the first medic on the scene saw a stab wound to the upper left chest, close to the heart," Edwards said.

Edwards said two female witnesses to the incident told police there was another man at the scene

CCISD hires new superintendent

By RHONDA DUKY
Special to the Journal

The Clear Creek School District

Wilson was unsure of his starting date. He is two months into a five-year contract with AISD and was working out those details this week.

He served as assistant principal

versity of Texas at Austin and at the University of Houston. He earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M.

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office. Unlike a backyard shed, a deck is usually considered a permanent structure and, when finished, will require a certificate of occupancy. Also, decks higher than 18 inches off the ground require hand and safety rails. The local city building office will have a copy of the Uniform Construction Code book or their local code book for more specific/regional details.

Q. Are there frequent trouble spots or mistakes that people might encounter when building a deck?

A. When a deck is built, the "ledger" tying the deck frame to the house needs to be secured with lag screws or lag bolts. What you don't want is for the deck frame to be nailed to the house. That's because screws will hold the frame much more securely; if it's fastened with nails, the ledger can split apart from the house under "stress," such as a heavy snow load, or just from the earth shifting.

Also, the deck should have a slight pitch away from the house so water can run off and a drip cap or water shield flashing should be installed between the deck and the house to prevent water from entering the house frame, which will cause rot. Also, always make sure there is adequate support for the deck piers and footing — the areas that bear the most weight.

One major mistake is not adequately fastening hand and safety rails to the deck. Another is not providing enough space between deck boards for water to pass through. The width of a pencil is often a good measure for plank spacing. Two problems I often see in decks are lack of maintenance — usually in the form of rotted, cracked or split wood resulting from the homeowner not applying a waterproofer — and improper construction.

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[illegible] in the area of math," she said. she denies that teachers are simply "teaching to the test."

"What we tell the parents is that the TAAS is based on the objectives to be taught at that grade level," she said. "It seems like we spend a lot of time on TAAS, but we're just giving them the objectives the students should be learning."

High scores attract both good teachers and interested parents to the district, she said.

"It's a drawing card to parents," Benoit said. "Even parents coming [illegible] the TAAS and call around to compare scores.

Benoit said the next step in the process is for the instructional coordinators to attend training seminars put on by the state to update them on the latest changes in the test. The coordinators then train teachers to address the changes in their curriculum.

On the writing portion of the test, 96 percent of the fourth-graders taking the test met minimum expectations, while 62 percent mastered all objectives.

Stockman

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Cynthia Tauss.

Roll Call reported that Stockman's campaign literature "urged his supporters to subscribe to the paper for $26.50 a year and even to donate money to buy a computer for it."

The magazine also reported that Stockman's campaign volunteers and contributors, as reported to the FEC, and writers and advertisers in the Southeast Texas Times are the same people.

The paper's advertisements were for a variety of products and services – everything from popular restaurants to a vacuum-cleaner and sewing-machine repair shop.

It has also been reported that advertisement solicitations in the Southeast Texas Times include a phone number that is the same as Stockman's home phone number, and that the newspaper was published from Stockman's Friendswood home, which also served as his campaign headquarters.

The Journal obtained issues of the Southeast Texas Times dated April through July 1993.

The only phone number listed in these issues to call for buying advertising belongs to a Bacliff man, identified only as "Bill," who worked in the Times' marketing department at the time.

The newspaper listed as its address an office in League City.

Stockman said that if his home phone number appeared in the Times, it was only in a few issues.

"When Jeff came to Houston wanting to start this paper, he asked if I could help," Stockman said. "He didn't have a phone at first so I let him use my number."

Stockman said advertisers didn't have to pay for their ads.

Roll Call quoted Stockman aide Jeff Fisher as saying it has not been determined how much revenue the newspaper took in through advertising.

According to Stockman, fewer than 10 percent of the advertisers in the Southeast Texas Times also contributed money to his campaign.

Federal law limits individual campaign contributions to a single candidate to $2,000 in a given election cycle and prohibits corporate contributions.

"A candidate is obliged to report all money received, whether direct or in-kind," Stirton said.

"They cannot take corporate contributions of any kind." This includes contributions in the form of advertising, he said.

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ROLL CALL

CELEBRATING OUR 40TH YEAR AS THE NEWSPAPER OF CAPITOL HILL

VOL. 41, NO. 9 THURSDAY, JULY 27, 1995 $3.00

That's Not Al Gore...

Photo by Laura Patterson

At yesterday's joint meeting, South Korean President Kim Young Sam spoke. On the podium were Speaker Gingrich and, in the Veep's customary place, Senate President Pro Tem Strom Thurmond.

A Bizarre Twist For Reynolds: Accuser in Jail

By Gabriel Kahn

CHICAGO — In the first two days of his sex trial here, Rep. Mel Reynolds (D-Ill) looked on as prosecutors played sexually explicit audio tapes of his phone conversations and his own lawyer admitted his predilection for "phone sex."

But by yesterday, the tables were turned in this bizarre trial; Reynolds left the courtroom hoping that the case against him may soon be over, while his accuser, 19-year-old Beverly Heard, was thrown in jail for contempt of court.

Heard, who initially told a grand jury that Reynolds had initiated a sexual relationship with her when she was just 16, finally took the stand yesterday and, confirming prosecutors' fears, refused to testify against the Congressman.

With the jury not present, Heard, a tall, slender African-American woman with red hair and a soft voice, was on the stand for only a few minutes before she refused to answer questions on the grounds that she might incriminate herself.

The judge, however, ruled that her answers to questions such as, "Did the defendant ask you your age?" and "Did the defendant com-

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Heard on the Hill

By Craig Winneker

The Nancy and Pete Show. This just in from the "Hell Freezes Over Department": **Reps. Nancy Johnson** (R-Conn) and **Pete Stark** (D-Calif) appeared together on the "Fox Morning News" Tuesday.

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CAO Faulkner Filed for Bankruptcy

But He Didn't Tell Members Who Picked Him About May 1994 Declaration

By Timothy J. Burger

House Chief Administrative Officer Scot Faulkner — tapped by Republicans in December to bring private-sector business skills to the task of reforming the chamber's internal operations and overseeing a $53.6 million budget — filed for personal bankruptcy in May 1994.

Faulkner didn't tell two Members who interviewed him for the position on behalf of Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga) about the bankruptcy, the Members said in interviews with Roll Call.

Faulkner said in a written statement last week that he entered bankruptcy as part of an attempt to "resolve a lengthy and contentious divorce."

A Jefferson County, W.Va., circuit court granted Faulkner a divorce from Laurel Birch de Aguilar in September 1992 after just over eight years of marriage, according to court documents.

Faulkner's May 13, 1994, bankruptcy filing disclosed debts that included more than $7,000 in West Virginia state income tax liens — $3,700 from 1991 and $3,400 from 1993. In that filing and another one connected with his divorce, attorneys for de Aguilar sought $23,000 in allegedly unpaid alimony. His at-

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Deadlock on Gifts Stalls Senate Vote

By Alice A. Love

Despite a successful charge at lobbying disclosure reform early this week, the Senate may not tackle gift reform by tomorrow as promised — if bipartisan negotiators don't come to an agreement in time.

Though the Senate had planned to take up the thorny gift debate directly after the unanimous passage of a bipartisan lobbying disclosure reform bill Tuesday, Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kan) moved other legislation instead, buying more time for negotiators led by Whips Trent Lott (R-Miss) and Wendell Ford (D-Ky).

But yesterday, while their talks continued, Lott surprised Democrats by taking the floor to file two cloture petitions so that if an agreement is not worked out by Friday morning, Democrats cannot block a motion to proceed to State Department and foreign aid authorization.

"No one is holding up any legislation," objected Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD). "We had an agreement to go back to gifts. This sends all the wrong messages."

The Senate had agreed by unanimous consent in June to deal with both lobbying and gifts by July 28, using bills authored by Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich) as the basis of debate if no compromise on bipartisan language could be reached.

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Ethics, Ethics

In the Senate, the Packwood standoff continues, p. 15. In the House, Gingrich testifies today, p. 10.

Dole's Lead

The Senate Majority Leader is now de facto making policy on Bosnia. See Kondracke, p. 6.

Hill's 1st NFL Hall of Famer

Largent's Induction Is Saturday

By Benjamin Sheffner

In the House of Representatives, Rep. Steve Largent (R-Okla) is a lowly freshman.

But in the world of professional football, he is at the top of the heap.

This Saturday, Largent will receive the ultimate honor of his former metier: enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Largent will be the first inductee from the Seattle Seahawks, with whom he played his entire 14-year career as a wide receiver, from 1976 to 1989.

Upon his retirement, Largent, a seven-time Pro Bowl selection, held six major receiving records:

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Freshman Rep. Steve Largent earns the honors for his 14 years with the Seattle Seahawks as a record-setting wide receiver.

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Anatomy of a Stealth Campaign

The FEC Launches a Formal Probe of Texas Rep. Steve Stockman. Among Questions: Was Southeast Texas Times Newspaper, Run Out Of His Home, an Arm of the Campaign Funded by His Contributors?

By Mary Jacoby

The Federal Election Commission is investigating whether a community newspaper — staffed by campaign volunteers of Rep. Steve Stockman (R-Texas), run out of his home and campaign headquarters, and financed by his political contributors — violated federal election law on disclosure and donation limits.

Stockman chief of staff Jeff Fisher acknowledged Wednesday that the FEC is formally investigating a complaint filed by a former Stockman political rival concerning the Southeast Texas Times, a now-defunct bimonthly newspaper that apparently was published in 1993 and 1994.

A Texan with knowledge of Stockman's past campaigns told Roll Call he has been contacted by FEC investigator Alan Boehm, who said he wanted to interview him about Stockman during a planned visit to the Beaumont-based 9th district next month.

Under FEC rules, the commission may dispatch an investigator to a Member's district only after it has voted to open a formal "matter under review."

FEC complaints are not made public until a case is closed, and the commission will neither confirm nor deny that an investigation is under way. Fisher said the current investigation is limited to the circumstances surrounding publication of the Southeast Texas Times. He blamed a "disgruntled" former rival of Stockman's named Steve Clifford for the complaint.

Stockman's 1994 GOP primary opponent, John LeCour, confirmed that he has filed the complaint. LeCour's campaign consultant was Clifford, a political consultant who ran unsuccessfully against Stockman and another candidate in the 1990 GOP primary.

Whatever the fate of the complaint, an examination of the newspaper's operations offers revealing insight into the "stealth" campaign Stockman conducted against then-Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks (D-Texas) in 1994. Although Brooks raised $1.1 million compared with Stockman's $192,000 — a six-to-one advantage — the political newcomer beat the Capitol Hill titan with 52 percent of the vote after bids to oust him in 1990 and 1992 failed.

Photo by Laura Patterson

Texas GOP Rep. Steve Stockman unseated Judiciary Chairman Jack Brooks last fall.

So-called stealth campaigns are characterized by high grassroots mobilization. Stealth campaigners may pursue unconventional tactics, in part because they lack large war chests.

Stockman's Southeast Texas Times shows how one such candidate overcame obscurity to capitalize on last year's anti-Democratic wave and land a seat in Congress, where in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing he has been in the spotlight for apparent ties to right-wing militias and a recent article in Guns & Ammo magazine accusing the Clinton Administration of staging the deadly Waco raid to build support for an assault weapons ban.

A call this week to a phone number soliciting advertisers in old copies of the Southeast Texas Times was answered by a woman who identified herself only as "Patti." She declined to give her last name or explain her affiliation with the defunct newspaper, saying only that she "knew some people" who had worked on it.

However, Stockman's wife is named Patti, and the number is the same as that of Stockman's Friendswood, Texas, home. The same number is also listed on Stockman's communications with the FEC as his campaign headquarters.

Fisher yesterday confirmed that Stockman ran his campaign out of his home but insisted, "The Southeast Texas Times was not a product of Steve Stockman."

A comparison of Stockman's campaign filings with the FEC and writers and advertisers in the Southeast Texas Times, however, reveals the newspaper was staffed by his campaign volunteers and funded by his political contributors. Many of the articles touted Stockman and criticized Brooks.

At the same time, readers were asked to respond to "Citizens Polls" by sending in their names and addresses, a tactic that may have helped Stockman build a fundraising list.

Its successor ran one headline announcing, 'Media Slanders Stockman.'

And the fact that political supporters were also advertisers raises questions about whether they circumvented donation limits by buying ads in a newspaper that promoted Stockman.

Federal law restricts individual contributions to $2,000 to a single candidate in a normal election cycle. Fisher said he did not know the paper's advertising rates, and without access to its books, it is impossible to determine how much it took in through advertising.

There is no mention in the bimonthly publication of any direct connection to Stockman or his campaign. His supporters are not identified in its pages as such. And it is not labeled as a paid political advertisement, as federal law requires of campaign literature.

At first glance, the tabloid appears to be an independent voice for area conservatives. But with the many connections to Stockman, its operations raise questions about the extent the

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Jumping Jack's Kids

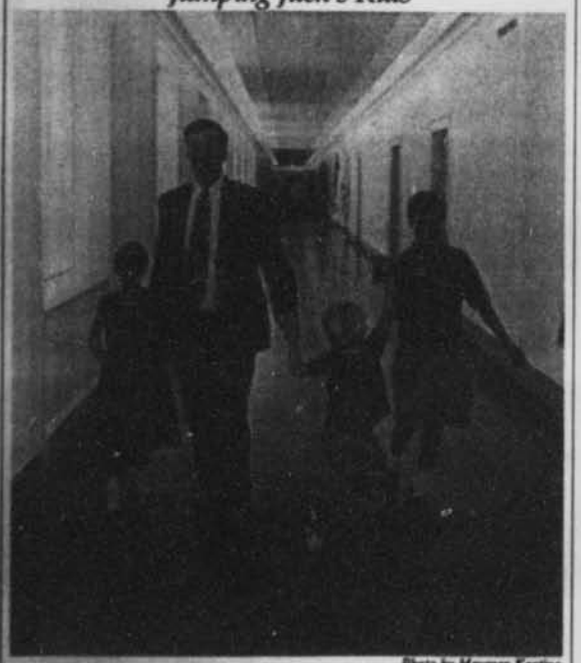

Photo by Maureen Keating

Rep. Jack Kingston and his kids Ann, age 6, Jim, 4, and John, 10.

Aftershocks

By Mary Jacoby and Tim Curran

Subcommittee Sprawl. The Senate Appropriations Committee has expanded to a 14th subcommittee — not to create a new plum cardinalship but to comply with a quirk in budget law.

Chairman **Mark Hatfield** (R-Ore) announced at a committee meeting last week that a temporary "deficiencies" subcommittee will handle what amounts to a spillover in spending authority.

As chairman, Hatfield assigns each of the standard 13 Appropriations subcommittees a spending cap for the coming fiscal year, a process known as the 602(b) allocations. This year — with appropriators on the front lines in the battle to cut the budget — Hatfield was left with some $736 million in budget authority that he did not distribute among the panels.

Where to park that mouth-watering pot of money?

There was a feeling that giving it to another subcommittee for safekeeping might tempt a chairman to spend it, a Hatfield aide said. After examining the Budget Act, the Parliamentarian's office advised creating the deficient'ies panel, the aide said. The same device was also used last year, when **Sen. Robert Byrd** (D-WVa) chaired Appropriations, Hatfield noted during last week's committee meeting.

Members of the panel are Hatfield, Byrd, upon the Appropriations ranking member, and the second-ranking GOP appropriator, **Sen. Ted Stevens** (Alaska).

A Lobbyist With Access. The closing of C Street and Delaware Avenue, NE, around the Russell Senate office building has miffed more than a few staffers, many of whom lost convenient parking spaces or face daily traffic snafus because of it.

So it didn't sit well with one aide when Capitol Police waved lobbyist **Vera Clark** of Vera Clark & Associates through the barricades on Delaware Avenue one morning this week — without even checking his trunk. Clark was driving from Constitution Avenue toward Union Station and wanted to take the direct route through the now off-limits Delaware.

Clark, who did not return a phone call seeking comment, was driving a black luxury car and talking on a phone, according to the aide, who knows Clark and recognized him. The officer told the irate staffer that he assumed Clark was a Senator and let him through.

Rep. Chris Cox (R-Calif), meanwhile, just doesn't have that Secretist look. Aftershocks was on the scene last week as the House Republican Policy Committee chairman drove up Delaware toward the Capitol in his blue Acura Legend, stopping at the barricade with a befuddled expression. The officers waved at him to turn around. Only then did they notice his Congressional license plate on the dashboard window.

Said one officer to the other: "California? Who's that?"

Ross Report. A House Oversight task force investigating a challenge to **Rep. Charlie Ross's** (D-NC) 1994 re-election appears to be close to making a decision on whether to dismiss the action

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Senate Will Act on Gift Reform by Friday, But There's Still No Compromise Proposal

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Lott said that the cloture motions were only a precautionary measure, so that the Senate can avoid further delays to the Senate's already postponed August recess.

"I understand how the Minority Leader feels and that this makes it more difficult for us to get together [on gifts]," said Lott. "But we have to find a way to move things along. We do not intend to slight anyone or make anybody mad, but we have to have that [cloture] option."

Lott said that Dole does intend to deal with gift reform, if possible by Friday, and may not have to call for cloture on a motion to proceed to other legislation if bipartisan negotiations continue to go well.

"We're now working feverishly," said Lott.

As of yesterday afternoon, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz) had emerged as an adjunct gift reform negotiator to teams appointed last month by the bipartisan leadership. Democratic sources said McCain was working to craft a third gift proposal that might satisfy Democrats and could get some GOP support, especially from freshmen. Details of the McCain proposal were not available, however.

Without a bipartisan compromise, the Senate will debate two separate and widely divergent gift bills.

One, sponsored by Sens. Carl Levin (D-Mich), Paul Wellstone (D-Minn), Russell Feingold (D-Wis), and others, would ban all gifts from registered lobbyists, but would allow some worth less than $20, such as meals, from others. It would also bar Senators from accepting any free recreational trips, including travel to charity events.

The competing GOP bill, authored by Senate Ethics Chairman Mitch McConnell (R-Ky), would simply lower the Senate's current gift limit of $250 from any one source to $100. It would continue to allow free travel to charity events approved by the Ethics Committee.

Levin has not been optimistic that a bipartisan agreement will be reached, and his aides late yesterday were still expecting the debate to be on multiple bills.

However, in a 98 to 0 vote Tuesday, the Senate was able to pass a bipartisan compromise bill tightening lobbying disclosure requirements, an outcome that also had seemed unlikely at the end of the last Congress.

And amendments attached to the bill — dealing with lobbying by non-profit advocacy organizations that receive federal grant money, Members' own financial disclosure requirements, and former Congressional staffers' access to executive branch jobs under the Ramspeck Act — could have as much of an impact on life on the Hill as the lobbying disclosure measure itself.

Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wyo) won a 59 to 37 vote to attach an amendment forcing tax-exempt, non-profit organizations that fall under the Internal Revenue Service's 501 (c)(4) classification — mostly large public advocacy groups such as the American Association of Retired Persons — to choose between their lobbying privileges and their eligibility for federal grant money.

His victory precedes a battle in the House beginning tomorrow in the Rules Committee on a rider that has been attached to the Labor, Education, and Health and Human Services appropriations bill.

The House amendment would require any organization — from corporations to charities and universities — to accept a cap on the amount they can spend on a broad range of activities deemed "political advocacy" when they take federal grants. The restricted activities would include not only lobbying, but also campaign contributions and public-interest lawsuits against government agencies.

Two amendments offered by Sen. Hank Brown (R-Colo) would reform Members' personal financial disclosure requirements.

One would require Members who keep their assets in a blind trust to disclose the total market value of those trusts in their annual financial disclosure forms. Currently, while Members have to report the value of other assets on their disclosure forms, the value of blind trusts remains shielded.

Brown's second amendment adds new categories to financial disclosure forms, requiring more specificity in the valuation of Members' assets. Currently, the top category on financial disclosure forms is "over $1,000,000."

The new categories would require that Members indicate if a large asset is worth between $1 million and $5 million, $5 million and $25 million, $25 million and $50 million, or over $50 million.

"Is there a difference in the significance of assets that might be $200 or $300 million versus $1 million?" Brown asked his colleagues during debate. "I believe so. Such substantial amounts tend to indicate control."

Opponents to Brown's amendments, including wealthy Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) — who is worth an estimated $40 million — complained that they would tend to make wealth in and of itself seem suspect.

"Whether you obtained your assets through inheritance [or] hard work under the opportunities afforded in our country, the accumulation of assets now begins to look like it is somehow or other a stigma," Lautenberg said.

The amendments nevertheless passed by voice votes, and would apply to both Senators and House Members if ultimately approved by both chambers.

Also passed on a voice vote was an amendment by McCain that would repeal the 45-year-old Ramspeck Act, which gives ousted Congressional staffers preference for executive branch jobs and automatic civil service tenure if they lose their Hill jobs due to circumstances beyond their control — such as a Member's re-election defeat.

McCain's repeal of Ramspeck is not a partisan swipe at the new Democratic minority, he said. It would not take effect for two years after its enactment "in order to allow those individuals who were displaced by last year's election to have the same opportunity that others have had for the last 40 years," McCain explained.

Wright Andrews, president of the American League of Lobbyists, however, said that Republicans had won many of the concessions lobbyists themselves had hoped to see, including changes in the enforcement and penalty portions of the bill.

Levin's bill would have created a new executive branch agency for enforcement — the Office of Lobbying Registration and Public Disclosure, with a director appointed by the President and violations punishable by fines of up to $200,000.

Instead, under the compromise bill, lobbying rules will be monitored by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate, with the monetary penalty for violations not to exceed $50,000.

Levin also agreed to raise the threshold in his definition of who must file lobbying disclosure forms from someone who spends 10 percent of his or her time lobbying in a six-month period to 20 percent. The compromise threshold for organizations to disclose their activities is $10,000 spent on lobbying in six months, compared with Levin's original $5,000.

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newspaper's resources were used to further his Congressional bid.

In September 1994, Stockman's FEC filings listed a $265 payment to the "Southeast TX Times" for "materials for literature distribution." Stockman campaign literature, meanwhile, urged his supporters to subscribe to the paper for $26.50 a year and even to donate money to buy a computer for it.

The newspaper's managing editor was Jeff Van Fleet, a Stockman campaign volunteer who is now listed in Clerk of the House reports as a legislative assistant on the Congressman's payroll at an annual salary of $31,000.

A random sampling of headlines, meanwhile, reveals that the Times touched on hot-button issues of Stockman's campaign: "Servicemen Don't Want Sodomites in the Military," "HUD Appointee is a 'Mean Lesbian,'" "Anti-Christianity Intensifies, But Some Victims Fight Back."

The May 1993 issue featured a front-page picture of Stockman standing next to then-Senatorial candidate Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) under the headline, "Kay Bailey Hutchison Wins Local Endorsement." The endorsement, of course, is from Stockman, who provides most of the quotes for the article.

A July 1993 issue ran an above-the-fold photo of Stockman and his wife, Patti, riding in a Fourth of July parade. Next to the photo is the lead story: "Tax Dollars Spent to Free Cold-Blooded Killers."

And a successor newspaper called the Southeast Texas Statesman — whose mast-head lists former Stockman campaign treasurer John Hart and volunteer Tim Frankovich as staffers — ran this screaming headline: "Media Slanders Stockman." Frankovich said in a telephone interview that he published the paper from January to May and folded it for lack of advertising. He said it had no formal connection to Stockman.

The lead editorial, which came in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, was titled, "'Why me?' Stockman Under Attack."

Behind the scenes, too, the Southeast Texas Times was pro-Stockman.

In a community events posting section was an item inviting people to attend a "forum on current political and social activity" in the area sponsored by the Christian Coalition.

A call this week to the phone number in the ad was answered by a woman who said it once belonged to Ken Clark. Clark is listed in campaign filings as a Stockman volunteer who provided $24,500 in unnamed services to Stockman's 1994 campaign. The money was not a loan, and Stockman's FEC filings show he has only paid $1,500 back on the debt.

Clark could not be reached for comment. Stockman's most recent FEC filings show that Clark was paid at least $3,000 from the campaign for what was described as "consulting," with at least $23,000 left in outstanding debt.

Clark also gave $500 to Stockman in 1992 and placed a small ad in the paper. And Clark of the House reports show that Clark resurfaced on Stockman's Congressional payroll as a staffer in his Galveston office.

Among the Times's advertisers during the 1994 election cycle was Dr. Robert Feldman of Houston. According to FEC reports, Feldman donated $800 to Stockman's campaign between 1990 and 1992 but did not give in 1994.

Houston attorney Russell Little gave $1,000 to Stockman in 1994 while also advertising in the Times.

John Dixon of League City, whose occupation is listed as "salesman" in election reports, gave Stockman $1,000 in 1992. Dixon is the owner of Pearland Discount Furniture in Pearland, Texas, which advertised a sale on bunk beds in the July 1995 issue of the Times.

And Richard Reed, whose place of business is listed as Bubba's Shack Restaurant in election reports, gave $300 in 1992 and $1,000 in 1994. Bubba's Shack advertised in the Times and even provided a free meal to the winner of one of the paper's "Citizens Poll" drawings.

Fisher said he had little knowledge of the Times's operations and could not comment on these apparent connections to Stockman.

In addition to the complaint about the newspaper, the FEC has also been examining the circumstances of an $82,000 debt Stockman's campaign owed to the Suarez Corp., an Ohio direct marketing firm that recruited him to run against Brooks in 1990 (Roll Call, May 18).

Suarez Corp. targeted Brooks for defeat after he introduced legislation to tax mail-order sales that would have cut into the firm's profits. Suarez has asked to forgive the debt, which Stockman claims is only $44,000.

But the FEC must first approve the plan to ensure the company is not making a prohibited corporate contribution in the form of campaign services.

Aftershocks: The Last Of The Election Challenges

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brought by his 1994 rival, Republican Robert Anderson.

The panel's chairman, Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio), and its other Republican member, Rep. Vern Ehlers (Mich), were briefed by staff attorneys last week on a report compiled by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation on Anderson's charges.

Ross has filed a motion to dismiss Anderson's challenge, which charges that local election officials engineered the Democrat's 3,800-vote victory through intimidation, vote fraud, and buying votes.

But the SBI report, the only thorough investigation into the charges, has been a major point of controversy.

The district attorney for the county in question, Democratic Robeson County D.A. Luther Johnston Britt III, was for some time the only official given access to the report and wrote a summary saying that it refuted all of Anderson's claims.

State officials argued that state law gave only Britt access to the report, but that wasn't good enough for Boehner, who resisted any decision on the matter until his task force could itself examine the report.

Earlier this month, North Carolina officials brought a copy of the voluminous report to Washington, and House Oversight attorneys reviewed it thoroughly, briefed the two Republicans on its content, and then sent a list of further questions to the SBI.

Boehner is still awaiting a response to those questions, which were sent last week, and a decision on whether or not to allow Anderson's challenge to go forward should follow quickly.

The other two incumbents to have their elections actively challenged, Reps. Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn) and Jane Harman (D-Calif), saw their challengers drop those efforts.

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EXHIBIT "D"

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July 28, 1995

Mr. Roy Steinhagen
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Dear Roy,

Please excuse this belated thanks for taking the time to meet with Dawn and me regarding my potential challenge of Steve Stockman in the Republican primary. I understand how busy you are and I sincerely appreciate having had the opportunity to talk with you and listen to your concerns.

From my own first-hand experience, and the experience of my wife (who has had to deal with meeting federal and state environmental regulations on a daily basis for over 10 years), I've seen the enormous burden that government regulation has placed on business and industry. This is particularly true with regard to environment legislation -- where many of the regulations simply defy common sense (e.g., such as requiring an industry to comply with emission standards for certain contaminants that lie below our ability to detect). This situation has been made significantly worse by both the arbitrary application of existing regulations and by their frequent revision -- which can make an industry's costly effort to stay in compliance obsolete overnight. One solution to the latter problem might be to place potential revisions of federal environmental law and standards on a fixed schedule (perhaps every 10 years). Such a move would stabilize much of the current regulatory chaos and give business and industry the confidence that their significant investment in pollution control, treatment, and monitoring facilities, would not have to be repeated every few years.

As I mentioned when we spoke, over the past two months I've been meeting with business and community leaders throughout the 9th Congressional District regarding my potential challenge of Mr. Stockman. The response to these visits has been overwhelmingly positive -- enabling us to raise almost $20,000 during the first six weeks of our exploratory effort. As a result of this early success, we are now pressing ahead with an intensive organization and fundraising effort to see if we can raise the resources necessary to mount a successful challenge by mid-fall. At that time, after we've discussed our progress with you and other key leaders, I plan to make the final decision regarding my candidacy for U.S. Congress.

Again, I want to thank you for taking to the time to talk with me and for the advice you provided regarding other opinion leaders I should see in Jefferson County. (I've also spoken to Greg Copeland and have a personal meeting with him next month). I fully understand the sensitive position you find yourself in; however, should you find that -- later in the fall -- the political environment has changed sufficiently that you would consider becoming more actively involved in the campaign, I would sincerely appreciate your support.

Thanks again,

Steve

Stephen M. Clifford

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EXHIBIT "E"

STATE OF TEXAS §
§ Affidavit of Honorable Stephen E.
COUNTY OF HARRIS § Stockman, Member of Congress

Deponent, after being duly sworn, did depose and state as follows:

"My name is Stephen E. Stockman and I am over the age of 21 years and I am of sound mind and body. I am the incumbent United States Congressman for the Ninth Congressional District of the State of Texas.

At no time did I ever have any ownership interest in the newspaper known as the Southeast Texas Times. At no time did I ever exercise any control over the newspaper known as the Southeast Texas Times. At no time during the known period during which the Southeast Texas Times was published, approximately March of 1993 through November of 1993, was I an officially declared candidate for public office.

By virtue of the wrongful dissemination through the news media, apparently by Stephen Clifford and/or John LeCour, and/or the Federal Election Commission itself; of the fact of the complaint against me and the details of MUR 3847 I have been gravely and greatly harmed and injured, both politically and personally and no resolution of this MUR, even the correct one, one favorable to myself and my campaign committees, can repair the damage done by this dissemination to the news media of the fact of this complaint, and of details relative to the complaint.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT."

Stephen E. Stockman
STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 15 day of August, 1995, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Kenneth D Clark
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

KENNETH D. CLARK
PRINTED NAME OF NOTARY

My commission expires:
03-09-98

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RE: MUR 3847
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Adams:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter dated August 16, 1995, which we received on August 17, 1995, responding to the Commission's order and subpoena on behalf of Stephen E. Stockman, Stockman for Congress and Friends of Steve Stockman. Enclosed with that letter was also a motion to dismiss on behalf of Stephen E. Stockman, Stockman for Congress and Friends of Steve Stockman as well as a designation of counsel statement naming you as counsel for Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer.

In order for this Office to consider your response on behalf of Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, it is necessary for you to have a designation of counsel statement. To date, this Office has not received a designation of counsel statement for you in regard to the Stockman for Congress committee and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer. A designation of counsel statement on behalf of a committee must be signed by its treasurer. For your convenience, a blank designation of counsel statement is enclosed.

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Please advise this Office concerning the status of Barry Caron. If it is your clients' intent not to have Mr. Caron jointly represent them with you, then a separate withdrawal of counsel statement is required from each respondent, whether in their capacity as an individual, treasurer of a committee or both. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Kim
Attorney

cc: Barry Caron, Esq.
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Mr. Mark T. Kim
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Re: MUR 3847; Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Kim:

Thank you for your letter of August 18, 1995. This will confirm that I represent Congressman Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress and Friends of Steve Stockman. You should now have received Designations of Counsel on behalf of all three of the above named individuals or entities. Barry Coran represents only Jeff Van Fleet. If, in addition to this letter and my previous notifications to you and the FEC, you require that we fill out some form, please send me the necessary form.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

Aug. 18 1995
Date

Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Stockman for Congress

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August 28, 1995

VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman;
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer;
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in response to a letter dated August 21, 1995, which we received on August 25, 1995, requesting clarification on the necessity of a withdrawal of counsel letter in regard to the above named respondents. Since this Office currently has two Designation of Counsel statements for each of these respondents, it is necessary for your clients to inform this Office that they intend to be represented solely by you. This Office does not have a separate form for a withdrawal of counsel, however, your clients need simply to put forth their intent in a signed letter to this Office. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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August 28, 1995

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RE: The Matter of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times
MUR 3847

Dear Mark:

In accord with the extension of time in which to reply in the matter captioned above, Respondent Jeff Van Fleet, by counsel does hereby, on this date, submit the enclosed **Respondent's Reply To Agency's Interrogatories and Requests For Documents** and a **Motion To Dismiss.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions or need any further information and/or clarification, I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Barry Caron

Norman A. Caron

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BEFORE:

THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times	

RESPONDENT'S REPLY TO AGENCY'S INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents because the disclosures sought exceed the scope authorized under statute and case law. Specifically 2 USCA § 431(9)(A)(i) provides an exclusion for "any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate". The Southeast Texas Times was at all times fully owned and operated by Respondent Jeff Van Fleet and as such the press exception is clearly applicable. Accordingly, the scope of questions must comply to that established in the Readers' Digest Association, Inc. v. Federal Election Commission, 509 F. Supp. 1210 (U.S. District Court - S.D.N.Y., 1991). [U]ntil and unless the press exemption was found inapplicable, the FEC is barred from investigating the substance of the complaint. No inquiry may be addressed to sources of information, research, motivation, connection with the campaign, etc. Indeed, all such investigation is permanently barred by the statute unless it is shown that the press exemption is not applicable". According to the Court's opinion, therefore, the only investigation permitted in the first stage is into the two questions on which the exemption turns, whether the press entity is owned by the political party or candidate and whether the press entity was acting as a press entity in making the distribution complained of. These interrogatories clearly exceed the scope herein stated, and as such are objected to.

(b) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and

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Requests for Production of Documents because the disclosure s sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they risk having a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's First Amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of association. (U.S.C.A. Constitution. Amend. 1)

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, approximately March through November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. Describe the legal business form of the Southeast Texas Times (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.) and the date on which it came to exist under such form.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times was organized as a sole proprietorship, owned, controlled and operated by Jeff Van Fleet. A local business license application was filed in Galveston County, Texas.

2. If presently incorporated, identify all directors and officers, and provide copies of all the articles of incorporation and by-laws under which the Southeast Texas Times has operated since its inception.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times is not now, nor ever was incorporated.

3. Identify all individuals who have ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

Ans: I object to this question for the reason that it enters areas that are not proper under the Act. The only exceptions to the Press exemption (2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i)) are for newspapers "owned" or "controlled" by a party or candidate.

Subject to this objection and my above general objections, I,

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Jeff Van Fleet, and I alone, exercised "input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception."

4. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

Ans: *Stephen E. Stockman volunteered advice, offered input of ideas, provided verbal or moral support but did not exercise direction, control, or decision-making authority of the Southeast Texas Times from its inception or at any time during its operation.*

5. Identify all sources of start-up funds and initial and continuing revenue for the Southeast Texas Times since its inception, including, but not limited to, subscriptions, advertising and contributions, and indicate the percentage of the publication's operating budget each income source represents.

Ans: *The start-up money for the project came from selling ads in advance of publication. When enough money was raised, through the sale of ads, to pay for an edition, then that edition was printed and circulated. The start-up money of $500.00 was raised in this manner. The operating costs were also raised through advertising. Subscriptions were an insignificant part of the income due to the fact that the paper was given away free and a subscription only provided delivery by mail rather than our usual method of area saturation.*

6. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date and amount of each such contribution.

Ans: *To the best of my knowledge, I cannot remember asking for or receiving a financial contribution from Stephen E. Stockman to myself or to the Southeast Texas Times for use in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.*

7. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value and the date of each such contribution.

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Ans: ***Steve Stockman did contribute the following non-cash items of value to me, Jeff Van Fleet, for use in connection with the Southeast Texas Times:***

1.) Use of an unused Post Office Box for the remainder of the rental period (February 1993 through March of 1993). Value estimated at $17.00.

2.) Use of home telephone. This was over a period of two to three months. Use was made only for incoming phone calls in response to advertising sales calls. Estimated value at $50.00??

3.) Listing on Conservative Action Network form. I have no idea what, if any, value can be placed on this item.

8. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that such purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

Ans: No, Stephen E. Stockman never purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times.

9. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

Ans: Friends of Steve Stockman never made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

10. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

Ans: Friends of Steve Stockman never contributed any item of value, as listed above, to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

11. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s),

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receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

Ans: Yes, Friends of Steve Stockman purchased an ad, and purchased production and distribution supplies (Plastic bags) from the Southeast Texas Times , however, I have been unable to locate the documentation for the purchase. To the best of my recollection, the purchase was in the approximate area of $600.00 to $700.00.

12. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

Ans: No, Stockman for Congress never made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

13. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

Ans: No, Stockman for Congress never contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

14. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased aa (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

Ans: No, Stockman for Congress never purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times.

15. Provide a price list or other indication of the charges for purchasing advertising space in the Southeast Texas Times. Include pricing terms for special editions or inserts, columns, inches, boxes of varying sizes, pages, half-pages, quarter-pages, or any other advertising unit.

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Ans: ***As with most papers, there was a price sheet or list but it was not followed in a rigid manner. The price list was a guideline. The actual price of any ad was "whatever the market would bear". This is called "discounting" and is quite common in the industry. In theory, the price of ads could have exceeded the price on the price list. In practice, however, most ads were below or well below the suggested retail price. In the case of the Southeast Texas Times, our goal was to raise enough through the sale of discounted ads ($500.00) in order to print another issue.***

16. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased by Stockman for Congress, Friends of Steve Stockman, Fields for Senate, Wright for Senate, Texans for Joe Barton and Citizens for Honesty in Government. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

Ans: ***All such invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising, if they exist are back in Texas. I fear that all such records may have been discarded. I have initiated a search for such records and if/ when located will be either attached hereon or will be attached to an amendment hereto.***

17. Identify the individual or entity who paid for each of the following advertisements appearing in the Southeast Texas Times:

a. Attachment 1
b. Attachment 2
c. Attachment 3
d. Attachment 4
e. Attachment 5
f. Attachment 6
g. Attachment 7

Ans: ***There were no attachments to this Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers. When received, we will make a concerted effort to supply the information of each of the advertisements. If the records referred to in 16 above are not located, a good faith effort to recall from memory the identity of all individuals or entities who paid for each of the advertisements identified above will be made.***

18. Provide the address for Citizens for Honesty in Government.

Ans: ***Citizens for Honesty in Government was, as I understand it, an "ad hoc" committee. Little is known of its organization, officers or structure. The Times used the organization as a source, or better as a resource, for a catchy, timely, reprintable comments upon almost any subject. Our contact at Citizens for Honesty in Government was a Tom Tyler, Jr.***

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19. State whether you have ever shared your list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress or their agents or representatives. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, and provide copies of any documents shared.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times was not a major publication. Its lists of subscribers, as discussed above, was not large enough to enter into a data base. If I remember correctly, the subscriber list was kept on a legal size yellow pad. To the best of my recollection they were not shared.

20. State whether Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress or their agents or representatives have ever shared their contributor lists, mailing lists, or any other information with you. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, and provide copies of any documents shared.

Ans: Mailing lists were not shared. Distribution of the Southeast Texas Times was by area saturation drop. They were thrown door to door in neighborhoods and stacks were left in restaurants and grocery stores. For the sharing of "any other information," please see answer to interrogatory number 21, below.

21. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress and their agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

Ans: Steve Stockman and I have been friends for nearly five years. During that time we have had almost daily contact. We were co-workers and car-pooled together while working for McKee Environmental, Inc. during 1993 and 1994. To list dates, subjects, substance and nature of each contact and to provide documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact is an impossible task.

22. Provide the precise addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, for each location at which all work, including, but not limited to, editorial, financial, and printing, related to producing the Southeast Texas Times is accomplished.

Editorial: 2801 West Bay Area Blvd. #1309, Webster, TX 77598
Phone 2/93 - 3/93 713 996-6900
3/93 -11/93 713 992-3830

Financial: 190 B-2 Gulf Freeway, #115, League City, TX 77573

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Phone *2/93 - 3/93 713 996-6900*
3/93 -11/93 713 992-3830

Printing: *Texas City Sun, 7800 M.F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City, TX 77591*

23. Provide all legal mailing addresses and actual residential addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, for Jeff Van Fleet for the years 1993 to date. If any of the actual residential addresses were not owned by Jeff Van Fleet, provide the name and address of each landlord or owner.

Ans: *Fearing further compromise of "Confidentiality" respondent respectfully declines to answer this question until the relevancy of such information requested is demonstrated.*

24. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to Jeff Van Fleet from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. 1992 -- $1260
b. June 1994 -- $200
c. June 1994 -- $250
d. October 1994 -- $200

Ans: *The payments questioned above were not made by Stockman For Congress, which was a 1990 campaign committee. That committee was totally inactive during the time period concerned. The payments questioned in No. 24, were made by Friends of Steve Stockman, a campaign committee in 1992 and 1994.*

a. 1992 -- $1260. This was reimbursement for Billboards purchased from Lamar Advertising in Beaumount Texas.

b. and c. $200 and $250 reimbursements for expenses occurred in attending the State Republican convention.

d.$200.00 Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with distribution of campaign materials.

NB: During the time period of these payments, the Southeast Texas Times was not in publication.

25. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to the Southeast Texas Times from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. September 1993 -- $400
b. September 1994 -- $265

Ans: *The payments questioned above were not made by Stockman For*

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Congress, which was a 1990 campaign committee. That committee was totally inactive during the time period concerned. The payments questioned in No. 25, were made by Friends of Steve Stockman, a campaign committee in 1992 and 1994.

a. Production and advertising expenses.
b. Purchase of surplus plastic bags from the Times for use in the distribution of campaign materials. Since the Times was no longer publishing, the plastic bags were available for sale to the campaign.

26. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July B, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;
b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;
c. Whether Jeff van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
d. Whether Stephen E. Stockman participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
f. All documents referring or relating to the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

Ans: a. Steve told me.
b. Jeff Van Fleet drafted the copy.
c. Jeff van Fleet participated in the promotion of the Rush Parties but did not profit from any Rush Party.
d. I don't know what Stephen E. Stockman did in regard to the Rush Parties, and it would be highly improper for me to speak for him without his authorization. I suggest the proper person to question regarding this matter is the Congressman himself.
e. Stockman for Congress was an inactive campaign committee (since 1990), I seriously doubt that Stockman For Congress had ANY involvement with events that occurred three and four years after it became inactive.
f. It wasn't my party. Other than the promotional announcements discussed above, I did not have access, possession or knowledge of the items requested.

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27. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "call Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900," state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";
b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;
c. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman For Congress;
e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman.

Ans: ***a. Jeff Van Fleet and Steve Stockman. I used the phone for some time in March of 1993, as mentioned above (Q.# 22), and received calls for both of us since Steve was employed by McKee Environmental during the day.***
b. As sated above in Q# 22, I used Steve's number for the Times up until March of 1993, and then I got my own phone number.
c. Yes. It was his home phone number.
d. NO. Stockman for congress was an inactive campaign committee from the 1990 campaign. In 1993 there was no phone number. In addition, Steve stockman was not a candidate for any public office at the time in question.
e. No. The Friends of Steve Stockman was a 1992 campaign committee. It was inactive during 1993 and thus, had no phone number. In addition, Steve Stockman was not an candidate for any public office during 1993.

28. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;
b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;
c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;
e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;
f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);
g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this

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solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

Ans: a. There was and is no formal Conservative Action Network. It was only the heading on a form used to solicit information of and from other conservative activists for the purpose of networking.
b.None, since there was no Conservative Action Network, there cannot be a relationship.
c. I don't know.
d. I'm not aware of any relationship of Friends of Steve Stockman and the Conservative Action Network.
e. Stockman for Congress was an inactive campaign committee (since 1990).
f. Conservative Action Network had no form, business or otherwise. Its only purpose was for networking.
g. Steve created the form and I asked to include the Times on the form. there was no charge for this listing, and I am unaware of the production of any subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network listing.
h. I am unaware of any such payments or invoices, receipts or other proof thereof.

29. Provide originals, if available, or copies, of each edition of the Southeast Texas Times published between September 1, 1994 and January 1, 1994.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times was not published in 1994.

30. State whether the Southeast Texas Times is currently being published. If not, state the date on which it was last published and the reason(s) publication ceased.

Ans: No. It was last published in November of 1993. The reason for the cease of publication was entirely due to the unprofitability of the venture and the demands on the time and effort involved.

31. State the date on which Jeff Van Fleet became employed by Rep. Stephen E. Stockman as a legislative assistant, and the dates(s) on which the offer of such employment was made and accepted.

a. Jeff Van Fleet became employed as a legislative assistant on January 4, 1995.
b. The offer of employment was made in early December 1994. (not really sure of the exact date.) The offer was accepted

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(not really sure of the exact date.) The offer was accepted shortly thereafter.

32. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

Ans: My answers were based upon my best recollections of events involving the establishment and production of the Times. A search printed records and materials has been undertaken, however, I have been unable to locate any such records or materials at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Van Fleet
By Counsel

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BEFORE:

THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times	

MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW, the Respondent in the above captioned matter, and in connection with said matter (MUR 3847), does make and file this Motion to Dismiss and for cause therefore would show unto the Commission as follows:

1) The above-referenced MUR, based on a complaint filed before this Commission on or about December 27, 1993, by Stephen M. Clifford, campaign consultant to Friends of LeCour, ought to be dismissed in its entirety as a result of a violation by Mr. Clifford and/or Mr. LeCour of 11 C.F.R. § 111.21(a) which prohibits any person from making public any complaint filed before the Commission except as provided in 11 C.F.R.§ 111.20. This complaint was made public by Mr. Clifford and/or Mr. LeCour in violation of the above-cited section of the Code of Federal Regulations. Reading the articles which have appeared in the news media as a direct result of this improper disclosure, it becomes quite obvious that the disclosure went beyond revealing that the FEC had received

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the complaint. Indeed the improper disclosure was of the entire contents of the complaint and all attachments. An article which appeared in the Friday July 28, 1995 issue of the Houston Chronicle included details and wording which could only have come from the complaint or the complainant. The complaint was signed by Stephen M. Clifford, Campaign Consultant, Friends of LeCour, on LeCour for U.S. Congress stationery. Mr. Clifford is an announced primary candidate for the 1996 Republican nomination for U.S.Congress, in District 9, in opposition to Congressman Stockman. It is quite clear that the purpose of the complaint in this matter was simply for political advantage and to cause the congressman political harm as a result of the exposure in the media. To continue this matter is to allow the Federal Election Commission to be used for political advantage to advance the current campaign of the complainant.

2) A front page article in the August issue of Friendswood Journal, written by Marjorie Evans, quotes John LeCour as saying that he filed the complaint in December of 1993. The article goes on to identify a Ian Stirton as "an FEC spokesman" who confirmed for the Journal that LeCour had filed a complaint. The language of § 111.21(a) of 11 C.F.R. makes it clear that neither Mr. Clifford, nor Mr. LeCour, nor Mr. Stirton had the right to make statements to the news media, and in fact, were all in violation of that referenced C.F.R. section. Further, that provision prohibits making public any complaint, notification sent by the Commission,

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any investigation conducted by the Commission, or any findings made by the Commission by any person or entity without the written consent of the Respondent. The Commission is hereby placed on notice that Jeff Van Fleet, Respondent in this matter has not, does not, nor does he intend to consent to improper disclosures in this matter.

3) On July 27th, 1995 the newspaper Roll Call featured a headline above its masthead stating "FEC Investigates Stockman Ties to Newspaper, p.3". This newspaper enjoys wide circulation throughout the Nation's Capital area (aka "Inside the Beltway") and is considered by most of the "outside of the beltway" media as a "reliable source" for reliable, inside information on the Congress and members thereof. The prohibited Roll Call disclosure of this investigation, in this highly political environment (Congress), has already, at this early point, caused irreparable harm to the reputation and future of Respondent Jeff Van Fleet. Indeed, the purpose of 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 is to protect the confidentiality of complaints so as to protect the reputation of the candidate or public official involved from scandalous and/or slanderous attacks until the commission has satisfied itself with respect to the marits of the complaint. Here, a young Legislative Assistant to Congressman Stockman has been tainted by an illegal disclosure of an investigation prior to the examination of the merits of the complaint, and prior to the Commission consideration of the complaint, any testimony, arguments, and the completion of the

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normal administrative process. The very purpose for the confidentiality requirement has been destroyed by the actions of the complainant and, indeed, by the Commission itself, through its "spokesman", Mr. Ian Stirton. If this illegal investigation, for the benefit of "Clifford For Congress" is allowed to continue with the approval and complicity of the FEC, it will destroy the image of objectivity and independence so essential to the successful mission of the Federal Election Commission.

4) In addition, Respondent, Jeff Van Fleet, argues that the complaint ought to be dismissed due to lack of merit. The "Clifford For Congress" complaint argues that Congressman Stockman allegedly operated or controlled the Southeast Texas Times as a part of his campaign for Congress in the Texas 9th District. The only problem with this allegation is that it is entirely false. First of all, Congressman Stockman never had any ownership, direction or control over the Southeast Texas Times. Secondly, the Southeast Texas Times was only printed during the time period of March through November 1993. During this time period of publication, Steven Stockman was not a candidate for ANY elective office. Therefore, the "Clifford For Congress" complaint alleges that NON-CANDIDATE Steve Stockman used the Southeast Texas Times from March to November of 1993 as an adjunct to his NON-CAMPAIGN. This is a baseless and asinine allegation and ought to be dismissed.

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5) Finally, Respondent Van Fleet says that the "Clifford For Congress" complaint and the subsequent compromised FEC MUR should be dismissed because the complaint fails to meet the minimum threshold to overcome the press exemption to the Federal Election Laws. Specifically, Title 2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(a)(i) provides, in part, that the disclosure requirements in federal elections relative to campaigh funds, contributions and expenditures does not include "any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, **unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate". (emphasis added.)** Notwithstanding the baseless allegations to the contrary, the Respondent's responses to the FEC's discovery herewith submitted, conclusively demonstrates that at no time or under any circumstances could one infer, much less conclude, that Steve Stockman ever had an ownership interest or control over the Southeast Texas Times. Accordingly, and pursuant to the Court's holding in Readers' Digest association, Inc. v. Federal Election Commission, 509 F.Supp. 1210, (U.S. District Court - S.D.N.Y., 1991), "...until and unless the press exemption was found inapplicable, the FEC isbarred from investigating the substance of the complaint. No inquiry may be addressed to sources of information, research, motivation, connection with the campaign, etc. Indeed, all such investigation is permanently barred by the statute unless it is shown that the press exemption is not applicable."Therefore, in accord with the court's opinion, the only

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only investigation permitted in the first stage is into the two questions on which the exemption turns: 1) Is the press entity owned by the political party or candidate? or, 2) Is the press entity acting as a press entity in making the distribution complained of?

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the above, Respondent, Jeff Van Fleet, move this Commission to dismiss this complaint and to dismiss MUR 3847 in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted,
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In Re: MUR 3847
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Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Sir/Madam:

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW, the Honorable Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart as Treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman as Treasurer, and make and file this their Supplemental Motion to Dismiss and for cause therefore would show unto this Commission as follows:

I.

This Motion is submitted in supplement, not in lieu of, these Movants' previous Motion to Dismiss filed in this matter on or about August 17, 1995.

II.

As one of the grounds for their previously filed Motion to Dismiss, Movants have cited violations of § 111.21(a) of 11 C.F.R. concerning disclosure of the existence of and the particulars of an FEC investigation such as the present MUR. Attached to this Supplemental Motion as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein for all purposes is an article which appeared on the front page of the Beaumont Enterprise Sunday newspaper issue of August 27, 1995. This is the dominant newspaper in Southeast Texas. A cursory review of this article makes it clear that the writer had access to the entire complaint pending before the FEC. Congressman Stockman and his staff, and the Movants herein, have previously averred and re-aver at this time that this information has not been disclosed to the public by any of the Movants. Accordingly this information could only have come from the FEC or from the complainant, and as such a violation of the section referenced has occurred and Congressman Stockman's ability to defend himself in this matter has been severely prejudiced, and the intent and purpose of the section has been obliterated.

III.

For these reasons, and for the reasons cited in Movants' Motion to Dismiss on file herein, Movants would request that this Commission dismiss the above referenced MUR and grant Movants such further relief as to which Movants may show themselves entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phil Klein, a Republican activist in Nederland, threatened to file a complaint because Cherry states in it he plans to seek the Democratic Party nomination.

Klein said that makes the newsletter a piece of political advertising, so it should have a political disclaimer stating who paid for it. He wrote Cherry a letter saying he would file the FEC complaint if Cherry did not disclose who paid for the letter's printing and postage.

"As a Republican strategist, any time somebody attacks one of our candidates and does it in an illegal way, I'm going to question it," Klein said. "That's a paid political advertisement to me, and there's no political disclaimer on it."

Cherry shot back that he cleared his newsletter with FEC officials before sending "less than 500" copies to Democratic Party activists, precinct chairmen, and some news organizations. He said FEC regulations do not require a disclaimer on that type of mailing.

Cherry said he paid for the newsletter himself.

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Re: MUR 3847; Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Kim:

Enclosed please find letters from Congressman Stockman and Mr. Hart indicating that Barry Caron no longer represents either of them or the committees in question. Should you have any further questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that Barry Caron no longer represents myself, or either of my campaign committees, Friends of Steve Stockman, John Hart, Treasurer; and Stockman for Congress, Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer. Myself and my two campaign committees and campaign treasurers are represented by Kent M. Adams, Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P., Beaumont, Texas.

Sincerely yours,

STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN
Member of Congress

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Please be advised that I am represented in this matter by Kent M. Adams, Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P., Beaumont, Texas, and I am longer represented by Barry Caron.

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SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO DISMISS

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Klein said that makes the newsletter a piece of political advertising, so it should have a political disclaimer stating who paid for it. He wrote Cherry a letter saying he would file the FEC complaint if Cherry did not disclose who paid for the letter's printing and postage.

"As a Republican strategist, any time somebody attacks one of our candidates and does it in an illegal way, I'm going to question it," Klein said. "That's a paid political advertisement to me, and there's no political disclaimer on it."

Cherry shot back that he cleared his newsletter with FEC officials before sending "less than 500" copies to Democratic Party activists, precinct chairmen, and some news organizations. He said FEC regulations do not require a disclaimer on that type of mailing.

Cherry said he paid for the newsletter himself.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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Stephen E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, Treasurer;	)	**SENSITIVE**
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer;	)	
Jeff Van Fleet;	)	
Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government	)	

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

This matter was initiated by a complaint filed by Stephen M. Clifford. The complaint alleges that the Southeast Texas Times, a semi-monthly publication owned by Jeff Van Fleet, was connected with, and perhaps financed by, Stephen E. Stockman, the successful Republican candidate for the 9th Congressional District of Texas, and was used to promote his candidacy. In particular, the complaint alleges that the Southeast Texas Times was published for the purpose of promoting Stockman's political candidacy; that Stockman used the publication to circumvent contribution limits and restrictions by categorizing as subscription and advertising revenues what were actually political contributions earmarked for campaign literature; and that the publication lacked the proper disclaimer.

On June 13, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a). On June 22, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f); Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f); and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C.

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§§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a). The Commission further authorized the issuance of subpoenas for these respondents. Accordingly, this Office began an investigation into this matter.[1]

Along with their written discovery responses, respondents also submitted motions to dismiss the complaint in this matter and, several weeks later, submitted supplemental motions to dismiss. This Report addresses respondents' motions to dismiss the complaint, (Attachments 1 - 4), and recommends that these motions be denied.[2]

II. ANALYSIS

In support of their motions to dismiss, respondents argue (1) that both the complainant and the Commission breached the confidentiality provisions found in the Act at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) and in Commission regulation 11 C.F.R. § 111.21(a); (2) that the publication could not have been affiliated with Stockman's campaign because he was not yet a declared candidate; and (3) that the Southeast Texas Times is entitled to the press exemption because it is neither owned nor controlled by a candidate.

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[1] The investigation has uncovered information that appears to indicate that a successor publication, the Southeast Texas Statesman, was established and operated by former staff members and volunteers of the Southeast Texas Times and the Stockman campaign, and that this new publication continued to promote Stockman's candidacy. The investigation has also revealed that the campaign distributed several flyers that appear to expressly advocate Stockman's election, and which appear to contain disclaimer violations. Concurrently with this report, this Office has circulated a General Counsel's Report which addresses these possible violations, summarizes the progress of the investigation, and seeks deposition authority; and a memorandum which recommends opening a Pre-MUR pursuant to Directive 6. The two General Counsel's Reports and the memorandum should be considered by the Commission simultaneously.

[2] On November 28, 1995, respondents Stockman and his two committees filed a civil suit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas seeking, *inter alia*, an injunction preventing the Commission from completing this investigation. Oral argument on the Commission's motion to dismiss the complaint was held on May 14, 1996, in Beaumont, Texas. On May 15, the Court issued an interim Order requesting further information from the Commission pending its final determination on the Commission's motion.

A. **Alleged Breach of Confidentiality**

Respondents base their allegations that both the Commission and the complainant violated their right to confidentiality on several newspaper articles, attached to their motions, in which the complainant and a staff member of the Commission's Press Office are quoted confirming the fact that a complaint was filed. In a notice of proposed rule-making, the Commission addressed its ability to publicly confirm that a complaint was filed against a particular respondent:

> The Commission's current confidentiality regulations could be interpreted to preclude the disclosure of the fact that a complaint has been filed, as well as the substance of the complaint. However, such an interpretation may go beyond the provisions of section 437g(a)(12) of the Act and has also presented some difficulties for the Commission and potential respondents. On occasion, persons have publicly announced the filing of a complaint with the Commission against another person or entity without actually ever filing one. Consequently, the Commission's policy has been to either confirm or deny that a specific person filed a complaint against another specific person or entity.

58 Fed. Reg. 36,768 (1993) (proposed July 8, 1993).

The information obtained by this Office in conversations with the pertinent staff in the Press Office, as well as from a review of the newspaper articles in issue, indicates that in this instance the Press Office complied fully with this long-standing Commission policy, confirming that a complaint had been filed, while refusing to acknowledge whether an investigation has been commenced. Three of the four articles state only that the Commission merely "confirmed" that a complaint was filed by John LeCour[3] against Stockman, and all four recite the Commission's

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[3] Stephen M. Clifford filed the complaint on behalf of LeCour's congressional campaign committee.

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policy, as explained to them by the Press Office, to neither confirm nor deny that an investigation is being conducted.[4] Nor does confirmation by the Commission's Press Office that a complaint has been received violate the Act's confidentiality provisions, which prohibit the Commission only from making public "[a]ny notification or investigation made" under the Act. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A). *See also*, Advisory Opinion 1995-1. Indeed, respondents' exhibits indicate that it was actually Stockman's chief of staff who made the disclosures regarding the Commission's investigation into this matter.[5]

Nor does the information provided by respondents suggest that the complainant violated any confidentiality provisions in this matter. The articles attached to respondents' motions to dismiss indicate that the complainant's discussions with members of the press have been limited to the complaint. In Advisory Opinion 1994-32, the Commission considered a complainant's request to discuss with a newspaper reporter both the fact that she filed a complaint with the

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[4] The August 27, 1995, Beaumont Enterprise stated: "The FEC confirmed that John LeCour, a Clear Lake engineer who lost to Stockman in the race in 1992 for the GOP nomination, had filed a complaint against Stockman. FEC policy is to neither confirm nor deny whether the agency is conducting an investigation."

An August 1995 issue of the Friendswood Journal stated: "Ian Stirton, an FEC spokesman, confirmed LeCour filed the complaint, but said he is prohibited by Commission rules from confirming the existence of an investigation."

The July 28, 1995, Houston Chronicle stated: "FEC spokesman Ian Stirton confirmed that the agency had received a complaint about the newsletter from John LeCour, who was Stockman's GOP primary opponent in 1994. While Stirton could not comment on the specifics of the case, he said that 'anytime contributions or expenditures are made in conjunction with a federal election, someone has to report them.' Stirton also said corporate contributions in the form of advertising would also violate federal campaign laws stipulating that corporate giving must come from political action committees....FEC policy prohibits the confirmation of any agency probes until they are resolved[.]"

The July 27, 1995, Roll Call stated: "FEC complaints are not made public until a case is closed, and the commission will neither confirm nor deny that an investigation is under way."

[5] The July 27, 1995, Roll Call stated: "Stockman chief of staff Jeff Fisher acknowledged Wednesday that the FEC is formally investigating a complaint filed by a former political rival concerning the Southeast Texas Times".

Commission and the substance of that complaint. Citing several MURs which have interpreted 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.21, the Commission concluded that a complainant's conduct leading to the publication or discussion of information or allegations contained in a complaint violates neither the Act nor Commission regulations. The Commission stated that "your proposed discussion with the press regarding the filing of your complaint, the allegations contained in the complaint, and any information contained in the complaint or related to the subject matter of the complaint, would not violate the confidentiality provisions of the Act or Commission regulations." A.O. 1994-32.

Moreover, even if a breach of confidentiality had occurred in this matter, the remedy sought is inappropriate. A breach of confidentiality is not a basis for dismissal of a complaint. Rather, as with any other alleged violation of the Act, the aggrieved individual's remedy is to file a complaint. 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1). In fact, the Commission has addressed similar grievances by a respondent against a complainant in the context of a newly filed complaint and resultant MUR. In MURs 3168, 3169, and 3170, the respondents in an earlier MUR properly filed complaints alleging that the complainants in the earlier MUR had breached their confidentiality by disseminating copies of the earlier complaint, and publicly discussing its contents with the news media. The Commission considered whether the complainants in the first MUR had violated the confidentiality provisions found in the Act and Commission regulations, and found no reason to believe that a violation had occurred.

B. Stockman's Status as a Candidate

Respondents also argue that because Stockman was not an officially declared candidate during the period in which the Southeast Texas Times was published, the publication could not

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have been owned or controlled by a candidate.[6] According to respondents, the Southeast Texas Times was published between March and November of 1993; Stockman officially declared his candidacy on January 28, 1994. As respondents implicitly argue, the "testing the waters" exceptions to the Act permit an individual to receive and expend funds permissible under the Act to determine the feasibility of a campaign without the funds received being treated as "contributions" or the funds spent being treated as "expenditures." 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7 (b)(1) and 100.8(b)(1).

As a threshold matter, having made a reason to believe finding, the Commission has the right to pursue its investigation. The information obtained to date, however, appears to indicate that Stockman had already decided to become a candidate. Activities which indicate that an individual has made the decision to become a candidate include using general public political advertising to publicize the intention to campaign for federal office; raising funds that would be spent after becoming a candidate; making or authorizing statements referring to the individual as a candidate; and taking action to qualify for the ballot under State law. Id. The Commission elaborated further:

> [T]he "testing the waters" exemptions do not apply to campaign activities undertaken once an individual has decided to become a candidate. . . .Specifically, these provisions are intended to be limited exemptions from the reporting requirements of the Act to permit individuals to conduct certain activities while deciding whether to become a candidate for federal office. . . .The revised rules retain use of public political advertising to publicize the individual's campaign as an example of an activity not permissible as "testing the waters". . . .[and] set forth three additional examples of other activities indicating that an individual is no longer "testing the waters" [including] whether the

[6] Respondents also objected to the Commission's written discovery on the basis that Stockman was not a candidate during publication of the Southeast Texas Times. Further, on August 2, 1995, Stockman for Congress and Stockman, as treasurer, submitted a Request to Close File for Respondent, stating that the committee had been inactive since 1990. In fact, the name "Stockman for Congress" was used by Stockman's campaign in 1993 in invitations to social events and in announcements seeking volunteers, and in 1994 in numerous campaign flyers. Although the Stockman for Congress Committee has reported little activity other than a disputed debt, the continued use of its name in the context of the activity underlying this matter bears further investigation.

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> individual makes or authorizes written or oral statements that refer to him or her as a candidate for a particular office. . . .[and] taking action to qualify for the ballot under State law.

50 Fed. Reg. 9993 (1985). *See also* Advisory Opinion 1985-40.

The Southeast Texas Times contains numerous examples of the use of general public political advertising by Stockman and the publication's staff, the majority of whom are his close associates, to publicize his campaign, written statements referring to Stockman as a candidate, and evidence of Stockman's efforts to qualify for the ballot. During the summer and fall of 1993, the Stockman campaign used the publication as a means of soliciting volunteers to assist in placing Stockman on the ballot. The campaign placed announcements in the Community Events listings in the July, July B, and September 1993 issues which read, in part: "Stockman for Congress volunteers needed. Petition collection and distribution. Join the winning team and have fun at America's favorite pass time - Politics." The campaign placed a similar announcement in the October 1993 issue which began "Join the Stockman for Congress campaign", and went on to seek volunteers for "[p]etition collection and distribution." The April B, 1993 issue included an announcement listed under "Upcoming Community Events" announcing a garage sale "[t]o benefit Stockman for Congress. . . .Contributions greatly appreciated." Each of these announcements refers to Stockman as a candidate for Congress; the April announcement seeks contributions for the "Stockman for Congress" campaign; and the July, September, and October announcements demonstrate Stockman's efforts to qualify for the state ballot. Moreover, for the garage sale announcement to have been published in an April issue, the decision to organize and advertise this "Stockman for Congress" event had to have

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been made at least as early as March, indicating that Stockman had actually decided to run for Congress by that time.

Significantly, the Stockman campaign also appears to have been publicizing Stockman's candidacy and seeking support for his campaign during the same time period by hosting social events. On June 2, June 22, and August 9, 1993, the Stockman campaign distributed postcard invitations inviting recipients to attend a "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress", three more examples of general public political advertising in which the Stockman campaign refers to Stockman as a congressional candidate.

In a July 30, 1993, letter addressed "Dear Concerned American," (Attachment 5), Stockman explicitly confirmed that he had already decided to become a candidate: "In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U.S. House of Representatives and I need your help." The letter goes on to seek assistance in collecting signatures to place Stockman's name on the ballot, volunteers for various campaign activities, and financial contributions. Similarly, on October 6, 1993, respondent Van Fleet, the owner and managing editor of the Southeast Texas Times, and a consultant to the Stockman campaign, circulated a mailing addressed "Dear Fellow Republican." (Attachment 6). In that letter, Van Fleet stated that Steve Clifford, the complainant in this matter and a consultant to John LeCour's 1994 primary election campaign in the Ninth Congressional District of Texas, was harming Republican chances of winning that seat by attacking Steve Stockman. He stated, in part, that "Steve Stockman has taken leave from his work believing that it is wrong to collect money from employers while at the same time campaigning for public office on company time." These letters establish that Stockman had determined to become a candidate for the 1994 primary election and was seeking access to the

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ballot, financial contributions, and volunteer support, at least six months prior to his announcement.

These announcements, invitations, and letters, all referring to Stockman's campaign, and many of which seek assistance in placing Stockman on the ballot or seek financial contributions, demonstrate that Stockman had decided to become a candidate for federal office well before his official announcement on January 28, 1994.[7] Thus, the record suggests that Stockman was already a candidate and was actively campaigning during the publication of the Southeast Texas Times. Moreover, regardless of the date on which Stockman declared his candidacy, it is indisputable that he did, in fact, become a candidate, and all contributions received and expenditures made for testing the waters became subject to the Act. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7 (b)(1) and 100.8(b)(1).

C. **Press Exemption**

Finally, respondents reiterate their claim that the Southeast Texas Times is neither owned nor controlled by a candidate, and argue that the complaint in this matter should be dismissed because the publication is entitled to the press exemption. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i). Respondents rely upon their responses to the Commission's interrogatories, which include conclusory denials that Stockman or his committees owned or controlled the publication, and upon Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210 (S.D.N.Y. 1981). The court in Readers' Digest held that the Commission may commence an investigation of alleged substantive violations only after it has determined that the media entity is not entitled to the press exemption. Id. at 1214-15. Although

[7] According to Stockman committee reports filed during the period in which the Southeast Texas Times was published, the campaign reported receipts totaling $5,965, disbursements totaling $5,358, and debts of $20,760. Stockman had, therefore, passed the $5,000 threshold for becoming a candidate. This Office will explore how this money was spent as it pursues this investigation.

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that court refused to completely enjoin the Commission's investigation, it held that the "only investigation permitted in the first stage is into the two questions on which the exemption turns - whether the press entity is owned by the political party or candidate and whether the press entity was acting as a press entity." Id. at 1215. This view of the law, propounded by a single district court, has never been addressed by any court of appeals, however, and its precedential weight is therefore limited. Further, with respect to the Southeast Texas Times' claim, some of the questions to which that respondent objects are designed to enable the Commission to evaluate the question whether Stockman controlled this publication. The complaint in this matter revealed numerous and detailed links between Stockman and his campaign committees, and Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, indicating that Stockman may, indeed, have exercised control. See First General Counsel's Report, May 24, 1995, at pp. 12-18. The investigation conducted to date has provided further evidence of Stockman's control. Thus, respondents' conclusory denials of those links do not warrant dismissal of this matter.

Moreover, respondents attempt to expand the protections afforded to members of the press to include Stockman and his two committees. Stockman and his committees cannot borrow the newspaper's protection of the first amendment while simultaneously disavowing any relationship with the publication. The restrictions found in Readers' Digest apply only to the Commission's investigation of a media entity; Stockman and his two committees are without standing to assert any protections found in Readers' Digest.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Deny the Motion to Dismiss of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times.

2. Deny the Motion to Dismiss of Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer.

3. Approve the appropriate letters.

5/23/96
Date

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Attachments:

1. Motion to Dismiss of Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, Treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer
2. Motion to Dismiss of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times
3. Supplemental Motion to Dismiss of Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, Treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer
4. Supplemental Motion to Dismiss of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times
5. July 30, 1993 letter from Steve Stockman
6. October 6, 1993 letter from Jeff Van Fleet

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Jeff Van Fleet;	)	
Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government.)		

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on June 6, 1996, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Deny the Motion to Dismiss of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times.

2. Deny the Motion to Dismiss of Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer.

3. Approve the appropriate letters as recommended in the General Counsel's May 23, 1996 report.

Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

Attest:

6-7-96
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
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Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 10, 1996

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Re: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the
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Dear Mr. Caron:

On June 26, 1995, your clients were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a). On August 28, 1995, you submitted a Motion to Dismiss on behalf of your clients, and on September 27, 1995, you submitted a Supplemental Motion to Dismiss. After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on June 6, 1996, to deny your clients' motions.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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Dear Mr. Adams:

On June 26, 1995, your clients were notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Rep. Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f); Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f); and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a). On August 17, 1995, you submitted a Motion to Dismiss on behalf of your clients, and on September 12, 1995, you submitted a Supplemental Motion to Dismiss. After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on June 6, 1996, to deny your clients' motions.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

This matter involves an inquiry into whether the Southeast Texas Times, a publication distributed throughout the 9th Congressional District of Texas, was owned or controlled by U.S. Congressman Steve Stockman.[1] From the complaint and the responses, it appeared that the Southeast Texas Times was, at a minimum, jointly controlled by Congressman Stockman and Jeff Van Fleet and was used to promote Stockman's campaign events and candidacy. As a result, the Southeast Texas Times appeared not to qualify for the Act's exemption for news stories, commentaries, and editorials, and instead made unreported contributions in excess of $1,000 to Stockman's campaign through advertisements, announcements and news coverage.

In June 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that the Act had been violated and approved subpoenas and written discovery to commence an investigation into the relationship

[1] Two additional documents pertaining to Stockman are being circulated for the Commission's consideration simultaneously with this report. See MUR 3847 General Counsel's Report addressing Respondents' Motion to Dismiss, and Memorandum recommending opening a Pre-MUR pursuant to Directive 6.

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between Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times. The Commission based the decision to commence an investigation in part on the following factors. The telephone number of the Southeast Texas Times was also Steve Stockman's home telephone number and the 1993 number for Stockman's principal campaign committee. Stockman mailed a fundraising letter for his campaign which included an attachment soliciting subscribers, volunteers, authors, and donations for the Southeast Texas Times. Stockman personally solicited an article for publication in the Times. Stockman separately promoted as fundraisers, events advertised as "Rush Limbaugh Parties" in the Southeast Texas Times. Jeff Van Fleet, Managing Editor and alleged owner of the Southeast Texas Times, worked on Stockman's 1992 and 1994 campaigns, received repeated disbursements from Stockman's principal campaign committee in 1994, and has been employed as a Legislative Assistant in Stockman's Washington, D.C. Congressional Office since 1995.

II. INVESTIGATION TO DATE

The investigation in this matter has provided further evidence of the inter-connection between Congressman Steve Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times. As will be set forth in greater detail below, interviews conducted by an investigator from this Office, together with document requests and interrogatories, indicate that Congressman Stockman appears to control the post office box which served as the address of the Times, had daily contact with Jeff Van Fleet, the "owner" of the publication, and that Stockman provided, ideas, advice and support to Jeff Van Fleet. Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman's principal campaign committee, has also distributed numerous campaign communications printed in newspaper format which bear significant stylistic similarities to the Times. In addition, through at least mid-1995, John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman, and Tim Frankovich, a former Friends of Stockman staffer, were apparently producing and distributing a successor publication, the Southeast Texas Statesman, in the 9th Congressional

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District. The results of the investigation to date are discussed in greater detail below, while the additional violations resulting from the discovery of the Southeast Texas Statesman and Friends of Stockman campaign literature are discussed in Section III, *infra*.

In written discovery responses, Jeff Van Fleet, the Managing Editor and asserted owner of the Southeast Texas Times, conceded that he had daily contact with Steve Stockman throughout 1993 and 1994, and that Stockman provided advice, ideas, and verbal and moral support for the Southeast Texas Times.[2] Attachment 1. He also admitted that he used both Steve Stockman's post-office box and home telephone number for the Times, although he claims only for a few months in early 1993. Van Fleet further acknowledged that a 1993 disbursement from Friends of Stockman to the Southeast Texas Times was for "production and advertising expenses."

Congressman Stockman, in written responses, acknowledged that he had let Jeff Van Fleet "borrow" his post office box for one month in 1993, and have use of his home telephone number for several months in early 1993. Additionally, Stockman disclosed his home fax number which appeared in at least three issues of the Southeast Texas Times as the location for faxing letters to the editor and advertisements. Attachment 2.

In addition to written discovery, an investigator from this Office conducted a number of interviews in the 9th Congressional District of Texas. An interview was conducted with Kay Parkening, manager of Box It, a post office box and mailing supply store at 190B2 Gulf Freeway in League City, Texas, the business address of the Times. Ms. Parkening said that the post-office box was opened by Steve Stockman in 1993 and remains in his name, although Jeff Van Fleet told her to change it to the Southeast Texas Times after Stockman's election to the U.S. House of

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[2] In contrast to the answers provided by Van Fleet, Stockman stated that he has no recollection of *any* contacts with the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, and that he could not recall purchasing advertisements from the Southeast Texas Times. Attachment 2.

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Representatives in 1994. In contrast to the responses of Van Fleet and Stockman indicating that Van Fleet had only used the box for a short period in early 1993, Ms. Parkening additionally said that Steve Stockman, Jeff Van Fleet, and (Southeast Texas Times writers)Tim Frankovich and Tom Tyler, all received mail at the box through the time of the interview. Although Ms. Parkening remembered having the paperwork establishing the box when she initially spoke to the investigator, at the time of the interview she could not locate it.

An interview was also conducted with complainant Stephen Clifford and his business partner, Dawn Lindsey. Clifford and Lindsey were able to provide an additional copy of the Southeast Texas Times published in late 1993. Attachment 3. Additionally, Clifford and Lindsey supplied two copies of the 1995 publication, the Southeast Texas Statesman. Attachments 4 and 5. The two issues of the Southeast Texas Statesman this Office has obtained appear very like the Southeast Texas Times. The two publications have similar mastheads with identical typeface, and use the same issue numbering system, with issues designated "Issue A" and "Issue B" in months where multiple issues were produced. The two publications also contain identical solicitations for subscriptions, identical graphics, other similar features, and list several of the same people as working on the publication. See Attachment 6. Further, the business address of the Statesman is the same as the mailing address of John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman. John Hart also appears on the masthead of the Statesman as handling marketing for the publication.

Clifford and Lindsey also provided six additional 1994 communications designed to look like newspapers, but which were actually produced and distributed by Stockman's campaign committees. Attachments 7-12. Each of the six communications contains express advocacy and includes a "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer, but the disclaimers fail to meet the Commission's standards as discussed in Section III, *infra*. While there is variation among the six

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communications, at least four of the six communications contain the same typeface and formatting as the Times and the Statesman. See Attachment 13. One of the communications, like the Times and Statesman, is numbered issue "Fall B," and three of the six communications contain "Voter Surveys" or "Issue Surveys" similar to surveys in the Times and the Statesman. See Attachment 14.

An interview was also conducted with Les Daughtry, the publisher and editor of the Texas City Sun. Mr. Daughtry indicated that he printed both the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman from "camera ready" originals provided to him on Macintosh computer disks. He stated that Jeff Van Fleet had set up the publishing of the Southeast Texas Times and paid for the printing with checks from a Southeast Texas Times checking account. Daughtry stated that John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman, made similar arrangements for the printing of the Southeast Texas Statesman, and that Hart also paid for the printing of the Statesman with checks from the Southeast Texas Times checking account.

Daughtry also acknowledged printing three of the six Stockman "newspaper" campaign communications this Office has obtained.[3] According to Daughtry, these communications, entitled the "County Clarion," the "Houston Post," and the "Republican Voice" were paid for with Stockman for Congress checks.[4]

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[3] Daughtry stated that he printed the following: 15,000 copies of the "County Clarion" for $720.00; 8,000 copies of the "Republican Voice" for $564.00; and the "Houston Post" for $1,000. A review of disclosure reports indicates that Friends of Stockman reported only one disbursement to the Texas City Sun, for $1,890 on February 16, 1994, and Stockman for Congress reported no activity during the 1994 cycle.

[4] Stockman for Congress is listed in the Commission's indices as an affiliated committee of Friends of Steve Stockman and appears to have been Stockman's principal committee for his 1990 campaign. The Committee has not terminated as it is still carrying debt from the 1990 cycle, but has not reported any activity since that time. Daughtry's statements that 1994 Stockman campaign literature was being paid for with Stockman for Congress checks calls into question whether Stockman for Congress may be continuing to operate without reporting the activity. Daughtry's statements are supported by the campaign communications themselves, which request that responses to "issue surveys" and "voter surveys" be returned to Stockman for Congress. Attachment 14.

Citizens for Honesty in Government

With regard to Citizens for Honesty in Government, a respondent which placed advertisements in the Times, according to Clifford and Lindsay, the organization does not actually exist, but was a name created by Tom Tyler, a Southeast Texas Times writer. This information is consistent with Jeff Van Fleet's answer to interrogatories that Citizens for Honesty in Government was "an ad hoc committee" the Times used as a "resource for catchy comments," and that the contact for Citizens for Honesty in Government was "a Tom Tyler, Jr.".[5]

III. Additional Violations

A. The Southeast Texas Statesman

The investigation to date has determined that an additional publication is being circulated in the 9th District of Texas which may violate the Act. This Office has obtained two 1995 copies of the Southeast Texas Statesman, a publication containing advertising for Congressman Steve Stockman and multiple stories featuring Stockman. The Southeast Texas Statesman appears similar in style and content to the earlier publication, the Southeast Texas Times, as well as to various campaign communications apparently paid for by Friends of Stockman. The Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman also have overlapping staff and connections to Steve Stockman and Friends of Stockman, making it appear that the Statesman is simply a successor publication to the Times, and is controlled, at least in part, by Stockman and his campaign committees.

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[5] The Commission previously found reason to believe that Citizens for Honesty in Government had violated 2 U.S.C. §441d(a). This Office has been unable to locate Citizens for Honesty in Government or Tom Tyler in order to notify them or provide an opportunity to respond to the Commission's findings.

This Office was contacted by the Houston District Attorney's Office regarding its investigation of Tom Tyler for fraud in connection with fundraising on several judicial campaigns. The District Attorney's Office was unable to provide this Office with any information regarding Tom Tyler's whereabouts.

1. Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

While the Act and the Regulations exempt costs associated with the production of news stories, commentaries, or editorials, distributed through newspapers and other periodical publications, from the definition of a contribution, this exemption is not applicable if the media entity is owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. 11 C.F.R. § 100.7(b)(2). If a candidate or political committee owns or controls a media entity, the only disbursements which will not be considered a contribution to the candidate or committee are those for news stories:

> which represent . . . bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area.

11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2).

Even if a media entity is not owned or controlled by a candidate, a particular medium of communication only qualifies for the media exemption if it meets the Commissions definitions of a qualified medium. For example:

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

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Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4, 44 Fed. Reg. 76,735. See also MURs 2277 and 2567.

2. Analysis

In the two issues of the Statesman which this Office has obtained, Steve Stockman is the lead story in both. The Statesman masthead contains a statement that it covers news from "a conservative point of view" and "is not impartial."[6] While the Statesman features articles on issues such as the balanced budget amendment, the assault weapons ban, the flat tax and funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, the two issues obtained also contain a pro-Stockman editorial, an article on Stockman "leading the assault on weapons ban," and a Stockman advertisement.[7]

As noted above, the Southeast Texas Statesman appears to be a successor to the Southeast Texas Times. Both are monthly or semi-monthly publications circulated primarily through free delivery. The two publications are almost identical in appearance, contain many of the same graphics, and include features such as an "issue survey" and a "community bulletin board." See Attachment 6. Of the seven people listed as working on the Statesman, three worked on the Times, the fourth is the treasurer of Friends of Stockman and of the remaining three, two appear to be relatives of the former Times staff. Finally, the printing costs of the Southeast Texas Statesman were paid for with checks for the Southeast Texas Times, indicating that they are using the same checking account as a source of funds.

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[6] It is not clear that the Statesman would qualify as a bona fide newspaper under the Commission's definition, as the two issues this Office has obtained contain a total of only eight advertisers making it difficult for the publication to support itself on revenues obtained from the sale of advertising or subscriptions.

[7] While the advertisement contains a "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer, no disbursement to the Southeast Texas Statesman appears on the Friends of Stockman's 1995 reports. The ad additionally bears the same graphic of the U.S. Capitol that appears on Stockman ads in the Times and in several of the communications apparently paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.

The Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman, the position held by Jeff Van Fleet on the Times, is Tim Frankovich. Like Van Fleet, Frankovich has also filed an assumed business name certificate for the Southeast Texas Statesman in Galveston County but the paper work was not filed until January 1996. Unlike the certificate filed for the Times, the Statesman is not filing as a sole proprietorship, but is classified as "other." Tim Frankovich, like Jeff Van Fleet, also appears to have worked as a staff-person for Friends of Stockman. During 1994 and as recently as 1996, Frankovich received disbursements from Friends of Stockman, including one in December 1994 for "salary" and one in early 1996 reported as "debt for non-employee compensation" or independent contractor wages.[8] Frankovich also appears on the editorial staff roster of the Southeast Texas Times as a writer and editor. Notably, Jeff Van Fleet also received payments characterized as "salary" from Friends of Stockman in 1994.

Additionally, John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman from 1993 through the present, handles marketing for the Statesman, and has apparently personally handled arrangements for the printing of the Statesman. The business address of the Statesman is also Hart's registered mailing address with the Commission, and Hart also receives periodic disbursements from Friends of Stockman. Attachment 15.

Information available at this time appears to indicate a long-standing and continuing relationship between Congressman Stockman, Friends of Stockman, the Times, and the Statesman. The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Statesman is controlled by Congressman Stockman through his Committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, with his treasurer, John Hart, and former staffer,

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[8] The disbursements are as follows: $200 on May 15, 1994 and $200 on June 24, 1994 reported as reimbursements; $1,710 in October 1994 for newspaper printing; $500 on October 18 and $500 on October 24, 1994 reported as travel and printing expenses, possibly for the 1994 campaign communications discussed below; $1,600 on December 22 reported as salary; and $400 in early 1996 reported as debt for non-employee compensation.

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Tim Frankovich, playing key roles in the production and distribution of the publication. Evidence additionally indicates that Stockman for Congress, Steve Stockman's affiliated committee, may also be involved in the publications but not reporting the activity. See footnote 4 *supra*. The fact that Jeff Van Fleet appears to have had no part in the production or distribution of the successor and virtually identical Statesman, is a further indication that it is Congressman Steve Stockman and his Committees, who primarily control both publications. Because the publication appears to be controlled by Stockman and his Committees and includes pro-Stockman pieces which do not provide balanced coverage, the press exemption does not appear to be applicable. As a result, this Office recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that the Southeast Texas Statesman and its apparent owner, Tim Frankovich, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by making in-kind contributions to Steve Stockman and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, in excess of $1,000 in the form of advertisements and news coverage.[9]

This Office is not making new recommendations with regard to Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, or Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer. Because the facts set forth only provide additional bases for findings the Commission has previously made, this Office instead recommends that the Commission approve Factual and Legal Analyses setting forth the additional bases for the violations against these Respondents.[10] While this Office does not believe that these Factual and Legal Analyses are

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[9] Nothing in the recent decision in Clifton v. FEC, No. 96-66-P-H (D. Me. Filed May 20, 1996), changes this Offices's analysis in this case.

[10] The Commission previously found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by accepting excessive contributions in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. The Commission also found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C § 434(b) as a result of not reporting these contributions.

required, and will so note in the accompanying letters, in view of Respondents' past history of raising objections to procedural matters, this Office seeks to avoid an issue that Respondents may otherwise use to resist responding to the Commission's subpoenas.

B. Disclaimer Violations

As noted above, this Office has also obtained six 1994 Stockman campaign communications which contain disclaimers indicating that the communications were either paid for or authorized by Friends of Stockman. The six communications are formatted to resemble newspapers, but are political advertising containing express advocacy. The communications range in length from eight to twelve pages and do not contain disclaimers until the very end of the communication. The disclaimers are small and difficult to read, and in each communication, the disclaimer appears directly below a Stockman advertisement. Because the communications are formatted as newspapers, it is not clear to the reader whether the disclaimers refer entirely to the entire communication, or only to the advertising on the page on which they appear. As a result, each of the disclaimers fails to meet the requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations.

1. Law

The Act requires that whenever any person pays for a communication which either expressly advocates the election or defeat of a particularly identified candidate, or solicits any contribution, through any newspaper or other type of general public political advertising, the communication must clearly state who paid for, and who authorized the communication. 2 U.S.C § 441d(a).[11] A communication will be considered to contain express advocacy where magic words such as "vote for" and "support" are used, or campaign slogans appear which "in context can have no other

[11] In 1995, the Commission issued new regulations governing express advocacy and disclaimers. See 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.22 and 110.11. While the activity at issue occurred prior to the new regulations taking effect, this Office looks to the regulations for guidance.

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reasonable meaning than to urge the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates," for example "Clinton/Gore" or "Dole '96." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(a).[11]

Both the regulations in effect at the time, and newly revised disclaimer regulations, require that a disclaimer appear and be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner to give the reader adequate notice of the identity of the persons who paid for and authorized the communication. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1).[12] While Commission regulations specify that a disclaimer is not required to appear on the front face or page of any material as long as a disclaimer appears within the communication, except on communications such as billboards which contain only a front face, this issue has generally arisen in the context of multi-page solicitation letters rather than campaign communications formatted to appear like newspapers. Id., See Advisory Opinion 1980-145, MURs 3831, 4046.

2. Analysis

The six communications at issue contain multiple examples of express advocacy for the election of Steve Stockman and the defeat of Jack Brooks. Additionally, they appear to have been produced in significant numbers for distribution and thus, qualify as general public political

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[11] The Commission has additionally codified its position that a communication will be considered to contain express advocacy when "taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events . . . [the communication] could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy of the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates because (1) the electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous, and suggestive of only one meaning; *and* (2) reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions to elect or defeat candidates or encourages some other kind of action." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b). The U.S. District Court of Maine has held that 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b) is invalid. Maine Right to Life Committee, Inc., v. FEC, 914 F. Supp. 8 (D. Me. 1996), *rehearing denied*, 95-261-B-H, Mar. 8, 1996. The Commission has voted to appeal this decision.

[12] The new disclaimer regulations clarify that a disclaimer is not clear and conspicuous if the printing is difficult to read or if the placement is overlooked. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(5). The new regulations additionally clarify that each communication that would require a disclaimer if distributed separately, that is included in a package of materials, must contain the required disclaimer. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(5)(ii).

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advertising requiring a disclaimer. See footnote 3, *supra*. The fundamental goal of requiring disclaimers is to provide fair notice to the recipient of the communication of who paid for and authorized a communication. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1)(1983). See also Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 100.11(a), 60 Fed Reg. 52,069, 52,070-71 (1995). Where a campaign communication is formatted in such a way as to confuse the reader as to whether it is a newspaper or campaign literature, the obligation to place a disclaimer in a prominent position is increased. Further, where a disclaimer intended to apply to a campaign communication as a whole appears on a page with campaign advertising, confusion is created in the mind of the reader as to whether the disclaimer goes to the advertising, or to the communication as a whole. In the communications discussed below, the disclaimers do not appear until the last page of the communication and appear in difficult to read type, much smaller than the text of the communications. Additionally, the disclaimers in each communication appear on a page containing Stockman campaign advertising.

The "Republican Voice," a communication distributed in February 1994, consists of Stockman biography articles, primary voting information, photos, and endorsements. Attachment 7. While the "Voice" consists of eight pages of material including the "Republican Voice" masthead designating it a "Special Election Edition" and a headline on the first page which reads "Excitement Builds Around Stockman Campaign," no disclaimer appears until the eighth and final page. The disclaimer appears directly below a half page boxed advertisement stating: "Steve Stockman for US. Congress Now More Than Ever." The top half of the page initially looks like a Stockman advertisement although it is actually a reproduced picture of past Republican U.S. Presidents on an RNC thank-you card to Stockman. The disclaimer appears to be in approximately six point type and is illegible in the copy obtained by this Office. The disclaimer is not clear and conspicuous because

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of its size, and because the reader is not provided with adequate notice that Friends of Stockman paid for the entire communication.

The "Houston Post," distributed in the Fall of 1994, consists of a compilation of reprinted negative articles on Stockman opponent Jack Brooks, supplemented with criticisms of Brooks' failure to protect the space station from budget cuts. Attachment 8. The "Post" masthead differs from the other communications in that it is not printed but rather is a photocopy of a Houston paper. The "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer again appears at the base of a Stockman campaign advertisement, a full page advertisement stating "Never Never Forget...Steve Stockman...Save the Space Program! Save our Jobs! Vote Stockman." While the disclaimer appears in slightly larger type than that in the "Voice," it is still difficult to read. Additionally, because the "Post" contains newspaper articles with bylines, it is even more unclear to the reader whether the entire communication is a newspaper or campaign literature, and whether the disclaimer applies only to the Stockman campaign advertisement on the page where it appears, or to the entire communication.

Unlike the other campaign communications at issue, the "County Clarion" carries no disclaimer whatsoever at the end of the communication. Attachment 9. Although the second to last page contains a "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer, the disclaimer appears just below the tag line reading "This isn't Democrat vs. Republican. This is Right vs. Wrong. Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress." Like the other communications at issue, the reader is left to guess whether the disclaimer is intended to apply only to the advertisement, or to the communication as a whole. The "County Clarion" consists of eight pages containing several unattributed anti-Brooks articles as well as a reprint of a Texas Republican State Party fundraising letter sent on Stockman's behalf. It also bears a printed masthead, an issue designation, and a headline which reads "Brooks

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embarrasses district again." Taken as a whole, the disclaimer on the second to last page is not clear and conspicuous such that a reader would be on notice that the entire communication was paid for by Friends of Stockman.

"America First" consists of articles about general issues in the race including defense, gun control, and crime. Attachment 10. "America First" is characterized as a "Special Report on the Stockman Brooks Race." Once again, the communication contains a small "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer on the eleventh and last page of the communication. The disclaimer appears below a full page attack on Brooks' crime bill stance which states "What kind of math is Jack Brooks Using...You Be the Judge Steve Stockman will vote for Crime Bills that Work." "America First" contains a printed masthead above the headline "Broken Promises, Lost Jobs" and contains eleven pages of Brooks and Stockman articles including statements such as "Say no to Washington Values. Say no to Jack Brooks for Congress. Steve Stockman for Congress." Because the disclaimer comes so late within the publication, and appears at the bottom of a Stockman advertisement, the reader is not provided with adequate notice that Friends of Stockman paid for the entire communication and the disclaimer is not clear and conspicuous.

The "Chronicle of Our Times" consists of articles on Stockman, Stockman endorsements, and photographs. Attachment 11. Like the other communications, the "Chronicle" contains a disclaimer at the bottom of the twelfth and last page of the communication. The page where the disclaimer appears once again consists of a full page Stockman advertisement which states "Steve Stockman Cares About Your Concerns. . . Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress." However, the disclaimer for the "Chronicle" contains some interesting differences from the other disclaimers at issue. The disclaimer, which is in noticeably clearer and larger type, states that the communication was "Paid for by the NRCC, Authorized by Friends of Steve Stockman." However, the National

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Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") does not appear to have paid for the entire "Chronicle." While the NRCC reported an "in-house mailing" resulting in a contribution of approximately $100.00 to Friends of Stockman in August 1994, the remainder of contributions from the NRCC to Friends of Stockman consisted entirely of television advertisement production, transmission and broadcast costs. It appears that Friends of Stockman may have simply attached a copy of a flyer produced for the NRCC in-house mailing to the back of the "Chronicle" making it appear that the NRCC had paid for the entire communication.[13] This particular communication further illustrates the problem with these disclaimers generally. If a Stockman campaign advertisement that would have required a disclaimer if distributed separately, is simply attached to the end of a more lengthy and confusing campaign literature, the disclaimer cannot adequately provide notice for the entire communication.

The final communication this Office has obtained, the "Black Observer," consists of a number of Stockman pieces in addition to reprinted stories on African-American voters moving to the right. Attachment 12. The "Observer" is the only one of the six communications to carry advertising for other candidates and contains two advertisements for local candidates, each of which includes a disclaimer. The "Black Observer" also contains a number of individual Stockman advertisements which appear in the other publications without separate disclaimers, but, in the "Observer," contain independent disclaimers. Like the other communications, the last page of the "Black Observer" contains a small "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer at the bottom of a full page "Now More Than Ever Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress" advertisement. Because

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[13] An additional reporting problem has come to light in the course of the investigation. Although they received approximately $2,800 in direct contributions from the NRCC in 1994, Friends of Stockman never reported the receipt of these funds. As the Commission has already found reason to believe that Friends of Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), this particular violation will be dealt during the course of the investigation.

each advertisement carries its own disclaimers, the disclaimer on the final page does not provide clear and conspicuous notice that the entire communication is paid for by Stockman's campaign.

While the Commission's regulations in effect at the time this activity occurred, as well as the current regulations, specify that documents with multiple pages are not required to carry a disclaimer on the first page, a disclaimer must, nonetheless, be clear and conspicuous such that adequate notice is provided to the reader. The disclaimers at issue all appear at or near the very end of lengthy campaign communications designed to appear like newspapers. The disclaimers are also printed in small and often illegible type. Finally, the disclaimers appear directly below Stockman campaign advertisements confusing the reader as to whether the disclaimer goes to the advertisement or the entire communication. As a result, the six communications at issue all fail to provide a clear and conspicuous disclaimer in accordance with 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a). Thus, this Office recommends the Commission find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

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IV. ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY

While the evidence assembled to date appears to indicate that the Southeast Texas Statesman and Southeast Texas Times are joint activities of Steve Stockman and his congressional campaign committees and committee staff, Respondents' lack of cooperation has left additional information necessary to the completion of this investigation unavailable. Although the Commission previously sent subpoenas and interrogatories to Respondents in order to explore the relationship between Stockman and his campaign committees, and Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, the responses received were both incomplete and inconsistent. See Attachments 1-2, 16-17. As an initial matter, none of the responses were signed or sworn to by the Respondents, as instructed in the

Commission's subpoena and order.[14] Congressman Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and Friends of Stockman all additionally refused to produce any relevant documents on the grounds that the request violated attorney-client privilege. Jeff Van Fleet also produced no documents, stating: "all such invoices receipts or other proof of payment of advertising are back in Texas . . . . [and] I fear may have been discarded." Attachment 1 at 6.

Congressman Stockman and the two committees also refused to answer a number of questions, including the location and telephone numbers of the committees, on the grounds that Stockman was not a candidate in 1993.[15] Congressman Stockman and the two committees and their treasurers answered virtually all questions about the Committees with the response N/A, or not applicable, based on his asserted non-candidacy, and further answered additional questions by saying "none of your business," "ask Jeff Van Fleet," or "ask the Southeast Texas Times," rather than providing any personal knowledge they possess. In fact, Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, responded to 31 questions and subparts by stating "no" seven times, "NA" six times, "irrelevant" six times, and "ask [someone else]" ten times. Attachment 16.

As a result, much information still needs to be obtained. For example, the relationship between Steve Stockman, his staff, and his campaign committees on the one hand, and the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman on the other, requires further investigation. The source of funding for the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman also remains unknown.[16] At this time, this Office cannot even discern how many issues of the Southeast Texas

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[14] Letters accompanying subpoenas for deposition will note this non-compliance.

[15] As discussed in the General Counsel's Report addressing Respondents' Motion to Dismiss, Friends of Stockman was registered and was actively raising funds and reporting during this period.

[16] It also appears that Stockman and Friends of Steve Stockman may have been conducting additional activity in violation of the Act using Stockman's residence and an additional Post-Office Box. See Memorandum recommending opening a Pre-MUR pursuant to Directive 6 circulated simultaneously with this report.

Statesman were distributed and whether the publication is currently in circulation in the 9th Congressional District. Additionally, Respondents have not clarified the relationship between the allegedly defunct committee, Stockman for Congress, and the publications.

For these reasons, this Office believes that further investigation is warranted. In view of the inadequate and uncooperative responses received to date, however, this Office believes that additional written interrogatories will only produce similarly inadequate responses. Thus, this Office recommends that the Commission authorize subpoenas for the depositions of Jeff Van Fleet and Tim Frankovich, the individuals with the most knowledge of the operation of the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman. This Office notes that the subpoenas for deposition attached for the Commission's approval contains additional requests for documents directed to the individuals subpoenaed. For those individuals from whom the Commission has already sought documents, this constitutes a second attempt to obtain the information which these individuals have refused to supply. Additionally, in view of the lack of cooperation Respondents have provided to date, this Office proposes to simply include a request for production of documents in the subpoena for deposition of Tim Frankovich, rather than attempt to secure responses to written discovery from the Southeast Texas Statesman and Frankovich. This Office also recommends the Commission approve subpoenas for the deposition of John Hart, treasurer of Friends of Stockman, and Stephen E. Stockman, both as treasurer of Stockman for Congress, and in his individual capacity, as they are the individuals likely to possess the most information about the relationship between the Committees and the publications.[17]

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[17] If these Respondents do not now provide the Commission with the documents they previously failed to provide, and if this Office is not able to obtain the required information through depositions, this Office will seek the Commission's authority to file suit to enforce the subpoenas. Due to Respondents' pending lawsuit seeking to dismiss this matter, this Office anticipates that Respondents may attempt to quash the subpoenas and/or fail to appear at scheduled depositions.

Again, in view of Respondents lack of cooperation, and evidence that this Office has obtained that Stockman for Congress may be conducting unreported activity, this Office also is seeking to obtain the financial records of the two committees from the campaign committees' depository of record. Because the Committees' bank records are the only reliable way of determining the financial relationship between the Committees and the publications, this Office recommends the Commission approve the attached subpoena for documents to JSC Federal Credit Union for the bank statements of Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer.

While it is not this Office's intention to take additional depositions at this time, in the interest of efficiency, this Office also recommends that the Commission approve deposition subpoenas for the remaining individuals listed in the mastheads of the Times and the Statesman and for Patty Stockman, Stephen E. Stockman's wife, so that they may be deposed if it becomes clear that they possess information necessary to the Commission's investigation. A sample deposition subpoena is attached for the Commission's approval.[18]

Finally, this Office recommends that the Commission approve the attached order to answer interrogatories and subpoena for the production of documents to Kay Parkening, manager of the Box It facility, in order to obtain any paperwork in her possession with regard to the post office box obtained by Steve Stockman and used by the Southeast Texas Times.

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[18] A total of ten additional individuals are listed as holding editorial positions on either the Times or the Statesman. At this time, three to four of these individuals potentially possess information pertinent to the investigation not available from another source.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find reason to believe the Southeast Texas Statesman and Tim Frankovich violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).

2. Find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer violated 2 U.S.C § 441d(a).

3. Authorize the attached subpoenas for the depositions of Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, John Hart, and Stephen E. Stockman.

4. Authorize subpoenas for the deposition of the individuals listed on the mastheads of the Southeast Texas Times and Southeast Texas Statesman and for Patty Stockman.

5. Authorize the attached subpoena for production of documents to JSC Federal Credit Union of Houston, Texas.

6. Authorize the attached subpoena for production of documents to Kay Parkening.

7. Approve the attached factual and legal analyses and the appropriate letters.

5/23/96
Date

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Attachments:
1. Response of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times to Order to Submit Written Answers and Subpoena for the Production of Documents
2. Response of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman to Order to Submit Written Answers and Subpoena for the Production of Documents
3. October 1993 Southeast Texas Times
4. February 1995 Southeast Texas Statesman
5. May 1995 Southeast Texas Statesman
6. Comparison of features of the Times and Statesman
7. "Republican Voice"
8. "Houston Post"
9. "County Clarion"
10. "America First"
11. "Chronicle of Our Times"
12. "Black Observer"
13. Stylistic Comparison of Times, Statesman and Friends of Stockman campaign communications
14. Surveys from the Times, Statesman, and Friends of Stockman campaign communications

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15. Statement of Organization for Friends of Steve Stockman
16. Response of Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, to Order to Submit Written Answers and Subpoena for the Production of Documents
17. Response of Friends of Steve Stockman, and John Hart, as treasurer, to Order to Submit Written Answers and Subpoena for the Production of Documents
18. Factual and Legal Analysis for Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman
19. Factual and Legal Analysis for Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer
20. Factual and Legal Analysis for Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer
21. Factual and Legal Analysis for Stephen E. Stockman
22. Subpoena for Deposition of Jeff Van Fleet
23. Subpoena for Deposition of Tim Frankovich
24. Subpoena for Deposition of John Hart
25. Subpoena for Production of Documents to Stephen E. Stockman
26. Subpoena for Deposition of Stephen E. Stockman
27. Sample Deposition subpoena for Southeast Texas publication employees
28. Subpoena for Documents to JSC Federal Credit Union
29. Order to Submit Written Answers and Subpoena for the Production of Documents to Kay Parkening

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MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/BONNIE J. ROSS
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE: MAY 28, 1996

SUBJECT: MUR 3847 - GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT DATED MAY 23, 1996.

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission on: Friday, May 24, 1996 at 12:00

Objection(s) have been received from the Commissioner(s) as indicated by the name(s) checked below:

Commissioner Aikens	_____
Commissioner Elliott	XXX
Commissioner McDonald	_____
Commissioner McGarry	_____
Commissioner Potter	_____
Commissioner Thomas	_____

This matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for: First Meeting in June, 1996.

Please notify us who will represent your Division before the Commission on this matter. Thank You!

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, Treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, Treasurer;	)	
Jeff Van Fleet;	)	
Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government.)		

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on June 6, 1996, do hereby certify that the Commission took the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to find reason to believe the Southeast Texas Statesman and Tim Frankovich violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A).

   Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

2. Failed in a vote of 3-1 to pass a motion to find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) with respect to the communications set out in Attachments 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12 of the General Counsel's report dated May 23, 1996.

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Commissioners McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the motion; Commissioner Elliott dissented; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

3. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) with respect to Attachment 11 to the General Counsel's report dated May 23, 1996.

Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

4. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to authorize the subpoenas for the deposition of Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, John Hart, and Stephen E. Stockman, as recommended in the General Counsel's report dated May 23, 1996.

Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

5. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to authorize subpoenas for the deposition of the individuals listed on the mastheads of the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman.

Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

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6. Failed in a vote of 3-1 to pass a motion to authorize a subpoena for the deposition of Patty Stockman.

Commissioners McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the motion; Commissioner Elliott dissented; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

7. Decided in a vote of 4-0 to

a) authorize the subpoena for production of documents to JSC Federal Credit Union of Houston, Texas, as recommended in the General Counsel's report dated May 23, 1996;

b) authorize the subpoena for production of documents to Kay Parkening as recommended in the General Counsel's report dated May 23, 1996;

c) approve the factual and legal analyses and the appropriate letters as recommended in the General Counsel's May 23, 1996 report

Commissioners Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision; Commissioner Aikens was not present.

Attest:

6-7-96
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
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Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 13, 1996

Kent M. Adams, Esq.
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
550 Fanin St., Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed are copies of findings and subpoenas issued by the Federal Election Commission on June 6, 1996. The originals are being delivered by Certified Mail. These copies are provided to you as a courtesy.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth M. Stein

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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June 13, 1996

Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor
202 Highway 3, Rear
LaMarque, TX 77568

Re: MUR 3847

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Elizabeth M. Stein

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 13, 1996

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
Caron Law Offices
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Caron:

Enclosed is a copy of a subpoena issued by the Federal Election Commission on June 6, 1996. The originals are being delivered by Certified Mail. These copies are provided to you as a courtesy.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor
Southeast Texas Statesman
3301 Hughes Lane #4
Dickinson, TX 77539

RE: MUR 3847
Tim Frankovich and the
Southeast Texas Statesman

Dear Mr. Frankovich:

On June 6, 1996, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Statements should be submitted under oath. Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has issued the attached subpoena requiring you to appear and give sworn testimony on July 23, 1996, and to provide information by July 1, 1996, which will assist the Commission in carrying out its compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena, and be present with you at the deposition. If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.14, a witness summoned by the Commission shall be paid $40, plus mileage. Subsequent to the deposition, you will be sent a check for the witness fee and mileage. Within two days of your receipt of this notification, please confirm the scheduled appearance with the attorneys indicated below.

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If you are interested in pursuing pre-probable cause conciliation, you should so request in writing. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d). Upon receipt of the request, the Office of the General Counsel will make recommendations to the Commission either proposing an agreement in settlement of the matter or recommending declining that pre-probable cause conciliation be pursued. The Office of the General Counsel may recommend that pre-probable cause conciliation not be entered into at this time so that it may complete its investigation of the matter. Further, requests for pre-probable cause conciliation will not be entertained after briefs on probable cause have been mailed to the respondent.

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This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact the attorneys assigned to this matter, Caryn Zimmerman and Elizabeth Stein, at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Elliott

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA

TO: Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor
Southeast Texas Statesman
3301 Hughes Lane #4
Dickinson, TX 77539

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3). and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby subpoenas you to appear for deposition with regard to MUR 3847. Notice is hereby given that the deposition is to be taken on July 23, 1996 in Houston, Texas beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing each day thereafter as necessary.

Further, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3), you are hereby subpoenaed to produce the documents listed on the attachment to this subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents, may be substituted for originals. The documents must be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, by July 1, 1996.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C., on this 13th day of June, 1996.

For the Commission,

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachment
Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering this subpoena for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

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If after exercising due diligence to locate all documents responsive to a request in this subpoena, you are unable to locate any such documents, please provide a written statement to this effect at the time you produce documents responsive to other requests in the subpoena. The statement should describe what actions you took in attempting to locate responsive documents.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents requested by the subpoena for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1993 to the present.

This subpoena for the production of documents is continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this discovery request, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named person to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements,

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ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. Produce in hard copy as circulated to the general public, or, if hard copy is unavailable, on 3½ inch computer disk, a copy of each issue of the Southeast Texas Statesman other than those listed below:

a. February A, 1995 b. May 1995 (Vol. I, Issue 5)

2. Produce copies of all canceled checks (both sides) representing payment for the printing costs of each and every issue of the Southeast Texas Statesman, including, but not limited to, checks made payable to Les Daughtry and/or the Texas City Sun.

3. Produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of the Southeast Texas Statesman, or through which the Southeast Texas Statesman conducts(ed) its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

4. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Statesman, including, but not limited to, advertising invoices, contracts and receipts for printing, account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities, payroll records, and tax returns filed by the Southeast Texas Statesman.

5. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Times. Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, or notes or memoranda of communications with, any principals, agents, or employees of those entities.

6. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Stephen E. Stockman, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, or notes or memoranda of communications with Mr. Stockman.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: MUR 3847

Tim Frankovich
Southeast Texas Statesman

This matter was generated by a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by Stephen Clifford. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1).

A. Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

While the Act and the Regulations exempt costs associated with the production of news stories, commentaries, or editorials, distributed through newspapers and other periodical publications, from the definition of a contribution, this exemption is not applicable if the media entity is owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. 11 C.F.R. § 100.7(b)(2). If a candidate or political committee owns or controls a media entity, the only disbursements which will not be considered a contribution to the candidate or committee are those for news stories:

> which represent . . . bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related

> news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area"

11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2).

Even if a media entity is not owned or controlled by a candidate, a particular medium of communication only qualifies for the media exemption if it meets the Commissions definitions of a qualified medium. For example:

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4, 44 Fed. Reg. 76,735. See also MURs 2277 and 2567.

B. Analysis

The Commission has determined that a publication is being circulated in the 9th District of Texas which may violate the Act. This Office has obtained two 1995 copies of the Southeast Texas Statesman, a publication containing advertising for Congressman Steve Stockman and multiple stories featuring Stockman. The Southeast Texas Statesman appears similar in style and content to an earlier publication under investigation in this matter. The two publications have similar mastheads with identical typeface, and use the same issue numbering system, with issues designated "Issue A" and "Issue B" in months where multiple issues were produced. The two publications also contain identical solicitations for subscriptions, identical graphics, other similar features, and list several of the same people as working on the publication. The Southeast Texas Statesman appears to be a successor publication to the other publication at issue, and also has

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overlapping staff and connections to Steve Stockman and Friends of Stockman. The Statesman appears to be, at least partly, controlled by Stockman and his campaign committees.

In the two issues of the Statesman which this Office has obtained, Steve Stockman is the lead story in both. The Statesman masthead contains a statement that it covers news from "a conservative point of view" and "is not impartial."[1] While the Statesman features articles on issues such as the balanced budget amendment, the assault weapons ban, the flat tax and funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, the two issues obtained also contain a pro-Stockman editorial, an article on Stockman "leading the assault on weapons ban," and a Stockman advertisement.

The Southeast Texas Statesman appears to be a successor to the other publication at issue. Both are monthly or semi-monthly publications circulated primarily through free delivery. The two publications are almost identical in appearance, contain many of the same graphics, and include features such as an "issue survey" and a "community bulletin board." Of the seven people listed as working on the Statesman, three worked on the previous publication, the fourth is the treasurer of Friends of Stockman and of the remaining three, two appear to be relatives of staff. Finally, the printing costs of Southeast Texas Statesman were paid for with checks for the previous publication, indicating that they are using the same checking account as a source of funds.

The Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman, is Tim Frankovich. Frankovich has filed an assumed business name certificate for the Southeast Texas Statesman in Galveston County, but the paper work was not filed until January 1996. Unlike the certificate filed for the other

[1] It is not clear that the Statesman would qualify as a bona fide newspaper under the Commission's definition, as the two issues this Office has obtained contain a total of only eight advertisers making it difficult for the publication to support itself on revenues obtained from the sale of advertising or subscriptions.

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publication, the Statesman is not filing as a sole proprietorship, but is classified as "other." Tim Frankovich, like Jeff Van Fleet, also appears to have worked as a staff-person for Friends of Stockman. During 1994 and as recently as 1996, Frankovich received disbursements including a disbursement in December 1994 for "salary" and one in early 1996 reported as "debt for non-employee compensation" or independent contractor wages.[2] Frankovich also appears on the editorial staff roster of the Southeast Texas Times as a writer and editor.

Additionally, John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman from 1993 through the present, is in charge of marketing for the Statesman, and has apparently personally handled arrangements for the printing of the Statesman. The business address of the Statesman is also Hart's registered mailing address with the Commission, and Hart also receives periodic disbursements from Friends of Stockman.

Information available at this time appears to indicate a long-standing and continuing relationship between Stockman, Friends of Stockman, and the Statesman. The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Statesman is controlled by Steve Stockman through his Committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, with his treasurer, John Hart, and former staffer, Tim Frankovich, playing key roles in the production and distribution of the publication. The fact that the Managing Editor of the previous publication appears to have had no part in the production or distribution of the successor and virtually identical Statesman, is a further indication that it is Congressman Steve Stockman and his committee Friends of Stockman, who primarily control both publications. Because the publication appears to be controlled by Stockman and his

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[2] The disbursements are as follows: $200 on May 15, 1994 and $200 on June 24, 1994 reported as reimbursements; $1,710 in October 1994 for newspaper printing; $500 on October 18 and $500 on October 24, 1994 reported as travel and printing expenses, possibly for the 1994 campaign communications discussed below; $1,600 on December 22 reported as salary; and $400 in early 1996 reported as debt for non-employee compensation.

committees and includes pro-Stockman pieces which do not provide balanced coverage, the press exemption does not appear to be applicable. As a result, the Commission finds reason to believe that the Southeast Texas Statesman and its apparent owner, Tim Frankovich, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by making in-kind contributions to Steve Stockman and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, in excess of $1,000 in the form of advertisements and news coverage.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kent M. Adams, Esq.
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
550 Fanin St., Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

RE: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Adams:

On June 26, 1995, your clients, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, were notified that the Federal Election Commission had found reason to believe that they violated 2 U.S.C §§ 434(b) and 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On June 6, 1996, the Commission additionally found that there is reason to believe your clients violated 2 U.S.C § 441d(a). The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed the basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information. Please note that the enclosed Factual and Legal Analysis also sets forth additional evidence of violations of 2 U.S.C §§ 434(b) and 441a(f) by your clients.

Your clients may submit any factual or legal materials that they believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of the violations. Statements should be submitted under oath. Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has issued the attached subpoena requiring Mr. Hart to appear and give sworn testimony on July 22, 1996, and to provide information by July 1, 1996, which will assist the Commission in carrying out its compliance with the Act. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.14, a witness summoned by the Commission shall be paid a witness fee of forty dollars, plus mileage. Subsequent to the deposition your client will be sent a check for the witness fee and mileage. Within two days of your receipt of this notification, please confirm the scheduled appearance with the attorneys indicated below.

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary
YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
DEDICATED TO KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED

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Sincerely,

Lee Ann Elliott

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer	)	
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SUBPOENA

TO: John Hart, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
c/o Kent Adams
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
550 Fanin St., Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

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ATTEST:

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Requests for Documents

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: MUR 3847

Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as treasurer

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A. Southeast Texas Statesman

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Statesman appears to be a successor publication to the other publication at issue, and also has overlapping staff and connections to Steve Stockman and Friends of Stockman. The Statesman appears to be, at least partly, controlled by Stockman and his campaign committees.

In the two issues of the Statesman which this Office has obtained, Steve Stockman is the lead story in both. The Statesman masthead contains a statement that it covers news from "a conservative point of view" and "is not impartial."[1] While the Statesman features articles on issues such as the balanced budget amendment, the assault weapons ban, the flat tax and funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, the two issues obtained also contain a pro-Stockman editorial, an article on Stockman "leading the assault on weapons ban," and a Stockman advertisement.[2]

As noted above, the Southeast Texas Statesman appears to be a successor to the Southeast Texas Times. Both are monthly or semi-monthly publications circulated primarily through free delivery. The two publications are almost identical in appearance, contain many of the same graphics, and include features such as an "issue survey" and a "community bulletin board." Of the seven people listed as working on the Statesman, three worked on the Times, the fourth is the treasurer of Friends of Stockman and of the remaining three, two appear to be relatives of the former Times staff. Finally, the printing costs of Southeast Texas Statesman were paid for with checks for the Southeast Texas Times indicating that they are using the same checking account as a source of funds.

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[1] It is not clear that the Statesman would qualify as a bona fide newspaper under the Commission's definition, as the two issues this Office has obtained contain a total of only eight advertisers making it difficult for the publication to support itself on revenues obtained from the sale of advertising or subscriptions.

[2] While the advertisement contains a "Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman" disclaimer, no disbursement to the Southeast Texas Statesman appears on the Friends of Stockman's 1995 reports. The ad additionally bears the same graphic of the U.S. Capitol that appears on Stockman ads in the Times and in several of the communications apparently paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.

The Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman is Tim Frankovich. Frankovich has filed an assumed business name certificate for the Southeast Texas Statesman in Galveston County but the paper work was not filed until January 1996. The Statesman is not filing as a sole proprietorship, but is classified as "other." Tim Frankovich, like Jeff Van Fleet, also appears to have worked as a staff-person for Friends of Stockman. During 1994 and as recently as 1996, Frankovich received disbursements from Friends of Stockman, including a disbursement in December 1994 for "salary" and one in early 1996 reported as "debt for non-employee compensation" or independent contractor wages.[3] Frankovich also appears on the editorial staff roster of the Southeast Texas Times as a writer and editor. Notably, Jeff Van Fleet, the Managing Editor and "owner" of the Southeast Texas Times, also received payments characterized as "salary" from Friends of Stockman in 1994.

Additionally, John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman from 1993 through the present, is in charge of marketing for the Statesman, and has apparently personally handled arrangements for the printing of the Statesman. The business address of the Statesman is also Hart's registered mailing address with the Commission, and Hart also receives periodic disbursements from Friends of Stockman.

Information available at this time appears to indicate a long-standing and continuing relationship between Congressman Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, the Times, and the Statesman. The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Statesman is controlled by

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[3] The disbursements are as follows: $200 on May 15, 1994 and $200 on June 24, 1994 reported as reimbursements; $1,710 in October 1994 for newspaper printing; $500 on October 18 and $500 on October 24, 1994 reported as travel and printing expenses, possibly for the 1994 campaign communications discussed below; $1,600 on December 22 reported as salary; and $400 in early 1996 reported as debt for non-employee compensation.

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Congressman Stockman through his Committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, with his treasurer, John Hart, and former staffer, Tim Frankovich, playing key roles in the production and distribution of the publication. Evidence additionally indicates that Stockman for Congress, Steve Stockman's affiliated committee may also be involved in the publications but not reporting the activity.[4] The fact that Jeff Van Fleet appears to have had no part in the production or distribution of the successor and virtually identical Statesman, is a further indication that it is Congressman Steve Stockman and his Committees, who primarily control both publications. Because the publication appears to be controlled by Congressman Stockman and his Committees and includes pro-Stockman pieces which do not provide balanced coverage, the press exemption does not appear to be applicable, and it appears that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, accepted unreported excessive contributions from the Southeast Texas Statesman in violation of 2 U.S.C § 441a(f) and 434(b).

B. Disclaimer Violations

1. Law

The Act requires that whenever any person pays for a communication which either expressly advocates the election or defeat of a particularly identified candidate, or solicits any contribution, through any newspaper or other type of general public political advertising, the communication must clearly state who paid for, and who authorized the communication. 2 U.S.C § 441d(a). A

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[4] Stockman for Congress is listed in the Commission's indices as an affiliated committee of Friends of Steve Stockman and appears to have been Stockman's principal committee for his 1990 campaign. The Committee has not terminated as it is still carrying debt from the 1990 cycle, but has not reported any activity since that time. Daughtry's statements that 1994 Stockman campaign literature was being paid for with Stockman for Congress checks calls into question whether Stockman for Congress may be continuing to operate without reporting the activity. Daughtry's statements are supported by the campaign communications themselves, which request that responses to "issue surveys" and "voter surveys" be returned to Stockman for Congress.

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communication will be considered to contain express advocacy where magic words such as "vote for" and "support" are used, or campaign slogans appear which "in context can have no other reasonable meaning than to urge the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates," for example "Clinton/Gore" or "Dole '96." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(a).[5] The Commission's regulations also require that a disclaimer appear and be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner to give the reader adequate notice of the identity of the persons who paid for and authorized the communication. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1).

2. Analysis

This Office has obtained a 1994 Stockman campaign communication entitled the "Chronicle of Our Times," which is formatted to resemble a newspaper. The "Chronicle of Our Times" consists of articles on Stockman, Stockman endorsements, and photographs. According to the masthead of the communication, it was distributed in the fall of 1994. The "Chronicle" contains multiple examples of express advocacy, including the statements: "Even if you vote Straight Ticket . . . Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress;" "Our Future Our Choice, Vote Stockman;" and "Now More Than Ever, Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress."

While the "Chronicle" contains a disclaimer on the twelfth and final page stating that the communication was "Paid for by the National Republican Congressional Committee, Authorized by

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[5] The Commission has additionally codified its position that a communication will be considered to contain express advocacy when "taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events . . . [the communication] could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy of the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates because (1) the electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous, and suggestive of only one meaning; *and* (2) reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions to elect or defeat candidates or encourages some other kind of action." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b). The U.S. District Court of Maine has held that 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b) is invalid. Maine Right to Life Committee, Inc., v. FEC, 914 F. Supp. 8 (D. Me. 1996), *rehearing denied*, 95-261-B-H, Mar. 8, 1996. The Commission has voted to appeal this decision.

Friends of Steve Stockman," the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") does not appear to have paid for the "Chronicle." The NRCC reported making various in-kind contributions to Friends of Stockman in 1994, as well as additional expenditures made on behalf of Friends of Stockman. However, the majority of contributions and expenditures from the NRCC to Friends of Stockman consisted of production costs for television advertisements, satellite transmission costs, and broadcast costs for television advertisements.[6] While the NRCC did report an "in-house mailing" resulting in a contribution of approximately $100 to Friends of Stockman in August 1994, this contribution does not appear to have been for the production and distribution of the "Chronicle" or for a paid advertisement appearing in the "Chronicle." Instead, it seems that Friends of Stockman may have simply reproduced a flyer produced for the NRCC in-house mailing and attached it to the back of the "Chronicle." Thus, the disclaimer at the bottom of the "Chronicle's" twelfth page appears to be inaccurate, as both the page and the publication were most likely paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.

In addition, as the "Chronicle" is political advertising containing express advocacy, it should contain a disclaimer indicating that the entire communication was paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.[7] However, no disclaimer other than the inaccurate one on page twelve, appears within the "Chronicle." Because it does not appear that the NRCC paid for the "Chronicle of Our Times," and the "Chronicle" contains no disclaimer indicating that it was, in fact, paid for by Friends of

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[6] An additional reporting problem has come to light in the course of the investigation. Although they received approximately $2,800 in direct contributions from the NRCC in 1994, Friends of Stockman never reported the receipt of these funds. As the Commission has already found reason to believe that Friends of Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b), this particular violation will be dealt during the course of the investigation.

[7] If the "Chronicle" was not paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman, additional violations would result as the "Chronicle" contains at least four advertisements which would require separate disclaimers.

Steve Stockman, the Commission finds reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to provide a clear and accurate disclaimer indicating who paid for and authorized the communication.

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Special Political Issue

Chronicle Of Our Times

Vol. I, Fall, 1994 Final Edition

Stockman Slightly Ahead, Gains Rapid Momentum

Friendswood resident Steve Stockman has kept the pledge he made to his supporters in 1992. After holding 42-year incumbent Jack Brooks to just 53.6% of the vote in 1992's general election, Stockman is giving Brooks what NBC news is calling "the fight of his life."

On March 8, Stockman garnered a whopping 73% over two other opponents in the GOP primary to become the candidate for the Republican Party (sometimes called the Reform Party) in Texas' ninth congressional district. Stockman's strong showing and Brooks' mediocre primary performance (just 71% against a virtual unknown) has prompted political observers to declare the race too close to call. With over a quarter of their base pulling the lever for a total stranger, Brooks worries that this may be his last campaign after nearly a half century of campaigning.

"1994 will be the year that Brooks answers to the voters of the Ninth District. Our district suffers from high unemployment and high crime rates, and Brooks has made it even worse," Steve said. "Now more than ever, voters are calling for fresh energy and new ideas in Congress."

Steve Stockman believes Congress should reflect the values and concerns of ordinary, hard-working Americans. "The voters aren't going to be fooled by slick ads, dirty money, or vulgar and demeaning insults. The days of good-old-boy politics are over. It's time for Brooks to go."

Stockman is no fan of big government ("The less of it, the better," he says). According to him, the folks in his district are overtaxed and overregulated. "Every time we turn around, the government is hitting us with some new tax," said Stockman. "Bureaucrats in Washington are driving employers out of business, and all the politicians seem to care about is raising their own salaries. Taxpayers have had enough."

Steve Stockman faults Brooks for his vote to approve President Clinton's 1994 budget, which contained no significant spending cuts and the largest tax increase in history. "Brooks voted against the Kasich budget, which would have given a $500 per child tax credit to our families," Stockman declared. "Over 120,000 children would have qualified in our district, resulting in over $60 million in tax relief to families in our district. Apparently, Jack Brooks is more interested in partisan politics than in doing something for the families in our district."

Steve said he will fight to get government off the backs of small businesses, so they can flourish and create job growth. "The economic decay in Galveston and the Golden Triangle during Brooks' nearly half-century in office is a sad commentary on his record," Stockman said.

"Brooks does not represent Texans," says Stockman. "In fact, his record is closer to that of Bernard Sanders of Vermont (the only Socialist in Congress), than that of fellow Texan, Democrat Charles Stenholm. Brooks is out of touch with Texas."

Having run one of the lowest dollar-per-vote '92 congressional campaigns in the nation, Stockman commented on Brooks' plan to spend over $1 million in the 1994 election. "I think the idea of spending millions on a campaign is obscene, especially when this district suffers from one of the highest unemployment rates in the state."

"Port Arthur's unemployment rate is almost twice that of the nation," Steve continued. "More than 3,000 people have been laid off in the Clear Lake area because of Brooks' failure to save Space Station Freedom. His plan to spend from $1 million to $2 million on his reelection is a slap in the face of every working person in the district."

Stockman added that most of Brooks' campaign funding comes, not from his constituents, but from special interest groups outside the district. "He has been bought and sold 100 times over," says Stockman. "Whose congressman is he, anyway?"

Early poll results show Stockman with a slight lead on Brooks, despite the incumbent's media barrage. Steve has also racked up an impressive list of endorsements (see page 4).

Last year, the *Houston Chronicle* described the race between Brooks and Stockman as a modern David and Goliath story. Steve agreed that the comparison was valid and pointed out, "Remember who won." (*see* Stockman's Trail to Victory, p. 2)

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Stockman's Trail to Victory

In July, 1987, nearly three-quarters of the nation watched as Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North testified before the Joint Iran-Contra Committee. Among those watching was a thirty-year old south Texas resident named Steve Stockman. Like many Americans, he was annoyed by the rudeness of many Congressmen who seemed determined to make the Marine their whipping boy since they could not get at President Reagan. One Congressman stood out in his mind: a balding, foul-mouthed, cigar-chomping man who was particularly vehement in his attacks on North.

"Who is that guy?" Steve was asked by his then-fiance, Patti.

"That is your Congressman, Jack Brooks," was Stockman's terse answer.

Steve was outraged. He wanted to know more about Brooks and what he could do. It would not be long before Steve would decide to run against the well-entrenched incumbent. He spent three years exploring the issues and concerns of Texas' Ninth District, which includes Galveston, Jefferson, and Chambers counties and parts of Harris county.

In 1990, Steve ran for the chance to face Jack Brooks. In this primary, Stockman outperformed all predictions of expert political pundits. Returning in 1992, Steve was unopposed in the primary and ran the toughest race Brooks had ever faced. In a time when Congressional candidates spend up to millions of dollars, Steve spent just under $100,000. Brooks outspent Steve six to one, collecting 75% of his money from political action committees (most of which are outside of the district).

Despite the monetary inequality, Steve organized one of the finest volunteer organizations in the country. Literally hundreds of volunteers helped push the campaign into the historic final numbers. Steve had the lowest dollar-per-vote ratio in the nation, demonstrating his good stewardship of donated funds.

Running against Steve, Jack Brooks received the lowest percentage (53.6%) of votes in his 40-year history of general elections. With a change of just 5%, or 11,211 votes, from Brooks to Steve, Steve would have won!

Two years have passed since that record-setting election. After seeing Steve's success, two other candidates decided to run in this year's primary. Despite being outspent by one of them over five to one, Steve won an impressive 73% of the Reform vote.

The volunteer organization that supported him in 1992 has grown and is working hard for a 1994 victory. Steve now has volunteer headquarters in four different places throughout the district. Literally hundreds of volunteers are now giving their time and effort to make a difference in their country.

Not only does Steve Stockman have so many volunteers, he and his campaign are finding a great deal of support from traditional Brooks strongholds. Steve's down-to-earth, common-sense message has attracted outspoken support from union leaders and members, the medical community, and also members of the black and Filipino communities.

Brooks has been in office longer than Steve has been alive, but this year he will face his toughest opponent ever. Steve Stockman is ready to bring his seven-year quest to a climax. The Friendswood Accountant is challenging the giant once more, with his sling loaded and his army behind him.

Putting Texans Back to Work

Stockman's aggressive agenda will mean more jobs for Texans

"Beaumont used to be a big boom town," Steve Stockman declares. "But not any more."

Currently, the Ninth Congressional District suffers from one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. Port Arthur's unemployment rate is almost twice that of the nation.

Stockman identified the problem as a government that wants control of everything and doesn't care whether private citizens have a job or take handouts. "All the government wants is more taxes so it can spend more on its own 'black hole' spending projects," Stockman observed.

Last year's $256 billion tax hike (which was passed only by one vote in the House of Representatives - Brooks) will cost Texas taxpayers $17.3 billion over the next five years, $520 million from the Ninth Congressional District alone, Stockman said.

Citing recent surveys, Steve pointed out that fully 69% of small businesses across the country have had to raise prices, postpone expansion or terminate employees due to the Clinton tax hike.

Steve Stockman has signed the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" of the Americans for Tax Reform, promising to actively oppose any increases in federal income tax, something that Jack Brooks refuses to do. "Jack Brooks has never met a tax he didn't hike. He even voted for the BTU tax that would have cost us literally hundreds of jobs in this district!" Stockman pointed out.

So what does Stockman offer to stimulate job growth and reduce government excess?

Stockman's number one investment and growth option would be a $500-per child income tax credit that would return $60,114,500 to working families in southeast Texas each year. This suggestion did come up in the most recent budget battle as a part of a conservative budget, but Jack Brooks and his fellow liberals shot it down in favor of President Clinton's budget.

Second, Steve says he would favor indexing capital gains for inflation, to provide new investment capital for jobs in agriculture, small business and the oil industry.

Third, Steve says the "Social Security Earnings Limitation" should be repealed. "Most people don't understand what this does," Stockman explained. "We are currently making working seniors aged 65 to 69 pay a higher tax rate than millionaires!"

Stockman also said he supports spending controls, including:

1) Enactment of the Balanced Budget/Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment that would force Congress to adopt a balanced budget and require a two-thirds vote of each House of Congress before new taxes could be imposed;

2) Enactment of a Line Item Veto for the President, giving him the power to restrict uncontrolled Congressional spending;

3) A Special Session of Congress to take up budget reduction proposals (Such a session would be required by the A-to-Z Spending Cuts Bill, which is currently buried in committee. Steve says, when elected, he would immediately join many other congressmen in signing the discharge petition to force the bill to a vote.);

4) Statutory caps on the rate of growth of federal spending, now running at twice the rate of inflation; and

5) Legislation to force the federal bureaucracy, including the EPA, to identify the cost of new regulations before they are imposed.

"Notice that in each one of these cases, the problem is a Congress that is overly willing to spend too much money without thinking about the consequences to the American people," Steve points out. "That's what I want to change. It's time to tell Congress to go on a diet and give the money back to the people. It's time for Brooks to stop improving their own jobs and work on giving jobs to the people."

Even if you vote Straight Ticket...

Straight Ticket Vote
- Democrat
- Republican
- Libertarian

Don't Forget to Vote Stockman, too!

U.S. House of Representatives
- Jack Brooks
- Steve Stockman

Now more than ever.

Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress

Election Day - November 8

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"Why I'm Voting for Stockman"

A Union Member Speaks Out

Traditional political barriers are collapsing in this year's Congressional campaign. Most recently, the Teamsters' Union has broken years of tradition and endorsed Steve Stockman over incumbent trial lawyer Jack Brooks. We contacted teamster Don Pickard, a Stockman supporter, and asked him about this sudden change.

Pickard says that unions are slowly realizing that Democrats don't always represent their best interests. One of the most revealing events of recent years was the battle over passage of NAFTA (the North America Free Trade Agreement). The labor unions were against NAFTA, while the Democrat President they had helped elect, Bill Clinton, supported it. "NAFTA opened a lot of eyes," Pickard said. "Clinton was supposed to be taking care of union views, but instead he did his utmost to oppose us, even going so far as to buy the votes he needed."

Brooks voted against NAFTA, but Pickard says that if Clinton had needed his vote, he would have gotten it. "Brooks did nothing to stop NAFTA," Pickard declared. "The other Democrats that were opposed to it worked their tails off, giving speeches, sponsoring rallies. Brooks did nothing."

"I'm voting for Steve Stockman," Pickard says firmly. "Brooks does not represent my views as a union member, as a person, or as an American. I'm also a strong supporter of term limits. Forty-two years is enough for anyone!" Pickard had some rather strong words to say about his representative: "He has no integrity. He's unethical and a two-faced hypocrite."

"Steve Stockman is the only candidate that can and will do something for the working men of this area," Pickard continued. "Brooks has broken too many promises and lost us too many jobs. Stockman will stand up for us."

"Brooks is taking his district for granted," Pickard observed. "After forty-two years, he thinks everyone around here loves him. This year, he's in for a rude awakening." If so, Steve Stockman's endorsement by one of the major unions may certainly be a sign to Brooks that his wake-up call is on the way.

A Contract with America

On September 27, Steve Stockman met with over 300 other Reform-minded congressional candidates on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign a "Contract with America." The contract consists of a series of Congressional reforms and 10 legislative proposals that these candidates are pledging to bring to a vote when elected to Congress.

"We need a Congress that focuses on limited and effective government, providing security at home and abroad," said Steve Stockman. "Under the Democrat leadership of Clinton Congressional clones like Jack Brooks, secrecy and scandal have been the rule, not the exception. Congress should live by the same rules every other American must follow."

"If you elect us to Congress, this is what we'll do." Stockman pledged. "This is not just a campaign promise. This is a signed contract. You have our word and our signatures on it."

The contract promises that on the first day of Congress, a Reforming House will 1) force Congress to live under the same laws as every other American, 2) cut one-third of congressional committee staffers, and 3) audit the congressional budget.

In addition, the contract lists 10 bills that will be brought to a vote in the first 100 days of the next House. The bills are:

1. **Balanced budget amendment and line-item veto.**
2. **A tough and true crime bill.**
3. **Welfare reform:** The government should encourage people to work, *not* to have children out of wedlock.
4. **Protect our kids:** Strengthen families by giving parents greater control over education, enforcing child support payments and getting tough on child pornography.
5. **Tax cuts for families.**
6. **Strong national defense.**
7. **Raise the senior citizens' earning limit:** Put an end to government age discrimination that discourages seniors from working if they choose.
8. **Roll back government regulations:** Slash regulations that strangle small businesses, and make it easier for people to invest in order to create jobs and increase wages.
9. **Common-sense legal reform:** Stop excessive legal claims, frivolous lawsuits and overzealous lawyers.
10. **Congressional term limits.**

(For more details, see page 8.)

Steve Stockman leads the way as conservatives walk up the Capitol steps to sign the Contract with America.

Brooks is attacking the Contract, saying that Republicans want to cut Social Security and Veterans' benefits. "That's simply a lie," declared Stockman. "Look at the list. Where do you find cuts like that? The only ones who are calling for cuts in Social Security are the liberals. They've called for raising the retirement age and cutting benefits. We're not going to touch Social Security. We just want to restore responsible government which represents the people."

Restoring a Texas Tradition: *Town* Hall Meetings

"If you're elected, will you keep in touch with the people?" Steve Stockman says he has heard that question perhaps more than any other request during his campaign. As interest in national politics grows, more and more people want to know what their representatives are doing. More and more people are expressing their opinions, getting involved in the democratic process.

"One man asked me if I'll answer his letters," Steve observed. "I answered, 'I hope you don't have to write any letters!' I want to be told in person. If I do something right, I want you to tell me, and if I do something wrong, I know you'll tell me. I will bring to the southeast Texas what every other district in Texas already has: town hall meetings."

Town hall meetings have become popular across the country, used by both Democrats and Republicans to get feedback from their constituents. Town hall meetings are usually freely open to the public, regardless of political affiliation. Congressman Jack Brooks does not hold town hall meetings.

"He thinks he's above the people," Stockman charged. "He's been there so long that he believes he's responsible only to himself. When he does actually come home to Texas, the only way people can get to see him is by going to his $100-a-plate dinners. When I'm elected, I will hold regular town hall meetings and I won't charge people to get in. I will provide Texans what Jack Brooks has denied them for forty-two years: the ability to meet with their Congressman without paying and without fear!"

Stockman Campaign Boosted by Community Endorsements.

Steve Stockman has received many endorsements in his run for U.S. Congress. Here is what community leaders are saying about Steve:

"We're tired of Brooks' broken promises... Steve Stockman is the only candidate that will stand up for the working man."
-Gerald Esthay, Local 920, Teamsters

"Steve Stockman will fight to protect the victims of crime, not the criminals!"
-Pam Lynchner, President,
Justice for All

"Steve Stockman is the only no-compromise candidate, a true defender of the Second Amendment."
-Larry Pratt, Executive Director,
Gun Owners of America

"We can help take back our congressional district... join us in supporting Steve Stockman's campaign."
-Dr. Carlos Hamilton,
Texas Medical Association

"Steve Stockman will work to protect the families of Texas. A victory for Steve Stockman is a victory for American families." -Betty Lou Martin, State Director,
Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee

Grassroots Endorsements

The Teamsters Union

Gun Owners of America

Galveston Municipal Policemen's Association (AFL-CIO - Communications Workers of America)

Eagle Forum

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee

Texas Farm Bureau

Beaumont Policeman's Association

American Medical Association

Texas Medical Association

Justice for All

Texas Concerned Insurance Agents (Beaumont and Houston Chapters)

Young Conservatives of Texas

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Steve Stockman: All-American Man

Steve Stockman, 37, comes from a long line of native Texans, his grandparents being long-time residents of DeLeon. Though not born in Texas, Steve, like his forefathers, stands for strong traditional values and shares the Texas spirit of free business enterprise.

Steve holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and also has completed a number of graduate credits. He is employed by McKee Environmental Health, Inc., located in Friendswood, and is currently on a leave of absence in order to devote full attention to his congressional campaign.

Steve and his wife, Patti live in Friendswood. Patti works for the Information Systems Directorate at NASA's Johnson Space Center, is an active member of Concerned Women for America, and is involved in other community activities as well.

Stockman has lived in this part of Texas for 14 years and has been active in politics for more than 20 years. In 1992, he gained the attention of political pundits across the nation by holding U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks to his lowest vote percentage in 40 years.

The Friendswood resident is well known in local and state political circles through his involvement in numerous local, state and national campaigns. He served as State Chairman for the non-partisan Young Conservatives of Texas for two years, during which time he first became known at state and national levels for his effective leadership.

Steve is a member of First Baptist Church. Additionally, he is active in community affairs, focusing his attention on youth and education. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) South Texas Leadership Conference, for which he and Patti have served as counselors. He was elected to the University of Houston Chancellor's Advisory Committee and on the University of Houston-Clear Lake Accreditation Committee. Steve is also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and a member of the Baytown and LaMarque Chambers of Commerce, the Smithsonian Institution, and Accuracy in Media.

As in any undertaking, education can be a decisive advantage in politics. Stockman has had extensive political training in a number of areas, including legislative project management, and leadership techniques and diplomacy. He has been awarded scholarships to renowned leadership schools in Washington, D.C.

Stockman is highly informed concerning the problems of his district and the nation and has the experience and knowledge to successfully represent the people and interests of southeast Texas. His accounting and business knowledge, coupled with his determination and fighting spirit, qualify him to fill the demanding leadership position in Washington. By setting an aggressive agenda, Steve Stockman can make a change — for the better!

Some mysterious political activists expressed their viewpoint on this billboard along Interstate 45 South just past FM 518.

Battle of the Billboard

A vacant billboard in League City this summer became a commentary on the times, thanks to the work of some unidentified contemporary artists. The first message to be scrawled in blue paint on the 75-foot billboard were the words, "JACK BROOKS 42 yrs. IS ENOUGH."

The billboard was visible to southbound drivers on Interstate 45, located just past FM 518. The saga prompted amusement or anger, depending on the viewers' political opinions.

Stockman said his campaign received a number of calls about the billboard and had seen it himself recently.

"They've got the right attitude," Stockman said. "You know what our slogan is: 'If you can't get it done in the first half-century, you can't get it done.'"

Dan McClung, a Brooks spokesman, called it vandalism. "And I don't know who's responsible," he continued, "but I think he should be ashamed of himself."

Apparently, Brooks just could not stand it. A few days later, a Brooks fan vandalized the billboard and whited out all but Brooks' name. The billboard's message changed several times since, as anonymous artistic artists from both campaigns battle back and forth.

Tim Frankovich, a Dickinson resident who passes the sign every day to and from work, considers the sign's initial message an omen. "I think it represents a real popular uprising against Brooks," he observed. "People are just sick of the same old thing, year after year."

Serving the People

From Port Arthur down to Galveston Island, Texas' Ninth Congressional District includes more coastline than any other district in the nation. The congressional committee which oversees America's beaches and ports is the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Naturally, you would expect a congressman from this district to serve on that committee.

Such is not the case. Congressman Jack Brooks does not serve on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (nor does he sit on the Energy and Commerce Committee, despite the presence of a multitude of refineries in both the Golden Triangle area and Texas City). Instead, Jack Brooks uses his influence as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee to deal with legislation that inspires more lobbyists to donate to his campaign. Jack Brooks is a trial lawyer, and his trial lawyer friends appreciate his Judiciary position.

Steve Stockman, on the other hand, is an accountant. He believes a representative should be accountable to the people who elected him. A representative should work for the people of his district, not himself or special interest groups. Stockman vows to serve the people if elected, not the lobbyists.

Above: Steve & Patti help clean up Galveston beaches. The Ninth District contains more coastline than any other district in the United States.

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Left Steve and Patti serve as host family to Anton Matskovski, from Moscow, who is a junior at the University of Houston

Below Steve and Patti support the Special Olympics Here they are with gold medalist Jimmy Burton

Steve and Patti serve Thanksgiving dinner to some homeless people in south Houston

Below Steve inspects the cockpit of the space shuttle mock-up at Space Center Houston.

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Family Album

Above: Sister Antony Therese presents Steve with a pair of boxing gloves for his upcoming bout with Jack Brooks

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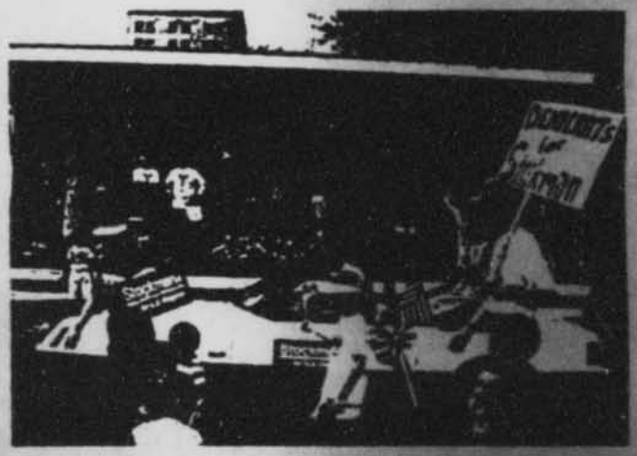
Above Pam Lychner, President of Justice for All, (an anti-crime organization) shakes hands with Patti Stockman after the group endorsed Steve.



Above Stockman support reaches across age-old Party loyalties.

Above Steve has always believed in a strong national defense and protecting our nation's sovereignty

Right: Steve and volunteers wave to the crowd in the Galveston Island July 4 Parade

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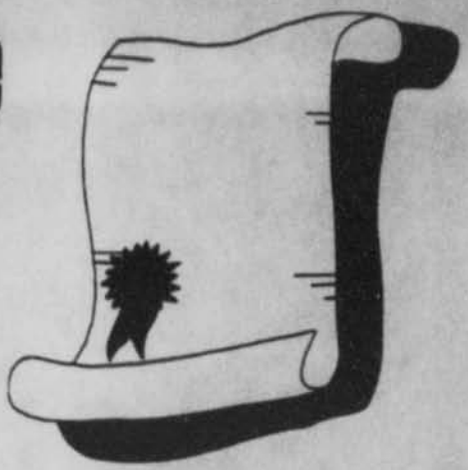
A campaign promise is one thing. A signed contract is quite another.



That's why Steve Stockman has signed a contract with the people of Texas.

Our Founding Fathers called the U.S. House of Representatives "The People's House." Unfortunately, some of our elected leaders have been more concerned with serving the special interests and protecting the perks of office, and not conducting the will of the people.

I am running for Congress to return the people's voice to the people's House. And I signed the "Contract with America" to prove it.

On September 27th, I went to our Nation's Capitol and signed the Contract. My pledge is to act within 100 days on 10 common sense issues supported by the vast majority of Texans -- issues that have been held up for years by the liberal leadership of the Congress. You have my signature and my word on it.

Together, we can restore accountability and responsibility to our Government, and opportunity to the people of Texas.

Join me in the fight.

Steve Stockman

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

At the end of opening day of the new Republican Congress, January 3, 1995, House Republicans will introduce ten bills which will constitute our contract with the American people. Each bill will be debated and voted upon within 100 days.

1. **a balanced budget amendment and line-item veto;**
2. **a common sense litigation crime bill with a limit on death penalty appeals, honest sentencing for violent crimes, and adequate prison space for violent offenders to serve full sentences;**
3. **welfare reform emphasizing work and family;**
4. **strong families and children, including tax incentives for adoption and child support enforcement;**
5. **family and middle class tax cuts;**
6. **strengthen defense;**
7. **senior citizen's reform (including tax incentives for private long term care insurance and the repeal of President Clinton's social security tax increases);**
8. **an economic growth act reshaping taxation (a cut in the capital gains tax) and regulation (including unfunded mandates and risk assessment) to encourage job creation and higher take home pay;**
9. **common sense legal reforms;**
10. **term limits.**

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An Interview with Steve Stockman

Candidate Discusses Crime, Welfare Reform

Catching Steve Stockman for an interview in the heat of the campaign is not easy, but we managed to track him down somewhere between Clear Lake and Beaumont (the Ninth District stretches across Galveston, Jefferson, and Chambers counties and small portions of Harris County).

CT: *Thanks for being here, Steve.*

Steve: Thanks for having me.

CT: *Well, let's jump right in here. Crime seems to be the number one issue this year in virtually every campaign. Let's be honest. Can Congress really do anything about crime?*

Steve: Absolutely. The federal government gives money to the states and those grants always have strings attached. There are also our federal law enforcement offices, such as the FBI and DEA [Drug Enforcement Agency]. Unfortunately, our present Administration and Congress seem determined to take law enforcement in the wrong direction.

CT: *How so?*

Steve: For starters, President Clinton's 1995 budget cuts 1,523 Justice Department law enforcement positions. He has already cut the FBI by 431 agents and the DEA by 301 agents. In his latest budget, not only does he cut those by even more, he cuts the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force by 150 and fires 143 Justice Department criminal prosecutors.

CT: *Not very commendable for a President who claimed he would wage a "real war" on drugs.*

Steve: And then you've got Joycelyn Elders running around talking about legalizing drugs!

CT: *What about the 100,000 new police officers the crime bill is supposed to put on the street?*

Steve: It's a joke. The crime bill, which was written and sponsored by my opponent, Brooks, authorizes money for the hiring of 20 to 50,000 new police officers (they haven't worked out exactly how many yet), but leaves a loophole for the President to use the money for something else if he decides. Besides, the money is only available for five years. Once a city hires all these new officers, they'll have to fire them when the money runs out! To be honest, this whole crime bill is a farce.

CT: *Surely there must be some good. At least there's money for new prisons.*

Steve: The crime bill does provide around $10 billion for new prisons, but President Clinton has cut $78 billion from the regular budget's prison construction fund. We have a net loss of $68 billion in prison construction! At the same time, the crime bill spends close to $10 billion on social programs for things like arts and crafts, dance programs and so-called health education.

CT: *You're kidding.*

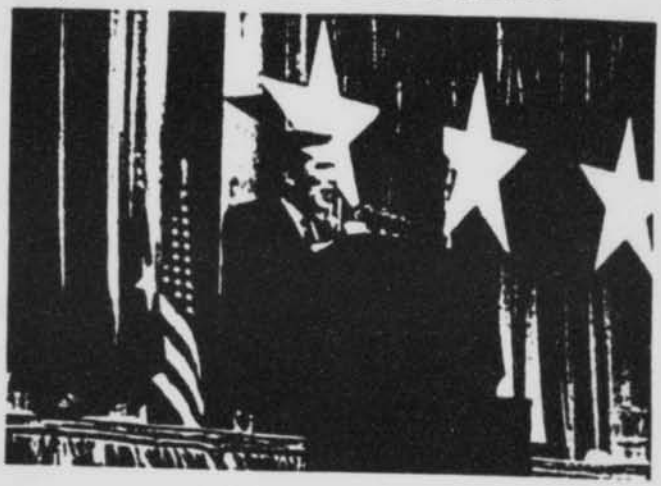
Steve: It's in the plan. And of course, there's the midnight basketball leagues, but only if each team has ten players and the league has eight teams, and who knows how many other restrictions. So you'll have tired kids going to school every day. What will the teachers think of that? And what about cities that have curfews? But that's not the worst of it.

CT: *What is the worst?*

Steve: The bill also weakens the mandatory maximum sentences for drug dealers. That means up to 16,000 drug dealers in this country are getting a "Get Out of Jail Free" card from Jack Brooks and Bill Clinton. As Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner said, "That's not tough on crime — that's a jailbreak!" On top of it all is the Racial Justice Act.

CT: *Explain that to us.*

Steve: Well, the Racial Justice Act was only in the House version of the crime bill (the one written by Brooks), and it was eventually thrown out in the conference committee. Basically, though, the Racial Justice Act would have pretty much ended the death penalty in this country. It establishes a racial quota system for capital punishment. A death row inmate can use statistics to show that he doesn't deserve the death penalty because too many people of his race have already been executed. The Supreme Court already ruled that such reasoning is ridiculous, but Brooks and his liberal friends in Congress are trying to go around them.



CT: *The states have enough trouble already paying to convict the criminals.*

Steve: Right. The burden of trying to fight against the statistics is so expensive that no state will be able to afford it. The criminals will get off. And guess what? We've already had retroactive taxes from Clinton and Brooks: now we're getting retroactive injustice. The Racial Justice Act would have applied to those already on death row — that could free up to 3,800 murderers currently waiting to be executed! True justice is color-blind. Criminals should be judged on their crimes, not on their color.

CT: *But it sounds like this will only affect minority criminals.*

Steve: Don't you believe it. White defendants who are convicted of murdering white victims could use it in reverse. Using this logic, Chicago mass murderer John Wayne Gacy would have been able to bring a claim under the Racial Justice Act because all of his victims were white. If you recall, he confessed to the murder and sexual torture of 33 boys and young men during the 1970s.

> "Up to 16,000 drug dealers in this country are getting a 'Get Out of Jail Free' card from Jack Brooks and Bill Clinton!"

CT: *Well, we've heard the bad news. What will you work for if you are elected to Congress? What's the solution?*

Steve: Obviously, I'd work to change the problems that Clinton and Brooks have given us. That includes helping the states build more prisons and restoring the law enforcement cuts made by President Clinton.

Secondly, I'd back Rep. McCollom's "Truth in Sentencing" laws. To qualify for the new prison funds, states would have to ensure that violent criminals serve at least 85% of their sentences. We have got to stop the revolving door in our prisons.

CT: *Do you support "Three Strikes and You're Out"?*

Steve: It's a good start, but I believe we should punish someone the first time. If violent offenders were truly punished their first time around, we wouldn't have to worry as much about repeat offenses. If they do get out and commit another violent crime, I think that should be it. There's no logical reason to give a two-time rapist or mugger a third chance.

CT: *Anything else?*

Steve: Yes. We need to tighten the federal appeals process, especially Habeas Corpus applications. As it is, we get appeal after appeal and murderers live at our expense on death row for ten to fifteen years.

CT: *Didn't the crime bill expand the federal death penalty?*

Steve: Oh, yes, Brooks bragged about how many new crimes were made into federal crimes. Do you know how many people the federal government has put to death since the death penalty was made legal again back in 1976? Absolutely zero. They only have six people on death row! Part of the reason for that is that the Supreme Court said the current federal death penalty procedure is unconstitutional! So did Brooks revise the procedure in his crime bill? No! He made up all these new federal crimes, all the while knowing the death penalty would never be carried out!

CT: *Let's shift to welfare reform. President Clinton just recently announced his reform plan to change "welfare as we know it." What do you think of it?*

Steve: Let's put it this way: even one of his fellow liberals, Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa wasn't impressed by Clinton's plan. He said it has "a lot of nice words, but there's no action." When people say they want welfare reformed, they're not asking for the government to spend over $9 billion more on it. Liberals never seem to learn that you don't solve problems by throwing our money at the problem.

CT: *Is there a welfare crisis?*

Steve: No question about it. We have children having children, fathers who run off on their kids, and a whole generation of people who don't know what a job is! The welfare system discourages hard work and everything else that could lift a person out of welfare! It's time to stop using the safety net as a hammock!

CT: *What would you propose or support?*

Steve: First of all, we need workfare, not welfare. If someone is able-bodied, let them work. They can clean streets, do routine filing and paperwork for hard-pressed local governments and hospitals, or even patrol the streets as "neighborhood watch" workers.

We should also allow welfare recipients to save their money if they want to (the current program won't let them). If they work for it under a workfare program, who are we to tell

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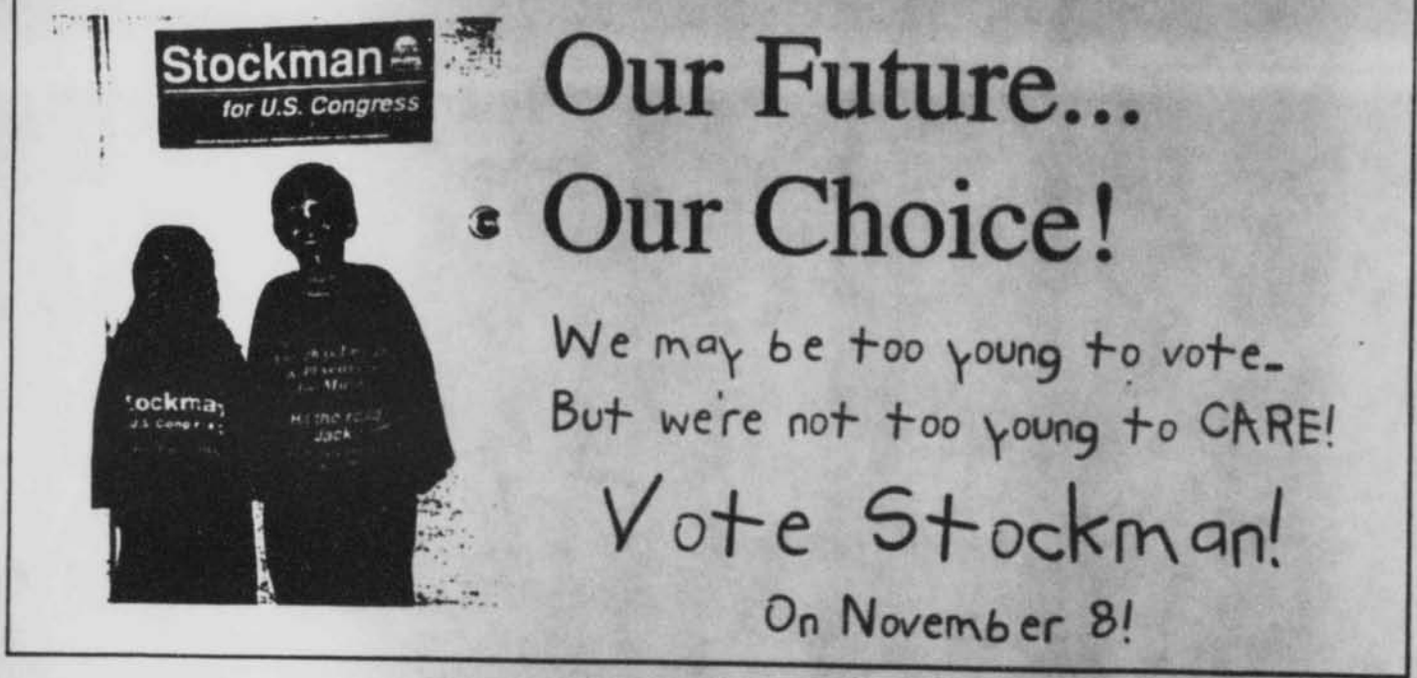

Welfare Reforms Outlined

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them how they can spend or save their earned money? We need to make the goal of owning a home within reach of these folks — that's a powerful incentive for hard work.

Third, we need to terminate welfare payments to those mothers who have children out of wedlock. Illegitimacy is bad for society and even worse for the children.

Fourth, we need tougher measures to enforce child support. Let's take the money out of these deadbeat dads' paychecks.

Finally, the federal government needs to get off the states' backs. It's time to give more flexibility to state governments. Right now, if a state wants to experiment with their welfare program, they have to appeal to a bunch of bureaucrats to get permission. That's not right. What I've outlined is a common-sense approach to helping people move up the ladder, pulling themselves out of poverty and into good jobs.

Stockman Signs Health Care Pledge

On July 28, Steve Stockman publicly signed a Health Care Protection Pledge issued by Americans for Tax Reform. The pledge reads: "I pledge to the taxpayers of the Ninth Congressional District that I will vote against any health care legislation that: (1) mandates costs on businesses and/or individuals, (2) rations health care or establishes price controls, (3) increases taxes under any name or guise, or (4) restricts or limits choices that health care consumers now enjoy."

"By contrast, my opponent Jack Brooks has publicly proclaimed that he is a personal friend of Hillary Clinton and is honored that she asked him to co-sponsor her socialized medicine plan," Stockman pointed out. "I believe problems in the current system must be reformed, but not at a higher cost to the American people. Reform should lower our costs, not increase them."

Steve cited a recent survey that concluded that President Clinton's employer mandates would result in job losses anywhere from 600,000 to 3.8 million. Women would bear a disproportionate share of the job losses, with low-wage, entry-level jobs facing the most risk. Wage reductions would average $1,450 per year and primarily affect middle-class workers with salaries between $14,000 and $30,000.

"You don't give someone health insurance by taking away their job," Stockman declared.

Brooks Criticized for Space Station Job Losses

Steve Stockman heavily criticized Congress for NASA job cuts. Stockman, a candidate for U.S. Congress, said that NASA was sacrificed for pork projects.

"There are congressmen like Jack Brooks who are stashing 10 million dollar personal nests into bills after the bills are approved, while the Congress is trashing people's careers at NASA," Stockman charged.

The incumbent, Brooks, has received strong criticism for letting NASA's budget be dwarfed without seriously fighting to save the jobs at NASA. A recent article in the *Houston Post* (10/20/94) revealed that more job cuts are planned immediately after this year's elections.

"Their budget is always the first target of Congress; they would rather put money into midnight basketball and other pork than invest in technology... our future. They cut NASA by 10%, then 20%, then 30%. It adds up and we are talking about people's lives here," Stockman continued.

Over the last five years, NASA's budget has been cut drastically as Congress has looked for ways to cut the budget. However, while NASA was under the ax, budgets for social programs have ballooned.

"My wife works for NASA and I can tell you that every year Congress tells NASA to request less money to perform the same tasks. The people who are losing their jobs are my friends," Stockman pointed out.

"Maybe they aren't Brooks' friends, and maybe he doesn't think they're worth fighting for. They have families, and they have invested their lives into putting America on the cutting edge of technology. I think they are worth it."

Stockman pledged to fight for NASA, claiming, "NASA is the one government investment that guarantees our country will remain a technological superpower and the only investment that pays back dividends."

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Steve Stockman values your input as a potential constituent.
Please take just a moment to complete this survey and send it to Steve.

Voter's Survey

1. What is the most important issue facing you and your family today?

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2. Do you favor term limits for U.S. Senators and Representatives?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

3. Do you favor the death penalty for convicted murderers?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

4. Do you think the government should take over the country's health care system?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

5. Do you support gun control laws?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

6. In order to lower the national deficit, do you think the government should:
☐ Raise taxes ☐ Cut spending

7. Do you think Congress should be required to live under the laws it passes?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

8. Do you think a Congressperson should hold town hall meetings with his/her constituents?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

9. Do you think there is a "health care crisis" in America?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

10. Do you think that able-bodied welfare recipients should work for their payments?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

11. Would you like to help out Steve's campaign in one of the following ways?
☐ Block walking ☐ Yard sign
☐ Phone calls ☐ Bumper sticker
☐ Work on election day

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip:** _____
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Donation: $35___ **$50**___ **$100**___ **Other** _____

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Now More Than Ever

Steve Stockman

for U.S. Congress

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STEVE STOCKMAN CARES ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS

What do <u>you</u> think about the government?

- ❑ It's too big.
- ❑ It spends too much of my money.
- ❑ It's controlled by professional politicians.
- ❑ All of the above.

Don't you think it's time for a change?

Steve Stockman wants to reduce the size of government. He agrees that it's far too big. It's time to get government off the backs of working men and women.

Steve Stockman wants to cut taxes and reduce government waste. He's signed the "Contract with America," promising to provide a $500-per-child tax credit to our families and cut spending.

Steve Stockman is not a professional politician. He promises to fight for term limits for members of Congress. (His opponent has been in office for 42 years!)

Now more than ever.

Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress
Election Day - November 8

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kent M. Adams, Esq.
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
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Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman;
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Adams:

On June 26, 1995, your clients, U.S. Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, were notified that the Federal Election Commission had found reason to believe Stephen E. Stockman had violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, had violated 2 U.S.C §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Please be advised that as a result of its investigation, on June 6, 1996, the Commission made additional findings in this matter. As a courtesy to your clients, the Factual and Legal Analyses, which set forth additional evidence of violations of 2 U.S.C § 441a(f) by Rep. Stockman, and additional evidence of violations of 2 U.S.C §§ 434(b) and 441a(f) by Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and which formed the bases for the Commission's findings, are attached.

Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has also issued the attached subpoena requiring Rep. Stockman to produce documents by July 1, 1996. These documents will assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory duty of supervising compliance with the Act.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Caryn Zimmerman

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
Subpoena for Production of Documents
Factual and Legal Analysis, Stephen E. Stockman
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: The Honorable Stephen E. Stockman
c/o Kent Adams
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550 Fanin St., Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents, may be substituted for originals. The documents must be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, by July 1, 1996.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C., on this 13th day of June, 1996.

For the Commission,

Lee Ann Elliott

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachment
Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering this subpoena for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

If after exercising due diligence to locate all documents responsive to a request in this subpoena, you are unable to locate any such documents, please provide a written statement to this effect at the time you produce documents responsive to other requests in the subpoena. The statement should describe what actions you took in attempting to locate responsive documents.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents requested by the subpoena for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1993 to the present.

This subpoena for the production of documents is continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this discovery request, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named person to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

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"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. Produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Stockman for Congress, or through which Stockman for Congress conducts or ever has conducted its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

2. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Times or the Southeast Texas Statesman, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications with, any principals, agents, or employees of those entities.

3. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1994, that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Jeff Van Fleet, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, or notes or memoranda of communications with Mr. Van Fleet.

4. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Tim Frankovich, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, or notes or memoranda of communications with Mr. Frankovich.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENT: MUR 3847

Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer

This matter was generated by a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by Stephen Clifford. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1).

A. Southeast Texas Statesman

1. Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

While the Act and the Regulations exempt costs associated with the production of news stories, commentaries, or editorials, distributed through newspapers and other periodical publications, from the definition of a contribution, this exemption is not applicable if the media entity is owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. 11 C.F.R. § 100.7(b)(2). If a candidate or political committee owns or controls a media entity, the only disbursements which will not be considered a contribution to the candidate or committee are those for news stories:

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> which represent . . . bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area"

11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2).

Even if a media entity is not owned or controlled by a candidate, a particular medium of communication only qualifies for the media exemption if it meets the Commissions definitions of a qualified medium. For example:

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4, 44 Fed. Reg. 76,735. See also MURs 2277 and 2567.

2. Analysis

The Commission has determined that a publication is being circulated in the 9th District of Texas which may violate the Act. This Office has obtained two 1995 copies of the Southeast Texas Statesman, a publication containing advertising for Congressman Steve Stockman and multiple stories featuring Stockman. The Southeast Texas Statesman appears similar in style and content to an earlier publication under investigation in this matter. The two publications have similar mastheads with identical typeface, and use the same issue numbering system, with issues designated "Issue A" and "Issue B" in months where multiple issues were produced. The two publications also contain identical solicitations for subscriptions, identical graphics, other similar features, and list several of the same people as working on the publication. The Southeast Texas

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Statesman appears to be a successor publication to the other publication at issue, and also has overlapping staff and connections to Steve Stockman and Friends of Stockman. The Statesman appears to be, at least partly, controlled by Stockman and his campaign committees.

In the two issues of the Statesman which this Office has obtained, Steve Stockman is the lead story in both. The Statesman masthead contains a statement that it covers news from "a conservative point of view" and "is not impartial."[1] While the Statesman features articles on issues such as the balanced budget amendment, the assault weapons ban, the flat tax and funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, the two issues obtained also contain a pro-Stockman editorial, an article on Stockman "leading the assault on weapons ban," and a Stockman advertisement.

As noted above, the Southeast Texas Statesman appears to be a successor to the Southeast Texas Times. Both are monthly or semi-monthly publications circulated primarily through free delivery. The two publications are almost identical in appearance, contain many of the same graphics, and include features such as an "issue survey" and a "community bulletin board." Of the seven people listed as working on the Statesman, three worked on the Times, the fourth is the treasurer of Friends of Stockman and of the remaining three, two appear to be relatives of the former Times staff. Finally, the printing costs of Southeast Texas Statesman were paid for with checks for the Southeast Texas Times indicating that they are using the same checking account as a source of funds.

The Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman is Tim Frankovich. Frankovich has filed an assumed business name certificate for the Southeast Texas Statesman in Galveston

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[1] It is not clear that the Statesman would qualify as a bona fide newspaper under the Commission's definition, as the two issues this Office has obtained contain a total of only eight advertisers making it difficult for the publication to support itself on revenues obtained from the sale of advertising or subscriptions.

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County but the paper work was not filed until January 1996. The Statesman is not filing as a sole proprietorship, but is classified as "other." Tim Frankovich, like Jeff Van Fleet, also appears to have worked as a staff-person for Friends of Stockman. During 1994 and as recently as 1996, Frankovich received disbursements from Friends of Stockman including a disbursement in December 1994 for "salary" and one in early 1996 reported as "debt for non-employee compensation" or independent contractor wages.[2] Frankovich also appears on the editorial staff roster of the Southeast Texas Times as a writer and editor. Notably, Jeff Van Fleet, the Managing Editor and "owner" of the Southeast Texas Times, also received payments characterized as "salary" from Friends of Stockman in 1994.

Additionally, John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman from 1993 through the present, is in charge of marketing for the Statesman, and has apparently personally handled arrangements for the printing of the Statesman. The business address of the Statesman is also Hart's registered mailing address with the Commission, and Hart also receives periodic disbursements from Friends of Stockman.

Information available at this time appears to indicate a long-standing and continuing relationship between Congressman Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, the Times, and the Statesman. The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Statesman is controlled by Congressman Stockman through his Committee. Friends of Steve Stockman, with his treasurer, John Hart, and former staffer, Tim Frankovich, playing key roles in the production and

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distribution of the publication. Evidence additionally indicates that Stockman for Congress, Steve Stockman's affiliated committee may also be involved in the publications but not reporting the activity.[3] The fact that Jeff Van Fleet appears to have had no part in the production or distribution of the successor and virtually identical Statesman, is a further indication that it is Congressman Steve Stockman and his Committees who primarily control both publications. Because the publication appears to be controlled by Congressman Stockman and his Committees and includes pro-Stockman pieces which do not provide balanced coverage, the press exemption does not appear to be applicable, and it appears Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, accepted unreported excessive contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C §§ 441a(f) and 434(b).

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENT: MUR 3847

Stephen E. Stockman

This matter was generated by a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission by Stephen Clifford. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1).

A. Southeast Texas Statesman

1. Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") provides that no person may contribute more than $1.000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The Act further provides that expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate or his authorized agent, shall be considered a contribution to the candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B).

While the Act and the Regulations exempt costs associated with the production of news stories, commentaries, or editorials, distributed through newspapers and other periodical publications, from the definition of a contribution, this exemption is not applicable if the media entity is owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. 11 C.F.R. § 100.7(b)(2). If a candidate or political committee owns or controls a media entity, the only disbursements which will not be considered a contribution to the candidate or committee are those for news stories:

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> which represent . . . bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area"

11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2).

Even if a media entity is not owned or controlled by a candidate, a particular medium of communication only qualifies for the media exemption if it meets the Commissions definitions of a qualified medium. For example:

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 114.4, 44 Fed. Reg. 76,735. See also MURs 2277 and 2567.

2. Analysis

The Commission has determined that a publication is being circulated in the 9th District of Texas which may violate the Act. This Office has obtained two 1995 copies of the Southeast Texas Statesman, a publication containing advertising for Congressman Steve Stockman and multiple stories featuring Stockman. The Southeast Texas Statesman appears similar in style and content to an earlier publication under investigation in this matter. The two publications have similar mastheads with identical typeface, and use the same issue numbering system, with issues designated "Issue A" and "Issue B" in months where multiple issues were produced. The two publications also contain identical solicitations for subscriptions, identical graphics, other similar features, and list several of the same people as working on the publication. The Southeast Texas

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Statesman appears to be a successor publication to the other publication at issue, and also has overlapping staff and connections to Steve Stockman and Friends of Stockman. The Statesman appears to be, at least partly, controlled by Stockman and his campaign committees.

In the two issues of the Statesman which this Office has obtained, Steve Stockman is the lead story in both. The Statesman masthead contains a statement that it covers news from "a conservative point of view" and "is not impartial."[1] While the Statesman features articles on issues such as the balanced budget amendment, the assault weapons ban, the flat tax and funding for the National Endowment of the Arts, the two issues obtained also contain a pro-Stockman editorial, an article on Stockman "leading the assault on weapons ban," and a Stockman advertisement.

As noted above, the Southeast Texas Statesman appears to be a successor to the Southeast Texas Times. Both are monthly or semi-monthly publications circulated primarily through free delivery. The two publications are almost identical in appearance, contain many of the same graphics, and include features such as an "issue survey" and a "community bulletin board." Of the seven people listed as working on the Statesman, three worked on the Times, the fourth is the treasurer of Friends of Stockman and of the remaining three, two appear to be relatives of the former Times staff. Finally, the printing costs of Southeast Texas Statesman were paid for with checks for the Southeast Texas Times indicating that they are using the same checking account as a source of funds.

The Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman is Tim Frankovich. Frankovich has filed an assumed business name certificate for the Southeast Texas Statesman in Galveston

[1] It is not clear that the Statesman would qualify as a bona fide newspaper under the Commission's definition, as the two issues this Office has obtained contain a total of only eight advertisers making it difficult for the publication to support itself on revenues obtained from the sale of advertising or subscriptions.

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County but the paper work was not filed until January 1996. The Statesman is not filing as a sole proprietorship, but is classified as "other." Tim Frankovich, like Jeff Van Fleet, also appears to have worked as a staff-person for Friends of Stockman. During 1994 and as recently as 1996, Frankovich received disbursements from Friends of Stockman, including a disbursement in December 1994 for "salary" and one in early 1996 reported as "debt for non-employee compensation" or independent contractor wages.[2] Frankovich also appears on the editorial staff roster of the Southeast Texas Times as a writer and editor. Notably, Jeff Van Fleet, the Managing Editor and "owner" of the Southeast Texas Times, also received payments characterized as "salary" from Friends of Stockman in 1994.

Additionally, John Hart, the treasurer of Friends of Stockman from 1993 through the present, is in charge of marketing for the Statesman, and has apparently personally handled arrangements for the printing of the Statesman. The business address of the Statesman is also Hart's registered mailing address with the Commission, and Hart also receives periodic disbursements from Friends of Stockman.

Information available at this time appears to indicate a long-standing and continuing relationship between Congressman Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, the Times, and the Statesman. The evidence suggests that the Southeast Texas Statesman is controlled by Congressman Stockman through his Committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, with his treasurer, John Hart, and former staffer, Tim Frankovich, playing key roles in the production and

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
Caron Law Offices
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

RE: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the
Southeast Texas Times

Dear Mr. Caron:

On June 26, 1995, your clients, Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, were notified that the Federal Election Commission had found reason to believe they violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has issued the attached subpoena requiring Jeff Van Fleet to appear and give sworn testimony on August 7, 1996, and to provide information by July 1, 1996, which will assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory duty of supervising compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.14, a witness summoned by the Commission shall be paid $40, plus mileage. Subsequent to the deposition, your client will be sent a check for the witness fee and mileage.

Within two days of your receipt of this notification, please confirm the scheduled appearance with me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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Subpoena

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA

TO: Jeff Van Fleet, Owner/President
Southeast Texas Times
c/o Norman A. Caron
Caron Law Offices
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

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Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby subpoenas you to appear for deposition with regard to MUR 3847. Notice is hereby given that the deposition is to be taken on August 7, 1996 in Washington D.C. beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing each day thereafter as necessary.

Further, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3), you are hereby subpoenaed to produce the documents listed on the attachment to this subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents, may be substituted for originals. The documents must be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, by July 1, 1996.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C., on this 13th day of June, 1996.

For the Commission,

Lee Ann Elliott

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachment
Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering this subpoena for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

If after exercising due diligence to locate all documents responsive to a request in this subpoena, you are unable to locate any such documents, please provide a written statement to this effect at the time you produce documents responsive to other requests in the subpoena. The statement should describe what actions you took in attempting to locate responsive documents.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents requested by the subpoena for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1993 to the present.

This subpoena for the production of documents is continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this discovery request, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named person to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements,

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ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. Produce in hard copy as circulated to the general public, or, if hard copy is unavailable, on 3½ inch computer disk, a copy of each issue of the Southeast Texas Times other than those listed below:

a. First Issue (undated)
b. March 1993
c. April B, 1993
d. May 1993
e. June 1993
f. July 1993
g. July B, 1993
h. September 1993
i. September B, 1993
j. October 1993

Copies to be produced should include, but not be limited to: April, August and November, 1993; and the "B" issues for March, May, June, August, October and November, 1993.

2. Produce copies of all canceled checks (both sides) representing payment for the printing costs of each and every issue of the Southeast Texas Times, including, but not limited to, checks made payable to Les Daughtry and/or the Texas City Sun.

3. Produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of the Southeast Texas Times, or through which the Southeast Texas Times conducts(ed) its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

4. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Times, including, but not limited to, advertising invoices, contracts and receipts for printing, account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities, payroll records, and tax returns filed by the Southeast Texas Times.

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5. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Statesman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications with, any principals, agents, or employees of those entities.

6. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1994, that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Stephen E. Stockman, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications with Mr. Stockman.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kay Parkening
Box It
190 B2 Gulf Freeway
League City, TX 77573

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Parkening:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has issued the attached subpoena to produce documents and order to submit written answers which require you to provide certain information in connection with an investigation it is conducting. The Commission does not consider you a respondent in this matter, but rather a witness only.

Because this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Commission, the confidentiality provision of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) applies. That section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Commission without the express written consent of the person with respect to whom the investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena and order. However, you are required to submit the information within 30 days of your receipt of this subpoena and order. All answers to questions must be submitted under oath.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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Subpoena and Order

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Kay Parkening
Box It
190 B2 Gulf Freeway
League City, TX 77573

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order, and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C. on this 21st day of June, 1996.

For the Commission,

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachment
Interrogatories and Requests for Documents

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from 1990 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

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DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named individual to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

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INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. With regard to Post Office Box 115, 190 B2 Gulf Freeway, League City Texas (the "box"):

a. Identify the persons (as defined in the Definitions, above) entitled, pursuant to contract, whether written or oral, to receive mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box from January 1, 1993 to date;

b. Produce all written contracts, or documents referring or relating to any written or oral contract, for use of the box from January, 1 1993 to date (including any successor contracts and any contract entered into prior to January 1, 1993, but which would include any or all of the referenced time period);

c. Identify the persons who have actually received mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box, from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993;

d. Identify the persons who have actually received mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box, from January 1, 1994 to December 31, 1994;

e. Identify the persons who have actually received mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box, from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995;

f. Identify the persons who have actually received mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box, from January 1, 1996 to date;

g. If the persons identified in your responses to c - f, above, received mail or deliveries at the box pursuant to written or oral authorization, identify the individual(s) or entity(ies) who provided the authorization;

h. Produce any written authorization, or documents referring or related to any written or oral authorization, referred to in your response to g;

i. With respect to each of the persons identified in your responses to c - f, above, identify the approximate date on which each last received mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box;

j. With respect to each of the persons identified in your responses to c - f, above, identify the approximate date on which each last actually picked up mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box;

k. With respect to each of the persons identified in your responses to c - f, above, describe the approximate date on which each first received mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box;

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l. With respect to each of the persons identified in your responses to c - f, above, describe the approximate date on which each first actually picked up mail or other deliveries addressed to or directed to the box.

2. Produce all documents referring or relating to Post Office Box 115, 190 B2 Gulf Freeway, League City, Texas, and any other post office box held in the name of the following persons (as defined in the Definition, above): Stephen E. ("Steve") Stockman, Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, Tom Tyler, John Hart, Patty Stockman, the Southeast Texas Times, the Southeast Texas Statesman, Stockman for Congress, Friends of Steve Stockman, Conservative Action Network, Citizens for Honesty in Government.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 13, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

JSC Federal Credit Union
PO Box 58346
Houston, TX 77258

RE: MUR 3847

To Whom It May Concern:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Enclosed is a Subpoena to Produce Documents, directed to JSC Federal Credit Union. The records being sought under this subpoena are those of political committees registered with the Commission pursuant to 2 U.S.C § 433 and subject to the public disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C § 434. The Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 limits the definition of a "customer" to individuals and partnerships of five or less. As a result, the Commission is not providing notice of this subpoena to the organization whose records are being sought. See 12 U.S.C. § 3401 et seq.

Please be advised that 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) prohibits making public any Commission investigation without the written consent of the person with respect to whom such investigation is made. You are advised that such consent has not been given in this case.

If you have any questions please contact me or Caryn Zimmerman at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M Stein

Elizabeth M. Stein
Attorney

Enclosure
Subpoena

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: JSC Federal Credit Union
P.O. Box 58346
Houston, TX 77258

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such documents must be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, within 15 days of your receipt of the Commission's subpoena.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C. on this 11th day of June, 1996.

For the Commission,

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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The attached Subpoena to Produce Documents has been issued by the Federal Election Commission under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3) as part of a lawful investigation being conducted under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). You are required to submit the requested documents within 15 days of receipt of the subpoena.

You are hereby advised of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) which prohibits anyone from making public any Commission investigation and provides for a fine up to $5,000 for a violation of that provision.

Considering the possible application of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, please do not provide any information not requested by the questions.

1. Provide bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing transactions for any and all accounts held by Friends of Steve Stockman, a registered political committee pursuant to 2 U.S.C § 433, from January 1, 1993 to date.

2. Provide bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing transactions for any and all accounts held by Stockman for Congress, a registered political committee pursuant to 2 U.S.C § 433, from January 1, 1993 to date.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 20, 1996

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS
Norman A. Caron, Esq.
Caron Law Offices
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Caron:

On August 28, 1995, you filed on behalf of your clients the Responses to Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times. It has come to our attention that those Responses were not submitted under oath, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and the Order to Submit Written Answers. Please file a set of responses properly sworn by your client by July 5, 1996.

Further, Response No. 23 states a claim of privilege with respect to the information sought. Pursuant to the instructions accompanying the Subpoena and Order, should your clients claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested, your clients are required to describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim, including a detailed description of all the grounds on which each claim of privilege rests. Please provide a list of items for which your clients claim privilege, including a description of the grounds for the privilege, as required by the instructions, by July 5, 1996. In addition, Response Nos. 16 and 32 suggest that supplemental responses will be provided after the responsive documents are located. Please provide the supplemental responses by July 5, 1996.

Finally, your clients' response to Interrogatory No.17, which asked your clients to "[i]dentify the individual or entity who paid for each of the following advertisements appearing in the Southeast Texas Times," followed by a list of seven attachments, states that there were no attachments to the Subpoena and Order, and promises to provide the responsive information when the attachments are provided. Those seven attachments are attached to this letter. Please provide the responsive information by July 5, 1996.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

Enclosures

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Dear Editor,

I congratulate the *Southeast Texas Times* on the great front-page article, "Clinton Team Eyes Space Station," which appeared in your first issue. As the *Times* correctly pointed out, Democrat leaders are playing games with space station in order to limit the damage the issue can do to them in the special election for the U.S. Senate on May 1.

As Clear Lake area community leaders and residents are well aware, my record on space station has been absolutely consistent. From the first day I entered Congress, I have opposed efforts to reduce or eliminate funding for the space station and other NASA programs.

I am appalled, quite frankly, that some in Congress and the White House are willing-- almost eager-- for the United States to abdicate its leadership in space. The space station program holds the promise of providing our country and all mankind with benefits that cannot even be imagined, in areas as diverse as medicine, industrial production, and basic science.

The idea that eliminating or down-sizing the space station project will help balance the budget is simply wrong. The space station budget is about 1/700th of the federal budget. Obviously, we're not going to eliminate the deficit by eliminating or reducing one of the few government investments that produce a return for our tax dollars!

If elected to the U.S. Senate in the May 1 special election, I will continue my active support of NASA and the space station.

Yours Truly,

Congressman Jack Fields

ATTACHMENT 1

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Note: FEC disclaimer?

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Garage Sale April 29, 30, and 31st. Proceeds to benefit "Stockman for Congress" To Donate Items or to get directions, Call Dee at 713/488-2886 | 13607 Diana Lane|

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Vote for Joe Barton U.S. Senate May 1

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ATTACHMENT 4

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Rush Party

Saturday 27,

Caddy Shack

6:45 p.m. Every one welcomed! No need to stay up late to watch Rush! Watch the last two weeks of Rush Limbaugh. Fun, Families, and Freinds. (Next to Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)
2951 Marina Bay Blvd.
713 996-6900

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ATTACHMENT 5

Rush Party

August Saturday 14.
Caddy Shack

6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! No need to stay up late to watch Rush! Watch the last two weeks of Rush Limbaugh. Fun, Families, and Freinds. (In the Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.
713 996-6900 for Info.

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Today's Fun Fact to Know and Tell:

As of November, Jack Brooks will have been your Congressman for *41* years.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 20, 1996

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS
Kent M. Adams, Esq.
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
550 Fanin St., Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

On August 16, 1995, you filed on behalf of your clients the Responses to Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman; Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer; and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer. It has come to our attention that those Responses were not submitted under oath, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and the Order to Submit Written Answers. Please file a set of responses properly sworn by your clients by July 5, 1996.

Further, several of your clients' responses state a claim of privilege with respect to the documents or information sought. Specifically, see Response of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, No. 13; Response of Friends of Steve Stockman, No. 10; and Response of Stockman for Congress, No. 14. Pursuant to the instructions accompanying each Subpoena and Order, should your clients claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested, your clients are required to describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim, including a detailed description of all the grounds on which each claim of privilege rests. Please provide a list of items for which your clients claim privilege, including a description of the grounds for the privilege, as required by the instructions, by July 5, 1996.

Finally, Response of Friends of Steve Stockman, No. 5, promises to provide a supplemental response after the responsive documents are located. Please provide the supplemental response by July 5, 1996.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Zimmerman

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June 27, 1996

VIA FAX (409) 838-6950
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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is to confirm and clarify our telephone conversation yesterday afternoon.

I wish to confirm that this Office will not recommend to the Commission that it grant any extension of time pending resolution of either the Motion to Quash or the Motion to Dismiss, with regard to pending subpoenas or orders, whether for deposition, documents, or information. Further, I remind you that requests for extensions of time must be made in writing at least five days prior to the date of the response. Thus, your clients' responses to the document requests remain due on July 1, 1996, and Mr. Hart's deposition remains scheduled for July 22. In addition, this Office still expects to receive your clients' properly sworn responses, privilege log, and supplemental response, as described in my June 20 letter to you, no later than July 5. Although you remain free to request an extension from the Commission, you should understand that such a request is not alone sufficient to postpone your compliance deadline. Absent an extension, however, this Office may pursue subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court if timely responses to the document requests are not received.

Further, in order that we may plan accordingly, I ask that you inform us, in writing and no later than July 2, 1996, whether your clients will comply with each of the pending subpoenas. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have any questions, please call me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Zimmerman

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In Re: No. 1:95CV1049; Steven E. Stockman, et al vs. Federal Election Commission; In the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division; Our File No. 3212.001

Your Reference: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

In response to your earlier letter of today, Judge Cobb has retained jurisidiction over this matter. A copy of his order and memorandum will be found in your files; if not, we will be happy to send you a copy. We have filed a Motion to Quash all of the outstanding discovery requested directed to our clients in connection with MUR 3847, with Judge Cobb, pursuant to his ruling on jurisdiction. Therefore, it would be appropriate for the FEC to file a response to our Motion to Quash with Judge Cobb's office. My client will comply with the rulings of Judge Cobb, as he now has jurisdiction of this matter.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my offices.

Sincerely yours,

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KENT M. ADAMS

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June 25, 1996

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RE: MUR 3847

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The following answers are in response to the above mentioned case:

1. With regard to Post Office Box 115, 190 B2 Gulf Freeway, League City, TX 77573:

a. My personal recollection of the persons entitled to receive mail at the above address were: Steve Stockman, Patty Stockman, Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, and Tom Tyler.

b. I have no physical documents in my possession to confirm comment (a).

c. The persons who I recollect were the same as comment (a).

d. The persons who I recollect were the same as comment (a).

e. The persons who I recollect were the same as comment (a).

f. The persons who I recollect were the same as comment (a).

g. Jeff Van Fleet.

h. None available.

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i. Jeff Van Fleet-June 20, 1996
Steve Stockman-sometime in early 1996
Tom Tyler- do not remember
Tim Frankovich- do not remember
Patty Stockman-do not remember

j. Do not remember

k. Steve Stockman- Latter 1993
Jeff Van Fleet- Latter 1993
Tom Tyler- do not remember
Tim Frankovich-do not remember
Patty Stockman- do not remeber

l. All persons listed in c-f: do not remember

2. I have no documents. I do remember all of the persons, all businesses and organizations listed in your #2 question receiving mail addressed accordingly.

Sincerely,

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July 2, 1996

Caryn Zimmerman
Federal Election Commission
Fax: (202) 219-3923

RE: MUR 3847, Extension of time

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

I am requesting an official extension of two weeks on the subpoena requesting documents in case MUR 3847. Due to a mix-up with the postal service (explained below), I did not receive the subpoena until yesterday, the due date of the response. An extension will allow me to provide the materials that were requested.

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I am also in the process of obtaining legal counsel and will have my attorney contact you when I have obtained one.

The postal problem was as follows: I live in a small apartment complex and our mail is delivered in a small box. Whenever we receive any kind of certified mail or packages, the usual procedure is for the postman to attempt to deliver it to our door and, if no one is home, to leave a note in the box informing us that our mail is at the Post Office. When your certified mail arrived, the postman did not come to our door or we would have received the packet a week ago. Instead, he was lazy and just put a note in our box. Unfortunately, I work during the times that the Post Office is open and could not make it to pick up the packet until yesterday (my wife and I have only one car). I did not know of the urgency of the mail since the postman did not bother to tell me who the mail was from. I was finally able to obtain an extra-long lunch break yesterday in order to make the half-hour drive to the Dickinson Post Office to pick up my mail.

On the phone earlier today, you informed me that another packet had been sent to the *Southeast Texas Statesman*'s former address via Federal Express. This was the first I had heard of that. I am in regular contact with John Hart, a friend of mine since elementary school, but I do not often talk with his father who apparently signed for the delivery. Mr. Hart is quite absent-minded and his mail usually ends up in a tall stack that gets nowhere until someone else takes time to go through it. Apparently, no one has done so recently.

I apologize for the problems involved and hope that everything can be worked out appropriately. Please let me know how I can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Tim Frankovich

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Request For Extension of Time to Respond

TO: Danny L. McDonald, Chairman
ATTN: Caryn L. Zimmerman, Esq.
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Counsel in the above captioned matter requests an extension of time by twenty days, within which to respond to the Subpoena To Produce Documents and ORDER to Submit Written Answers, of 13 June 1996 and for the 20 June 1996 request for additional information in connection with the previously submitted Written Answers for the following reasons:

1.) After nearly a full year of little movement in this case, the sudden flurry of activity has taken client and counsel by surprise.

2.) The current deadline for responses to the Subpoena and Order is 01 July 1996 and the request for additional information is 05 July 1996.

3.) The client, Jeff Van Fleet, no longer works for the Congressman and has returned to Texas. Communication with him must be done by phone, fax and FedEx. He works during the day and is only available to confer after normal working hours (central time).

4.) Finally, Mr. Van Fleet has contacted ADAMS, COFFEY & DUESLER, the Texas law firm which is handling all the other elements of MUR 3847, regarding the possible consolidation of representation.

Due to the matters discussed above, Counsel affirms the necessity of the additional time herein requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Van Fleet
By Counsel

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July 2, 1996

VIA FAX (713) 820-8857

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Caron:

This is in response to your Request for Extension of Time to Respond on behalf of your client, Jeff Van Fleet, faxed to this Office on July 1, 1996.

This Office will agree to your request for an extension of twenty days in which to respond to the Commission's document requests and to the required supplemental discovery described in my letter to you dated June 20, 1996. The responses to the document requests are now due on July 22, 1996, and the supplemental discovery on July 25, 1996. We wish to make it clear, however, that this request is being granted on the understanding that we will get full compliance with all pending discovery requests, regardless of whether there is any change in your client's legal representation.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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July 2, 1996

VIA FAX 713-996-9166

Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor
Southeast Texas Statesman
3301 Hughes Lane #4
Dickinson, TX 77539

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Frankovich:

This is in response to your request for an extension of time in which to respond to the Commission's document requests, faxed to this Office today.

This Office will agree to your request for an extension of two weeks. The responses to the document requests are now due on July 15, 1996. We wish to make it clear, however, that this request is being granted on the understanding that we will get full compliance on these requests, regardless of whether you subsequently hire legal counsel.

Further, because this extension will delay our preparation for your deposition, currently scheduled for July 23, 1996, we wish to reschedule your deposition for August 6, 1996.

If you have any questions, please call me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400 or (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

The deposition of your client, John Hart, is currently scheduled for July 22, 1996, in Houston. In your June 27, 1996, response to my letter of the same date, although you stated that your client will comply with the rulings of Judge Cobb in Civil Action No. 1:95-CV-1049, you did not specifically respond to my question: whether your clients will comply with each of the pending subpoenas.

We are about to make arrangements to travel to Houston for the July 22 deposition. In view of the government expense involved, and to avoid wasting government funds unnecessarily, we ask that you provide us with a specific response as to whether your client will appear and give testimony on that date.

If we do not receive any response from you by the close of business, Wednesday, July 10, we will assume that your client will not appear.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923

Re: No. 1:95CV1049; Steven E. Stockman, et al vs. Federal Election Commission; In the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Texas; Beaumont Division; Our File No. 3212.001

Your Reference: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

I have received a copy of Judge Cobb's Order denying our Motion to Quash the depositions of John Hart and Jeff Van Fleet. I will give you a call to discuss the scheduling of these depositions. I am not certain whether or not I or Mr. Caron will present Mr. Van Fleet for deposition. I am out of town the early part of this week so it may Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before I have exact information for you but I will get back to you this week. We will also be responding to the written discovery requests within the next few days.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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Mr. Barry Caron
3433 Washington Dr.
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

Dear Barry:

Attached is the notarized copy of the interrogatories I hope that you get them in time.

Concerning questions number 16 and 32: I have been unable to locate any documentation or records relating to the advertisements and the answers to the interrogatories were based completely on my best personal recollections.

For question 17: I have been unable to locate any type of records regarding the Southeast Texas Times. Because of this fact. I am unable to determine who purchased the advertisements shown in attachments 17a-g.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 409-769-7788. thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Van Fleet

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MUR 3847

RESPONDENT'S REPLY TO AGENCY'S INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production of Documents because the disclosures sought exceed the scope authorized under statute and case law. Specifically 2 USCA § 431(9)(A)(i) provides an exclusion for "any news story, commentary or editorial distributed through the facilities of any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, or other periodical publication, unless such facilities are owned or controlled by any political party, political committee or candidate". The Southeast Texas Times was at all times fully owned and operated by Respondent Jeff Van Fleet and as such the press exception is clearly applicable. Accordingly, the scope of questions must comply to that established in the Readers' Digest Association, Inc. v. Federal Election Commission, 509 F. Supp. 1210 (U.S. District Court - S.D.N.Y., 1991). [U]ntil and unless the press exemption was found inapplicable, the FEC is barred from investigating the substance of the complaint. No inquiry may be addressed to sources of information, research, motivation, connection with the campaign, etc. Indeed, all such investigation is permanently barred by the statute unless it is shown that the press exemption is not applicable". According to the Court's opinion, therefore, the only investigation permitted in the first stage is into the two questions on which the exemption turns, whether the press entity is owned by the political party or candidate and whether the press entity was acting as a press entity in making the distribution complained of. These interrogatories clearly exceed the scope herein stated, and as such are objected to.

(b) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and

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Requests for Production of Documents because the disclosure s sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they risk having a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's First Amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of association. (U.S.C.A. Constitution. Amend. 1)

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, approximately March through November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. Describe the legal business form of the Southeast Texas Times (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.) and the date on which it came to exist under such form.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times was organized as a sole proprietorship, owned, controlled and operated by Jeff Van Fleet. A local business license application was filed in Galveston County, Texas.

2. If presently incorporated, identify all directors and officers, and provide copies of all the articles of incorporation and by-laws under which the Southeast Texas Times has operated since its inception.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times is not now, nor ever was incorporated.

3. Identify all individuals who have ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

Ans: I object to this question for the reason that it enters areas that are not proper under the Act. The only exceptions to the Press exemption (2 U.S.C.A. § 431(9)(A)(i)) are for newspapers "owned" or "controlled" by a party or candidate.

Subject to this objection and my above general objections, I,

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Jeff Van Fleet, and I alone, exercised "input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception."

4. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

Ans: ***Stephen E. Stockman volunteered advice, offered input of ideas, provided verbal or moral support but did not exercise direction, control, or decision-making authority of the Southeast Texas Times from its inception or at any time during its operation.***

5. Identify all sources of start-up funds and initial and continuing revenue for the Southeast Texas Times since its inception, including, but not limited to, subscriptions, advertising and contributions, and indicate the percentage of the publication's operating budget each income source represents.

Ans: ***The start-up money for the project came from selling ads in advance of publication. When enough money was raised, through the sale of ads, to pay for an edition, then that edition was printed and circulated. The start-up money of $500.00 was raised in this manner. The operating costs were also raised through advertising. Subscriptions were an insignificant part of the income due to the fact that the paper was given away free and a subscription only provided delivery by mail rather than our usual method of area saturation.***

6. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date and amount of each such contribution.

Ans: ***To the best of my knowledge, I cannot remember asking for or receiving a financial contribution from Stephen E. Stockman to myself or to the Southeast Texas Times for use in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.***

7. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value and the date of each such contribution.

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Ans: ***Steve Stockman did contribute the following non-cash items of value to me, Jeff Van Fleet, for use in connection with the Southeast Texas Times:***

1.) Use of an unused Post Office Box for the remainder of the rental period (February 1993 through March of 1993). Value estimated at $17.00.

2.) Use of home telephone. This was over a period of two to three months. Use was made only for incoming phone calls in response to advertising sales calls. Estimated value at $50.00??

3.) Listing on Conservative Action Network form. I have no idea what, if any, value can be placed on this item.

8. State whether Stephen E. Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the date of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that such purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

Ans: No, Stephen E. Stockman never purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times.

9. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

Ans: Friends of Steve Stockman never made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

10. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

Ans: Friends of Steve Stockman never contributed any item of value, as listed above, to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

11. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s),

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receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

Ans: Yes, Friends of Steve Stockman purchased an ad, and purchased production and distribution supplies (Plastic bags) from the Southeast Texas Times , however, I have been unable to locate the documentation for the purchase. To the best of my recollection, the purchase was in the approximate area of $600.00 to $700.00.

12. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

Ans: No, Stockman for Congress never made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

13. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

Ans: No, Stockman for Congress never contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.

14. State whether Stockman for Congress has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased aa (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

Ans: No, Stockman for Congress never purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times.

15. Provide a price list or other indication of the charges for purchasing advertising space in the Southeast Texas Times. Include pricing terms for special editions or inserts, columns, inches, boxes of varying sizes, pages, half-pages, quarter-pages, or any other advertising unit.

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Ans: As with most papers, there was a price sheet or list but it was not followed in a rigid manner. The price list was a guideline. The actual price of any ad was "whatever the market would bear". This is called "discounting" and is quite common in the industry. In theory, the price of ads could have exceeded the price on the price list. In practice, however, most ads were below or well below the suggested retail price. In the case of the Southeast Texas Times, our goal was to raise enough through the sale of discounted ads ($500.00) in order to print another issue.

16. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased by Stockman for Congress, Friends of Steve Stockman, Fields for Senate, Wright for Senate, Texans for Joe Barton and Citizens for Honesty in Government. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

Ans: All such invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising, if they exist are back in Texas. I fear that all such records may have been discarded. I have initiated a search for such records and if/ when located will be either attached hereon or will be attached to an amendment hereto.

17. Identify the individual or entity who paid for each of the following advertisements appearing in the Southeast Texas Times:

a. Attachment 1
b. Attachment 2
c. Attachment 3
d. Attachment 4
e. Attachment 5
f. Attachment 6
g. Attachment 7

Ans: There were no attachments to this Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers. When received, we will make a concerted effort to supply the information of each of the advertisements. If the records referred to in 16 above are not located, a good faith effort to recall from memory the identity of all individuals or entities who paid for each of the advertisements identified above will be made.

18. Provide the address for Citizens for Honesty in Government.

Ans: Citizens for Honesty in Government was, as I understand it, an "ad hoc" committee. Little is known of its organization, officers or structure. The Times used the organization as a source, or better as a resource, for a catchy, timely, reprintable comments upon almost any subject. Our contact at Citizens for Honesty in Government was a Tom Tyler, Jr.

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19. State whether you have ever shared your list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress or their agents or representatives. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, and provide copies of any documents shared.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times was not a major publication. Its lists of subscribers, as discussed above, was not large enough to enter into a data base. If I remember correctly, the subscriber list was kept on a legal size yellow pad. To the best of my recollection they were not shared.

20. State whether Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress or their agents or representatives have ever shared their contributor lists, mailing lists, or any other information with you. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, and provide copies of any documents shared.

Ans: Mailing lists were not shared. Distribution of the Southeast Texas Times was by area saturation drop. They were thrown door to door in neighborhoods and stacks were left in restaurants and grocery stores. For the sharing of "any other information," please see answer to interrogatory number 21, below.

21. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress and their agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

Ans: Steve Stockman and I have been friends for nearly five years. During that time we have had almost daily contact. We were co-workers and car-pooled together while working for McKee Environmental, Inc. during 1993 and 1994. To list dates, subjects, substance and nature of each contact and to provide documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact is an impossible task.

22. Provide the precise addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, for each location at which all work, including, but not limited to, editorial, financial, and printing, related to producing the Southeast Texas Times is accomplished.

Editorial: 2801 West Bay Area Blvd. #1309, Webster, TX 77598
Phone 2/93 - 3/93 713 996-6900
3/93 -11/93 713 992-3830

Financial: 190 B-2 Gulf Freeway, #115, League City, TX 77573

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Phone 2/93 - 3/93 713 996-6900
3/93 -11/93 713 992-3830

Printing: Texas City Sun, 7800 M.F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City, TX 77591

23. Provide all legal mailing addresses and actual residential addresses, including telephone and fax numbers, for Jeff Van Fleet for the years 1993 to date. If any of the actual residential addresses were not owned by Jeff Van Fleet, provide the name and address of each landlord or owner.

Ans: Fearing further compromise of "Confidentiality" respondent respectfully declines to answer this question until the relevancy of such information requested is demonstrated.

24. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to Jeff Van Fleet from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. 1992 -- $1260
b. June 1994 -- $200
c. June 1994 -- $250
d. October 1994 -- $200

Ans: The payments questioned above were not made by Stockman For Congress, which was a 1990 campaign committee. That committee was totally inactive during the time period concerned. The payments questioned in No. 24, were made by Friends of Steve Stockman, a campaign committee in 1992 and 1994.

a. 1992 -- $1260. This was reimbursement for Billboards purchased from Lamar Advertising in Beaumount Texas.

b. and c. $200 and $250 reimbursements for expenses occurred in attending the State Republican convention.

d.$200.00 Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with distribution of campaign materials.

NB: During the time period of these payments, the Southeast Texas Times was not in publication.

25. Describe the precise nature and purpose of the following payments to the Southeast Texas Times from Stockman for Congress, and provide all documents relating or referring to those payments:

a. September 1993 -- $400
b. September 1994 -- $265

Ans: The payments questioned above were not made by Stockman For

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Congress, which was a 1990 campaign committee. That committee was totally inactive during the time period concerned. The payments questioned in No. 25, were made by Friends of Steve Stockman, a campaign committee in 1992 and 1994.

a. Production and advertising expenses.
b. Purchase of surplus plastic bags from the Times for use in the distribution of campaign materials. Since the Times was no longer publishing, the plastic bags were available for sale to the campaign.

26. With regard to announcements for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the May, June, and July 8, 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times, state or provide the following:

a. When and how the publication first learned of the Rush Parties;
b. Who submitted the announcement and/or drafted the copy;
c. Whether Jeff van Fleet participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
d. Whether Stephen E. Stockman participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
e. Whether Stockman for Congress participated in any manner whatsoever in scheduling, organizing, planning, running, advertising, or profiting from any Rush Party. If yes, describe such participation;
f. All documents referring or relating to the Rush Parties announced, including, but not limited to, other announcements, advertisements or invitations, any literature distributed during the parties, and a list of attendees.

Ans: a. Steve told me.
b. Jeff Van Fleet drafted the copy.
c. Jeff van Fleet participated in the promotion of the Rush Parties but did not profit from any Rush Party.
d. I don't know what Stephen E. Stockman did in regard to the Rush Parties, and it would be highly improper for me to speak for him without his authorization. I suggest the proper person to question regarding this matter is the Congressman himself.
e. Stockman for Congress was an inactive campaign committee (since 1990), I seriously doubt that Stockman For Congress had ANY involvement with events that occurred three and four years after it became inactive.
f. It wasn't my party. Other than the promotional announcements discussed above, I did not have access, possession or knowledge of the items requested.

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27. With regard to the announcement for "Rush Parties" appearing in the Upcoming Community Events listing on page 2 of the March 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times, which advised readers to "call Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900," state or provide the following:

a. The last names of "Jeff" and "Steve";
b. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for the Southeast Texas Times;
c. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Stockman For Congress;
e. Whether the telephone number provided is also the telephone number for Friends of Steve Stockman.

Ans: ***a. Jeff Van Fleet and Steve Stockman. I used the phone for some time in March of 1993, as mentioned above (Q.# 22), and received calls for both of us since Steve was employed by McKee Environmental during the day.***
b. As sated above in Q# 22, I used Steve's number for the Times up until March of 1993, and then I got my own phone number.
c. Yes. It was his home phone number.
d. NO. Stockman for congress was an inactive campaign committee from the 1990 campaign. In 1993 there was no phone number. In addition, Steve stockman was not a candidate for any public office at the time in question.
e. No. The Friends of Steve Stockman was a 1992 campaign committee. It was inactive during 1993 and thus, had no phone number. In addition, Steve Stockman was not an candidate for any public office during 1993.

28. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;
b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;
c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;
d. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Friends of Steve Stockman;
e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;
f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);
g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this

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solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

Ans: a. There was and is no formal Conservative Action Network. It was only the heading on a form used to solicit information of and from other conservative activists for the purpose of networking.
b.None, since there was no Conservative Action Network, there cannot be a relationship.
c. I don't know.
d. I'm not aware of any relationship of Friends of Steve Stockman and the Conservative Action Network.
e. Stockman for Congress was an inactive campaign committee (since 1990).
f. Conservative Action Network had no form, business or otherwise. Its only purpose was for networking.
g. Steve created the form and I asked to include the Times on the form. there was no charge for this listing, and I am unaware of the production of any subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network listing.
h. I am unaware of any such payments or invoices, receipts or other proof thereof.

29. Provide originals, if available, or copies, of each edition of the Southeast Texas Times published between September 1, 1994 and January 1, 1994.

Ans: The Southeast Texas Times was not published in 1994.

30. State whether the Southeast Texas Times is currently being published. If not, state the date on which it was last published and the reason(s) publication ceased.

Ans: No. It was last published in November of 1993. The reason for the cease of publication was entirely due to the unprofitability of the venture and the demands on the time and effort involved.

31. State the date on which Jeff Van Fleet became employed by Rep. Stephen E. Stockman as a legislative assistant, and the dates(s) on which the offer of such employment was made and accepted.

a. Jeff Van Fleet became employed as a legislative assistant on January 4, 1995.
b. The offer of employment was made in early December 1994. (not really sure of the exact date.) The offer was accepted

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(not really sure of the exact date.) The offer was accepted shortly thereafter.

32. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

Ans: My answers were based upon my best recollections of events involving the establishment and production of the Times. A search for printed records and materials has been undertaken, however, I have been unable to locate any such records or materials at this time.

AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas
County of Jefferson

Before the undersigned, an officer duly commissioned by the laws of Texas, on this day personally appeared **Jeff Van Fleet,** who having been first duly sworn depose and say:

The answers to these interrogatories are the truth and are based upon my best recollections of the facts and events involving the establishment, production and distribution of the Southeast Texas Times.

By my hand:

Jeff Van Fleet

Sworn and subscribed before me this 3rd day of July A.D. 1996

Kymbia Knighton
Notary Public

My commission expires

KYMBA KNIGHTON
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Comm. Expires Aug. 19, 1999

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

SENSITIVE

PRE-MUR: 333
DATE ACTIVATED: JUNE 25, 1996

STAFF MEMBERS: Caryn L. Zimmerman
Elizabeth Stein

SOURCE: INTERNALLY GENERATED

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer
Political Won Stop

RELEVANT STATUTES: 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A)
11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: FEC Indices

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). On June 25, 1996, the Commission voted to open a Pre-MUR based upon an article published in The Hill on May 15, 1996, that was brought to the Commission's attention by the Office of the General Counsel.

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. The Facts

On May 15, 1996, The Hill published an article, (Attachment 1), that raises questions concerning the relationship between the principal campaign committee of Rep. Stephen E.

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Stockman, Congressman Stockman himself, and Political Won Stop. According to the article, Political Won Stop is a political consulting firm that, like Stockman's committee, operates out of Stockman's home. The article states that the Stockman committee made payments to the firm totaling $126,000 during the past year. The political consulting firm is registered as a proprietorship in the Brazoria County, Texas, Clerk's Office, and lists Jason Posey and Chris Cupit as its principals. See Attachment 2. Despite the record of substantial payments to his partnership, however, Posey, contacted through the Stockman campaign's telephone number at the campaign office at Stockman's home, described himself to The Hill as a volunteer in Stockman's home and campaign headquarters. According to the article, Stockman's press secretary later stated that Posey was directed not to talk to the press, and that Political Won Stop engages in political consulting, direct mailing, and campaign coordination. Employees at the National Republican Campaign Committee, and the political director of the Texas State Republican Party, however, informed The Hill that they have not heard of the firm.

On June 12, 1996, The Hill published a second article, (Attachment 3), about Rep. Stockman and Political Won Stop, which pointed out numerous inconsistencies in the relationship between the firm and its client, and within the firm itself. For example, the firm's ownership documents filed with the Brazoria County Clerk list a Surfside Beach, Texas, address as its official business address. FEC records, however, show the Stockman committee directed payments to a post office box in Houston, while the article states that the firm is actually conducting its business out of Stockman's home. Further, although Rep. Stockman told the newspaper that he charges the firm neither rent nor telephone costs, implicitly confirming that Political Won Stop is located in his home, a campaign worker at Rep. Stockman's home and

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campaign headquarters denied that Political Won Stop was located there. In addition, although Rep. Stockman's press secretary told The Hill that most of the payments to Political Won Stop went to pay campaign expenses, including postage, according to the Stockman campaign's reports filed with the Commission, nearly $125,000 was paid to the firm in six payments, all for "consulting fees," "consulting services" or "fundraising services." Among these are one payment of more than $40,000, another of more than $35,000, and two more of more than $20,000 each. Two separate payments to Political Won Stop, totaling less that $4,000, were listed for printing and postage; two other payments to Political Won Stop, also totaling less than $4,000, were listed as reimbursements for travel. The committee's payments to Political Won Stop account for more than half of all the money spent during the first quarter of 1996.[1]

B. The Law

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that political committees file periodic reports with the Commission which disclose the name and address of each person to whom expenditures aggregating more than $200 within the calendar year are made by the reporting committee to meet a candidate or committee operating expense, together with the date, amount, and purpose of each such operating expenditure. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A). Commission regulations elaborate on this requirement, explaining that "purpose" means a brief statement or description of why the disbursement was made. 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Examples of statements or description which meet the requirements include phrases such as "dinner expenses, media, salary, polling, travel, party fees,

[1] The activities described in these newspaper articles may reflect the Stockman campaign's use of a small business which is closely affiliated with Stockman and his campaign, and operated out of Rep. Stockman's home in Texas. A related activity is being addressed in MUR 3847, where this Office is currently investigating the close connection between the Stockman campaign and the Southeast Texas Times, a publication that also appears to have operated out of Stockman's home.

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phone banks, travel expenses, travel expense reimbursement, and catering costs." Id. Statements or descriptions which would not meet the requirements for reporting the purpose of an expenditure include "advance, election day expenses, other expenses, expenses, expense reimbursement, miscellaneous, outside services, get-out-the-vote and voter registration." Id.

In Advisory Opinion 1983-25, the Commission determined that payments to a media consulting firm by a campaign committee could properly be reported as such, with no further itemization detailing the ultimate payee, so long as an adequate description of the underlying purpose of each expenditure to the consultants was reported. In reaching this conclusion, however, the Commission noted several significant factors, including the fact that the consulting firm was a corporation, with a legal existence separate and distinct from the operation of the committee, and the fact that the firm's principals did not hold any staff position with the committee. The Commission also noted that the campaign committee had conducted arm's length negotiations with the firm and planned to enter a formal contract. It was on the basis of these findings that the Commission determined to view the consulting firm as a vendor of services to the committee and permitted payments to it to be reported as expenditures with no further itemization of the ultimate payees in connection with services provided by the consulting firm to the committee under the terms of the contract.

C. Analysis

In this matter, it appears that the Stockman committee and Political Won Stop may not have sufficiently separate and distinct identities to warrant the less detailed type of reporting permitted by the Commission in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. Moreover, the reporting actually

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being conducted by the Stockman committee does not appear to reach even the reduced level of specificity permitted the inquiring committee in that advisory opinion.

Rather than existing as an independent legal entity, as corporate status confers upon a business, Political Won Stop is conducting itself as a "proprietorship" which, under Texas law, is considered merely an "assumed name." See Attachment 2. Such status confers neither the legal rights nor responsibilities that corporate status confers. Moreover, the Stockman committee and the political consulting firm do not appear to be conducting their professional relationship at arm's length. To the contrary, Political Won Stop appears to be operating out of Rep. Stockman's home in Friendswood, Texas. Rep. Stockman has stated that he does not charge the firm rent or telephone costs. There is no information available at this time indicating that there is a formal contract between the campaign and the firm. The fact that one of the two principals in Political Won Stop, Jason Posey, told The Hill that he served Rep. Stockman as a volunteer raises additional questions as to whether there is an arm's length relationship. Because the relationship between the committee and Political Won Stop does not appear to be at arm's length, then the committee may have been required to itemize the expenditures made by Political Won Stop to others.

In addition, the reporting of the committee's payments to Political Won Stop, to date, do not appear to satisfy the level of specificity described in 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). That is, the reports listing a total of nearly $125,000 for "consulting fees," "consulting services" or "fundraising services" do not appear to adequately describe the purpose of those expenditures under 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A).

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Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A) by failing to itemize Political Won Stop's payments to its ultimate payees and by failing to adequately describe the purpose of its expenditures to Political Won Stop.[2] Because this Office has little information about Political Won Stop, this Office recommends that the Commission take no action at this time with respect to Political Won Stop.

III. INVESTIGATIVE PLAN

The Commission has authorized the depositions of four individuals in MUR 3847 whom this Office believes have knowledge of some of the facts and circumstances underlying this Pre-MUR. The first three of those depositions currently appear likely to occur in early August 1996. In light of the Commission's discussion regarding the possible merger of this Pre-MUR with MUR 3847 at the June 25, 1996, Executive Session, this Office recommends merging these two matters if the Commission finds reason to believe that a violation occurred here. Merging these matters will allow this Office to explore the issues concerning Political Won Stop during the previously scheduled depositions.

This Office will also be asking the Commission to authorize additional deposition subpoenas, as well as subpoenas to produce documents and orders to submit written answers. At

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[2] In addition, the apparent close relationship between Political Won Stop and Congressman Stockman raises questions concerning possible violations of 2 U.S.C. § 439a by the committee in connection with the payments to Political Won Stop. See 11 C.F.R. §§ 113.1 and 113.2(d). One of The Hill articles indicates that Political Won Stop is not listed in the telephone directory and that the NRCC has never heard of the firm. The article also indicated that Mr. Posey, one of the named principals of the firm, said he was only a volunteer. Yet, more than half the Stockman committee's 1996 expenditures have been to Political Won Stop. This Office will explore the potential personal use violations, as well as possible related violations by Political Won Stop and its principals, in the course of its investigation of this matter.

this juncture, however, this Office is most concerned with obtaining the authority to question the currently scheduled deponents about the facts and circumstances underlying this Pre-MUR.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Merge Pre-MUR 333 into MUR 3847, and hereafter refer to this matter as MUR 3847.

2. Find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A).

3. Take no action at this time as to Political Won Stop.

4. Approve the attached Factual and Legal Analysis.

5. Approve the appropriate letters.

7/10/91
Date

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Attachments:
1. "Stockman paid $126K to firm HQ'd in home," The Hill, May 15, 1996
2. Brazoria County, Texas Certificate of Ownership for Unincorporated Business or Profession for Political Won Stop
3. "New documents raise questions about consulting firm in Rep. Stockman's home," The Hill, June 12, 1996
4. Factual and Legal Analysis

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MERGED

In the Matter of

Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer;
Political Won Stop.

Pre-MUR 333 MUR 3847

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on July 16, 1996, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in Pre-MUR 333:

1. Merge Pre-MUR 333 into MUR 3847, and hereafter refer to this matter as MUR 3847.

2. Find reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A).

3. Take no action at this time as to Political Won Stop.

4. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated July 10, 1996.

5. Approve the appropriate letters, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated July 10, 1996.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

7-16-96
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

Received in the Secretariat: Wed., July 10, 1996 4:23 p.m.
Circulated to the Commission: Thurs., July 11, 1996 11:00 a.m.
Deadline for vote: Tues., July 16, 1996 4:00 p.m.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 17, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Adams:

On July 16, 1996, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe that your clients, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information. In order to conserve Commission resources, and for the convenience of the Respondents, this matter has been merged with the ongoing investigation in MUR 3847.

Your clients may submit any factual or legal materials that they believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this violation. Please submit such materials to the General Counsel's Office within fifteen days of receipt of this letter. Statements should be submitted under oath. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

If you are interested in pursuing pre-probable cause conciliation, you should so request in writing. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.18(d). Upon receipt of the request, the Office of the General Counsel will make recommendations to the Commission either proposing an agreement in settlement of the matter or recommending declining that pre-probable cause conciliation be

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pursued. The Office of the General Counsel may recommend that pre-probable cause conciliation not be entered into at this time so that it may complete its investigation of the matter. Further, requests for pre-probable cause conciliation will not be entertained after briefs on probable cause have been mailed to the respondent.

Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public. If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Zimmerman or Elizabeth Stein, the attorneys assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Elliott
Chairman

Enclosure
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer

MUR: 3847

I. GENERATION OF MATTER

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. APPLICABLE LAW

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that political committees file periodic reports with the Commission which disclose the name and address of each person to whom expenditures aggregating more than $200 within the calendar year are made by the reporting committee to meet a candidate or committee operating expense, together with the date, amount, and purpose of each such operating expenditure. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A). Commission regulations elaborate on this requirement, explaining that "purpose" means a brief statement or description of why the disbursement was made. 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Examples of statements or description which meet the requirements include phrases such as "dinner expenses, media, salary, polling, travel, party fees, phone banks, travel expenses, travel expense reimbursement, and catering costs." Id. Statements or descriptions which would not meet the requirements for reporting the purpose of an

expenditure include "advance, election day expenses, other expenses, expenses, expense reimbursement, miscellaneous, outside services, get-out-the-vote and voter registration." Id.

In Advisory Opinion 1983-25, the Commission determined that payments to a media consulting firm by a campaign committee could properly be reported as such, with no further itemization detailing the ultimate payee, so long as an adequate description of the underlying purpose of each expenditure to the consultants was reported. In reaching this conclusion, however, the Commission noted several significant factors, including the fact that the consulting firm was a corporation, with a legal existence separate and distinct from the operation of the committee, and the fact that the firm's principals did not hold any staff position with the committee. The Commission also noted that the campaign committee had conducted arm's length negotiations with the firm and planned to enter a formal contract. It was on the basis of these findings that the Commission determined to view the consulting firm as a vendor of services to the committee and permitted payments to it to be reported as expenditures with no further itemization of the ultimate payees in connection with services provided by the consulting firm to the committee under the terms of the contract.

B. DISCUSSION

On May 15, 1996, The Hill published an article, (Attachment 1), that raises questions concerning the relationship between the principal campaign committee of Rep. Stephen E. Stockman, Congressman Stockman himself, and Political Won Stop, a political consulting firm registered as a proprietorship in the Brazoria County, Texas, Clerk's Office. On June 12, 1996, The Hill published a second article, (Attachment 2), about Rep. Stockman and Political Won

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Stop, which pointed out numerous inconsistencies in the relationship between the firm and its client, and within the firm itself.

It appears that the Stockman committee and Political Won Stop may not have sufficiently separate and distinct identities to warrant the less detailed type of reporting permitted by the Commission in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. Moreover, the reporting actually being conducted by the Stockman committee does not appear to reach even the reduced level of specificity permitted the inquiring committee in that advisory opinion.

Rather than existing as an independent legal entity, as corporate status confers upon a business, Political Won Stop is conducting itself as a "proprietorship" which, under Texas law, is considered merely an "assumed name." Such status confers neither the legal rights nor responsibilities that corporate status confers. Moreover, the Stockman committee and the political consulting firm do not appear to be conducting their professional relationship at arm's length. To the contrary, Political Won Stop appears to be operating out of Rep. Stockman's home in Friendswood, Texas. Rep. Stockman has stated that he does not charge the firm rent or telephone costs. There is no information available at this time indicating that there is a formal contract between the campaign and the firm. The fact that one of the two principals in Political Won Stop, Jason Posey, told The Hill that he served Rep. Stockman as a volunteer raises additional questions as to whether there is an arm's length relationship. Because the relationship between the committee and Political Won Stop does not appear to be at arm's length, then the committee may have been required to itemize the expenditures made by Political Won Stop to others.

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In addition, the reporting of the committee's payments to Political Won Stop, to date, do not appear to satisfy the level of specificity described in 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). That is, the reports listing a total of nearly $125,000 for "consulting fees," "consulting services" or "fundraising services" do not appear to adequately describe the purpose of those expenditures under 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A).

Therefore, there is reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A) by failing to itemize Political Won Stop's payments to its ultimate payees and by failing to adequately describe the purpose of its expenditures to Political Won Stop.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

VIA FACSIMILE (713)671-0601
Carl Hatchett
Department of Agriculture
8799 North Loop East, Room 240
Houston, TX 77029

July 18, 1996

Dear Mr. Hatchett:

This is to confirm that you will be able to provide us with a conference room suitable for deposition purposes in your office on August 6 and 7, 1996. Two attorneys from the Office of General Counsel, Caryn Zimmerman and myself, will be conducting confidential administrative depositions on those days. We do not expect more than five people, including a court reporter, to be present. We have also contacted A & A Court Reporting Service and provided them with your name as a contact person in Houston. If you need additional information please contact us at (202) 219-3690. Thank you for extending us this courtesy, and we will see your assistant A.D. Henson on the 6th.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth Stein
Attorney

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July 18, 1996

VIA FAX (703) 820-8857

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
Caron Law Office
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Caron:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation earlier this week, this is to confirm that the deposition of you client, Jeff Van Fleet, will take place in this office on Friday, August 9, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. The Commission will arrange for Mr. Van Fleet's travel and hotel accommodations. We will be contacting you in that regard as the date approaches.

You have mentioned to me on several occasions that your client is considering a change in representation. This is to remind you that no such change can occur until the Commission has received your client's Designation of Counsel, including an original signature. To date, no such Designation of Counsel indicating a change in representation has been received from Mr. Van Fleet. Further, to the extent that any change in representation could result in an attempt to reschedule Mr. Van Fleet's deposition, this is to inform you that any such request should be faxed to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, July 19. After that time, schedules and travel arrangements will be finalized, and adjusting your client's deposition date will be difficult. Although we respect your client's right to select the counsel of his choice, please understand that Mr. Van Fleet's deposition is one of many matters that must be scheduled during the course of this investigation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Cheryn L. Zimmerman

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July 18, 1996

VIA FAX (713) 996-9166

Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor
Southeast Texas Statesman
3301 Hughes Lane #4
Dickinson, TX 77539

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Frankovich:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation earlier this week, this is to confirm that your deposition will take place in Houston on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. We will be contacting you regarding the exact location as the date approaches.

You have mentioned to me on several occasions that you are considering retaining counsel to represent you in this investigation and, particularly, at your deposition. This is to remind you that this office will not recognize any counsel acting on your behalf until it has received your Designation of Counsel, including an original signature. To date, no such Designation of Counsel has been received from you. Further, to the extent that your retaining counsel could result in an attempt to reschedule your deposition, this is to inform you that any such request should be faxed to this office no later than 5:00 p.m. EST tomorrow, July 19. After that time, schedules and travel arrangements will be finalized, and adjusting your deposition date will be difficult. Although we respect your right to retain counsel, please understand that your deposition is one of many matters that must be scheduled during the course of this investigation.

If you have any questions, you may contact me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

This is to confirm that the deposition of your client, John Hart, will take place in Houston at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 1996, at the Department of Agriculture, Office of Plant Protection and Quarantine, 8799 North Loop East, 2nd Floor.

If you have any questions, please call me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Coogan:

This is to confirm that the deposition of your client, Tim Frankovich, will take place in Houston at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 1996, at the Department of Agriculture, Office of Plant Protection and Quarantine, 8799 North Loop East, 2nd Floor.

If you have any questions, please call me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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NAME OF COUNSEL: Kim Coogan

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

7/19/96
Date

Tim Frankovich
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Tim Frankovich

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July 22, 1996

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Kim Coogan, Esq.
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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Coogan:

On June 13, 1996, the Commission sent the attached documents to your client, Tim Frankovich. Included was a subpoena requiring that he produce the requested documents by July 1, 1996. On July 2, this office granted him an extension of time in which to respond until July 15, 1996. To date, we have received only a partial response. I have enclosed copies of the documents produced, other than the three editions of the Southeast Texas Statesman included in his response.

As you can see, his response was seriously incomplete and wholly inadequate. We still require complete responses to all of our document requests, including, but not limited to, all checks representing payment for all printing costs, all bank records, all documents referring or relating to both the Southeast Texas Statesman and the Southeast Texas Times, and all documents which refer or relate to your client's business dealings or contacts with Stephen E. Stockman.

As you no doubt are aware, Kent Adams of your firm has expressed concerns about delay in this matter. Mr. Frankovich's deposition is currently scheduled for August 6, 1996. If a complete response to the Commission's subpoena is not forthcoming, we may have no choice but to pursue enforcement of that subpoena in U.S. District Court.

Sincerely,

Carin L. Zimmerman

Enclosures

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July 23, 1996

Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923
& VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Noble:

Enclosed for processing in connection with the above-referenced matter please find the original and three (3) copies of the following document:

(1) Motion to Quash, Objections and Responses to Subpoena to Produce Documents and Petition of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and Steve Stockman for Congress.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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Enclosure

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cc: Ms. Caryn Zimmerman
Attorney
Federal Election Commission
999 E. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923
& VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
Stephen E. Stockman) MUR 3847

MOTION TO QUASH, OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS AND PETITION OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN, FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN, AND STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS

NOW COMES Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and Stockman for Congress and states as follows:

INTRODUCTION

1. On June 17, 1996, undersigned counsel for Congressman Steve Stockman was served with a subpoena and a subpoena to produce documents issued by this Commission on June 13, 1996. The documentary requirements contained in the two subpoenas included, but were not limited to:

> "all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Friends of Steve Stockman..." during the "time period from January 1, 1993 to the present...," and, because the subpoena is "continuing in nature," indefinitely into the future;
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> "...all canceled checks (both sides)...including, but not limited to, checks made payable to Les Daughtry and/or the Texas City Sun..." during the "time period from January 1, 1993, to the present...," and, because the subpoena is "continuing in nature," indefinitely into the future;
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> "...all documents...that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Times or

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the Southeast Texas Statesman...including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications with, any principals, agents, or employees of those entities...";

"...all documents...that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Jeff Van Fleet..." during the "time period from January 1, 1993, to the present...," and, because the subpoena is "continuing in nature," indefinitely into the future;

"...all documents...that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Tim Frankovich...during the "time period from January 1, 1993, to the present...," and, because the subpoena is "continuing in nature," indefinitely into the future."

2. Petitioners moved to quash the subpoena in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas (Beaumont Division), on June 18, 1996 and said Motion was denied on July 3, 1996, because, inter alia, "...the Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust their administrative remedies concerning the agency subpoena." See 2 U.S.C. §437(a)(3), (4); 11 C.F.R. §111.15(a) (allowing any person receiving a subpoena from the Commission to move to quash within five days of receipt of the subpoena). Although Judge Cobb has invited Petitioners to file any motions for rehearing Petitioners desire, Petitioners wish to move this Commission to quash the subpoena.

3. Petitioners argue that the proceedings before the United States District Court tolled applicable time limits. Petitioners further hereby petition the Commission to quash the subpoena pursuant to its authority under 2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.

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DISCUSSION

4. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the deprivation of life, liberty, or property without Due Process of Law. Procedurally, this provision has been interpreted to require a "fair" hearing in administrative procedures, held before a tribunal which at least meets currently prevailing standards of impartiality. (See, e.g., *Central of Georgia Ry. v. Wright*, 207 U.S. 127 (1907); *Lipke v. Lederer*, 259 U. S. 557 (1922).

Although not required to be governed by traditional rules of evidence, the body may not issue orders "without a foundation in evidence having rational probative force." (See, e.g., *Richardson v. Perales*, 402 U. S. 389 (1971).

In the case at hand, the Commission seeks to require the production of documents which fall outside of the scope and the time frame of the complaint and therefore have no rational probative force with respect to the issues which the Commission seeks to prove.

The subpoena also appears to be in a violation of the Commission's statutory predicate, which states, at 2 U.S.C. 437d(a)(3) that it might require by subpoena "documentary evidence relating to the execution of its duties..." [Emphasis added]. The Commission has made no demonstration -- nor can it -- that the production of all documents relating to the relationship between the Congressman and two of his long-time friends "relates to the execution of the duties of the Commission."

Finally, as Justice Harlan, dissenting in *Poe v. Ullman*, 367 U. S. 497, 540, 541 (1961), pointed out, "[due process] in the consistent view of this Court has ever been a broader concept than [mere procedural fairness]...Were due process merely a procedural safeguard it would fail to reach those situations where the deprivation of life, liberty, or property was accomplished by legislation which by operating in the future could, given even the fairest possible procedure in application to individuals, nevertheless destroy the enjoyment of all three..."

The action which the subpoena seeks would seize all documents, held by Congressman Stockman or even known by him relating to his long-time friends, Mr. Van

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Fleet and Mr. Frankovich, irrespective of whether such documents have the remotest relationship to the case at hand. Under the rules of procedural fairness, the broad rules of evidence allowed an administrative tribunal under the Fifth Amendment, and the substantive due process requirements consistently found by the courts, this is something the Commission cannot constitutionally or legally do.

5. The complaint alleges that unlawful actions took place almost exclusively in 1993. Yet the subpoenas demand broad categories of documents not only extending up to the present day, but also extending indefinitely into the future. To the extent that the Commission has added new inquiries to this MUR, the Commission has failed to provide Petitioners with proper notice as required by 11 CFR §111.8(c). Although the Constitution and the Commission's organic statute do not require that it comply with the strict rules of evidence applicable to an Article III court, they do require that there be some elementary relationship between the material required, the jurisdiction of the Commission, and the issue which the Commission desires to prove. Obviously, there is no such nexus with respect to the laughably broad and overbearing requests for documents submitted by the Commission.

6. Under the First Amendment to the Constitution, Congressman Stockman does have elementary associational rights. These rights were defined in cases such as *NAACP v. Alabama*, 357 U. S. 449 (1958), which overturned a state statute requiring the production of the membership list of a controversial organization. Said the court:

> "It is beyond debate that freedom to engage in association for the advancement of beliefs and ideas is an inseparable aspect of the 'liberty' assured by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, which embraces freedom of speech...Of course, it is

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immaterial whether the beliefs sought to be advanced by association pertain to political, economic, religious or cultural matters, and state action which may have the effect of curtailing the freedom to associate is subject to the closest scrutiny."

Does this mean that the First Amendment can regularly be invoked to conceal failure to comply with FEC regulations? No. But neither can broad demands be made which are intrusive on associational rights and have no reasonable nexus to any inquiry relating to whether the Act has been followed. This is the case with the June 13 subpoenas.

7. The First Amendment also guarantees freedom of the press -- press which includes publications such as the Southeast Texas Times, the Southeast Texas Statesman, and the Texas City Sun. Fortunately, the Commission does not have statutory jurisdiction over the press. If it did, the Constitution would not allow it. It is not the responsibility of the government to determine what newspapers it considers "serious" and "worthy" of First Amendment protection. It is the responsibility of the government -- and the Commission -- to faithfully observe the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREFORE, the petitioner respectfully requests that this Honorable Commission:

A. Quash the subpoena of June 13, 1996, with respect to all materials on the grounds that it is vague and overbroad in its demands, in violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

B. Quash the subpoena of June 13, 1996, with respect to all materials dating later than December 31, 1993 on the grounds that such material is irrelevant and immaterial to the allegations made against Congressman Stockman.

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C. Quash the subpoena of June 13, 1996, with respect to any matter relating to the Texas City Sun, the Southeast Texas Times, or the Southeast Texas Statesman on the grounds that (1) the Federal Election Commission has no jurisdiction over the operation of the press, and (2) the press is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution from interference and regulation by the federal government.

D. Quash the subpoena of June 13, 1996, with respect to the communications with Jeff Van Fleet and Tim Frankovich on the basis that (1) the demand is vague and overly broad in violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, (2) a requirement for production of "all documents...that in any way refer or relate to...contacts with [a personal friend such as] Jeff Van Fleet" violates Congressman Stockman's freedom of association as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution and interpreted by such cases as NAACP v. Alabama, 357 U. S. 449 (1958); (3) such materials are not germane and are immaterial and, furthermore, because the request is voluminous and would, in and of itself, constitute and unreasonable unlawful, and unconstitutional burden on Congressman Stockman.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAMS, COFFEY & DUESLER, L.L.P.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 23, 1996

VIA FACSIMILE (713) 488-5032

Debra Reeder
JSC Federal Credit Union
PO Box 58346
Houston, TX 77258

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Reeder:

Thank you for your help to date in responding to the administrative subpoena regarding account number Thus far, we have been provided with copies of all checks for October 1994, and are currently awaiting deposit transactions for that month, and both checks and deposits for July 1993. After reviewing the bank statements supplied, at this time we would like to request certain additional information listed below. I have attempted to limit the request as much as possible, please make supplying this material the first priority. We will look forward to receiving these material by Friday, July 26,1996.

1. A copy of the June 1996 bank statement.

2. A copy of Check Number 1561 (a returned check made out to the Southeast Texas Times) and all paperwork surrounding this transaction referenced in the final three transactions on the December 1993 bank statement.

3. Copies of the following 38 checks:

Check No: 2930	Trace # 58360 21	$20,600.00	8/21/95
Check No: 3078	Trace # 1806930 27	$ 3,293.01	10/27/95
Check No: 3079	Trace # 1806931 27	$ 633.72	10/27/95
Check No: 3089	Trace # 2945338 14	$20,600.00	11/14/95
Check No: 3206	Trace # 1086646 16	$ 1,500.00	1/16/96
Check No: 3214	Trace # 1150926 17	$ 1,150.00	1/17/96
Check No: 3304	Trace # 1378858 13	$ 4,000.00	2/13/96
Check No: 3309	Trace # 1017750 16	$24,000.00	2/16/96
Check No: 3315	Trace # 1883532 21	$ 4,500.00	2/21/96

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Check No: 3321	Trace # 1136098 23	$ 2,150.00	2/23/96
Check No: 3332	Trace # 1829700 29	$ 4,500.00	2/29/96
Check No: 3375	Trace # 203365570	$ 5,102.00	3/18/96
Check No: 3379	Trace # 1829658 20	$22,500.00	3/20/96
Check No: 3363	Trace # 2496054 22	$ 1,530.00	3/22/96
Check No: 3390	Trace # 2052491 25	$ 5,000.00	3/25/96
Check No: 3380	Trace # 2711349 26	$ 3,200.00	3/26/96
Check No: 3335	Trace # 2854899 05	$ 4,000.00	3/5/96
Check No: 3337	Trace # 1635575 05	$ 2,000.00	3/5/96
Check No: 3396	Trace # 1590547 03	$ 2,500.00	4/3/96
Check No: 3413	Trace # 1590766 03	$ 4,000.00	4/3/96
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Check No: 3450	Trace # 2831903 12	$ 5,000.00	4/12/96
Check No: 3443	Trace # 3404300 12	$ 6,000.00	4/12/96
Check No: 3463	Trace # 1123484 17	$10,000.00	4/17/96
Check No: 3477	Trace # 1904282 22	$ 2,000.00	4/22/96
Check No: 3476	Trace # 1689845 25	$ 1,000.00	4/25/96
Check No: 3486	Trace # 2911870 25	$ 4,000.00	4/25/96
Check No: 3489	Trace # 1776911 25	$ 1,000.00	4/25/96
Check No: 3514	Trace # 1183083 02	$ 8,000.00	5/2/96
Check No: 3522	Trace # 1815778 03	$ 5,000.00	5/3/96
Check No: 3492	Trace # 2752211 06	$ 4,067.64	5/6/96
Check No: 3525	Trace # 1578452 07	$ 5,000.00	5/7/96
Check No: 3529	Trace # 3708415 10	$18,200.00	5/10/96
Check No: 3541	Trace # 1671203 16	$ 1,500.00	5/96
Check No: 3545	Trace # 2598071 16	$ 5,000.00	5/16/96
Check No: 3534	Trace # 2433678 16	$ 3,710.00	5/16/96
Check No: 3545	Trace # 3116521 21	$ 5,000.00	5/2196
Check No: 3609	Trace # 2983963 30	$14,000.00	5/30/96

Again, thank-you for you help in this matter. If you have any qucstions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth Stein
Attorney

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July 23, 1996

VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

On June 13, 1996, the Commission sent your clients, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stephen E. Stockman, subpoenas ordering them to produce documents by July 1. To date, we have received no responses to those subpoenas. Further, in my June 20 letter to you, I detailed the outstanding and incomplete discovery in this matter that still required responses, and asked that you file the complete responses by July 5. I reminded you of that same discovery, and the July 5 deadline, in my June 27. Despite your commitment in your July 8 letter, sent after Judge Cobb issued his Order denying your Motion to Quash, that you would be responding to the outstanding written discovery "within the next few days," we have yet to receive any of those long outstanding discovery responses.

You have expressed concerns about delay in this matter. Mr. Hart's deposition is currently scheduled for August 7, 1996. If complete responses to the Commission's subpoenas and orders are not forthcoming, we may have no choice but to pursue subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

July 24, 1996

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RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

We are in receipt of your Motion to Quash the Subpoena for the Production of Documents dated June 13, 1996, directed to Stephen E. Stockman. The Motion to Quash will be presented to the Commission for their consideration in a timely fashion. This Office will simultaneously request that the Commission authorize filing suit in U.S. District Court in order to enforce the subpoenas. I wanted to make you aware that should suit be filed, all the factual and legal analyses, which detail the Commission's findings to date in this matter, are likely to become part of the public record.

This letter is also to advise you that representatives of this Office will still be present in Houston on August 6, and August 7, 1996, in order to take the previously scheduled depositions of Tim Frankovich and John Hart. Please also be advised that the location of the depositions has been changed to the Offices of A & A Court Reporting, 1201 Louisiana, Suite 3434, in Houston. Mr. Frankovich's deposition will commence at 10:00 a.m. on August 6, and Mr. Hart's deposition will commence at 9 a.m. on August 7.

If you do not intend to produce your clients for deposition, please advise this Office in writing by the close of business today, July 23, 1996. If we do not hear from you, we will expect to receive the outstanding production of documents for Mr. Hart and Mr. Frankovich referenced in our letters of July 21 and July 22, and we will expect you and your clients to appear on August 6 and 7. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

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In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Ms. Stein:

Although I am traveling today, my office has apprised me of the contents of your letter telecopied to me today. First, at no time have I ever suggested that the depositions of Frankovich and Hart would not take place, and I am agreeable to the times, dates and locations you have selected.

With respect to the documents, I know you want those before the depositions. The problem we are having is that the document requests are so broad that they exceed the scope of the matters contemplated within the MUR. I will have formal responses to you early next week on behalf of Congressman Stockman, Tim Frankovich and John Hart. I plan to finalize these Friday and will send them federal express for Monday delivery.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call and my office will relay the message to me. I look forward to accomplishing the depositions on August 6th and 7th and to meeting you or the attorney who will attend the deposition.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed please find the Statement of Designation of Additional Counsel of Respondent, Jeff Van Fleet in connection with the above captioned matter.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my additional counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

July 25, 1996
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JEFF VAN FLEET

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Coogan and Mr. Caron:

This is to confirm my telephone conversation with Ms. Coogan of this morning, and to keep Mr. Caron apprised of scheduling changes in the deposition of his and Ms. Coogan's client, Jeff Van Fleet.

Ms. Coogan and I agreed that the deposition of Mr. Van Fleet, previously scheduled for August 9, 1996, would be rescheduled until August 14 or 15, in Washington, D.C., whichever date is most convenient for Mr. Van Fleet and all counsel involved. We will be in contact early next week to finalize Mr. Van Fleet's deposition date.

If you have any questions, please call me or Elizabeth Stein at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Coogan:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of this morning, wherein we agreed that the depositions of Tim Frankovich and John Hart will be going forward on August 6 and 7, 1996, respectively, as previously scheduled.

Further, I informed you that, because Mr. Adams stated in his July 24 letter to Ms. Stein of this office that the formal written discovery responses of Congressman Stockman, Tim Frankovich and John Hart would not be delivered to this Office until Monday, July 29, we must reschedule that deposition. I will be sending another letter, addressed to both you and Mr. Caron, your co-counsel in your representation of Mr. Van Fleet, which discusses the rescheduling of that deposition, without mentioning any of your other clients in this matter, who are not also represented by Mr. Caron.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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Dear Mr. Noble:

Enclosed for processing in connection with the above-referenced matter please find the original and three (3) copies of the following document:

(1) Objections and Responses to Subpoena to Produce Documents Subject to Previously Filed Motion to Quash of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and Steve Stockman for Congress.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Stephen E. Stockman) MUR 3847
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OBJECTIONS AND RESPONSES TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO PREVIOUSLY FILED MOTION TO QUASH OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN E. STOCKMAN, FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN, AND STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS

NOW COMES the Honorable Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and Steve Stockman for Congress, and makes and files this their Responses to the Subpoena to Produce Documents received by the undersigned counsel on June 14, 1996.

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

Respondent objects to the Requests for Documents because the Complaint upon which MUR 3847 is based was filed on or about December 27, 1993, and raised allegations of conduct during the 1993 calendar year. Accordingly, the FEC's Request for Documents is proper only with respect to the 1993 calendar year and is objected to to the extent it seeks documents from any other time period. In furtherance of said objections, and others, Respondent filed a Motion to Quash the Subpoena to Produce Documents, as well as other discovery requests propounded by the FEC, before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, the Court in which litigation brought by Respondent to dismiss this MUR has been filed and is being pursued by Respondent. Additionally, Respondent has filed a Motion to Quash this and other discovery requests in connection with this MUR, before this Commission. Respondent is further in the process of preparing and filing a Motion to Reconsider the Motion to Quash it has filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Subject to said Motions and the objections stated above, Respondent hereby responds as set out below, by producing the attached documents relevant to the 1993 calendar year. All other documents requested are not relevant, but to the extent that such documents are in

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existence, said documents are being submitted, under seal, for in camera inspection, before the Honorable Howell J. Cobb, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division, in connection with Respondent's Motion for Reconsideration of its Motion to Quash to be shortly filed before the said United States District Court. The Request containing the Requests for Documents is further objected to in that it is not limited in scope to matters related to the "Southeast Texas Times", Jeff Van Fleet and Tim Frankovich, the newspaper and the individuals respectively identified by the Complainant in connection with the Complaint upon which this MUR has been based. Subject to said objections, as set out above, Respondent hereby responds to the Request for Production of Documents as follows:

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REQUEST #1: Produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Stockman for Congress, or through which Stockman for Congress conducts or ever had conducted its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

RESPONSE: See attached.

REQUEST #2: Produce all documents (as defined in the Definition, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Times or the Southeast Texas Statesman, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications with, any principals, agents, or employees of those entities.

RESPONSE: See attached.

REQUEST #3: Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1994, that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contracts with Jeff Van Fleet, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, or notes or memoranda of communications with Mr. Van Fleet.

RESPONSE: None.

REQUEST #4: Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to your business dealings or contacts with Tim Frankovich, including, but not limited to, your correspondence with, or notes or memoranda of communications with Mr. Frankovich.

RESPONSE: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been served on the below listed counsel of record, via Federal Express on this the 26th day of July, 1996:

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Fort Collins, Colorado - Thousands of folks from all over the world gathered in Fort Collins to celebrate life and participate in a bake sale designed to help raise $29.95 so that Fort Collins resident Dan Kay could purchase a subscription to Rush Limbaugh's newsletter. People from Angola, Britain and other exotic places trekked to the beautiful Colorado town. Individuals from as far away as Hawaii, New York, Alaska and Florida drove the distance to have the opportunity to purchase baked goods and other items from over ninety different vendors. People browsed through everything from T-shirts to "Bananas Foster" a delicacy from New Orleans' Brennans Restaurant.

See Rush page 11

Dee from Oregon gets into the spirit.

Folks from Arkansas show their embarrassment.

Kay Bailey Hutchison Wins Local Endorsement

Clear Lake - Steve Stockman, the Republican U. S. Congressional candidate who narrowly lost to 41-year incumbent Jack Brooks, released a statement regarding the Krueger/Hutchison run-off in which he officially gave his support to Kay Bailey Hutchison. The statement was read before a small and enthusiastic crowd of Hutchison supporters.

"Why am I voting for Kay Bailey Hutchison for US Senate?" Stockman asked the crowd. "Because I want a senator who better represents Texans. I understand many Republicans are steadfastly saying they are not going to vote. By not voting, they will actually give Bob Krueger a head up. Their logic, or the lack thereof, stems from the belief that they can send a message to government officials and the Republican party while creating a second chance to send a conservative to the U.S. Senate. Their argument goes something like this: 'It is better to have Krueger, a solid liberal, than a moderate Republican for US Senator.' They hope that in 1994, when the seat is up for re-election, they will be able to defeat Krueger and put in place a staunch conservative."

"Conservatives dont in facts," Stockman said. "That is why I believe that these arguments are but wishful thinking. Congressional incumbents get re-elected to office 94% of the time. By 1994, Krueger will be a well entrenched incumbent. To believe that, after securing more money and more name ID, Krueger will somehow be easier to defeat is more than naive - it's wrong."

Moreover, it is a fact that Republicans do better in run-off elections than they do in general elections, so this is our best shot. In 1994, Bob Krueger, if he is able to win June 5, and Ann Richards will both be up for re-election, and both will be working hard to turn out the vote in the general election.

Stockman says that more devastating than the possible re-election of Krueger, would be the fact that during those intervening months, Krueger would be in office. "He will be helping Clinton wage war on the economic future of our families, promote radicals to the Supreme Court and help change the social fabric of the military. In short, the Clinton liberals will have one more foot soldier in Bob Krueger."

According to Stockman, many of the people who have decided not to vote for Kay Bailey Hutchison are the same folks who wanted to send Bush a message for breaking his tax pledge in 1990. They either voted for Clinton or they voted for Perot last fall. "While I agree with them that Bush was wrong, they have learned first Clinton is giving more pain to us then they gave to Bush. Bush has retired. He is now fishing in Kennebunkport while the rest of us wallow in the mandates, decrees, and appointments of the Clinton administration," Stockman added.

Looking towards local issues, Stockman pointed out that Bush had full funding for Space Station Freedom in his 1993 budget. Now, Clinton has cut part or maybe all of it, while at the same time eagerly waiting to spend billions of dollars to create $5.00 summer jobs. "I wonder if any of the 80 people that have already lost their jobs at Space Station/IBM who voted to send Bush a message wish they could change their votes now?" Stockman pondered.

"The only lesson taught here is that, if you don't vote for the better of the two candidates, you'll wind up with the worst.

In Georgia, where a run-off between a moderate, pro-choice Republican and a liberal Democrat occurred, it was the pro-life Republicans who beat the bushes and went door to door to help the Republican win a squeaker of an election. Now the Senator from Georgia has helped stop Clinton's pork bill, by voting with the minority of Republicans. In an unanticipated move, the Georgian Senator now gives private meetings in his office to pro-lifers. In short, honey does catch more flies than vinegar."

"One more thing," Stockman added. "My mother always told me it was better to get a piece of bread than miss the whole loaf."

Stockman pointed out that in 1962, Texas had a special election to fill the seat of LBJ who had become the Vice President. The Democrats proceeded to have a knock-down, drag-out fight. The Democrats who lost in the first round stated that in the run-off election, they wanted to teach the winning Democrat a lesson. They did. They stayed home, helping to elect the first Republican since reconstruction, where John Tower stayed until he decided to retire.

"The last and overriding point can be summed up in another a cliche," Stockman said. "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face."

Stockman noted, "Each of us would like to be able to send our particular favorite to represent us. It is next to impossible to find a candidate with whom we agree on every single issue. It is our responsibity to vote to improve our representation at every opportunity. Kay Bailey Hutchison is our candidate and will represent our state far better than the liberal Krueger. Texans must unite to elect Kay."

"Finally, while Kay is moderate in some areas, her popularity comes from her conservative values in other areas, including financial matters, where she shines like a star. Contrary to what many have said, she has always been

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Clear Lake Republicans

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Committee of Correspondence

Committee of Correspondence, with Christian Coalition,will sponsor Monday, June 21, a forum on current political and social activity in the Bay Area. For more information call: (713) 332-4484 or write 2800F W. Main, Suite 150 League City, 77573.

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Thursdays, May 20. A group of Christian businessmen meet the first and third Thursday of every month at the Ramada Inn on NASA Road 1. Call: E.Z. Jones (713) 494-6046.

Free Bluegrass Concert

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JSC Fellowship Luncheon

Join other Christians in the aerospace community for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 11:30-12:30 at the Clear Lake Park community building. Reservations: 483-1849.

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The North Carolina Republican said Friday he would work to stop the confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg, a San Francisco city supervisor, to be an assistant secretary for fair housing at HUD.

"She's not your garden-variety lesbian," Helms said, Friday. "She's a militant activist-mean lesbian, working her whole career to advance the homosexual agenda."

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Anti-Christianity Intensifies, But Some Victims Fight Back

By Jim Rodgers
Times Reporter

In what was once a nation with a Christian consensus, Christianity is now in the center of the bull's-eye.

Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, VA., has an art show in which a painting by Josef Schetzenhofer depicts two internationally known evangelists, both of whom reside in Virginia. In the painting, the Dr. Jerry Falwell sits with his pants down, Dr. Pat Robertson holds a roll of toilet paper, and a television set displays vulgar remarks. Responding to dozens of complaints, university president James V. Koch defended the scurrilous painting and the university's right to show it.

In 1989, a group calling itself American Atheists filed a law suit against the city government of Zion, IL. In 1990, a U.S. district court said the town's seal was unconstitutional under the First Amendment because of the words "God Reigns" and the emblems (cross, shield, scepter, and dove). In 1991, a U.S. court of appeals affirmed the decision. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

The town has until June 30 to remove its "Christian" city seal from street signs, buildings, police cars, stationery, payroll checks, and a water tower. Mayor Bill McCullough commented on the matter, "There's a matter of principle here. The very structure of this country is being attacked. This will have far-reaching effects."

Actually, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not contain the words "separation of church and state" or the idea of such a separation. Nor does it forbid federal politicians in the course of their government work to put into effect Christian principles and encourage others to do the same. That is exactly what the founding fathers did, as did their ancestors and descendants, in and out of government.

Where did the words "separation of church and state" come from? They are in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson many years after he helped write the Constitution. He had received a letter from the Danbury Baptist Association, of Danbury, Conn. The worried Baptists had heard a rumor that the government was going to set up a state church. Jefferson assured them the U.S. Constitution's first amendment prohibits a state church, calling it a wall to keep government from setting up a state church that would control Christians. He did not say it was a wall to keep Christianity out of government.

We know from history, (letters, speeches, books, journals, newspapers, government records, etc.) that the First Amendment forbids the federal government (though not state governments) to set up its own church or give any Christian sect a government-backed monopoly. The founding fathers wanted Americans to serve God without being told how to do so by a church that had a government-granted monopoly on religion. In England, the state church had imprisoned, fined, and flogged their ancestors for worshiping or preaching without a state church license to do so. For instance, John Bunyan, author of the famous allegory Pilgrim's Progress, was jailed for years for preaching without a license.

In addition, publicly and privately, the founders (Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, et. al.) said they wanted America's Christian consensus to continue throughout all generations. Until recent generations, those who interpreted the Constitution did so in accordance with the will of those who wrote it. For example, John Jay, the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, said it is the duty of Americans to elect only Christians to political offices because only Christian politicians would honor and apply the principles of Jesus Christ. When this writer was a child, some public school text books contained Bible verses, Bible lessons, Christian statements of famous Americans, etc. In my mother's day, this was even more so. Public schools bought and distributed Pilgrim's Progress for the students to study and discuss in class.

But public schools are becoming secular deserts where God does not exist. Christmas break and Easter break now are called winter break and spring break. Nativity scenes are forbidden. A court makes a school remove a painting of Jesus Christ from its assembly hall. School clinics distribute condoms to the students, and pregnant girls are sent to abortion clinics without their parents' knowledge. The Bible history that God made everything and all life on Earth is forbidden, and the theory of evolution is taught everywhere as if it were scientific fact. As a result of such things, the public schools, young people, and American society are reaping the whirlwind: murder in schools, cheating rate up, SAT scores down, etc.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ignored U.S. history and stare decisis (legal precedents) by finding a non-existing principle in the First Amendment, the principle that, in effect, nothing done by government and nothing done on government property may promote Christianity. Astoundingly, the justices did not cite even one (legal precedent) in radically changing constitutional interpretation. They did not do so because there was no precedent. Since then, various judges have extended this unconstitutional principle beyond the federal government to other jurisdictions. A public school principal even told a teacher to remove a Bible from his desk.

If any group but Christians were to be defamed by magazines, schools, books, news, firms, universities, and television, an ear-splitting, long-lasting roar of protest would be heard from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Consequently, Jews, Italians, blacks, Mexicans, homosexuals, and other groups are not defamed. In the rare instances when it happens, the nation shakes with indignation.

But Christians are the exception. Increasingly, Christianity is pounded by anybody who wants to step up and take a swing. You've seen it happen over and over on television and in Hollywood films. But some Christians fight back.

Lawyer John Whitehead is one of them. In 1979, he began to fight legal battles to defend people whose religious and moral rights are violated by public officials, employers, or others. In his first case (1979), Whitehead spent $25,000 of his own money to win the right for the Nobels to continue teaching their children at home.

(On average, home-schooled kids do better academically and morally than public school students.) Whitehead said his own family paid a heavy price emotionally and financially. "[A friend] made our house payments for us for a year. But I knew we had to keep ... helping families who called."

In 1982, he founded a charitable organization that defends moral and religious rights. The Rutherford Institute is supported by the tax-deductible contributions of Christians. Whitehead and other lawyers have helped hundreds of Christians, Jews, and others who asked for

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Prescription for American Health Care

By Dr. Robert Feldtman

Is there a health care problem in America? If so, what is it? Possible definitions of the problem would be that care is unavailable to a portion of our population, that the quality is bad, or that there is a problem with the money involved.

THE UNINSURED - A smoke screen. Many are saying the problem is with our "uninsured". The figure 34 million is bantered about, and that is fairly correct; however there is a hitch. The 34 million uninsured today are different persons from the 34 million 60 days from now. Many choose to be uninsured. Many are changing jobs or insurance and are thus uninsured. The possible problem are the UN-INSURABLES. This is only 2 to 4 million people, who have pre-existing conditions and have problems obtaining insurance.

However, the question should be whether anyone is being denied care? The answer is no. Both the uninsured and the uninsurable almost always qualify for some sort of care, somewhere, albeit public or government medicine. Even Texas prisoners on death row have had coronary artery bypass operations at taxpayers' expense. Of course, these people would be deemed "uninsured" by the hand-wringing liberals.

QUALITY OF CARE - Ask anyone from around the world about quality. Why do heads of state come to American (and specifically, Houston) to get their health care? Very simply, America's health care is the best quality in the world. The detractors of American medicine often point to infant mortality as a marker of quality. America's infant mortality rate is higher than some other countries, but there is a reason. That reason is usually drugs. Many infants born to drug addicted mothers either die or consume thousands of dollars in neonatal ICU care expenses. What we have in this country is a drug addiction problem, not a quality of medicine problem.

Americans are living longer, healthier lives and being more productive than ever before in history. Even changes in Social Security laws plan for baby boomers to work longer as the age for starting Social Security payments will jump to 67 years after the year 2000.

Part of America's health care "problem" are the older people who are unable to properly care for themselves. Families seem not to want to care for the older members; thus we have a "housing" problem, not a health care problem. There aren't many concerns about Alzheimer's disease in Somalia or Zaire. People don't live that long there- they have a quality of health care problem!

MONEY AND POWER - The problem with our health care system is that it consumes a large portion of our GNP. What is wrong with that? One of two possibilities. Either someone wants to have power over that large chunk of money, or they want the overall amount to decrease so more taxes can be extracted from Americans without causing a tax payer revolt.

Liberals often point to the added cost on the sticker price of an American automobile because of health care premiums. They worry that an American car costs $800 more due to health care costs as compared to the $200 added to a Japanese car. When we think about the Clinton plan to impose a Value Added Tax (VAT) to that car, why don't we do some quick math? If the car costs $15,000 and the tax is 18% then the added cost to that car would be $2700! How about that for sticker shock! Where will the extra $1900 go? To the government bureaucracy.

HERE IN TEXAS - HB 2055, by Rep. Mike Martin is being discussed in Austin this week and will set up a Health Care Plan for Texas which will fit right in with Democrat proposals. Governor Richards wants to give the President a present before Hillary's task force releases its report. As HB2055 is written, health care in Texas would be run by a board appointed by the Governor. This board would consist of 6 people. Two "employers", two "employees" and two "public members". Notice that the medical profession is absent. One patient told me "The only person I want managing my care is my doctor!"

Another provision is that all small businesses must provide health care insurance to all employees. HB 2055 doesn't point out the cost of this coverage. How many small mom and pop businesses can afford the extra overhead of health care coverage for all their employees, even the part-time high school kid who works on the weekend?

This bill should be re-written or defeated. Please contact your legislator and senator and advise them to be careful in the vote and not be pressured into passing this legislation until its full impact on Texas business is evaluated.

** Dr. Feldtman is a heart surgeon in Houston and on the Board of Directors of Physicians for Quality Medicine, a Houston medical think-tank dedicated to quality medical care and freedom for the patient and doctor*

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Legislation Will Threaten Gun Owners' Rights

By Bob Williams

If you are a well-informed NRA(National Rifle Association) member, you probably know intimately all about the moves that are afoot in the new administration in Washington to restrict or to completely prohibit the law-abiding citizens' Constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. We're talking about whatever law-abiding reason you might have for keeping and bearing arms, including self-protection, a hobby, or for participating in shooting sports.

If you are not a well-informed NRA member you need to know what is happening in this area because it affects any future thoughts you might have about owning and using a handgun, rifle or shotgun.

In the Senate, Senator Patrick Moynihan-(D) has sponsored a bill (S179) to levy as much as a 1,000 percent excise tax on certain caliber ammunition. The calibers chosen for this honor are the 9 mm, the .25 and .35 caliber. It is not by chance that these are among the most popular handgun calibers for personal defense and for some shooting sports.

A box of 9mm ammunition costs approximately $12 now. The 1,000 percent excise tax would raise the price to over $100 per box. Certainly a prohibitive price.

The underlying reason for the excise tax on ammunition could be to come up with another way to pay for Hillary Clinton's Health Care Program. It could also lead to a proposed 20 percent tax on any gun purchase.

Not to be outdone, Congressmen Jim Moran-(D) and Robert Torricelli-(D) have introduced a bill in the House (H.R. 544) which would prohibit the transfer of 2 or more handguns to an individual in any 30 day period.

Even if you are threatened or your firearms have been stolen, you cannot purchase more than 2 handguns at a time. This makes it tough on competitive shooters who sometimes purchase several guns at once to take advantage of special purchase prices. How could this law be enforced except by some very expensive national computerized gun registration program?

The uncomfortable part, is if this law is passed, then what would prevent the next step which would be to limit you to 0 guns?

Back in the Senate-- Senators Dennis Deconcini, Howard Metzenbaum and Ted Kennedy have introduced two bills (S.639 and S.653) which would make it unlawful to possess certain auto-loading firearms. These bills would give the unelected Secretary of the Treasury, with advice from the hard-core anti-gun Attorney General Janet Reno, unilateral say over your Constitutional right to own, sell or transfer the semi-automatic firearms you may currently own. They would even have the power to recommend additions to the list of banned firearms at any time.

Back to the House-- The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (H.R.1025) sponsored by Congressman Charles Schumer, (D) would unleash a law requiring a waiting period before you can purchase a handgun. On the surface it might seem to make sense, but do you believe any criminals would wait to get a handgun for their own use? Also, this legislation would prohibit lawsuits against bureaucrats and anti-gun police who wrongly and maybe even deliberately prevent you, as a law-abiding citizen, from buying a gun.

The important thing to remember is that there are 88 new congressmen and Senators who have never voted on gun issues in the House or Senate. They are being told by the anti-gun media that these new bills are what the people want. I believe it is time they heard from you, the usually silent conservative constituents of these new congressmen and senators. Let them know that the Second Amendment to the Constitution is a viable protection of your rights and not up for tinkering or alteration.

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A grade school teacher in the Houston metropolitan area assigns a project due Oct. 10, 1992. Instructions: Make a "3-D Greek god or goddess." A student submits a cross. His paragraph that quotes the Bible ("You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make any graven image.") to explain why he cannot make an idol. The student receives a zero. The score counts as a test grade.

The city government of Raleigh, N.C., orders Nease Baptist Church to remove its Christian flag for violating a city ordinance forbidding the display of temporary signs. The church has three flag poles. The American flag and North Carolina flags do not violate the ordinance, the government says.

A government agency (school clinic, public health agency, etc.) gives somebody a contagion. As a result, the recipient is pregnant and/or has AIDS. The recipient and/or parents want to sue the agency.

A school clinic, without parental knowledge, sends a girl to an abortion clinic. The parents want to sue for violation of parental authority, killing the baby, and/or causing physical, emotional, moral, or spiritual damage to the girl.

An employer discriminates against somebody because he's a Christian or because of Christian-based behavior or beliefs.

Neighborhood residents petition a city government to keep a church building or Christian school from being constructed.

A public school teacher is told to remove a Bible or Christian book(s) from a shelf in his classroom.

An award-winning geology teacher is told to stop showing students that geological evidence, other scientific evidence, and historical records do not support evolutionary doctrine but proves instead that a violent flood (in the time of Noah) and related catastrophic natural phenomena reshaped the world's surface and climate about 6,000 years ago.

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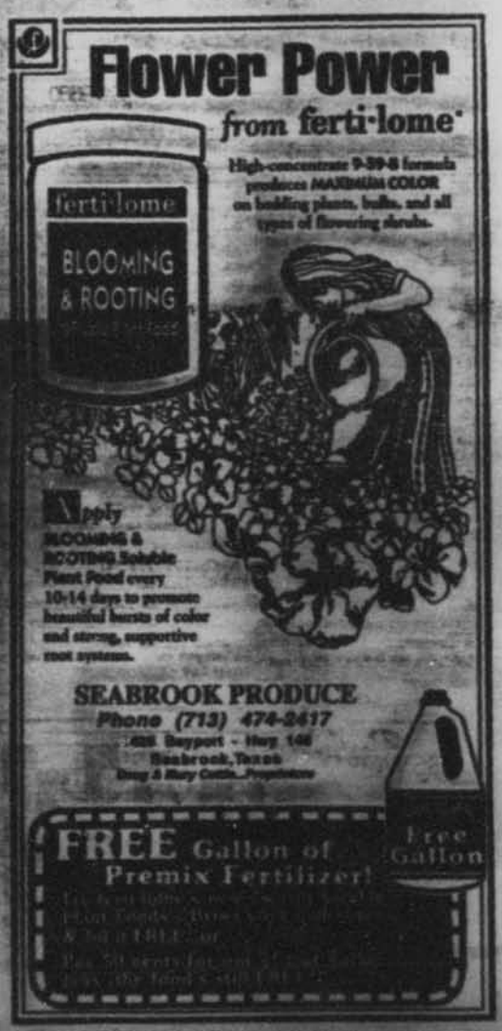

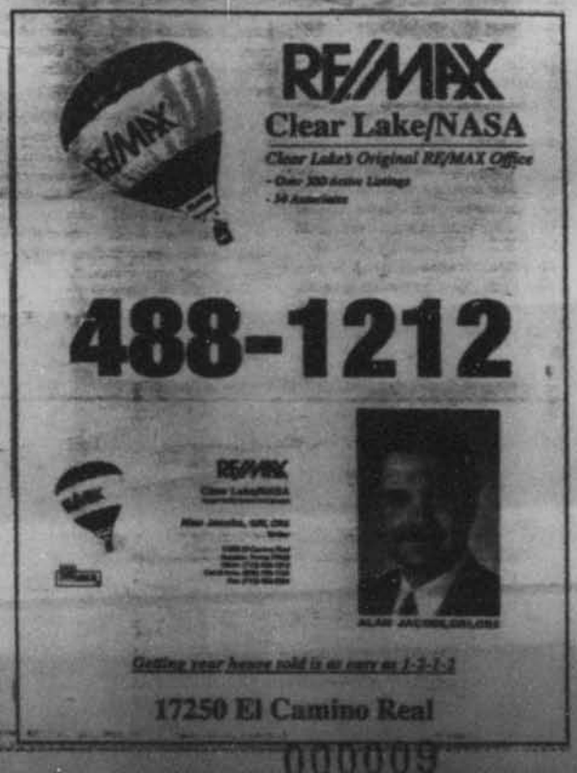

Letters and Editorials

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By Jeff Van Fleet,
Managing Editor

What do Jack Fields (R, Humble), Joe Barton (R, Ennis), Charlie Wilson (D, Lufkin), Mike Andrews (D, Houston), and Tom DeLay (R, Houston) all have in common? Answer: Each of these congressmen, both Democrat and Republican, feel it necessary to hold periodic Town Hall meetings to meet with, and get feedback from, their constituents.

Unlike these gentlemen, Congressman Jack Brooks, the 41 year incumbent, apparently has something against meeting with the people he represents. That is, of course, unless they are willing to pay $50 and put on a tuxedo. In these difficult economic times, it is unfortunate that the constituents of the Ninth District must pay to get the ear of their congressman, although some have been doing that for years. And pay they did.

On April 23, 1993, the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation (CLAEDF), sponsored a "civic function [illegible] at the [illegible] Congress, [illegible] at the [illegible] Center, a non-profit corporation, has drawn some criticism for its involvement in this event. The Foundation generously offered to cover any cost shortage that might have occurred. Had there been a surplus, CLAEDF would retain those monies for "continued economic development activities."

Critics charge that this could place the Foundation in dangerous territory. Covering the shortage, which likely occurred given the light turnout at the event, could be construed as a corporate contribution to a political campaign which is very illegal. This could jeopardize both the corporations legal standing with the Federal Election Committee and the IRS.

The question of partisanship also came up regarding this "civic event." Strangely, only individuals from the Democrat Party were invited to speak. Congressman John Bryant (D, Dallas) was the emcee for the evening. Democrat President Clinton and Democrat Speaker of the House Tom Foley both sent videotaped messages. Democrat Vice President Al Gore and Governor Ann Richards were scheduled to either appear, or, at least, send representatives. Even Clinton supporter Houston Mayor Bob Lanier got in on the evening's festivities.

Would the Foundation have been as generous if someone wanted to honor Republican Senator Phil Gramm or even former President Ronald Reagan, who called for the development of Space Station Freedom back in 1984?

Both NASA officials who spoke are openly ardent Democrats. NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin and JSC Administrator Aaron Cohen addressed the gathering. While everything might have been [illegible] and up, some observers [illegible] which limits federal employees' involvement in partisan politics. What's even more repugnant, is that this Democrat administration wants to cut Space Station.

If you are wondering why you haven't heard about this, the answer is simple. Brooks barred all media from attending. What type of activities is the Congressman involved in that prohibits him from being held under public scrutiny? So, unless you were a rich Democrat who wanted to cut Space Station, you probably wouldn't have wanted to attend.

Congressman Brooks, the brave man who talked of bombing and shooting rats, women and children at the Waco compound, is scared of his voters.

Gay Love-in

Dear Editor,

I have just been to the largest "Gay Love-In" this country has ever seen. Gay, in the original meaning of "happy" and Love in the original meaning before it became confused with "Sex" (not that I am opposed to sex).

It was called "Dan's Bake Sale" in Ft. Collins, Colorado. In spite of news just released by about 60-70,000 South Limbaugh fans to meet one another. It was a BLAST! People of every age were there: College students, grandmothers, grandfathers, and zillions of middle-Americans and their entire families had an exhausting but terrific time -- without trashing the town or giving the police a single bit of hassle. In fact, every police officer I talked to (about a dozen) said they thought we were great guests in their town and welcomed us to come back.

Everyone was high as a kite, but there were no drugs to be found. They got high on the good spirits of thousands of real Americans who were able to say out loud, "I am a Conservative" without being condemned as being selfish, cruel, heartless, or reactionary. People came from every state in the union, including Alaska and Hawaii, and from several foreign countries JUST TO BE WITH OTHER CONSERVATIVES! I went from Dallas, had a great time, and never even ate a cookie.

If Slick Willie really believes that Americans are as politically Liberal as he must believe them to be, he should have been in Ft. Collins this weekend. I doubt he could find very many Americans who [illegible] to show his financial plight, but he would have seen tens of thousands who spent days traveling just to celebrate the ideals America was built on. He could have also learned what real American tax-payers, and those who have served their country in the military, think of twisted morality and destructive dismantling of American traditions and principles.

If you have ever been discouraged and disheartened (and I have) with the belief that we are losing America to the sick, self-serving, leftist politicos, this "Bake Sale" proved to me that we will prevail. There are too many good, honest, decent people in this country for us to be held down for too long.

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Although it did not have the pomp and circumstance like that of other graduation ceremonies that most of us have attended, the Kindergarten graduates of the Knee High School in Webster were thrilled just the same. On Friday May 14, the class of 2005 walked across the stage and received their diplomas.

School owner and director, Mrs. Irene Miller said that she was very proud of the five students that have completed the Kindergarten program. "We opened August 18 of last year with 1 student, we now have over fifty children in our day care and pre-school combined. God has really blessed us with great kids."

After Vivian Bearden welcomed the guests, the proud graduates each gave a lively account of what they had learned over the past year.

Tucker Read told about how he and his classmates learned to read. "We learned to read phonetically. We know that 'th' sounds like 'th...th...th'."

Karen Tabor told the audience about the field trips the students took to St. John's Hospital's Teddy Bear Clinic. The students brought their teddy bears in for a check-up. Karen said that most of the teddy bears received shots to treat their ailments.

Zachary Burgeson shared with the parents and friends about the special times that the kids had at school. "We all loved going out on bear hunts with Kurt and singing Father Abraham."

Vivian Bearden, Tucker Read, Karen Tabor, Zachary Burgeson, Alanna Bock

Alanna Bock read a poem about Dr. Seuss week. "Dr. Seuss has been a friend to us, for such a long, long time. He tells the greatest stories, and makes those stories rhyme."

After the ceremony, the children invited the parents and guests to have cake and punch with them. The cake was decorated with the school's logo, a grasshopper holding balloons.

Mrs. Miller had ceremonies like this at her pre-school back in Vermont. "They were always so much fun, Sometimes, the parents had a better time than the kids." Everyone did have a great time. "I enjoyed teaching these kids over the past year. I want to wish them luck when they start the first grade this fall."

Rush

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Unfortunately, all the hotels were booked and more people who wanted to come, couldn't. A twenty-five mile traffic back-up on I-25 occured at 12:50 p.m., seven miles of which were chartered buses. This is truly a testament to the popularity of radio and TV talk show host Rus Limbaugh. Crowd estimates have reache 85,000+, far more than the 20,000 tha was reported by CNN.

Every hotel room in the area was booked Denver's Stapleton Airport, and all o the other airports in the Ft. Collins area were flooded with requests by individual to land their private planes. The airport were so full, some of the pilots had to fl on to Laramie, Wyoming, and drove th rest of the way to Dan's Bake Sale.

Four different police officers from th college town reported that this was th best behaved crowd they have ever had

Rush showed up at 1:00 o'clock in th afternoon and spoke for about fifte minutes. The mass of "Ditto-heads" stoo through a torrential downpour to hear th Clinton administration's sharpest critic

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The Truth About John Connally

The passing away of John Connally has left a pall over the great state of Texas. Known to many as the epitome of Texas itself, John B. Connally II will be missed. Some, though, in the national media find it hard to be gracious to a man who in life, as well as in death, deserves more than the ranker of the dominate media establishment.

The National Public Radio commentator, at the passing of former Texas Governor John Connally, described a man far from what we here in Texas knew him to be. In what can best be described as vicifferous, maligning and mean-spirited, the liberal NPR radio commentary focused mainly on the negatives, in particular the early nineteen-seventies, of John Connally's life. The dominate media is attempting to re-write history by being myopic in its view of Connally. Many here that knew the former governor are asking why the media elite are attacking a man who is best described by his friends and foes alike as a man of principle, humor, and grace.

After closer examination, what really comes to the fore-front is that, like Ronald Reagan, John Connally is a former Democrat. The root of the problem for these commentators is the word "former". What Connally had was what made Texas great - character and principle. Connally was devoted to beliefs; not to a party. Connally had the courage to say - my beliefs are no longer in line with where this organization is going and I am going to change; I am going to stand on the side of principle. That infuriates the "politically correct" left.

But that is what makes Connally a giant; he did not side with a group because his father, his mother, his wife, a union, his menior or anyone else belonged to that group. He made his decision based on his beliefs. That same belief in principle and conviction overcoming the need to belong is what made this country strong.

Currently, many people still vote Democrat even though they don't support Democrat positions on guys in the military, quotas, tax increases, weakened criminal laws or special "rights" for various special interest groups.

For someone of Connally's stature to say the Democrat Party is wrong to pursue special interest at the risk of losing the middle class was putting salt on the wounds of those

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No Mir Station!

AS WE GO TO PRESS... Space Station Freedom supporters in Texas and across the nation are once again standing at the edge of a precipice. Clinton has chosen to go with a smaller version of Space Station, but it still remains unclear whether Space Station will go the way of *his closest friends* and nominees for Justice Department and Supreme Court, Lani Guinier and Bruce Babbit.

Session after session, Congress, often in highly publicized funding battles which dominated the national news for days, said "Yes, we do support Station!" Again and again, in no uncertain terms; but alas, this has meant very little to the current White House.

It was Bill Clinton himself who brought some of Space Station Freedom's biggest enemies into top positions in his administration, including station arch-enemy and former Congressman, Leon Panetta who now is Clinton's Budget Director.

If Freedom's Plan B derivative is rescued on the floor of Congress, the White House will try to take credit for "saving" the project. That's the "spin" already appearing in news stories from the Washington Press Corps. Take for instance the inexplicable front page story in HOUSTON POST that begins, "President Clinton will give the space station a much-needed boost today, endorsing a redesign that will...."

President Clinton has done nothing of the kind. What he has done is waste our time and our money, while de-moralizing the space industry.

All of the debate and fresh criticism of Freedom spawned by Clinton's direction to redesign has given new hope to the greatest enemies of the American manned space exploration program.

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Citizens Poll Results

THE WINNER of dinner for two at the Jalapeno Tree was:

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See our new Citizens Poll on right.

Connally

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special interest groups. Connally, in fact, felt practicing fairness is far more compassionate than preaching fairness. It was substance over symbolism, the opposite of what we have now. In the eyes of the commentator for National Public Radio Connally, for his stance in life, apparently warrants this cheap shot, it comes at the time of his passing when he is no longer able to respond.

But, as always, those who scream the loudest for fairness and free speech are the greatest suppressors of both.

John Connally, we love you and will miss you. Thanks for your adherence to your beliefs, convictions and your exemplary leadership.

Editorial

Managing Editor, Jeff Van Fleet

The constituents of the Ninth district received a rude awakening on Tuesday June 15. Several Clear Lake citizens and dignitaries went to Washington D.C. to lobby Congressman Jack Brooks concerning the ensuing battle for funding of Space Station Freedom.

When asked by the Clear Lake residents to support the station, Mr. Brooks took offense. He asked why he should vote for something to benefit a part of his district where the voters rejected him by a huge majority. Only 33% of the voters that did support him, don't deserve his support.

As citizens of the Ninth district, I presume we all think that someone who has been in office since 1952 would know what is expected of them.

Critics of Congressman Brooks charge that this attitude of "What have you done for Jack Brooks lately," is just par for the course. It is this attitude, some say, that has made Mr. Brooks the richest man in Congress. How else could a man who went to Washington in 1953 with one suit, that somebody else bought for him, become a multi-millionaire?

We have a representative form of government. The people elect someone to go to Washington D.C. to fight for their needs and desires. This is not a trusteeship, where we are to "trust" our representative to do what he thinks is best for us. There are too many people in our nation's capital that "think" they know what we need to make our lives complete.

What we are talking about is jobs, not his re-election. He should do what we sent him to Washington to do; to represent us and our interests. It does not matter if almost half of the people in this district voted against Mr. Brooks. What matters is that he, whether we like it or not, is our representative. If after 40 years, Mr. Brooks has forgotten how to represent us, I am sure there is someone else who wouldbe more than willing to do the job.

If Congressman Brooks does not have to listen to and heed the request of the constituents who did not necessarily vote for him, does that mean that those who did not vote for him are exempt from the laws which he helps to pass?

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POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

FRANKENSTEIN MONSTER OF THE LOONEY LEFT

PART ONE: FRANKENSTEIN GOES TO WASHINGTON

Whether you are a parent, student, educator or school board member with a deep and abiding concern over the quality of American education, or whether you are simply just another kwty, hard-working, over-burdened taxpayer concerned with the quality of America's future, you have undoubtedly heard about the Great Debate raging both in Texas and across this nation concerning the "Political Correctness" movement in politics and on the campuses of schools and universities.

A Frankenstein-like creature of the looney Left, "Political Correctness" is a severely twisted and woefully deformed version of the intellectual, moral and political commitments Mainstream America has made to equal rights and equal opportunities, the protection of the environment, the tolerance and preservation of individual liberty.

Indeed, the Frankenstein comparison is more than appropriate. As those of you who have read Mary Shelley's classic 1818 science fiction novel may recall, the main character in the story is mad scientist Victor Frankenstein, a megalomaniac who thinks he can become "god" by creating a monster.

TOTALITARIAN TO THE CORE

In fact, on close examination, "Political Correctness" in American education and politics reveals itself as a "monster" in the form of an openly Totalitarian ideological movement. Some of the main features of "Politically Correct" Totalitarianism are:

1) An adament, inculcated racism based on a "devil theory" of the "white race" and "European culture."

2) A vicious woman-centered sexism, demonizing all males, especially white ones.

3) A pseudo-"scientific" environmentalism based on one or more of a variety of cause and effect theories, usually coupled with the declaration of an environmental crisis or an apocalyptic vision.

4) A glorification of the intellectually inferior, especially to the point where they are viewed as intellectually superior.

5) A demented fascination with, and glorification of, the morally perverse.

6) The ruthless use of Totalitarian tactics-- including intimidation, inquisitions, thug squads, violence and official repression.

7) In education, the abandonment of traditional education and the transformation of the university and the college classroom into instruments of Totalitarian ideological indoctrination. "PC" on campus also involves the use of all five of the tactics listed in #6, above.

THEATRE OF THE ABSURD

"Political Correctness" in the education system is much more deeply entrenched and its fundamental Totalitarianism far more publicly pronounced than in the political field, and a good case can be made that, in the long term, it is the more dangerous of the two.

Of late, however, "Political Correctness" in the realm of the national political arena has had the determined, if not altogether undivided, attention of the mass media. On the other hand, depressingly scant notice has been given to the "Political Correctness" movement in the realm of education.

The reasons for this are, of course, the ludicrous antics of Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton in Old Foggy Bottom.

The divine logos of "Political Correctness" hangs about the necks of our nation's hapless First Couple of Mischief on the Potomac like a cat-o'-nine-tails 'round the necks of a pair of 14th century heretics of the Flagellant persuasion -- a fanatic sect that ran wild and naked through the communities of late medieval Thuringia, flogging themselves profusely and frightening the wits out of the plague-ravaged townspeople, until the instigators were finally scooped up by the dismayed local authorities and burned at the stake.

Just as the Flagellation riots in mid-1300's Thuringia must have been a sight to behold, so has it gone, and so does it still go, with Clintonian "Political Correctness."

Mr. Bill's and Hillary's comic attempt to appoint an administration that "looks like America" has attracted the devout attention of the mass media since day one.

To date, Bill and Hillary have nominated a discredited former university chancellor known as the "Godmother of the PC Mafiosi"; two potential Attorney Generals who were breaking U.S. immigration laws; a third Attorney General who is so concerned about the welfare of children that she ordered a paramilitary assault on a compound in Waco; a Civil Rights attorney who held a rather dim view of majority rule; a lesbian activist from California; and a former Arizona Governor who launched vicious political attacks on those enemies of humanity, the Boy Scouts of America.

Please don't misunderstand. There is no complaint here about the attention the media regulars have heaped on Clintonian "PC." Nor is this a complaint about the resulting carnage of Clintonian "PC" nominees or the resulting public outcry that has descended, with all the splendour of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, upon the heads of our First Couple of Political Correctness and their colorful scheme to turn the U.S.S. Enterprise into a floating San Francisco bath house.

The media attention in these matters has helped alert the American people to the absurdly incompetent and politically isolated nature of the Clinton gang at the White House, and to the attendant wackiness in word and deed bred by such isolation from the mainstream.

But as a library full of books by professional educators has shown, the source of the infection of our politics by "PC" Totalitarianism is found in the universities. To put it succinctly, the political hacks of the "PC" mobilization of America like Bill and Hillary did not create "PC." Rather, the "Political Correctness" movement created the political hacks.

Best-selling books like A"an Bloom's THE CLOSING OF THE AMERICAN MIND and Dinesh D'Souza's ILLIBERAL EDUCATION have exposed both the intellectual mindset which has brought about "PC", and the tactics and methods used by "PC" ideologists to take over campuses and ruin the minds of American youth. Another great book on "PC", SURVIVING THE PC UNIVERSITY, is a collection of essays from the anti-"PC" magazine Heterodoxy that includes such "Ten Worst" lists as "The Ten Worst College Administrators" and "The Ten Wackiest Feminists On Campus."

And speaking of wacky feminists, the relationship between "PC" education and "PC" politics is in no way better illustrated than by a look at the wit, wisdom and doings of the two top "PC" political hacks in America: Hillary Rodham Clinton and Donna Shalala. This we shall do, in some detail, in part two.

SEE PART TWO, "THE BRIDES OF FRANKENSTEIN," IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS TIMES

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New Best Seller Shatters Myth of Anita Hill

THE REAL ANITA HILL THE UNTOLD STORY by David Brock

The Free Press, 438 pages with extensive notes & index, reviewed by Tom Tyler

Like most Americans, since the highly-publicized Senate confirmation hearings on the nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas (now Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas) to the High Court in late 1991, I have often wondered what motivated Anita Hill to tell the kind of whopper I (and three score million other Americans) realized she was telling after she, Thomas and the witnesses had completed their testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

For those who realized Hill was lying, the proverbial missing piece to the puzzle has always been her motivation for so doing.

After all, the mass media and Hill's allies painted her as a brave and courageous woman. She supposedly came forward of her own accord, out of a sense of civic duty, and fought the prejudices of the all-male club on the Senate Judiciary Committee. Like Ollie North, she wanted to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

They told us she was a Conservative Republican who, by joining Thomas at the EEOC under Ronald Reagan, had dared to stand up to the extreme liberal wing of the Civil Rights lobby. She was described as a supporter of Judge Robert Bork during his ill-fated confirmation hearings. She was said to be a devout Southern Baptist with strong moral and religious views, and thus probably against abortion-on-demand and hostile or indifferent to radical feminism.

In other words, according to the mass media, Anita Hill had no personal or political motives to derail Thomas. Indeed, she ought to have, by all rights, been on his side.

In the two years since the hearings, the story of Saint Anita has been repeated over and over again with religious fervor by the Politically Correct. Her legend has been reverently embellished by the Church of PC hierarchy, and routinely dispensed as catechesis from its pulpits in the press and the university classroom.

But thanks to the old-fashioned journalistic curiosity, hard work and, especially, hard-nosed objectivism of a superb young investigative reporter by the name of David Brock, we now know that the entire Legend of Saint Anita is a complete and pious fraud, knowingly perpetrated upon the Republic by a gang of political rascals whose antics would cause the authors of the Donation of Constantine to blush like novices in a brothel.

Fellow Texans, meet David Brock, whose new best seller THE REAL ANITA HILL: The Untold Story, locates for us those huge sectors of reality missing from the standard version of the Legend of Saint Anita.

Brock cut his teeth at investigative journalism covering the Iran-Contra affair. A intra-liberal who favors many liberal social programs and is moderately pro-choice, Brock is hardly a model Conservative with a political ax to grind against Hill. During the hearings, Brock actually believed Thomas might be guilty as inquisitioned.

But, as he began his investigation, he found a number of promising leads which had been left unpursued by the national news media – all of which bore directly on the credibility of Anita Hill.

Even as the Hill Legend got more and more rank, Brock held his nose, and to his great and everlasting credit, kept his intellectual and professional objectivity intact.

The result is that THE REAL ANITA HILL is a superbly documented, thoroughly-researched book. Indeed, Woodward and Bernstein might have learned a great deal about investigative journalism, had they the benefit of Mr. Brock's example during their excursion into the Watergate affair. Brock uncovers in massive detail a whole catalogue of previously undiscovered and wholly ignored aspects of the Thomas-Hill fiasco. Here are the major bombshells:

1) As it turns out, Hill was not (surprise, surprise) the Conservative Republican she was made out to be by the mass media. Never once did they investigate Hill's political beliefs or possible personal motives. Hill was a committed pro-choice activist and a liberal Democrat who helped lead an effort at the University of Oklahoma to ban so-called "hate speech" – a politically correct pseudonym for setting up a campus inquisition banning Free Speech.

Further, Hill's competency as an attorney and law professor had consistently been called into question by employers and students. She developed a pattern of explaining such problems to friends in terms of sexual harassment and racism. She left the EEOC under Thomas after she was passed over for a promotion to top-level staff. When she lost the promotion, she began to backstab Thomas to her fellow workers, calling him a race traitor.

2) Anita Hill did not bravely step forward with her story, nor did an all-male club on the Senate Judiciary Committee ignore and victimize poor little Anita Hill.

Anita Hill was contacted by anti-Thomas groups months before she testified, and these groups pressured Hill for weeks to step forward.

Anita Hill then refused to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee without a guarantee of anonymity. The Committee would not, and has never in history, allowed anonymous charges to be entered as testimony.

Hill only stepped forward after she was tricked into submitting a signed affidavit – three days before the scheduled vote on Thomas and, once again, under a promise of anonymity from Metzenbaum Senate staffer and old friend Jamie Brudney. A committed leftist political activist, Brudney secretly leaked the signed affidavit to Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio, a reporter famous for shrewd reporting and disreputable tactics.

3) Anita Hill's only corroborating witness – Susan Hoerchner, a California workmen's compensation claims administrator with the overblown title of a judge, known for her use of valium as well for her reputation as an instigator of sexual harassment charges – never heard Anita Hill refer to Clarence Thomas as the boss who was sexually harassing her.

In fact, Susan Hoerchner repeatedly told Senate investigators that Hill had complained of sexual harassment from her boss in the spring of 1981 – 6 months before Anita Hill went to work for Clarence Thomas at the Department of Education and 60 months before Hill followed Thomas to the EEOC.

When Senate investigators spotted this incredible discrepancy in the middle of a deposition, Anita Hill's attorney stopped the interview, took Hoerchner and held a discussion with her. When Hoerchner returned to the interview a few minutes later, she had altered her story to fit Hill's version.

4) Brock shows it was Senator Paul Simon of Illinois who leaked the contents of the Thomas FBI file to Tim Phelps of Newsday. This act was a violation of Senate rules and is grounds for expulsion from the Senate.

5) Last but not least, Brock exposes the group of key operatives on the extreme left-wing of Washington politics who manipulated Anita Hill and engineered the attack on Clarence Thomas.

Brock calls this group of operatives the Shadow Senate. The group was formed during the Reagan years to oppose Conservative judicial nominations. It composed of Politically Correct activists such as Nan Aron of the Alliance for Justice, Kate Michelman of the National Abortion Rights Action League, Eleanor Smeal of NOW, and Art Kropp of People for the American Way. This group of activists worked closely with Senate staffers from the offices of Judiciary Committee members Ted Kennedy, Howard Metzenbaum, and Paul Simon to sink Judge Robert Bork's nomination.

Along with Nina Totenberg of National Public Radio, the Shadow Senate pulled out all stops to derail Clarence Thomas using the same tactics employed against Bork. (The strategy, called borking, involves turning a Senate confirmation hearing into a full-blown national political campaign.)

While the televised hearings in 1991 were a soap opera on a spectacular scale – the sort of thing one would expect a television writer to concoct for a fictional movie of the week or some absurd series about the adventures of a gang of make-believe lawyers – Brock's THE REAL ANITA HILL: The Untold Story is investigative journalism, at its best.

And above all, David Brock's THE REAL ANITA HILL exposes the myth of Hill and shows Judge Clarence Thomas' opponents and the liberal Democrats who engineered the Thomas-Hill fiasco for what they were and are: a base and degraded gang of cut-throat political Byzantines from the loony left, swept along by the manipulations of dirty politics, special interest groups, mass media sensationalism, incompetence, and personal revenge.

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Popular Host John Matthews Addresses Clear Lake Group

The sharp-witted host of one of Houston's most popular radio call-in shows was guest speaker at the June meeting of the Clear Lake Republicans organization, a leading political group in the Bay Area.

The Clear Lake Republicans, who meet the first Thursday of every month at 7PM on the second floor of the Harris County Court House Annex in the heart of Clear Lake City, turned out in force for John Matthews' appearance.

The audience laughed and applauded exuberantly as the conservative iconoclastic humourist barbecued the Clinton administration, "Political Correctness," opponents of the Space Station Freedom project and liberals like Ann Richards and Bob Krueger. So thoroughly, that some spectators laughed so much, they had to wipe away tears of joy.

In fact, as Clear Lake Republicans president Wade Webster noted, Texas conservatives,as well as conservatives across America, have good reasons to celebrate.

"Not only have the people of Texas delivered a loud and clear message to Ann Richards, the Democrat Party and the Clinton Administration by overwhelmingly electing Kay Bailey Hutchison to the U.S. Senate," Webster said, "the polls are showing that the American people have caught on to Bill and Hillary Clinton. Their politically correct, tax-and-spend agenda that replaces high-tech jobs with summer make-work projects is just absurd."

"Now," he added, "if we can win the battle for Space Station Freedom, we'll be even happier."

Also in the audience were such well-known Bay Area conservative political leaders as Texas State Senator Jerry Patterson; Jerry Purdon Republican State Representative candidate from Texas City, and his wife Krystal; Keith Glover, 1992 GOP candidate for Harris County Constable Precinct 8; Sonja Main, president of Bay Area Republican Women; Taxpayers Coalition of Clear Creek chairman Margaret Baird and Coalition executive committee member Boyd Breyer; Judy Small of Citizens for Excellence in Education; Patti Stockman, wife of 1992 District 9 Congressional candidate Steve Stockman who came within a few thousand votes of defeating 40-year incumbent Jack Brooks last year; and Tom Tyler, a supporter of the Space Station Freedom Fighters who helped plan and organize last year's "Stand Up for Freedom" rally in Clear Lake Park.

John Matthews gives Patti Stockman his trade secret for keeping up on the days hot topics.

Matthews began by apologizing for missing the May meeting of the group. The radio personality had been scheduled as guest speaker, but came down with influenza and had to put off his appearance. But invitations had already been sent, and a standing-room-only crowd packed the court house, fans John Matthews.

"I'm sorry I wasn't here for what I understand was the biggest meeting you've ever had," Matthews told the crowd. " But I'm very glad to be here for what I understand is the second-biggest meeting you've ever had!"

To the great amusement of the audience, Matthews drew a comparison between himself and Rush Limbaugh, the immensely popular conservative national radio and television commentator whose often hilarious antics and penchant for speaking his mind have even won him a large number of "liberal" fans.

"People often ask me what the difference is between myself and Rush Limbaugh," Matthews said. "Well, the difference is that Rush Limbaugh's talent is on loan from God, while mine is an outright gift."

The radio call-in host conducted his hour-and-half long presentation just like his marathon five-hour-long morning radio show on KPRC, commenting on various aspects of the American and Texas political scenes and "taking calls" in the form of direct questions or comments from the audience.

"If anyone has a question, just jump right in," he said. " We'll get a lot accomplished tonight, if you've got about five hours."

Matthews was continually interrupted by laughter and applause as he discussed a number of topics with the audience, including the Space Station, Bill Clinton, the election of Kay Bailey Hutchison to the U.S. Senate, and what most Texas voters believe is a politically-motivated grand jury investigation by the Democrat District Attorney of Travis County involving allegations made against Hutchison during the final three weeks of the election by defeated Democrat Bob Kreuger.

"Obviously the investigation of Kay Bailey Hutchison is nothing more than sour grapes on the part of our good friends in the Democrat party." Matthews told the audience. "They are so absolutely humiliated by the two-to-one defeat of Bobby 'what's-his-name'; they are trying to fight back the only way they know how, and that's with a trumped-up investigation of charges made during a political campaign."

"When you look at the election returns," Matthews continued, "you see that 'what's-his-name' only carried a few counties in the Rio Grande Valley. He didn't carry Austin or San Antonio and he didn't even carry the heavily unionized Golden Triangle area, which must have sent shivers up the spines of the Texas Democrat party."

"Things do not look good for them over the next few years. But conversely, things look absolutely superb for conservatives, particularly as long as Mr. Clinton is still taking advice from those Hollywood elites."

"I get callers from time to time who accuse me of Clinton-bashing. They say I'm not being fair, and it's just horrible that I and all the other Conservatives are picking on President Clinton and not giving him a chance."

"I tell them, 'they are suffering from what is called the 'shoe is on the other foot syndrome'. For the last twelve years those of us in conservative politics and with conservative beliefs have withstood withering assaults from the liberal left against the policies of Ronald Reagan and George Bush. 'Now that you have captured the White House,' I tell them, 'and now that you have control of the House of Representatives -- apparently, nobody is in control of the Senate -- now is the time for Conservatives to get in their licks.' And, I tell them, 'get used to it because as long as Bill is in the White House, you are going to get a lot of it.' He is an intellectual version of Gerald Ford, and keeps falling all over himself. Republicans don't even have to do a thing to help him along."

"He even has his own Congressmen furious with him. After twisting arms for weeks to force his liberal Congressional supporters out on a limb by voting for the BTU tax, and after promising he wouldn't leave them twisting slowly in the wind on a program that was just overwhelmingly opposed by their constituents, what does he do?"

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"I would think the liberal members of Congress have learned one lesson from this event," Matthews said. "And it's the same lesson I hope the Congressional Black Caucus has learned from the Lani Guinier episode -

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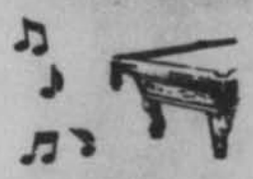

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Outraged by the attempts of ultra-liberal Hollywood activists to free Graham, victim's rights groups including Graham's surviving victims have launched a state petition drive to assure that Graham's death sentence is carried out.

The Victims groups are also holding rallies in Tranquility Park in downtown Houston Sundays June 20 and 27, 3p.m. 6p.m.

The SOUTHEAST TEXAS TIMES joins area leaders and Gary Graham's victims in supporting the petition drive. Gary Graham is a vicious sociopath and should receive his just punishment.

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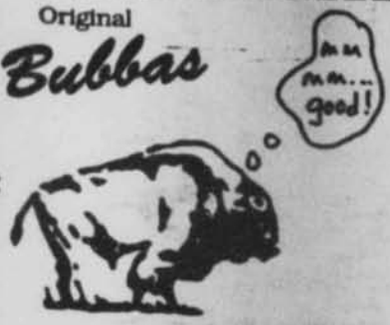

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Semi-Pro Football Schedules July fourth Season Opener

by Patsy Cline

Semi-pro football has come to Houston! The United Football Alliance recently announced the formation of 5 new semi-pro teams in and around the greater Houston area.

Tom Johnson, League Director, began organizing the UFA two years ago in Houston. A former TSU offensive guard, Johnson has 14 year's college and professional experience. While primarily promoting fun and fitness, the UFA also focuses on showcasing talented young athletes age 19 and over. College, NFL and CFL scouts will be in attendance at the games. So, for all players that didn't get enough football in high school or college, here's your chance!

Head Coach Ron Lewis and assistant coach James Long of the Southeast area team, the Pasadena Maulers, noted that while turnout has been more than encouraging, more players are needed to round out the team. The Maulers practice three evenings a week in Southeast Houston Park.

Competition between the UFA teams begins on July 4 at Fun Stadium, 6400 Bissonnet, at 2 p.m. The Maulers will be playing the Houston Buccaneers. There is no Admission to July 4 game. Admission for future games will be $5 in advance and $6 at the gate. Tickets will be available from individual players and various ticket outlets in Houston. All non-profit organizations such as Little League football and baseball teams, etc., will be admitted free.

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Convicted murderer, robber, and accused rapist and kidnapper Gary Graham -- who is sitting on Texas Death Row and has been the object of an all-out effort by Hollywood activists and the federally-financed Texas Resources Center to set him free-- got more than just a piece of bad news from the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

Not only did the Supreme Court reject a related case which might have freed Graham on a technicality, but Graham's victims who survived his murderous 1981 crime spree were joined by a large group of prominent Houston Bay Area and Galveston County citizens in calling for "Graham's sentence to be carried out as soon as possible."

And on Tuesday July 6, Rae Wilson, who works for Johnny Holmes at the Harris County DA's office, will do just that when she asks a Texas judge to order a new execution date for Graham "immediately".

Gary Graham was arrested in 1981 after a week-long ultra-violent crime spree. Armed with either a shotgun or pistol, he murdered Bobby Grant Lambert in a hold-up in a Houston grocery store parking lot, shot three others, pistol-whipped three persons, committed nine aggravated robberies

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July 4, 1993 Oh what a weekend!

Bacliff and Friendswood celebrated Fourth of July with parades and fireworks

Famed Scientist Says Program With $40 Billion-A-Year Price Tag Based on Politics, Not Science

In 1990, the Environmental Lobby -- which has an operating budget of $536 million-plus a year, 90 percent of which goes to support political activities, not environmental improvements -- succeeded in getting Congress to pass sweeping new amendments to the Clean Air Act of 1970.

The amendments created a massive spending scheme supposedly intended to "clean up" the "environmental problem" of "acid rain." The 1990 amendments are, by the most realistic estimates available, costing America $40 billion a year.

But according to Dr. Edward C. Krug, the costly amendments to the Clean Air Act were based on an environmental scam. Krug is the famous Soil Scientist who shocked Environmentalists when he discovered that ordinary rain falling on acidic soil can cause nearby lakes and streams to acidify.

According to the Environmental Lobby, the amendments to the 1970 law were needed because the so-called "acid rain" phenomenon -- (i.e., rain with a low pH factor caused by the reaction of natural carbon dioxide or manmade sulfur dioxide emissions with water and oxygen in the atmosphere) -- was "destroying millions of acres" of forest lands and "killing off aquatic life" in "thousands of lakes" in the northeastern United States.

Claims were made, for instance, that the average acidity of the lakes had increased "a hundredfold" over the last forty years due to acid rain, and that the number of lakes "killed off by acid rain" would "double" by 1990. As the propaganda effort continued, Environmentalists made ever more sweeping charges about the effects of acid rain, declaring in one famous instance that "acid rain is destroying our soil, forests, and lakes -- the basis of the earth's life support system -- and damage is occurring coast to coast."

In response to this supposed "problem," the Reagan Administration created the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Project (NAPAP) -- one of the most ambitious and costly environmental research projects ever undertaken.

As Krug has pointed out, after five years of studies and over $500 million dollars worth of research, the NAPAP showed beyond any doubt that the environmental "acid rain" doomsayers had absolutely no idea what they were talking about, and that lake and stream acidity was overwhelmingly the result of local soil and rock conditions, not precipitation.

NAPAP scientists discovered, for instance, that there were only 240 critically acidic lakes in the northeast out of 7,000 -- rather than the "thousands" of lakes claimed by the "Enviro-scammers." They discovered that the average lake is as acidic as it was before the industrial revolution. They found most of the acidic water in the country is in Florida, which has one of the very lowest levels of acidic rain in America. They discovered that the older Clean Air Act was working and had cut sulfur dioxide emissions in half, down to about the level of the 1930's.

Above all-- and this was the most galling discovery to the Environmentalist Lobby -- the NAPAP scientists discovered that every one of the acidic lakes in the northeast could be "limed" to bring down its acidity for a cost of about half a million dollars a year, compared to the tens of billions of dollars required by the new Clean Air Act of 1990.

As for the forests which were supposedly being "destroyed by acid rain," NAPAP found that the resulting added nitrogen fertilization would have a negative impact on the one percent of the eastern forest found at the highest altitudes, or on about 3 million acres out of 3 hundred million.

In the meantime, Krug has said, while the Environmental Lobby and the media were busily diverting the nation's attention and resources to the acid rain scam, 150 million acres of eastern hardwood forest were assaulted by a number of imported diseases and pests.

The chestnut tree was eliminated from the forest, wiped out by blight, and the

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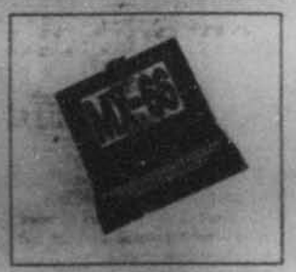

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Gov. Richards Rejects Voter Participation

At high noon, June 3, Governor Ann Richards vetoed the joint resolution of both state legislative bodies for a non-binding referendum which was slated to appear on the November 2 ballets. The non-binding referendum would have revealed the people's opinion and would have provided some guidance for the state legislature in creating a weapons carry law.

Apparently, Governor Richards feels that her wisdom is better than the wisdom of the people she was elected to serve. This seems to have turned the right-to-carry law into a political football to be thrown back and forth from the legislature to the Governor and in no way reflects the desires of the people of Texas.

On hand for the veto signing were police chiefs from several of the major cities in the state (including Houston and Austin) who applauded her veto of the referendum. It is interesting that the police chiefs were informed of the press conference and signing, but the conference was kept secret from any of the opposition including the Texas State Rifle Association. The Texas State Rifle Association has collected over 60,000 signatures on a petition calling for qualified, law abiding citizens to legally carry a handgun for personal protection.

The Governor has said repeatedly that the people of Texas don't want to be able to carry guns for personal protection. If this is true then the governor had nothing to worry about because State Representatives Carter (Fort Worth) and Wilson (Houston) said that they wouldn't introduce any additional legislation on this matter next session if the voters rejected their proposal for a right-to-carry law on the November ballet.

Representative Carter wondered, "Is she [Governor Richards] concerned that her private pollsters might be wrong, as they were on all of the recent education propositions?"

Governor Richards, in her statement, called the proposal a "joke." In earlier statements she called the proposal by Representatives Carter and Wilson "silly." In retort, Representative Carter stated, "I do not feel that giving women the ability to protect themselves from rapists and murderers is silly at all."

Governor Richards' veto suggests that the sponsors of the legislation are not concerned about violence and putting criminals behind bars. Is the Governor trying to say that a right-to-carry law will cause an increase in crime? Does it follow that the sponsors of this bill have not done their homework prior to introducing a right-to-carry bill?

The interim study on whether Texas should adopt a licensing and training system for law abiding citizens was conducted by Representatives Wilson and Carter and the study committee unanimously recommended that Texas should join the 37 other states that have this type of system. Representative Ron Wilson stated, "I don't believe we have been on the sidelines in trying to get the violent criminals off the streets. We supported increasing prison beds, state jails, and required treatment of drugs and alcohol abusers in our criminal justice system."

In answer to the belief that this legislation would lead to increased violent crime -- since Florida enacted their right-to-carry legislation in 1987, their homicide rate has decreased by more than 20% while the national average has increased over 14%.

Representative Carter stated that "firearms training and knowledge of the laws of deadly force are not going to promote violence on our streets. HB 1776 [right-carry-law] was constructed solely for the purpose of setting up qualifications, rules, and procedures whereby law abiding citizens could get training to legally protect themselves from criminal predators. ...It's unfortunate that the governor will not even allow the people to voice their opinion on this issue. In my opinion, in the upcoming gubernatorial election, the voters of Texas will make it perfectly clear that they don't consider self-protection a joke."

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THE TOWN OF NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS on THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY of THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
by John Qincy Adams

"Why is it, Friends and Fellow Citizens, that you are here assembled? Why is it, that entering upon the sixty-second year of our national existence, you have honored with an invitation to address you from this place, a fellow citizen of a former age, bearing in the records of his memory, the warm and vivid affections which attached him, at the distance of a full half century, to your town, and to your forefathers, then the cherished associates of his youthful days? Why is it that, next to the birth day of the Saviour of the World, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day?

Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birth-day of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birth-day of the Saviour? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the corner stone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity ...?

Cast your eyes backwards upon the progress of time, sixty-one years from this day; and in the midst of the horrors and desolations of civil war, you behold an assembly of Planters, Shopkeepers and Lawyers, the Representatives of the People of thirteen English Colonies in North America, sitting in the City of Philadelphia. These fifty-five men, on that day, unanimously adopt and publish to the world, a state paper under the simple title of 'A DECLARATION.'

The object of this Declaration was two-fold.

First, to proclaim the People of the thirteen United Colonies, one People, and ... dissolve the political bands which had connected them with another People, that is the People of Great Britain.

Secondly, to assume ... among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station, to which the Laws of Nature, and of Nature's God, entitled them.

With regard to the first of these purposes, the Declaration ... was, merely an occasional state paper, issued for a temporary purpose, to justify, in the eyes of the world, a People, in revolt against their acknowledged Sovereign [King George III], for renouncing their allegiance to him, and dissolving their political relations with the nation over which he presided.

For the second object of the Declaration, the assumption among the powers of the earth of the separate and equal station, to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitled them, no reason was assigned,--no justification was deemed necessary.

This was indeed a great and solemn event. The sublimest of the prophets of antiquity with the voice of inspiration had exclaimed, 'Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?' (Isaiah 66:8) In the two thousand five hundred years, that had elapsed since the days of that prophecy, no such event had occurred. It had never been seen before. In the annals of the human race, then, for the first time, did one People announce themselves as a member of that great community of the powers of the earth, acknowledging the obligations and claiming the rights of the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God. The earth was made to bring forth in one day! A Nation was born at once!

... the Declaration of Independence announced the One People, assuming their station among the powers of the earth, as a civilized, religious, and Christian People,--acknowledging themselves bound by the obligations, and claiming the rights, to which they were entitled by the laws of Nature and of Nature's God.

... The laws of social intercourse between sovereign communities constitute the laws of nations, all derived from three sources:--the laws of nature, or in other words the dictates of justice; usages, sanctioned by custom; and treaties, or national covenants. Superadded to these, the Christian nations, between themselves, admit with various latitudes of interpretation, and little consistency of practice, the laws of humanity and mutual benevolence taught in the gospel of Christ. ...

The Declaration of Independence cast off all the shackles of this dependency [upon the mother country]. The United States of America were no longer Colonies. They were an independent Nation of Christians, recognizing the general principles of European law of nations.

You are not here to unite in echoes of mutual gratulation for the separation of your forefathers from their kindred freemen of the British Islands. You are not here even to commemorate the mere accidental incident, that, in the annual revolution of the earth in her orbit round the sun, this was the birth-day of the Nation. You are here, to pause a moment and take a breath, in the ceaseless and rapid race of time;--to look back and forward;--to take your point of departure from the ever memorable transactions of the day of which this is the anniversary, and while offering your tribute of thanksgiving to the Creator of all worlds, for the bounties of his Providence lavished upon your fathers and upon you, and ... to turn your final reflections inward upon yourselves, and to say:--These are the glories of a generation past away, --what are the duties which they devolve upon us?"

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Enviromentalists Sap Economy

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elm tree was threatened with the same fate by Dutch elm disease. The gypsy moth was attempting to eradicate the oak tree. Beech bark disease was making its way across North America from Nova Scotia and Canada. Ninety percent of the mature fir trees in southern Appalachia had been wiped out by a bug called a "woolly adelgid." The spruce budworm had destroyed millions of acres of red spruce in Maine and Canada.

Why would the Environmental Lobby, supposedly the champion of the lakes and forests and creatures of the fields, ignore these very devastating -- and very real -- problems for the fantasm of acid rain, proven to be a gigantic fraud by one of the most massive scientific research undertakings in the history of environmental protection? Why would they divert resources that might have gone to fight the forest devastation?

To put it in plain language, the "acid rain" scam and the Clean Air Act amendments involved billions and billions of dollars in federal and private expenditures, the creation of vast new powers for the Environmental bureaucracy and the expansion of that bureaucracy. Fighting chestnut blight, Dutch elm disease, the gypsy moth, or "liming" a few lakes hardly offered the Environmental Lobby the opportunities for power, expansion, aggrandizement and profit offered by a full-blown Enviro-scam like "acid rain."

The Environmental Lobby has for a long time now embraced the type of issues that involve gaining control over vast areas of human activity, and when there is no such issue it manufactures one, as with acid rain.

At the same time, the Lobby has also established a clear pattern of ignoring vital environmental problems which do not offer opportunities for aggrandizement.

In a seminar on the 1990 Clean Air Act amendments hosted by Hillsdale College in Michigan, Dr. Krug had this to say about the "acid rain" scam and the Environmental Lobby:

"If the Environmental Lobby was a genuine champion of the environment, it wouldn't be pre-occupied with multibillion-dollar acid rain controls or other pet concerns like the spotted owl and the snail darter."

"The truth is that the Environmental Lobby is dominated by false prophets whose concern for the environment masks their real agenda, which is social engineering, and their ultimate goal, which is power."

"The Lobby is not interested in using logic and science to correctly identify problems, or to decide which response might do more harm than good. It ruthlessly pursues any legislation that gives it the means not just to control economic activity, but all forms of human behavior."

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Victims Rights Protest

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against thirteen victims, took five vehicles at gunpoint and kidnapped and raped a 57 year old woman. Graham has since lied again and again to the public about his crimes, claiming that he did not murder Lamb or shoot anyone, despite eyewitnesses including his surviving victims.

The "Texas Resource Center," a federally-financed legal corporation, is heavily involved with taxpayer dollars in the effort to free Graham. Victims Rights leaders charge the TRC hired a New York public relations expert to conduct a fraudulent "PR" campaign to convince the public Graham is an "innocent man."

The slick "PR" campaign carried out by Graham's supporters has included appearances on his behalf by singer Kenny Rogers, actress Farah Fawcett and actor Danny Glover.

During one awful episode, the Texas Senate skipped over Victims Rights advocate Dianne Clements, who had been waiting for hours to speak to the Senate, to allow actor Glover-- who had just arrived at the capitol and "had a pressing appointment elsewhere" -- in ahead of her. According to sources inside the Texas Senate, the trick was arranged by Texas Senator Royce West (D. Dallas).

Graham's "public relations" people have used every form of "twist" and lie in attempting to cover up his misdeeds. They have called the Victims Rights people "racists" and a "white lynch mob"-- despite the fact that the chief eyewitness against Graham is a black woman and many of the Victims Rights advocates are blacks and Hispanics, some of whose family members were Graham's victims.

The Graham people even tried to discredit the surviving eyewitness in the Bobby Lambert murder, Houston black woman Bernadine Skilleren. Graham's advocates said she "failed to identify" Graham the first time she was shown a police "photo spread" and asked to pick out the killer. Graham was not in the first photo spread-- a tactic often used by police to check the credibility of a potential witness. When shown the second photo spread, containing the photo of Graham, she immediately and positively identified Graham as the killer of Bobby Lambert.

The Victims Rights groups, led by [illegible] victim Pam Lynchner of Houston, have been holding rallies and circulating petitions to the Texas Parole Board and Ann Richards opposing "any future suspension of sentence" for Graham, and urging the state to carry out Graham's sentence "as determined by the court," i.e., the death penalty.

The Victims Rights coalition last week was joined in the effort not only by Texas State Senator Jerry Patterson (R-Clear Lake) and the well-known Gee family of Houston, parents of murder victim Tracy Gee, but also by:

- Steve Stockman, a Bay Area accountant and popular conservative political leader who came close to defeating 40-year-incumbent Congressman Jack Brooks in the '92 election

- Margaret Baird, chairman of the powerful Taxpayers Coalition of Clear Creek, who led the famous 1991 taxpayers' revolt and tax rollback in the Clear Creek school district

- Jerry Purdon of Texas City, a UTMB computer expert, candidate for next year's Republican nomination for State Representative Dist. 24 and son of Texas City Police Chief J. Purdon, Sr.

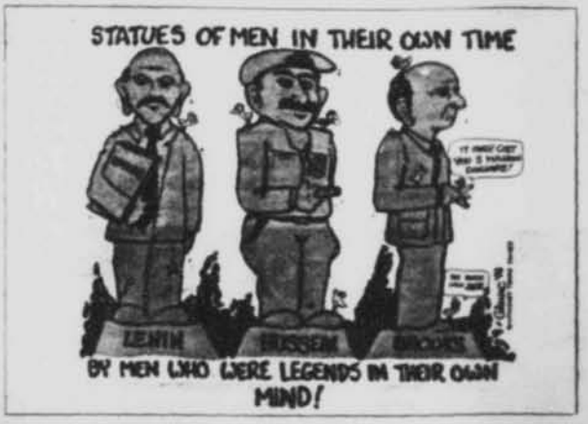
- Wade Webster, a Lockheed engineer, a leader of Clear Lake Crime Watch, a member of the famous Space Station Freedom Fighters group, president of Clear Lake Republicans and a member of the Executive Committee of the Harris County GOP.

- Jeff Van Fleet, editor of the Southeast Texas Times and the first prominent member of the Houston-Galveston news media to join the Victims Rights drive.

In a statement endorsing the petition drive and the Victims Rights movement in general, TIMES editor Van Fleet said, "For too long we have been doing everything in our power to see that criminals are treated fairly while neglecting those who have fallen prey to them."

Conservative leader Steve Stockman said," The time has come for a Congressional investigation of the Texas Resource Center and what it's doing with our tax dollars. Efforts by Congressman Jack Fields were stone-walled. What have these people at the TRC got to hide?"

Jerry Purdon, leading candidate for District 24's State Representative seat, stands with Pam Lynchner, leader of the victims rights group.



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I do not respect President Clinton nor do I agree that his homosexual agenda is good for the military or the country. It will lower the morale and will endanger the lives of all soldiers who do not go along with this life style.

If the gays are allowed in the military under President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell" policy none of my sons or my grandsons will ever serve in this great nation's armed forces. Bill Clinton is not in step with the majority of the country. He is a cancer to the Democrat party and impeachment procedures should be started before he can do any more damage to the United States.

I urge the passage of House Resolution #667 to continue the Military Ban on Homosexuals, by Congressman Robert Dornan (R-CA). I feel the people of the United States should rally behind Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA) and give him our support to stop the radical left from advancing with their homosexual agenda. The destruction of the military will further the destruction of the moral fiber of this nation and will increase the social and economic strain on the taxpayers. D.Norton - Houston.

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Clinton's announcement of allowing homosexuals in the military alarms many retired and active military in and around Southeast Texas.

It's Not that Free-Market Medicine has Failed It's that We Don't Have Free-Market Medicine

By Jim Rodgers, staff writer

Government pays for 40 percent of medical care in this country. In other words, we have 40 percent socialized medicine. But does that mean we have 60 percent free-market medicine, health care in which the consumer is king, in which medical care providers stumble over each other in their competitive eagerness to serve us well and cheaply? Far from it.

Government is in on the act in many ways, not just in making direct payments for medical care. For example, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) creates tremendous barriers to the introduction of new drugs. Companies have to wait for years for FDA approval. The expense of years of testing is added to the cost of drugs. And some have said FDA judgment on the worthiness and safety of particular drugs has been capricious. The FDA has complete control over which drugs are allowed on the market, when they will be allowed on the market, and which conditions can be treated.

What about decreased competitiveness? The government regulates and licenses infrastructure, hospitals, clinics, dentists, physicians, and nurses. For example, physicians who don't have the government-prescribed amount and kind of training in college and medical schools are not allowed to practice medicine. The government won't let them. The door to entry into medical practice is narrow and comparatively few squeeze through it. The more competition in a field, the better for the consumer. Competition works with computers and hamburgers, why not with medical care? Limited entry drives up cost and drives down quality.

Medicare/Medicaid and state government regulations dictate in minute detail how health care providers are to render care. The Medicare/Medicaid paperwork slows down the rate at which medical staff can treat patients and drives up the cost of providing the care while controlling the amount they can charge. The result is that medical providers add the extra cost onto other patients, driving up their costs. The providers have to make a profit or go out of business.

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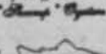

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SPACEWEEK HEADQUARTERS CONTINUES LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESS

QuickQuiz: What do the following cities, spread across this great blue globe, have in common?
San Jose, California, Athens , Greece, Lincoln, Nebraska, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Waterloo, Iowa; Brescia, Italy; Titusville, Florida, Hilo, Hawaii; and River Grove, Illinois

Answer: Even though many of these cities are thousands of miles apart and separated not only by entire continents and oceans, but by cultural and language barriers that might even give globe-trotting adventurer Indiana Jones a problem, they have at least one major "cultural tie" that seems to cross all borders, natural barriers and socio-cultural differences.

Thanks to a Houston-based volunteer organization called SPACEWEEK, every one of the cities listed above --among more than a hundred cities spread out across America and planet Earth -- will in one way or another be celebrating SPACEWEEK 1993 July 16-24 this year, generating public enthusiasm for Space Exploration not only across America, but across the world!

SPACEWEEK is an international public forum on space held annually from July 16-24, the anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. It was chartered in 1981 as a non-profit, tax-exempt educational corporation with its National Headquarters located at 1110 NASA Road 1 in the Clear Lake-Bay Area.

The SPACEWEEK organization doesn't take positions on space issues.

Rather, its purposes are to educate the public about the benefits of space, attract public interest in and support for space endeavors; increase interaction between the public and government on space issues; and of

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Popular GOP Leader Steve Stockman takes a Spin on the *"MMU"*

As a pavement-pounding Republican candidate last year in the sprawling Texas Ninth Congressional District, the staunch Space Program and Space Station Freedom supporter Steve Stockman knocked on thousands of doors, rode in parades and learned the often strange terminology used by professional political media experts.

A key phrase in what Stockman describes as " that convoluted lexicon" is the the term "spin doctor"— meaning a public relations expert who specializes in twisting the truth.

"I really don't like those guys and I didn't hire any," says Stockman, who carried nearly one hundred thousand votes out of just over two hundred thousand cast, with a campaign managed and operated by grassroots volunteers who believe in Stockman's principled advocacy of human space exploration.

At last week's SPACEWEEK 1993 National Gala at Space Center Houston, Stockman stood in line — along with scores of other SPACEWEEK celebrants who turned out for the benefit — to try out the Center's astronaut training exhibits, and learned a wholesome new meaning for the phrase "spin doctor" by riding the MMU Trainer, one of Space Center Houston's popular attractions.

"MMU" stands for "Manned Maneuvering Unit," and the "spin doctors" in this case were aerospace industry scientists and engineers who invented the MMU to simulate repairing satellites in the frictionless environment of space. Space Center Houston's model was specially-built for the exhibit, and is similar to the "professional" model used by NASA astronauts next door at Johnson Space Center.

"A mind that can devise and build something like the MMU," Stockman said, "is a

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"I've heard of spin doctors, but ..." Conservative leader Steve Stockman navigates the "MMU" at Spaceweek National Opening Gala, held at Space Center Houston last week.

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Spaceweek Volunteers Committed to Vision, Ideals, Future of Space Exploration

Voluntary donations from businesses and foundations aren't all that make an organization like SPACEWEEK successful.

In fact, while funding is obviously of crucial importance, it's also true that SPACEWEEK very simply could not function without a dedicated force of committed volunteers who will "stand up and be counted" when it comes to supporting the human endeavour to reach and explore the stars.

And, as several SPACEWEEK volunteers have told us, it's a very rewarding and worthwhile experience.

Take, for instance, Rita Underwood, a native Texan and (of course!) a long-time supporter of the Space Program. She describes humankind's effort at space exploration as something that "touches every human being on earth" and will "benefit the entire human race."

SPACEWEEK National Gala Night took place at the famous new Clear Lake area attraction, Space Center Houston. Spaceweek volunteers help organize the event.

Rita's story is unusual, because while she's a SPACEWEEK volunteer who helped with the National Gala last week, she isn't from here. She is just visiting. Yes, that's right, she's "on vacation," believe it or not!

But while other vacationers might be basking in the sun on some lonely central American beach, Rita Underwood has been stuffing envelopes and manning telephones and helping with all the other considerable chores it takes to make SPACEWEEK not only a local, but an international success as well.

"I've loved every minute of it," Rita said. "It's a wonderful avocue for a family to work together, spend quality time together and teach children at an early age the value of volunteering to help a worthy cause."

The children Rita refers to are her grandchildren, Amber Bates (age 7) and Shiloh Becker (age 5), who along with their mother, Hope Underwood, and grandmother Rita, have also been part of the small army that has helped Spaceweek National Headquarters with this year's celebration.

Hope Underwood, in fact, has been one of SPACEWEEK's leading volunteers for a long time now, and considers it one of the most important things she does every year. This year, she has been tending to her children and SPACEWEEK while enrolled in nursing school.

Hope's young daughters agree with mom about the importance of SPACEWEEK.

Amber, who will tell you that she had a ball stuffing envelopes and folders for SPACEWEEK and was "real good at it," also believes that she will one day go into space. "I bet it would be fun!" she says. She'll be a second grader next year at McWhirter, and can't wait to help out again with SPACEWEEK.

Her younger sister Shiloh, who will proudly inform you she has "just graduated" from pre-kindergarten, thought working at the SPACEWEEK Headquarters was "great!" She'd like to be an astronaut, and she really enjoyed the ice cream she got when she worked at the office.

Mike Friod, a newcomer to Houston, has also discovered what a great experience working as a SPACEWEEK volunteer can be— but from an adult's point of view, of course!

An aerospace engineering graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautics University in Daytona Beach, Friod left Boston just a month ago to follow his dream to Texas. "I've had a life-long love affair with space exploration," he explained. "I finally decided to just up and leave Boston and come to Houston." He's looking for a job here as an aerospace engineer.

Mike, who was a National Space Society chapter president in Daytona Beach, says it's a "lot of fun" to be involved here in Houston with SPACEWEEK. "I just dropped by to pick up some information, and wound up a volunteer," he laughs. "But it's been a great way for me to meet interesting people while at the same time serving a major purpose."

"I'd urge everyone, from space executives to workers, to support SPACEWEEK. It needs more volunteers. It's a very worthwhile event and organization, and deserves their support."

Other volunteers who helped with the National Gala are Jan Bailey, Linsey Haley, Kathy Miller, Don Peterson and Sharlene Tennyson.

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SPACEWEEK Continues Record of Success...

tourist, to demonstrate grassroots public support for space exploration to national leaders.

No one in these parts is likely to doubt the absolute necessity of pursuing SPACEWEEK's mission, and the need for an organization to pursue that mission!

Over the last twelve years, SPACEWEEK has been a tremendous success.

Growing from a small group of volunteers and interested space industry leaders at its founding in 1981, SPACEWEEK National Headquarters now aids in the organization and coordination of SPACEWEEK events world-wide, like the SPACEWEEK celebration in Dhaka, Bangladesh at the Dhaka Science Museum, or the public lectures and videos on astronautics and astronomy in Brescia, Italy this week, or the "Within You: Without You" artists' gathering that will explore human relevance to the universe at the famous "Place of Refuge" at Honaunau, Hawaii this weekend.

SPACEWEEK's governing board now includes 26 prominent members of America's Space Industry and Space Program, including former astronaut Eugene Cernan of Cernan Corporation, Dr. George Mueller of the International Academy of Astronautics, General Donald Cromer of Hughes Space, Robert Thompson of Eagle Engineering, and General Sam Armstrong of NASA.

The theme of this year's world-wide SPACEWEEK celebration is "Space After the Cold War," a theme that challenges us "to think about how space can best serve society in the future," as SPACEWEEK National Headquarters' "resident President" Dennis Stone puts it.

"Space exploration was launched by the Cold War. Now the war is over and there are new reasons for going," says Stone.

SPACEWEEK National Headquarters is also gearing up for next year's 25th Anniversary celebration of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. The near-term goal of the organization is to involve over 2,000,000 people in the SPACEWEEK celebration of that historic event.

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With the Bay depth at approximately ten to twelve feet deep, flooding, even in the worst of storms is virtually impossible. Tropical storms and hurricanes which have shown a history of arriving from the southeast. Should they hit the San Leon-Bacliff area, the storms should be fairly debris free. Thus, homes built to most sustained winds should fair the well. Flying debris is an added danger to high winds.

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Being locked into a "JOB" for six, eight, ten years or until we retire is like being locked in a feed lot awaiting the slaughter house. Many jobs are laced with "Day Dreamers" who's greatest desire and thrill during the day is to sneak a glance out the window and hope that any part of the world that is going by will slow down, stop or even have a small wreck that will break the monotony of the day.

Now I'm not advocating to throw your floppy discs down, put your shoes back on and walk out the door to freedom and the great, wild world; but, there are some alternatives.

First, you need to ascertain if you have enough money coming in to be fairly secure in considering your happiness and creativity. Unemployment and food stamps are not often enough to satisfy this criteria.

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Star Trek's Wil Wheaton Delivers "Stellar Performance" at Spaceweek National Gala

Moving Speech Termed "One of the Best" Ever on Reasons for Exploring the "Final Frontier"

On Friday evening, July 16, at Space Center Houston, Wil Wheaton — the critically-acclaimed young actor best-known for his role as "Wesley Crusher" in Gene Rodenberry's *Star Trek: The Next Generation* and for his leading roles in such films as *Stand By Me* — delivered an address to the SPACEWEEK National Gala at Space Center Houston that has quickly been recognized as one of the finest speeches yet made on the overwhelming support for space exploration found among America's younger generation.

Here are a few key excerpts from Wheaton's speech.

Wil Wheaton

"As I toured the Johnson Space Center yesterday, walking through the space station mock-up and mission control and taking the tour of the shuttle orbiter with a real astronaut, I was reminded of the excitement I felt when I was nine years old and watched the Space Shuttle Columbia lift off from Kennedy. And as I toured Space Center Houston today, I remembered looking at the moon through my telescope, as a child, and thinking of it, not as an astro body, but as a place I would visit in my lifetime...."

"In recent years my space travels have been confined to the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. According to the Astronauts I've met, it's a pretty good 'to start...."

"I'm of the first generation born after the Apollo missions. We've never known a time when we could sit at night under the stars and stare up at the heavens, and imagine what a tremendous acheivement it would be for humanity to send people into space.... The Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions are like ancient history to us, until we come here and are reminded of how awesome those acheivements were and are...."

"To us,Space Exploration is natural. It's as natural for us as it was for past generations to cross a great wilderness or sail across an ocean. It is our birthright to take humanity to the stars...."

"There are those who say we shouldn't go into space, that we shouldn't build the Space Station and explore our solar system. What they fail to realize is that it's human nature to explore. To explore is to gain knowledge. For every answer, we discover new questions. When Galileo was told that the earth was at the center of the universe, he dared to explore the stars through his telescope. When Columbus was told the earth was flat, he dared to sail west. When Chuck Yeager was told that the sound barrier couldn't be broken, he dared to fly his X-1 above the California desert...."

"Just as these men challenged the cynics who said it couldn't be done, now my generation faces its own challenge of exploration. In the entire history of the human race, we are the generation best equipped to do it...."

"I was privileged to know Gene Roddenberry, one of the greatest visionaries of our time. He understood how important it is to human beings to explore our environment, to learn and to grow and to evolve...."

Stockman says election of Republican Senators, Congressmen in '94 will help prevent replay of Clinton Freedom Debacle

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mind with integrity and respect for truth and fact. Unfortunately for our country, Washington seems to be dominated at this time by a very different type of mind, one that has no integrity and no respect for fact and truth."

"That's why 'spin doctors' are so popular in Washington," Stockman continued.

"And there is no better example of the 'spin' the spin doctors are putting on the truth in Washington than the recent debacle we've suffered over Space Station Freedom."

"It's incredible, but the president whose administration has tried to cripple the project is now taking credit for 'saving' it," Stockman said of the Clinton administration. Stockman said the Clinton administration knew it would have trouble "getting Texas Congressman to support its plans for high taxes and cuts in military spending" and probably "put the Station and Supercollider on the table on purpose, as bargaining chips for its programs."

"It's a politics that stinks to high heaven," Stockman continued. "A project like Freedom, which is in our national interest, was very nearly scrapped by people who were more interested in paying off the welfare constituency that elected them."

"A lot of Texas politicians," Stockman said,"who haven't done much to help us are now claiming credit for 'saving' Space Station. Now, that's what I call putting the 'spin' on the truth." Stockman said the Democrats in Congress, even those who support the Space Station, "refused to oppose Clinton's re-design project and stand up for Freedom because they didn't want to hand an embarrassing defeat to Clinton. "It was all based on party politics, not on the interests of our country."

Asked by reporters whodid the most to prevent cancellation of the project and oppose the Clinton re-design, Stockman said, " The Republican leadership, especially our good friends Newt Gingrich, Tom Delay, Jack Fields and Dick Armey in the House."

"If it had been up to the Republican leadership, there would not have been a re-design," Stockman said. "Problems with cost over-runs would have been cleared up by reforming the burdensome management structure and leaving the design alone for a change. Hence, we would have avoided the demoralizing struggle and confusion we are going through."

"And let's not forget," Stockman continued, "that a significant portion of those so-called cost over-runs were caused by the previous attempt by Congress to re-design the Station." Clinton's budget director, former Congressman Leon Panetta, was a major leader of previous attempts to scrap or cut back Space Station funding.

Stockman said the best way to prevent further attempts to scrap the Station or cut back on space exploration and militarypreparedness "is to elect as many Republicans to the Congress and Senate as we can possibly elect in 1994, and then divest ourselves of Bill Clinton in 1996." Stockman said despite the opposition to Station of "a few GOP mavericks" who are "outside the pale of the party" on Space Station, "the overwhelming number of votes for Space Station in the House came from the Republicans. If it had been up to the Democrats, we'd have lost."

"We've got to realize that despite all the rehtoric about 'saving the station' and 'supporting high tech, both Space Station and high tech investment face big enemies in the Clinton administration and among the Congressmen who are supporting that administration."

"In the meantime," said Stockman, "it's a real pleasure for me to get away from the politics for awhile, come here to Space Center Houston and appreciate the wonderful creations of honest, hard-working people who can build something intelligent like the MARU home."

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Steve Stockman, Bob Thompson, Patti Stockman

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, with Aaron Cohen, spoke to JSC workers just prior to SPACEWEEK .

Mercury Astronaut and American Hero Alan Sheppard was among the many Astronauts who attended the SPACEWEEK National Gala, the first National Gala held at the gorgeous new Space Center Houston next door to Johnson Space Center in Clear Lake City.

A chocolate Gemini space capsule and other Hilton treats tempted Gala goers at the SCH desert bar.

Star Trek's Wil Wheaton waited all day to "Land the Shuttle" on one of the many SCH simulators.

Freedom Fighters to Hold Picnic on Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Day Saturday July 24, Clear Lake Park

Clear Lake's famous Space Station Freedom Fighters group is holding a picnic in Clear Lake Park this Saturday, July 24, right next to the Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Fair. Radio Station SUNNY 99.1 will be there with some great give-aways, and there will be a "Martial Arts" demonstration! Bring your picnic lunch or buy from any of the many Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Fair concession stands! Just our way of saying "Thanks, Bay Area Texas, for Standing Up for Freedom!"

How much do 25,000 signatures weigh?

Freedom Fighters Tom Munoz, David Cochran and Sophia Locour hold more than 25,000 Freedom Fighters signatures from all fifty states and the District Columbia. The stack of petitions, weighing over 13 pounds, was sent to the U.S. Congress as the "first wave" of petition signatures supporting Space Station Freedom. The fate of the Space Station now rests in the U.S. Senate and Freedom Fighters urges suppoters to call their senators. For blank copies of the petition drop by the Freedom Fighters Picnic at Clear lake Park this Saturday July 24 or send an SASE to Space Station Freedom Fighters, 16582 Space Center Boulevard, Houston 77058.

SPACEWEEK 1993 KEY EVENTS for JULY 19-24

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July 19-29– Student Starship– classroom activities and the Clear Creek ISD Spacebus. UH/Clear Lake Arbor Bldg. Call Sharon Pennington, 713-283-3529.

July 22-24– Lunar Rendevous Antique Show. Ward Elementary. Call 713-532-1254.

July 23– Lunar Rendevous Festival Casino Night.Nassau Bay Hilton. Call 713-532-1254.

July 24– Lunar Rendevous Family Fun Fair. Landolt Pavillion, Clear Lake Park. Call 713-532-1254.

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Bay Area Community Leader Cynthia Tauss Elected Chairman of Galveston County GOP

Texas City— Galveston County Republican leaders elected one of their most popular North Galveston County citizens to the Chairmanship of the Galveston County Republican Party last Tuesday night at a special Executive Committee meeting called to choose a replacement for outgoing chairman Dr. Ben Raimer.

Cynthia Tauss, who is an active League City resident and chairs that city's Community Task Force on Crime, is well known to Galveston Countians. Last year Tauss, as a candidate for Galveston County Commissioners Court, carried the North County precincts for County Commissioners Precinct 1 by record margins, garnering over eighty percent of the vote in her home town and other North County voting precincts. Tauss later ran as a candidate for State Representative in a special election called to fill the seat left vacant by the tragic death of State Representative James Hury at last year's airshow.

Tauss was elected by a near unanimous vote of the Executive Committee members who gathered at Nessler Recreation Center in Texas City after former Chairman Ben Raimer of Galveston announced his retirement from the post and endorsed Tauss for the position. Raimer has moved on to the State Republican Executive Committee.

Tauss is the first North County leader to hold the post in more than ten years.

Top photo: GOP Volunteer of the year Kris Ann Vogelpohl presents an appreciation gift to outgoing GOP Galveston County Chairman Dr. Ben Raimer. Below, Cynthia Tauss meets with Jerry Purdon and Senator Patterson just an hour before being selected as new County Chairman.

State Senator Jerry Patterson Hosts "Open House" for New Clear Lake-area District Office at 2625 Bay Area Boulevard

Clear Lake City— Texas State Senator Jerry Patterson (R-District 11) and his staff hosted an "Open House" for the Senator's Clear Lake area District office at 2625 Bay Area Boulevard, Suite 120. The phone number for the office is 486-0111.

Constituents from all over the huge State Senate district attended, including voters from Brazoria County, Galveston County and Pasadena. Representatives of the Bay Area's space industry also attended.

The visitors were treated to "TexMex" snacks from Casa Ole restaurant in Clear Lake, and a chance to share their opinions and concerns directly with the famed Texas State Senator, who defeated thirty-year incumbent Democrat Chet Brooks for the seat in last year's general election.

Patterson told the crowd, "The doors of this office are open to all the people of this area and District 11. I've put together a great staff here that can help you. And I want to hear from you all."

"Don't just let me know when I'm doing something you approve of. Tell me when I'm doing something wrong. I'm interested in your views about that, just as I'm interested in hearing what I'm doing that you like."

The staff in Senator Patterson's Clear Lake office includes Vicki Shroyer, district manager; Larry Laine, district representative; LeAnn Davis, district aid; Thomas Zaubi intern; and Brian Nenninger,intern.

Barbara Nowlin and Kathy Nenninger

Dr. B. J. Garner, Sagemont optometrist; SenatorPatterson; Darlene C. Witt, executive director, South Belt Ellington Chamber; Mrs. Garner.

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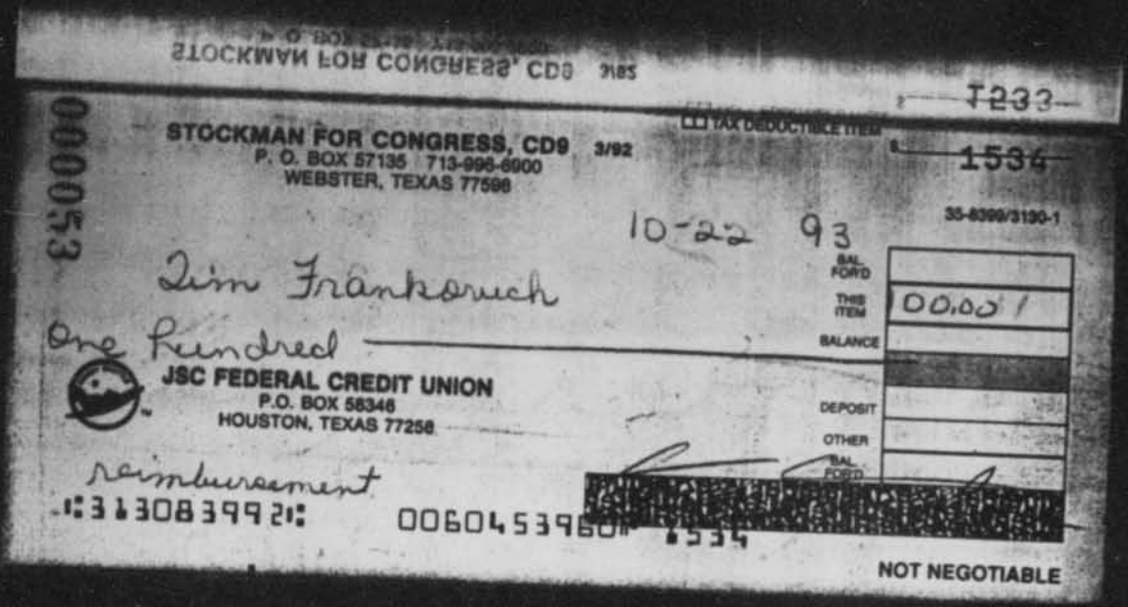

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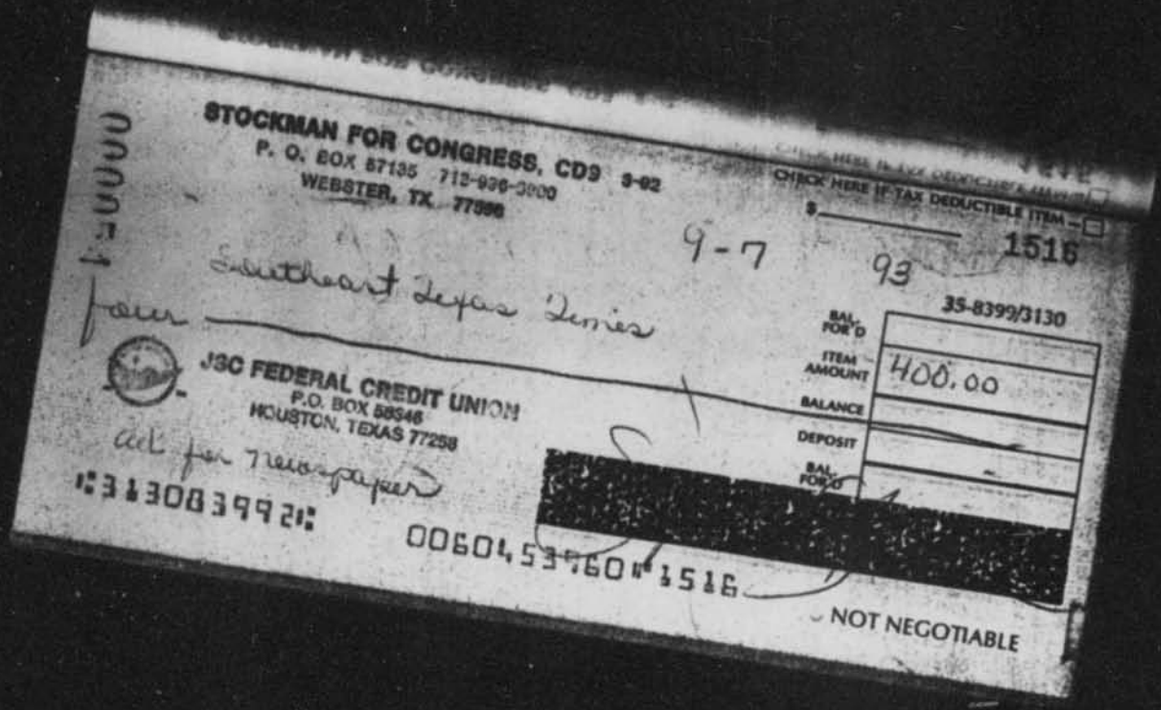

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	
John Hart, as Treasurer	)	**MUR 3847**
Stockman for Congress and	)	
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer	)	
Jeff Van Fleet	)	
Southeast Texas Times	)	
Tim Frankovich	)	
Southeast Texas Statesman	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government	)	

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Commission that it deny the Motion to Quash Subpoenas filed by certain of the respondents in this matter on July 23, 1996, and to seek both immediate and contingent suit authority with respect to certain of the subpoenas and orders previously issued by the Commission.

I. BACKGROUND

This matter began primarily as an inquiry into whether the Southeast Texas Times, a publication distributed throughout the 9th Congressional District of Texas, was owned or controlled by U.S. Congressman Stephen E. Stockman.[1] The investigation uncovered a successor publication, the Southeast Texas Statesman, which also appears to be owned or

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[1] On June 13, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a). On June 22, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f); Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f); and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f) and 441d(a).

controlled by Rep. Stockman, and has become a part of this investigation.[2] More recently, the Commission became aware that a political consulting firm called Political Won Stop is operating out of Rep. Stockman's home and campaign headquarters, and may be the subject of numerous reporting violations by Rep. Stockman's principal campaign committee. Political Won Stop, too, has become a part of this investigation.[3]

On June 13, 1995, the Commission approved subpoenas for written discovery to commence an investigation into the relationship between Congressman Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times. On June 6, 1996, the Commission approved additional subpoenas for depositions and the production of documents related to both the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman.

This Office now asks the Commission to deny the Motion to Quash, Objections and Responses to Subpoena to Produce Documents and Petition of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, and Steve Stockman for Congress, filed on July 23, 1996. Attachment 1. This Office also asks the Commission to authorize the filing of a civil action for subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court against Rep. Stockman; Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer; and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, (collectively the "Stockman Respondents"), for their failure to provide sworn responses to the Commission's June 13, 1995, interrogatories, and to provide complete responses to all written discovery. This Office also seeks the Commission's authorization to file a civil action

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[2] On June 6, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe that the Southeast Texas Statesman and Tim Frankovich violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A); and that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

[3] On July 16, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A).

for subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court against Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, and against Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman, for their failure to provide complete responses to the Commission's most recent document requests. Finally, this Office seeks the Commission's authorization to file a civil action for subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court against Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, and Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman, contingent upon their failure to appear for their currently scheduled depositions, or their failure to cooperate during those depositions by refusing or otherwise failing to provide full and complete responses to questioning.

On June 26, 1995, the Commission mailed subpoenas to produce documents and orders to submit written answers to each of the Stockman Respondents and to Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times. The Stockman Respondents responded on August 16, 1995, and Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times responded on August 28, 1995. Attachments 2-5. All respondents failed to submit their answers under oath, and in all responses certain privileges were claimed but respondents failed to describe the grounds for the privileges. The Stockman Respondents also failed to answer a number of interrogatories, asserting that Congressman Stockman was not a candidate in 1993. Congressman Stockman and the two committees answered several questions with the response "N/A," or not applicable. Other questions were answered by saying "none of your business," or by directing the Commission to ask one of the other respondents rather than making an effort to provide any knowledge the respondent in question might have. Friends of Stockman promised to provide a supplemental response containing responsive documents, but that response has not been forthcoming.

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On June 20, 1996, this Office sought voluntary compliance with the terms of the subpoena, but there has been only limited compliance to date. Attachments 6 and 7. Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times promised to, and did, provide a sworn copy of their original interrogatory responses. They also promised to provide information regarding advertisements which appeared in the Southeast Texas Times, but informed this Office on July 9 that they no longer possessed the responsive documents. Attachment 8.

On June 6, 1996, the Commission authorized a Subpoena to Produce Documents to Congressman Stockman, and Deposition Subpoenas which included document requests to Mr. Hart, Mr. Van Fleet, and Tim Frankovich, managing editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman. All responsive documents were to be produced by July 1, 1996. Mr. Hart's deposition was originally scheduled for July 22, 1996; Mr. Frankovich's for July 23, 1996; and Mr. Van Fleet's for August 7, 1996.

On June 18, 1996, rather than filing a Motion to Quash with the Commission, the Stockman Respondents filed a Motion to Quash all outstanding discovery in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Attachment 9.[4] On July 2, the court denied that motion on several bases, including lack of jurisdiction and failure to exhaust administrative remedies. The court noted in its opinion that "[t]o quash the very investigation the Plaintiffs have sought to have completed is incongruous and tantamount to dismissal of the Matter Under Review." Attachment 10.

[4] The Motion to Quash was filed in the context of the Stockman Respondents' action against the Commission seeking to have this enforcement action dismissed. The Stockman Respondents included the deposition of Mr. Van Fleet in their Motion to Quash, despite the fact that Mr. Van Fleet was neither a party to the litigation nor, at the time, represented by the same counsel. On July 25, 1996, Mr. Van Fleet submitted a Statement of Designation of Additional Counsel, designating counsel for the Stockman Respondents as his additional counsel.

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Pursuant to an Order issued by the court on June 13, on July 9 the Commission filed the Joint Declaration of Chairman Lee Ann Elliott, Commissioner Scott E. Thomas, and Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel, addressing the Commission's investigation of this matter in light of Commission resources. Attachment 11. On July 16, the court held a telephone conference among the judge, counsel for the Stockman Respondents, and the Commission's litigation counsel. The judge strongly informed counsel for the Stockman Respondents that, after reviewing the Commission's Declaration and its attachments, including respondents' initial responses to written discovery, he found respondents' conduct in this matter "appalling" and suggested that they acted in bad faith, first by providing responses which demonstrated their complete lack of cooperation with the Commission, and then by bringing a civil action against the Commission alleging undue delay in the face of their own attempts to cause delay in this matter. The judge indicated that an opinion regarding the Stockman Respondents' action to dismiss this enforcement matter would be forthcoming.

Now, more than five weeks after the Commission issued the June 13 subpoenas to Mr. Hart and Rep. Stockman, the Stockman Respondents have once again filed a Motion to Quash those subpoenas, this time with the Commission. Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.15(a), any person to whom a subpoena is directed may request that the Commission quash the subpoena, but such request must be filed no later than five days after the subpoena is received. The Stockman Respondents' motion is long out of time. Respondents argue that their Motion to Quash in U.S. District Court tolled the applicable time limits, rendering their current motion timely. Even if that were true, their motion in federal court was denied eleven days before they

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filed their current motion, rendering it newly out of time. Moreover, their improper motion, filed in a court which lacked jurisdiction, does not toll the Commission's time limits.

Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission deny the Motion to Quash of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer.

The Stockman Respondents have leveled charges of unreasonable delay by the Commission in U.S. District Court. After reviewing the Commission's filings, including the Joint Declaration, the court appears satisfied that the Commission is conducting this investigation expeditiously, and convinced that, in fact, it is the respondents who have caused any delay. The Commission should not permit respondents to exacerbate that delay by their continued failure to provide complete and appropriate responses to written discovery, or by continuing their pattern of delay and uncooperativeness at deposition.

Even if the Commission denies the Stockman Respondents' Motion to Quash, they have a demonstrated history of failing to cooperate in this matter. They have yet to fully respond to the June 13, 1995 or the June 6, 1996 written discovery. Given the history of responses to the Commission's discovery to date, this Office also believes that their failure to cooperate is likely to continue at Mr. Hart's deposition, either by his failing to appear, or refusing to answer questions. Further, Mr. Van Fleet's cooperation to date in this matter has been reluctant, and this Office was recently notified that he has retained counsel to the Stockman Respondents as his additional counsel. Mr. Van Fleet has failed to provide documents in response to the Commission's June 6, 1996 subpoena. This Office also believes that Mr. Van Fleet may fail to appear for his deposition, or refuse to answer questions if he does appear. Finally, Mr.

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Frankovich has recently retained as his counsel another attorney in the same law firm that represents the Stockman Respondents. Letters from this Office to Mr. Frankovich's newly retained counsel have gone unacknowledged. Consequently, Mr. Frankovich, too, has failed to file complete responses to the Commission's June 6, 1996 subpoena, and may fail to appear, or refuse to answer questions at his deposition.[5]

Accordingly, this Office recommends that the Commission deny the Motion to Quash of Congressman Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer. Further, this Office recommends that the Commission authorize this Office to immediately file civil actions in U.S. District Court against Rep. Stockman; Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer; and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, to enforce the subpoenas and orders approved by the Commission on June 13, 1995; and against Rep. Stockman, to enforce the subpoena approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996. This Office also recommends that the Commission authorize this Office to immediately file civil actions in U.S. District Court against Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart as treasurer; Jeff Van Fleet; and Tim Frankovich, to enforce the subpoenas to produce documents in connection with a deposition approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996. Finally, this Office recommends that the Commission authorize this Office to file civil actions in U.S. District Court contingent upon the failure to fully comply with the deposition subpoenas approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996, against Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; Jeff Van Fleet; and Tim Frankovich.

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[5] Mr. Frankovich has filed a partial response, but promised no supplementation. His counsel has not yet responded to a request by this Office for supplementation.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Deny the Motion to Quash filed by Rep. Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, on July 23, 1996.

2. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to file a civil suit for enforcement of Subpoenas to Produce Documents and Orders to Submit Written Answers, directed to Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer; and approved by the Commission on June 13, 1995, in United States District Court.

3. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to file a civil suit for enforcement of a Subpoena to Produce Documents, directed to Stephen E. Stockman and approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996, in United States District Court.

4. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to file a civil suit for enforcement of a Subpoena to Produce Documents in connection with a Deposition, directed to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996, in the United States District Court.

5. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to file a civil suit for enforcement of a Subpoena to Produce Documents in connection with a Deposition, directed to Jeff Van Fleet, Owner/President, Southeast Texas Times and approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996, in the United States District Court.

6. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to file a civil suit for enforcement of a Subpoena to Produce Documents in connection with a Deposition, directed to Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor, Southeast Texas Statesman and approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996, in the United States District Court.

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8. Authorize the Office of the General Counsel to file a civil suit for enforcement of a Deposition Subpoena, directed to Jeff Van Fleet, Owner/President, Southeast Texas Times and approved by the Commission on June 6, 1996, in the United States District Court, contingent upon Mr. Van Fleet's failure to fully comply with the subpoena.

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10. Approve the appropriate letters.

7/26/96
Date

LM Noble (JP)
Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Attachments

1. Motion to Quash, MUR 3847
2. Written Discovery Responses of Stephen E. Stockman
3. Written Discovery Responses of Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer
4. Written Discovery Responses of Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer
5. Written Discovery Responses of Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times
6. Letter to Kent M. Adams, June 20, 1996
7. Letter to Norman A. Caron, June 20, 1996
8. Letter from Jeff Van Fleet to Barry Caron, July 3, 1996
9. Motion to Quash, Civil Action No. 1:95CV1049
10. Memorandum Opinion and Order
11. Joint Declaration

Attorneys assigned: Caryn L. Zimmerman
Elizabeth Stein

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer;	)	
Jeff Van Fleet;	)	
Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Tim Frankovich;	)	
Southeast Texas Statesman;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government.)		

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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on July 30, 1996, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Deny the Motion to Quash filed by Rep. Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, on July 23, 1996.

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10. Approve the appropriate letters as recommended in the General Counsel's report dated July 25, 1996.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

7-30-96
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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VIA FAX (703) 820-8857
July 30, 1996

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Re: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the
Southeast Texas Times

Dear Mr. Caron:

This letter is to inform you that on July 30, 1996, the Federal Election Commission authorized the Office of the General Counsel to file civil suit for subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court in this matter. Specifically, the Commission authorized this Office to file suit to enforce the Subpoena for Production of Documents in connection with Deposition, dated June 13, 1996, directed to your client, Jeff Van Fleet. The Commission also granted this Office the authority to file civil suit to enforce the June 13, 1996 Subpoena for the Deposition of Jeff Van Fleet, should Mr. Van Fleet fail to appear for deposition, or fail to answer the questions presented. Please be aware that when suit is filed, all the factual and legal analyses, which detail the Commission's findings to date in this matter, are likely to become part of the public record.

This Office is also in receipt of a July 26, 1996 letter from Kent M. Adams, who is also acting as counsel to Mr. Van Fleet. In that letter, Mr. Adams indicates that he intends to file a Motion to Re-Hear his previously filed Motion to Quash Discovery Requests from the FEC, presumably including those directed to Mr. Van Fleet, before Judge Cobb in the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division. Unless Judge Cobb issues an order in your client's favor prior to the scheduled deposition, Mr. Van Fleet's deposition will proceed as planned in Washington D.C.on either August 14 or 15, 1996. Please also communicate which of the two available dates you would prefer to hold Mr. Van Fleet's deposition. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Stein

cc: Kent M. Adams, Esq.

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July 30, 1996

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Stein

cc: Kent M. Adams, Esq.

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July 30, 1996

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RE: MUR 3847
Tim Frankovich and the
Southeast Texas Statesman

Dear Ms Coogan:

This letter is to inform you that on July 30, 1996, the Federal Election Commission granted the Office of the General Counsel the authority to file civil suit for subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court in this matter. Specifically, the Commission authorized this Office to file suit to enforce the Subpoena for Production of Documents in connection with Deposition, dated June 13, 1996, directed to your client Tim Frankovich. The Commission simultaneously granted the Office of the General Counsel the authority to file suit to enforce the June 13, 1996 Subpoena for the Deposition of Tim Frankovich, should Mr. Frankovich fail to appear for deposition, or fail to answer the questions presented. Please be aware that when suit is filed, all the factual and legal analyses, which detail the Commission's findings to date in this matter, are likely to become part of the public record.

This Office is also in receipt of a July 24, 1996 letter from Kent Adams, of your firm, indicating that he intends to file a Motion to Re-Hear his previously filed Motion to Quash before Judge Cobb in the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division. Unless Judge Cobb issues an order in your client's favor prior to Tuesday, August 6, 1996, the deposition will proceed as scheduled. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth M. Stein

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RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

On July 29, 1996, the Federal Election Commission denied the July 30, 1996 Motion to Quash filed on behalf of your clients, Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer. Commission Regulations require that Motions to Quash be filed within five days of receiving the subpoena. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.15(a). Your motion was not filed until July 23, 1996, more than one month after the subpoenas had been received.

The Commission also authorized the Office of the General Counsel to file civil suit for subpoena enforcement in U.S. District Court in this matter. Specifically, the Commission authorized the Office of the General Counsel to file suit to enforce the June 26, 1995 Orders to Answer Interrogatories and Subpoenas for Production of Documents, directed to Stephen E. Stockman; Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer. The Commission additionally authorized the filing of suit with regard to the June 13, 1996 Subpoena for the Production of Documents directed to Stephen E. Stockman, and the June 13, 1996 Subpoenas for the Production of Documents in connection with Deposition directed to John Hart and Jeff Van Fleet.

Finally, the Commission granted this Office the authority to file civil suit to enforce the Subpoenas for the Deposition of John Hart and Jeff Van Fleet, should Mr. Hart or Mr. Van Fleet fail to appear for deposition, or fail to answer the questions presented. As I reminded you in an earlier letter, when suit is filed, all the factual and legal analyses, which detail the Commission's findings to date in this matter, are likely to become part of the public record.

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This Office is also in receipt of your letter of July 26, 1996, indicating that you intend to file a Motion to Re-Hear your previously filed Motion to Quash before Judge Cobb in the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division. Unless Judge Cobb issues an order in your clients' favor prior to the scheduled depositions, the depositions will proceed as planned, Mr. Hart on Wednesday August 7 in Houston, and Mr. Van Fleet on either August 14 or 15 in Washington D.C. Please also communicate which of the two available dates you would prefer to hold Mr. Van Fleet's deposition. Thank-you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

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Ms. Elizabeth Stein
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In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Elizabeth:

Enclosed please find bank documents in response to the various subpoenas forwarded to Congressman Stockman and the campaign committees. As we discussed, any documentation to be provided on behalf of John Hart or Tim Frankovich or Jeff Van Fleet will be provided under separate cover, as will be the designations of counsel designating myself and Kim Coogan.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call myself or Kim Coogan here in Beaumont.

We look forward to successfully accomplishing the depositions and moving this matter forward. Incidentally, if there are any other documents or discovery requests which

you believe are outstanding and have not been responded to, I would appreciate your advising me so that I may address those as soon as possible. I want to make sure that you and Commission feel comfortable in having all the documents you require and are entitled to, prior to the depositions.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Adams/kgc

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RE: FEC v. Stockman; Our File No. 3212.001

TO: Caryn Zimmerman

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July 31, 1996

Ms. Caryn Zimmerman
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VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923

Re: No. 1:95CV1049; Steven E. Stockman, et al vs. Federal Election Commission; In the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Texas; Beaumont Division; Our File No. 3212.001

Your Reference: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

This is in response to your letter of July 26, 1996 addressed to Kim Coogan and Norman Caron. You incorrectly state in your letter that "Ms. Coogan and I agreed that the deposition of Mr. Van Fleet...will be rescheduled...in Washington, D. C.". Ms. Coogan did not agree to the deposition in Washington, D. C., but was told by you that "it would be held in Washington, D. C." because of the joint representation of Mr. Van Fleet by our firm and Mr. Caron. Please issue a letter correcting this mis-statement. Should you wish to take the deposition in Washington, D. C., please contact Mr. Caron directly to determine whether or not Mr. Van Fleet is available to travel to Washington, D. C., and present himself for deposition there. If not, please feel free to call me to discuss scheduling Mr. Van Fleet's deposition here in Texas where he resides.

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Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

KMA/tgm

cc: Mr. Norman A. Caron
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The undersigned, on behalf of the organization indicated below, agrees that due consideration has been paid to ensure that any transcripts and like products related to a Federal Election Commission investigation not be sold or otherwise provided to any person or party other than the Federal Election Commission.

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Mr. Lawrence M. Noble
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

In Re: MUR 3847
In the Matter of:
Tim Frankovich
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Noble:

Enclosed for processing in connection with the above-referenced matter please find the original and three (3) copies of the following:

(1) Amended Statement of Designation of Additional Counsel; and

(2) Response of Tim Frankovich to Requests for Production.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Kim Coogan

KIM COOGAN

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Caryn Zimmerman
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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL COUNSEL

MUR 3847

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my additional counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

August 1, 1996
DATE

Tim Frankovich
TIM FRANKOVICH

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Tim Frankovich	)	

RESPONSE OF TIM FRANKOVICH TO REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Requests for Production because the disclosures sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they risk having a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (*F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign*, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(b) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's first amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech and freedom of association.

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Statesman, was published, which we believe to be the period between February and May 1995.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. Produce a hard copy as circulated to the general public, or, if hard copy is unavailable, on 3 1/2 inch computer disk, a copy of each issue of the Southeast Texas Statesman other than those listed below:

   a. February A. 1995 b. May 1995 (Vol. I. Issue 5)

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The Contract: Will it Pass?

"A campaign promise is one thing; a signed contract is quite another." —That's the phrase that Republican Congressional candidates used to promote the Contract with America, a set of ten bills they have vowed to bring up for a vote in the first 100 days of the new Congress.

Indeed, the process has already started. The Contract's first point, the Balanced Budget Amendment, has already passed the House of Representatives, although without the three-fifths majority for raising taxes Republicans wanted.

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On the first day, the House fulfilled its pledge by cutting congressional committees and staff, and passing a bill that requires Congress to live under the same laws as every other American (once they have to make their offices comply with OSHA regulations, perhaps they'll think twice before passing any more government regulations).

The Senate has passed the same bill and the President has signed it. A few more weeks may pass before the Senate begins serious work on passing the Balanced Budget Amendment.

And that is the crux of the matter. All ten bills will probably pass with ease in the House (with the possible exception of term limits). The Democrats will make a huge fuss over each, as they have done with the Balanced Budget Amendment, but in the end, the Republican majority will pass the bills. The first roadblock will be the

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Southeast Texas' new Congressman, Steve Stockman, joined close to 300 other Congressional candidates and incumbents back in September in signing the Contract with America.

Time Running Out for IRS

Bureaucrats at the IRS may be wiping sweat from their foreheads and polishing up their resumes. The entire agency is under fire and in danger of being completely replaced or at least restructured sometime in the coming years.

The only current defender of business-as-usual for the IRS is President Clinton, who is fast becoming a lone voice in a sea of self-proclaimed reformers from both major parties.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas focused national attention on the debate with his flat tax proposal. Armey's plan would impose a 17 percent tax on individuals and businesses, allowing generous exemptions: $26,200 for a married couple, $13,100 for a single person and $17,200 for a single head of household, plus a $5,300 deduction for each child. All withholding, deductions and credits would be eliminated.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt has proposed his own plan which includes a 10-11% tax rate for most Americans, while imposing a higher rate on "rich" Americans (Gephardt's most recent definition of "rich" was anyone making over $75,000 a year). The details are not ironed out, but some political observers say the plan was offered as a way for Gephardt to position himself to run against President Clinton next year.

Armey does not predict a serious effort to pass his flat tax proposal this year, but does think it will be a part of the 1996 Republican platform. He plans, instead, to build support for the idea in the next two years.

Clinton: IRS Defender

Fellow Texas Republican Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, is critical of a flat tax. He favors scrapping the entire income tax and replacing it with a consumption tax.

The flat tax might also have trouble in the Senate, where another reform idea has been bouncing around for years. This proposal, backed by Sens. Sam Nunn, Georgia Democrat, and Pete Domenici, New Mexico Republican, is aimed at encouraging savings and discouraging consumption. It includes a three-bracket income tax that allows a full deduction for savings, taxing only income used for consumption. The proposal would also apply a flat rate to businesses, which would be allowed deductions for investments.

President Clinton claims a flat tax would hurt the poor, who might pay more taxes, and help the rich, who would see their taxes cut dramatically. Under Armey's plan, however, a couple with two children would have to be making $36,800 before they had to pay any income tax at all.

During the 1992 presidential campaign, President Clinton also mocked Democratic candidate Jerry Brown of California for his support of a flat tax; Clinton called it "snake oil."

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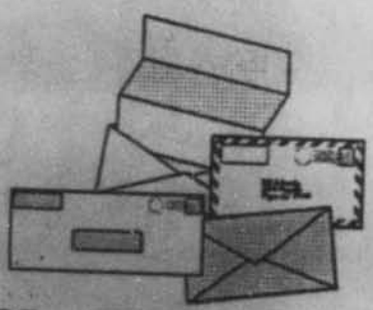

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Druggists' Corner

by Bonnie Hart

Many health professionals agree there is a problem with inappropriate drug use in the elderly. Some experts have estimated as much as 25% of the prescriptions filled for elderly people living at home is inappropriate. This can result in over-medicated patients as well as excessive costs and unwanted side effects.

Dipyridamole (Persantine) is often prescribed to aid circulation and prevent blood clots. A daily dose of low-dose aspirin (81 mg usually) is often a better choice in terms o effectiveness and cost.

Many drugs to treat arthritis are irritants to the GI tract and can lead to ulcers and added pain or added medication for the ulcer. Indocethacin and phenylbutazone seem to be more toxic than other NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs). There seems to be some new choices available now to treat the arthritis without the resultant GI problems.

The elderly also tend to suffer from insomnia more than younger people. Unfortunately, the longer acting sleep aids also tend to be eliminated at a slower rate than in the younger groups. This can result in a gradual build-up and can lead to daytime sedation all too often resulting in falls and hip fractures.

It is always a good idea to have a physician or clinical pharmacist review your medications even if you have been on them for years. They may have been the best available product at the time or new data may show them to have side effects that another product may not have.

Today it is important to realize that the patient is a big part of the health care team. An educated, informed patient knows what his medicine is for, what it is going to do for him, and how and when is the best time to take it. Doctors and pharmacists are always busy but they must take time to answer genuine concerns you may have. If they can't find the time to talk to you, then you should take the time to find one who will.

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   ❑ A flat tax
   ❑ A consumption tax
   ❑ Neither, I like the IRS.

3. Do you support abolishing the auto emissions testing system in Texas?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

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   ❑ A ❑ B ❑ C ❑ D ❑ F

5. Who do you support for President in 1996?

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❑ Dick Cheney	❑ Arlen Specter
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❑ Alan Keyes	❑ Pat Buchanan
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❑ Bob Kerrey	❑ Steve Michael
❑ Jesse Jackson	❑ Colin Powell
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Senate.

Although Republicans control the Senate, four or five so-called moderate Republicans will control the swing vote. Majority Leader Bob Dole and Majority Whip Trent Lott are positive, however, that they will be able to push all ten bills through. In recent interviews with syndicated columnist Tony Snow, both admitted that the hardest bill to pass will be term limits.

At the end of the process is the threat of President Clinton's veto. Although Republicans do maintain a majority, it is not large enough to override a veto. But will President Clinton veto anything?

The President has no say in the Balanced Budget Amendment. If it passes, it will be sent to the states for ratification. However, he may well be willing to veto a Republican welfare reform plan or tax cuts, depending on how popular each measure becomes.

In the end, House Republicans will probably be able to say they kept their pledge, but whether it results in permanent change or not remains to be seen.

Analysis of the Contract

"...critics fear not that the contract would fail but that it would succeed." -*The Wall Street Journal*, 9/29/94

Here are the ten bills that Republican House members have pledged to bring to a vote during the first 100 days of the 104th Congress:

1. The Fiscal Responsibility Act. The balanced budget amendment would force Congress to eliminate the federal deficit by 2002, while the line-item veto would allow the President to veto specific pork-barrel spending without vetoing an entire bill.

2. Taking Back Our Streets Act. The Republican crime bill would toss out much of the social spending of the previous crime bill while finally restoring an effective, believable and timely death penalty. It would also provide funding for more prisons while enforcing Truth-in-Sentencing requirements. Another interesting aspect of the bill is requiring criminals to pay full restitution to their victims for damages caused as a result of their crimes.

3. The Personal Responsibility Act. The Republican welfare reform package is determined to change welfare from a handout to a helping hand. It would prohibit AFDC and public housing benefits to minor mothers who have children out-of-wedlock, denies increased AFDC benefits for having additional children while on welfare, and requires mothers to identify the father of the child as a condition for receiving AFDC. It also requires recipients to participate in work programs and allows states to end payments to those who have been on welfare for two years or more.

4. The Family Reinforcement Act. This is a bill designed to protect children by increasing sentences for sexual offenses against children, providing a tax credit up to $5,000 for adoption expenses (for middle and lower class families), and providing a $500 tax credit for families who care for a parent or grandparent at home.

5. The American Dream Restoration Act. These are the tax cuts that are getting so much attention: a $500-per-child tax credit for middle and lower class families, relieving the anti-marriage bias in the tax code, and allowing working individuals and non-working spouses to contribute up to $2,000 a year in IRA-type accounts.

6. The National Security Restoration Act. The Republicans want to restore national defense funding cut by the Clinton administration and forbid U.S. troops to operate under U.N. commanders.

7. The Senior Citizens' Equity Act. This bill increases the Social Security earnings limit, repeals the Social Security benefits tax increase passed in the Clinton 1993 budget, and provides tax incentives for private long-term care insurance.

8. The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act. This includes the capital gains tax cut (which, according to a recent study, affects far more middle-class families than upper-class) and slashing government regulations.

9. The Common Sense Legal Reform Act. Designed to stop frivolous lawsuits, this tort reform has long been held up by trial lawyers and their friends (such as former Rep. Jack Brooks).

10. The Citizen Legislature Act. The final bill, term limits, will be a constitutional amendment. Two versions will be voted on, one providing 6-year term limits and the other providing 12-year term limits.

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The Balanced Budget Amendment By the Numbers

The Republican Balanced Budget Amendment would require a balanced budget t the year 2002. If the amendment is not enacted and the budget deficit does not begin to fa by that time the national debt —currently $4.5 trillion— will have ballooned to $7.5 trillio That is more than the size of the current entire economy of the United States!

While a balanced budget is certainly necessary (no average American can live wit out one for long), the question is rightly raised: Why does it take a constitutional amen ment? A balanced budget can be achieved right now, this very year, with the right votes. stands to reason that if Congress can muster the two-thirds majority needed to pass an amen ment, they can obtain the simple majority votes needed to pass a balanced budget this yea

Critics claim Republicans are dodging the tough spending decisions that a balanc budget will require. The point of an amendment, however, is that it will force future Co gresses (no matter what this one does) to balance the budget, while allowing the pres Congress to work toward it without creating wholesale panic by cutting every program once.

The Democrats claim that the Republicans will not list their spending cuts. Th Republicans, however, point to their plan that shows exactly how they will balance the bu get. Technically, they are not even asking for spending cuts.

The 1994 budget included government spending of about $1.467 trillion. The ba anced budget of 2002 that Republicans are aiming for will allow spending to reach $1.8 trillion, which is the amount of revenue the government expects to take in that year.

In other words, the budget can grow by $423 billion to achieve balance by 200 The problem is not with cutting spending; it is with holding back growth.

When critics claim the balanced budget amendment requires deep spending "cuts what they really mean is that it doesn't allow as big an increase as the $2.21 trillion th bureaucrats want to spend in 2002.

Put another way, the budget can be balanced simply by slowing the rate of feder spending growth from 5.4 percent to 3.2 percent a year. This translates to saving about nickel on the dollar of federal spending over the next seven years. Every spending cut tha takes place now only helps reduce that amount.

Republicans have outlined what it will take to balance the budget. It's up to th Democrats now to jump on the bandwagon as they have before (the balanced budget amend ment almost passed in 1994), or to continue their misrepresentation of the Republican plan

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Editorial/Opinion

"Paying" for Tax Cuts

I am really tired of hearing politicians claim support for a middle-class (or any-class) tax cut "as long as we can pay for it." Those who say that tax cuts must be "paid for" or else it will explode the deficit (whether they are politicians or newspaper editors) are operating from an ignorance, intentional or not, of history.

This so-called "conventional wisdom" believes that if the government cuts taxes, it will take in less money from them on. On the flip side, they believe that if the government raises taxes, it will bring in more money. On its surface, this seems to make sense. But it is fatally flawed.

What the pundits fail to understand is that tax changes (increase or decrease) will always change people's behavior. When taxes are raised, people become tighter with their money, trying to hide more of it in shelters or keeping their income just low enough to keep out of a higher tax bracket. When taxes are lowered, people feel freer to spend, invest and risk money, thereby making more money and (ta-da) pay more taxes.

History bears this out. When Reagan lowered taxes in the '80s, tax revenues *increased*! In fact, from 1980 to 1990, the income tax revenues almost doubled! Why? People were investing more and making more money, thereby paying more taxes. Reagan lowers taxes, government makes more money!

Alternately, the capital gains tax was increased in 1986. The predictions of tax revenues from that increase are now billions and billions of dollars off. When the taxes were raised, people stopped the activity that brought in capital gains. Oops. Taxes raised, government makes less money.

Tim Frankovich, Editor

Activity is the key. When you raise taxes on something, you discourage that activity. Washington apparently understands this when it comes to taxing things like alcohol or tobacco. They freely declare that raising the taxes on those products will decrease their usage. What they don't seem to understand is that raising taxes on income discourages it, as well.

Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR) wanted to show the bureaucrats the absolute foolishness of their calculations. He asked the Office of Management and Budgeting (OMB) to calculate how much money the government would make if they raised the tax rate to 100% for people who make over $200,000 per year. Did you get that? 100%. The government would take every cent those people made.

The OMB fell for it. They came back with their calculations. They figured the government would make over two billion the first year and over three billion by the third year. And they were serious.

Do you see the problem? What if you were making $1 million per year (we should all have a dream) and the government raised the taxes and took everything? Would you go out and earn another $1 million the next year just so the government could take it? Of course you wouldn't! You'd find a way to keep your income below $200,000 or some other loophole to save your money!

This all goes to show that tax cuts do not need to be "paid for." I'm all for cutting spending, but it just does not follow that spending MUST be cut before taxes can be cut. Tax cuts do not explode the deficit, spending does. Did you know that President Clinton has added more to the national debt in two years than Reagan did in his first *four* years? And Reagan's deficits came down in his second term as his tax cuts generated more growth. Clinton's lowest deficit rating is still higher than any of Reagan's last three deficits.

To end the deficit, government spending must be drastically cut back, but that does not preclude cutting taxes, as well. History shows that cutting taxes may be just the thing that is needed to get government spending under control.

Republic or Democracy: What's the Difference?

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

As children, many of us started our school day with these thirty-one words. Just thirty-one words. Thirty-one words that we've recited over and over, not really giving much thought to what we were saying. Yet, right in the middle of these thirty-one words is the very essence of our nation. That is the word Republic. Yet, we call ourselves a democracy and nations around the world try to emulate us.

If we are a democracy, why do we not say, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Democracy"? Perhaps, it's because, over time, the terms democracy and republic began to be used interchangeably and the meanings became blurred and blended. However, the architects of this nation took great care to clarify that they had set up a Republic. After the final signature on the Constitution, Benjamin Franklin was asked what was done. He replied, "Sir, we have given you a republic..."

Although there have been many countries and nations throughout history who have called themselves a republic, their idea of a republic was that their government was non-hereditary. That is, the reins of government were not passed down from one family member to the next.

James Madison, on the other hand, defined our form of republic to be a government which is a representative form of government and "derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the great body of the people, and is administered by persons holding their offices...for a limited period, or during good behavior."

When America was in its infancy, the founding fathers very wisely set up a republican form of government. As early as the 1600's, this concept of a representative republic was planted in the minds and hearts of the pilgrims before the Mayflower left Holland to sail to the new world. Their pastor, James Robinson, who would not be sailing with them, gave them this advice. He instructed them that the best form of government came directly from within their own ranks, and that they, the common folk, were to choose from among themselves their leaders. It was a bold new idea.

Bonnie Wilson

An idea that took many turns and many forms until it came to full fruition in 1776, when the first Continental Congress hammered out the governing document for these United States. In it, they stated in Article IV, Section 4a, "The United States shall guarantee every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government." Within its framework, it not only divided the powers between an executive branch, a legislative body and the judiciary; but it also provided certain inherent individual rights and responsibilities.

A republic can be defined as a form of government from which authority is derived through the election of public officials best fitted to represent them. In a republic, each citizen has a right to voice their opinion and to give input into the laws and policies which impact their lives, but do not pass laws. That is left up to the representative chosen by the people. Another way to put it, is that a republic is defined as rule by law and not by a mob.

A democracy, on the other hand, is a government of the masses. Its authority is derived through mass meetings for the purpose of making laws, sometimes resulting in "mobocracy." Noah Webster stated that a pure democracy is generally a very bad government. He pointed out that it is often the most tyrannical government on earth; "for a multitude is often rash, and will not hear reason."

Madison pointed out that democracies have been "spectacles of turbulence and contention; and have been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property..."

Nearly two centuries ago, while writing about the decline and fall of the Athenian government over 2000 years before, Alexander Fraser Tyler said, "A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover they can vote themselves [liberal gifts] out of the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over a loose fiscal policy, always to be followed by a dictatorship."

In a nutshell, the major difference between a democracy and a republic is that in a pure democracy, all the people meet and exercise the government in person (to make and enforce laws); whereas, in a representative republic, laws are passed and administered by representatives or agents appointed by the people.

In a representative republic, it is the responsibility o the citizens to be the gatekeepers of the government. If the citizens do not agree or like what is going on in government, then they need to take the advice of Abraham Lincoln: "We the people are rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts - not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."

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Presidential Ambitions & Aspirations

Analysis by
Tim Frankovich, Editor

The aftershocks of the 1994 mid-term election are still being felt and nowhere is that more clear than in the aspirations of the men who want to be President in 1996. Their numbers are swelling and the voters are sure to have quite a choice to make in both the primaries and general election of 1996.

What follows is not a comprehensive list, but it does attempt to chronicle those who have expressed interest in the race from both parties, as well as independents.

The Republicans: Of course, the largest list of candidates is those who will vie for the Republican nomination to challenge Bill Clinton (if Clinton is re-nominated).

Sen. Robert Dole - The Senator appears determined to run for President while serving as Senate majority leader. He is well-funded, has high name identification, and is considered by some to be a shoo-in. However, Dole has come across to many conservatives as being far too moderate and far too willing to compromise. If he is nominated, he will have trouble motivating conservatives to support him, thus making it easier for a third-party candidate to split the vote.

Sen. Phil Gramm - Gramm will publicly announce his candidacy on Feb. 24 and appears to have a good head start, both in finances ($7.8 million in a campaign chest), organization, and support from Southern states. He appears to be approved by both conservatives and moderates. He recently swept to an overwhelming victory in a Louisiana straw vote. His only liability is that he does not quite *look* like a President. But, then again, neither did Jimmy Carter.

Jack Kemp - Kemp seems to be poised to run, but he has lost much support and angered conservatives, which were his core base. He has also hurt himself strongly in California and other border states by his opposition to Proposition 187, the illegal immigration initiative.

Dan Quayle - The former Vice President is using the publication of his book to gain support and launch his campaign. With the withdrawal of William Bennett from the field, Quayle is the favored candidate of the Christian Right. However, he will have a hard time overcoming the media bias against him (most hate him for being the first major politician born in the sixties but not embracing the sixties' cultural values). His recent health problems are not helping his prospects, either.

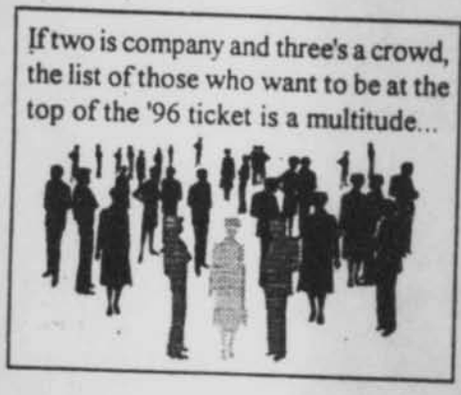
Dick Cheney - Cheney, the former Secretary of Defense, is well-qualified and conservative enough to attract voters. He would probably be an excellent general election candidate, but he recently announced that he was not interested in pursuing a candidacy.

Sen. Arlen Specter - Specter has only recently expressed his desire to run. His motivations are an avowed opposition to the Christian Right and the desire to offer a "legitimate choice" to moderates in the GOP who would not be comfortable with some conservative ideas. Without support from the Right, the Senator has little chance unless other conservatives split the primary vote.

Lamar Alexander - The former education secretary and Tennessee governor has all-but-announced his intention to run and has already set up a campaign headquarters. He was making headlines before the mid-term election by supporting a part-time Congress. That theory may not win as much support now that Republicans control both Houses. He is raising money and getting organized, still very much a viable candidate. The National Journal has identified Alexander as the "latest inside-the Beltway favorite."

Gov. Pete Wilson - Wilson's name has been mentioned frequently as presidential candidate, despite his pro-choice, high tax policies. However, California has just elected a Democrat as lieutenant governor. The people of Wilson's own state might not appreciate being left with a Democrat governor after they elected a Republican.

Pat Buchanan - Encouraged by the success of his radio talk show, the conservative columnist has authorized an exploratory committee for a '96 race. His sister, Bay Buchanan, who chaired his 1992 challenge against George Bush, said that after the passage of GATT, "Pat is more motivated than ever to make sure the working American is protected."



Alan Keyes - Keyes, a conservative talk show host, has one major attraction: he is black. Republicans have often been accused of being insensitive to minorities; an African-American presidential candidate would be tempting just for the symbolism. However, Keyes has very low name identity and will have a hard time raising enough money for any kind of significant primary challenge.

Others - Other names that have been tossed out as possible Republican candidates are James Baker, the former secretary of state, California Rep. Bob Dornan, Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts, and Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin. None of them have made any move to begin campaigning.

The Democrats: Rumors are flying about possible primary challenges to President Clinton for his own party's nomination in 1996. Other rumors even suggest that he may step down. A Times-Mirror survey recently showed that 76 percent of Americans and 66 percent of Democrats want to see a battle for the Democratic nomination.

Bill Clinton - While few people suggest that Clinton would willingly step down, the idea has arisen from some prominent Democrats. Many Democrats feel that if Clinton remains at the top of the ticket, it will be the virtual end of the Party. And always, the spectre of Whitewater is waiting...

Al Gore - The Vice-President is not likely to challenge his boss on his own, but some, including Rep. Patric Schroeder of Colorado, an avid Clinton supporter, have suggested that Clinton may decide to step down and let Go lead the way. "It's been a very bad last year and a half. Wl knows?" she said.

Rep. Richard Gephardt - In recent days, Gephar has apparently become disgusted with the President, perha blaming him for the loss of House control. Gephardt is soun ing more like a challenger every day. He did attempt a ca didacy in 1988, but whether he would try again is high questionable.

Sen. Robert Kerrey - Senator Kerrey has recen said he will probably not run, but speculations continue abound. Kerrey believes Clinton has abandoned his "Ne Democrat" roots and should move more to the right. Clinton compromises with the Republican Congress may satis Kerrey's complaints.

Dave McCurdy - A "centrist" Democrat from Okl homa, McCurdy lost a Senate contest to James Inhofe a blames Clinton for it. He squared off against the Preside recently in separate addresses before the Democratic Lea ership Council, a "moderate" Democratic forum to which bo belong, a move that prompted *The New American* to spec late that he might challenge Clinton in the primary.

Steve Michael - Homosexual and AIDS activis have teamed to form an exploratory committee for the pre dential aspirations of Steve Michael of ACT UP (the AID Coalition to Unleash Power). He plans to run on the "AID Cure Campaign" ticket, decrying President Clinton's failu to increase AIDS research funding enough.

Jesse Jackson - Jackson has been critical of Clint since the 1992 campaign. He thinks Clinton is not liber enough. While he is unlikely to cause much of a prima challenge, Jackson may decide to run as a third-party canc date.

The Independents: At least two major candidates m run as neither Democrat nor Republican.

Gen. Colin Powell - The hero of the Gulf War h high popularity and name recognition, but questions abou as to his stands on the issues. Is he Republican? Democra Neither? Former presidential candidate Paul Thongas h suggested that Powell would be the ideal choice to lead new, major party in a presidential campaign.

Ross Perot - Perot has stated that he would give t Republican Party a chance with control of Congress befo he considers running again. However, no matter what t Republicans do, who can really say what Ross Perot will d

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Stockman Leads Assault on Weapons Ban

Seeking to reverse his predecessor's biggest mistake, Rep. Steve Stockman has introduced legislation to repeal the "assault weapons" ban included in last year's crime bill.

Co-sponsored by Rep. Roscoe Bartlett of Maryland, the bill is achieving bi-partisan support. In a letter to Speaker Newt Gingrich, 26 Democrat House members said they would use "every parliamentary opportunity and procedure to repeal the ban." The group is led by Oklahoma Rep. Bill Brewster, who, along with sixty-two other Democrats, voted against the crime bill last year.

Stockman's initiative has attracted the attention of President Clinton, who has vowed to veto any bill that includes a repeal of the gun ban. Clinton appears adamant on this issue, more so than any other issue that has come up. In virtually every major speech he has given in recent weeks, including his State of the Union, he has taken an opportunity to attack Stockman's bill. "I will not let it be repealed," the President declared emphatically in his State of the Union address.

Chances for the bill's passage are good in the House, although many Republicans, including the leaders, would like to put it off until after the first 100 days and the Contract with America. The gun ban is seen as a politically sensitive issue to many. Rep. Jim Chapman, a Sulphur Springs, TX Democrat, has his own version of the repeal circulating and has 58 co-sponsors already. He accuses the Republicans of "back-tracking big time." Stockman insists that, despite the leadership's position, his push for repeal will continue.

Gingrich has promised to hold hearings on the ban beginning next month, focusing on why the gun ban does not work and how the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has become a rogue agency, according to NRA lobbyist Tanya Metaksa. This would set the stage for the ban's overturning later in the year.

However, passage in the Senate is very questionable and overriding a presidential veto would be very difficult. Stockman's bill faces a very hard battle ahead, but the Congressman sees his action not as a political necessity or payoff, but as the right thing to do in light of the Constitution.

Mexican Bailout Faces Tough Fight

Despite support from both President Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the $40 million package of loan guarantees for Mexico is in serious trouble. The Texas delegation is a clear indication of the overall displeasure with the deal.

A poll of the Texas delegation conducted by the *Houston Post* indicated that only 10 of the state's 32 elected representatives (30 Representatives, 2 Senators) are firmly committed to supporting the bailout.

A majority of Texas Republicans, including Sen. Phil Gramm and Rep. Steve Stockman of southeast Texas, are adamantly opposed to the deal, while several local Democrats, including Kika Bentsen of Houston, support the measure.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison initially came out in strong support of the agreement but is reconsidering her position. She now says she'll support the deal if it includes collateral and economic reforms.

Both the Mexican and U.S. governments knew long ago that Mexico was facing this crisis. Both governments also decided not to do anything about it, partly because they did not want to jeopardize the election of President Carlos Salinas to head the World Trade Organization (part of the GATT agreement).

Supporters of the bailout claim that Texas has the most to lose from an economic collapse just south of its border. They say it is in Texas' (and the nation's) best interest to pass the "rescue" package.

Opponents say the package is nothing more than a bailout for Wall Street bankers. Congressional phone lines and radio talk shows are jammed with callers demanding to know why their tax money should be spent to pay off loans for someone else's bad investments. And, they want to know, where is the guarantee that Mexico will pay back these loans?

In any event, the bailout is now no certain thing. An interesting point to make is that this will be the first real test to see if the same back-room dealings and pressures that passed NAFTA and GATT will work in this new Congress.

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News Briefs

Clinton Fans, Take Note

It may not be as exciting as his personal diary, but for those hard-core students of Bill Clinton we are happy to announce the availability of the "Public Papers of President William J. Clinton for 1993." For a mere $51 you will receive over 1,300 pages of text of public speeches, news conferences, messages, statements, public schedules and communications to Congress, including nominations submitted to the Senate. Enjoy.

-Human Events, 12/23/94

Tyson Cries Fowl

"I think Bill Clinton being elected was the worst thing that ever happened to us," Archie Schaffer, Tyson Food Inc. director of media, public relations and government affairs, told the New York Post. "It's been at least 90 percent negative to Tyson Foods. Clinton being re-elected would not be in our best interests."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition
December 19-25, 1994

So Much for Morals

Jesse Jackson told *The Washington Times* that conservative Christians had every right to participate in the political process but in his view "the most hideous schemes are being put forth now in the name of conservatism."

"If this were Germany, you would call it fascism. If this were South Africa, you would call it racism," he said.

Mr. Jackson, who says he wants to return the country to the "moral center," told one reporter that Rep. Kweisi Mfume, Maryland Democrat and chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, was right on target in accusing House Republicans of "ethnic cleansing" when they voted to defund congressional caucuses.

"Ethnic cleansing" is the term used by Bosnian Serbs to describe their driving Muslims and Croats out of towns in Bosnia-Herzegovina -- a process that involves rape, murder, torture, starvation and imprisonment.

"Politically, it is in the same spirit of ethnic cleansing," Mr. Jackson said of the Republican action. "These guys have been so brutal. The gloves have to be pulled off."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition
December 19-25, 1994

Revere Nobody

Controversy has erupted over new draft of National Standards for U.S. History, created by a University of California, Los Angeles team working with various professionals and interest groups. Former National Endowment for the Humanities chief Lynne V. Cheney blasted the standards for including such elements as the founding of the National Organization for Women while excluding the first meeting of the U.S. Congress. The standards also fail to mention such figures as Paul Revere, Thomas Edison, Daniel Webster, and Albert Einstein. Next step: approval or rejection by a U.S. Education Department panel created by President Clinton's Goals 2000 bill.

-Washington Watch, 11/11/94

The Devil His Due

Robert James Howard stole a car, drove it from Texas to Colorado, and left the car's owner bound to a tree -- so now he's serving a ten-year prison term at the Federal Correction Institution in Colorado. He is also an avowed Satanist.

Last year, Howard filed suit, claiming his First Amendment right to practice his religion in prison was violated. A federal court has now agreed. Quoting from another Satanism case, U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham wrote: "We ought to give the devil his due." So on Hallowe'en, Howard was allowed to perform three rituals in jail: a "compassionate ritual," a "personal ritual," and a "destruction ritual." The purpose of the "destruction" ritual, incidentally, is supposedly to kill people. Comforting. Howard also hopes to practice Satanism once a month, ideally between the hours of 2 and 5 a.m. So he's going to need a wakeup call as well.

Howard's rituals require candles, incense, a gong, a black robe, a chalice, and a wooden staff. Who's going to supply these items? The taxpayer, no doubt, will be required to help give Howard and the devil their due.

-The Limbaugh Letter, Dec., 1994

Elderly Wisdom

While ousted Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders heads back to Arkansas to reclaim her post as a professor of pediatrics, many in Washington are left scratching their heads over President Clinton's demand that she resign after suggesting that masturbation "perhaps should be taught" in schools. Certainly, most conservatives and many moderates saw her departure as long overdue, but even the Washington *Post* questions why this particular statement put Clinton over the edge.

"What remains unanswered and troubling," said the *Post*, "is why a President of the United States couldn't have made clearer earlier, at any of the many inflammatory opportunities she gave him along the way, what it was he wanted in that office, what he didn't want and what the limits he would accept were."

Despite Clinton's swift reaction to Elders' comments, Planned Parenthood President Alexander Sanger maintains that New York City's high school teachers have been teaching kids about masturbation since 1985 as part of the curriculum's "Family Living" sexual health course.

-Human Events, 12/23/94

Going-Away Gifts

Excited about throwing the bums out but bummed about their enflated pensions? That's not all you have to be steamed about, according to *Congress: America's Privileged Class* by H. Lon Henry (Prima Publishing: 1994):

"Members leaving Congress may purchase (from one office only) their used furniture and furnishings at a depreciated value or fair market value, whichever is greater. (You really don't want to know how the fair market value is established.) The sumptuously furnished home offices of a great number of ex-members of Congress were obtained virtually by courtesy of the U.S. taxpayer.

"You should also know about the special going-away gift the House of Representatives voted to give to retiring Speakers of the House.. Always resentful of the exorbitant perks granted to outgoing presidents of the United States, the House quietly awarded outgoing Speakers the gift that keeps on giving: a plush, fully expensed office and staff, usually in a building with the member's name on it, ostensibly to enable him to wind down his political affairs without feeling any deprivation from leaving office.

"Every Speaker since Carl Albert has enjoyed this lavish perk at a cost of millions to the taxpayer. Since Speaker Albert retired in 1977, his taxpayer-funded office expenses alone have exceeded $2.7 million. (How long does it take to wind down, anyway?)"

People Power OK

On November 1 the Harris County (Georgia) Commission passed a resolution formally recognizing an unorganized militia of the citizens. Prime mover behind the effort was Dan McMichael of Pine Mountain Valley who views the militia as a symbolic message to protect personal rights granted under the Second Amendment. The unorganized militia, which is specified in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, has been approved in other places, including Santa Rosa, Escambia and Okaloosa Counties in Florida.

-The Spotlight, 12/26/94

No Room

There was almost no room in the city square for Jesus and his family this year. After more than 20 years of being displayed in the Plaza de Cesar Chavez of San Jose, CA, a nativity scene was quietly moved two blocks away to a spot in front of St. Joseph's Cathedral. The move to exclude the nativity scene from public eye was spearheaded by Metro Publishing President Dan Pulcrano, whose papers opposed the display, and was unofficially supported by Mayor Susan Hammer.

A group of local ministers got wind of the switch and wrote a letter of protest to the mayor and the Christmas in the Park board. The park board called the removal an "expression of anit-Christian prejudice. It is particularly troubling because it comes immediately after the erection on permanent display of an Aztec idol, in the same park and this at the public expense of $500,000."

The situation turned around almost overnight. "The mayor's office told us that they received over 2,000 calls in two days," said Randy Wing, pastor of Home Church in the suburb of Campbell. "Only one was in support of the move and the board and the city were forced to respond to this spontaneous response from the community."

"I'm surprised that a park that can have Quetzalcoatl [the Aztec god], Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman can't also have a nativity scene," said ex-Mayor Tom McEnery in an interview with the San Jose *Mercury News*. A guest editorial headline in the paper summed it up: "Jesus was rightly returned to his birthday party."

-Christian American, Jan, 1995

The Good Life

Anthony Peraica, a candidate for Cook County, Illinois commissioner, has made a rather alarming discovery. "In several instances [at the Cook County Jail] the government is effectively paying inmates for being incarcerated. Because of the failure or inability of the various state and federal agencies and the Cook County Sheriff's office to share information, many inmates are still receiving aid checks at their homes. These checks are picked up and cashed for the inmates by relatives. "Because of this," he points out, "not only are county taxpayers paying the enormous costs of incarcerating these inmates, including their room and board, taxpayers are also providing these criminals with a nice little nest egg waiting for them upon their release."

-The Spotlight, 12/19/94

Equal Time

Mario Cuomo back-to-back with Rush Limbaugh?

Michael Shain and Anthony Scaduto report in New York Newsday that Mr. Limbaugh's boss, Ed McLaughlin, is trying to get the outgoing New York governor, a Democrat's Democrat, to host a nationwide two-hour radio show five days a week in a time slot adjacent to that occupied by the conservative's conservative.

Although Mr. Cuomo's salary "could be as rich as seven figures... if he's a hit," Mr. Shain and Mr. Scaduto say he "isn't crazy about the idea of having a daily radio grind."

Stay tuned.

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition
Dec. 26, 1994-Jan. 1, 1995

News Briefs

Road Block

In a move challenging the constitutionality of the National Voter Registration Act -- commonly known as the "Motor Voter" law -- California Gov. Pete Wilson (R.) filed a suit against the federal government, once again flexing the re-energized arm of states' rights to fend off an unfunded federal mandate. Motor Voter allows people to register to vote when they apply for state driver's licenses or social services.

California, along with 12 other states, has yet to comply with the law, which has a mandatory deadline of January 1. In August, Wilson ordered his state agencies not to implement Motor Voter until federal funds --$35.8 million annually by his estimates-- were allocated to pay for it. The lawsuit contends the law violates the Constitution's 10th Amendment by infringing on the states' rights to govern their own affairs. Despite Wilson's open defiance, Atty. Gen. Janet Reno vowed to "use the authority of the Department of Justice" to enforce the law in all the non-complying states.

-Human Events, 12/30/94

GATT Bites Retirees

Using the "fast track, no amendments, no scrutiny" approach, Congress recently approved the new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), with its World Trade Organization (WTO) component.

But guess what? It wasn't quite as "benign" as both the administration and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle were reassuring everyone.

Indeed, tucked away in the legislation implementing the world trade pact, notes the *Wall Street Journal*'s Ellen Schultz, who authors the paper's "Your Money Matters" column, "are provisions that will make it harder for Americans to save for retirement."

To partially offset revenue losses from GATT's tariff reductions on various goods, the sums U.S. employees can kick into their 401(k) retirement plans have been scaled back, "and many workers," says Schultz, "will receive smaller pensions."

The money an employee puts into his 401(k) plan yearly -- which is matched by many employers -- is tax deductible, with the money taxed when it is withdrawn, presumably during retirement. Now, as a result of the GATT implementation legislation, the maximum contribution an employee can put into a 401(k) plan next year will be frozen -- for at least a year -- at the 1994 level. Thereafter, the limit will rise slower than inflation.

Smaller employee contributions, in turn, will also result in smaller employer matching funds, thus further reducing retirement incomes.

How many other "sleepers," we'd like to know, were in GATT?

-Human Events, 12/30/94

Banking Panel to Move Cautiously

Rep. Jim Leach, who takes over in January as chairman of the House banking committee, said that panel members will move "cautiously" and "carefully" in examining the Whitewater issue during as-yet-unscheduled hearings next year.

"Obviously, the one single issue people are looking at is Whitewater, and all I will tell you is... we're going to move very cautiously and very carefully," the Iowa Republican said during a Capitol Hill briefing on the banking committee's 1995 agenda.

"The ball for the next several months is clearly in the camp of the independent counsel, and we have to be very careful that reputations are not unnecessarily tarnished," he said.

Mr. Leach's call for calm -- echoing sentiments he expressed earlier this year -- follows a decision by Alfonse M. D'Amato, incoming chairman of the Senate banking committee, to delay Whitewater hearings after meeting recently with independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr.

"I will not move forward until we are sure we will not interfere with his work," Mr. D'Amato recently said. "While we have our independent authority... it will be exercised in such a manner to assure that we will not unduly impede [or] make more difficult his work in terms of getting the facts under his charge."

-Jerry Seper, *The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition*, Dec. 26, 1994 - Jan. 1, 1995

Selective Representation

Representative Harold Ford (D-TN), who easily won re-election in the congressional district he has represented for 20 years, has decided he will no longer represent all of his constituents. According to the *Washington Post*, at Ford's victory party on election night, he vowed not to provide representation to "fat-cat businessmen" and East Memphis supporters of his Republican opponent, Rod DeBerry. According to Ford, he has the addresses of people who put up yard signs for DeBerry and will now ask people who call his office for assistance about party affiliation before he decides to help them. To Ford's credit, the next day he claimed he was "sort of misinterpreted slightly." Conservatives in Ford's district are, no doubt, "sort of" comforted "slightly."

-The New American, 1/9/95

Equal Protection Under the Law?

California crisis-pregnancy centers affiliated with the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) received at least nine telephoned death threats following the murders in December of two Virginia abortion-clinic workers, according to NIFLA President Thomas Glessner.

NIFLA is compiling a report to present to Attorney General Janet Reno and is documenting threats received by pro-life organizations nationwide since the shootings.

Glessner says protection granted by the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act (FACE) does not apply exclusively to abortion clinics.

"Indeed, the broad definition of 'Reproductive Health Services' under FACE includes those who counsel and provide referral services 'relating to pregnancy,' thereby bringing pro-life pregnancy help center workers under the protection of the statute," Glessner wrote in a letter he faxed to Reno on Jan. 5.

Reno has not responded to Glessner's request for protection, but Reuter News Service reported on Jan. 8 that the Justice Department has vowed to "vigorously enforce [FACE]." Glessner hopes that vow includes protection for both sides of the debate.

-Family Issues Alert, 1/19/95

It's Just Not Fair

The Media Research Center has released its report, "The Best Notable Quotables of 1994: The Seventh Annual Awards for the Year's Worst Reporting." Winner of the "Sore Losers Award" for midterm election reporting was Peter Jennings in his daily ABC Radio commentary, Nov. 14, 1994:

"Some thoughts on those angry voters. Ask parents of any two-year-old and they can tell you about those temper tantrums: the stomping feet, the rolling eyes, the screaming. It's clear that the anger controls the child and not the other way around. It's the job of the parent to teach the child to control the anger and channel it in a positive way. Imagine a nation full of uncontrolled two-year-old rage. The voters had a temper tantrum last week.... Parenting and governing don't have to be dirty words: The nation can't be run by an angry two-year-old."

-Human Events, 1/20/95

Editor's Comment: Does Peter Jennings consider himself our "parent"?

Co-Presidents After All?

In past years, when Boy Scouts around the land were awarded the title Eagle Scout, each would receive the customary congratulatory card signed by the president of the United States.

A new Eagle Scout from Florida sent his card to the *Washington Times*, signed by Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

-The Washington Times Weekly Edition, Jan. 16-22, 1995

Murder, She Wrote

Maryland's feisty liberal Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D.) will be spending her extra time as part of the new minority party by co-authoring a political mystery book with a former Los Angeles *Times* gossip columnist, Marylouise Oates. The political heroine in the novel seems a bit familiar -- Democrat, Polish, with blue-collar street smarts. But the writers insist that the character *is not* Mikulski. "Our senator is tall," revealed Oates. "She's 5-foot-4," in contrast to the 4-foot-11 Mikulski. Nevertheless, Mikulski's literary influence will be noticeable: "...I'm only killing Republicans and lobbyists."

-Human Events, 1/20/95

Editor's Comment: How dare she take advantage of her position to write a book and make money off of it? This is an outrage!

Business Blues

What do *The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times*, Long Island *Newsday, The Wall Street Journal*, and *The New York Times* have in common? They are losing customers, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulation. One reason "experts" give is that most newspapers have raised prices. But these are the same liberals who don't believe tax hikes produce downturns in the economy; so how can they believe price hikes hurt their business? The deputy publisher for *Newsday* blames... the public. He says customers must not be too loyal if a little fifty-cent increase would stop them from buying the paper. Traditional liberal thinking: blame the customer. But the publishing business isn't bad for everybody. *The Washington Times* --a conservative publication-- has increased its circulation. Not to mention *The Limbaugh Letter*, which just hit the half-million circulation mark. There's the real answer for circulation decline: it's called competition.

-The Limbaugh Letter, Jan., 1995

Editor's Comment: And now Texas has *The Southeast Texas Statesman*. The competition has begun.

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Religion

The Latest Proof America Needs God is Spelled O.J. Simpson

If there's anybody left out there who hasn't heard of the troubles of former football great O. J. Simpson, they've either been taking a long nap or just returned from the moon. Simpson's troubles with the law and his upcoming trial in connection with the murders of his ex-wife and her friend have made front page headlines around the country.

However, O. J. Simpson is merely the latest of role models and superstars perched on pedistals who have reached this fate. For the last thirty years America has looked for a hero, someone it can look up to, someone, as songwriter Bill Anderson says, who can be looked up to by a grimy faced kid.

Yankee great Mickey Mantle was an alcoholic in his playing days. He's now telling all in a new book. Fortunately, Mantle is overcoming his problems, however, his name no longer triggers the superstar magic it once did.

Gambling was Pete Rose's nemisis. Rose, who even bet on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds, was hailed a hero and a role model for aspiring youngsters until his gambling problems saw the light of day. He has since been banned from baseball for life, and fights a tough uphill battle for inclusion into the Hall of Fame.

In basketball, Americans believed in Magic. But the only trick Johnson did was to try to make morality disappear, and in so doing, he contracted AIDS, which he admitted was due to sexual romps with countless women. Following Johnson's retirement from the Lakers, he was appointed to the President's commission on AIDS. In other words, the man who had wantonly transgressed God's laws and reaped what he sowed became an instant expert on the subject. Double Dribble.

Not that these problems are limited to the USA. Soccer heroes in other countries have been banned from the sport because of involvement with drugs. A famous international player was recently banned from World Cup competition because of his alleged involvement with a controlled substance.

And we all know about the disgusting soap opera involving skater Nancy Kerrigan, who was attacked by thugs (there's no better word to describe them) allegedly working for rival skater Tonia Harding. Harding had a promising career ahead of her, but she chose instead to get involved in this sordid mess, and is now a zero instead of a hero.

Incidentally, we have recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of man's first landing on the moon. How many Americans remember the names of the astronauts and those other unsung heroes who made that possible? By the way, none of them have been accused of the kind of wrongdoing our more publicized "heroes" have been saddled with. And most of them were chosen to the astronaut corps *before* the effects of the Supreme Court decision which kicked God out of the schools was felt in the land.

Which brings us to OJ. His is the latest tragic story to be told and by far the most spectacular. Simpson is accused of brutally murdering his ex-wife and her friend. We've all heard tapes of 911 calls made by Nicole Simpson which graphically prove that OJ would be capable of such a grisly act. Now Simpson, who once sat at the top of the football world, languishes in a Los Angeles jail cell smaller than the closets in his mansion, awaiting a jury to determine his ultimate fate.

Why has America had such rotten luck with her heroes in the last thirty years? The answer can be found in a Supreme Court decision on June 25, 1962, which proclaimed prayer in public schools unconstitutional, and thus, forbidden. From that day forward, millions of schoolkids stopped asking God's blessing on themselves, their teachers, parents, and country. And all four groups have reaped the benefits.

For the schoolkids themselves, the schoolhouse is now one of the most dangerous places in America (next to a mother's womb). Their teachers remain crippled by an organization more political than educational. As for their parents, divorce rates have gone through the roof, and recent surveys suggest they are foregoing traditional marriage in favor of simply living together. Living in sin is more like it. As for the country, we need take one look at its leaders whose character is being questioned like never before. We have a president who has been sued for sexual harrasment, who Americans claim they cannot trust. In the election of 1992, Americans were given a choice between character and change. We chose change, and now we're stuck with the characters. Our Congress is being rocked with scandals unprecidented in our history. Congressmen are proving they don't have what it takes to run an honest bank or a post office. Moreover, they have placed themselves in a special category which exempts them from the laws they pass for the good of the rest of us. Civil rights and other legislation which private sector employers must obey are no worry for this bunch. And what's more, they can send out mail at taxpayer expense which serves their ultimate purpose: reelection.

Mike Sheeran

This is not to say that we all bear a collective guilt for our present problems. Far from it. But once God was removed from His place in American life, someone had to move in to take His place. Enter the heroes of all sizes and shapes. America needs someone to worship, someone to honor. Had the indignation shown Sports Illustrated in the Houston area after the magazine announced they would not publish a commemorative edition for the Rockets' championship, the first for Houston in 25 years, been shown the Supreme Court on that day in 1962, some things would be very right in this country.

However, as evangelist Billy Graham has said, God has moved out and the devil has moved in. Quite frankly, we kicked the wrong Person out on His Ear. Once we let Him back in and accept His moral standards, our heroes will be required to accept them too. O sure, we'll still have those who don't. But they will be few and far between. As Scripture declares and our recent heroes prove all too convincingly, Righteousness exhaults a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. It's time we put God back in His rightful place and let the *real* American Hero please stand up.

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Quote of the Week:

"Much has been written in recent years concerning Thomas Jefferson's reference in 1802 to 'a wall of separation between church and State.' ...Jefferson's figure of speech has received so much attention that one would almost think at times that it is to be found somewhere in our Constitution." -Supreme Court of New York, 1958, stated in the case of *Baer v. Kolmorgen*, reprinted in *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations*, 1994.

Southeast Texas Statesman Prime Recipe

Country Fried Steak

(from the *Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Commemorative Cookbook*)

2 pounds round steak, or 8 cube steaks
½ cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup vegetable oil

Pan Gravy:
4 Tablespoons pan drippings
3 Tablespoons flour
2¼ cups milk
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Pound steak and cut into 8 pieces. Combine flour, salt and pepper and coat steaks on both sides. In heavy skillet heat oil and saute steaks 5 minutes on each side. Keep warm while making gravy.

Pour off all but 4 tablespoons of pan drippings. Blend in flour, stirring constantly, until bubbly. Stir in milk, salt and pepper. Continue cooking and stirring, scraping cooked on juices from the bottom and sides of skillet, until gravy thickens and bubbles for 1 minute. Serves 8.

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House GOP Wages Two-Front War Against NEA

"I'm against self-selected elites using your tax money and my tax money to pay off their friends," powerful Speaker Newt Gingrich told reporters last week and with those words may have sounded the death knell for the controversial National Endowment for the Arts.

The NEA has become downright notorious in recent years for funding vile — indeed, deranged — "artistic" attacks on traditional American values, not to mention such thumb-in-your-eye assaults as a representation of Jesus Christ as a heroin addict in the act of shooting up and a poem in which Jesus appears as a pedophile who sexually abuses a six-year-old boy behind a church altar and then makes the child promise not to tell anyone.

But now the endowment faces trouble on two fronts: Rep. Phil Crane (R.-Ill.) has already introduced a bill (HR 209) calling for its abolition, and Rep. Bob Livingston (R.-La.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee and a longtime foe of the NEA follies, is expected to move towards zeroing out funds for the endowment when the 1996 appropriations begin to be considered, probably in late February.

In addition, Rep. Bill Goodling (R.-Pa.), who chairs the House Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, which oversees authorization of the NEA, has already said that the only question is how fast to cut its $167-million annual budget, not whether to cut. Arts groups scent so much trouble in the wind that they have even turned to the AFL-CIO for support in the coming fight.

A Crane spokesman, Chris Myers, explained to us what scenario conservatives can expect to see unfold: "We have roughly 10 co-sponsors already and a lot more verbal assurances of votes. This is the best shot we've ever had at abolition. Chairman Livingston has indicated that he may perhaps zero out NEA funding, which would reduce the need for us to take our bill to the floor. If he defunds the endowment in committee, the battle is effectively won, but if that effort fails short, our bill will come up.

"Pro-NEA types point out that our past attempts to abolish or defund the NEA have never come close to passing, but the entire House leadership is now composed of anti-NEA Republicans — Gingrich, Armey [Tex.], Delay [Tex.], Boehner [Ohio], and Livingston. Under the previous Democrat power structure a lot of Republicans feared reprisals if they voted to abolish. They won't now, and given the conservative aggressiveness of the freshman Republicans, well, it looks like our time has arrived."

Beyond Capital Hill, longtime NEA opponents are also feeling optimistic. The Rev. Don Wildmon, president of the American Family Association, tells us, "We're encouraging our members to urge their congressmen [202-224-3121] to defund the NEA and also the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Public Broadcasting Service. We've kept these things around for the benefit of elites often at the financial and moral expense of the little guy. Rep. Bob Livingston's Appropriations Committee will probably see to defunding them all, and then they can do what the rest of us have done — get out and find their own funding. If agencies like the NEA, CPB, and PBS do half the good they say they do, they won't have one bit of trouble."

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Sleep apnea, in which breathing during sleep stops for 10 seconds or more, raises blood pressure and heart rate so high that it's now considered an independent risk factor for hypertension, *The Annals of Internal Medicine* notes.

Doctors suggest that sleep apnea may be the root of common high blood pressure with no known cause. One "cure": losing weight seems to improve both conditions.

To ease knee pain in arthritics, British researchers wrapped adhesive tape around their knees; best results occurred when the kneecap was pulled to the center of the body, relieving extra pressure caused by a poorly aligned kneecap. Flexible bandage doesn't work as well as tape.

Longer-lasting asthma medication (salmetrol xinafoate) helped prevent symptoms better than other inhalers, *The Journal of the American Medical Association* reports. The drugs is more effective during exercise, and the 12-hour dose lets patients sleep through the night.

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Will America Have a Balanced Budget?

President Clinton, one Republican, and a handful of Democrat leaders won a temporary victory over the American people in defeating the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

When the Senate vote on the amendment failed a few days ago, the opponents denied Americans the right to decide for themselves, through their state legislatures, whether to add a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. The amendment failed by only one vote, but Majority Leader Robert Dole changed his vote to "No" at the last minute, thus giving him the ability to bring the amendment back up again at a later time.

Recent polls have shown that anywhere from 72% to 80% of the American people support passage of the Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA).

Six Democrats — Minority Leader Daschle and Senators Bingaman, Dorgan, Feinstein, Ford and Hollings — supported and campaigned on the BBA last year and yet voted against it this year.

"Without a constitutional amendment, a balanced budget is not going to be achieved," said Senator Feinstein during her campaign last year.

"I support a balanced budget amendment and always have," said Senator Ford last year. The other senators all had similar declarations a year ago. Why the sudden change?"

The excuse is Social Security. The Democrats made it appear that the issue was Social Security and protecting it from being raided by Republicans who want to balance the budget.

Again, one year ago, Senator Tom Daschle, who led the attack on the BBA this year, said, "To remedy our fiscal situation, we must stop spending beyond our means.

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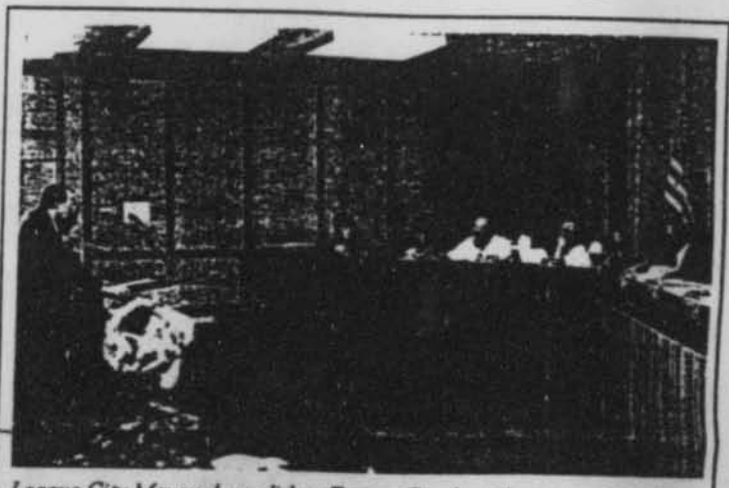

League City Mayoral candidate Tommy Frankovich accuses interim Mayor Pat Hallisey of a violation of the public trust at the City Council meeting. For more on LC politics, see p. 6.

Foster Nomination Mired in Controversy

Tuskegee Project, "White" Extremists Comment Raise More Questions

Surgeon General nominee Dr. Henry Foster seems to be a magnet for controversy as more of his past is uncovered. The latest explosion centers on Foster's involvement in the Tuskegee Project, a federal study that allowed black Alabama sharecroppers with syphilis to go untreated (without their knowledge) so that the government could study the disease.

The Family Research Council has charged that Foster learned of the study in 1969 but did nothing about it. The Public Health Service conducted the study from 1932 to 1972.

Foster says he did not find out about the experiment until 1972. He attacked his opponents during a speech to his hometown congregation at First Baptist Church Capitol Hill, Tennessee, saying, "The most recent charge — that I, as a young black doctor in Tuskegee, Alabama, knowingly cooperated with the most cruel and inhumane experiment ever undertaken by our government — is outrageous! How dare these groups accuse me? I was serving the people of Tuskegee."

The 61-year-old obstetrician-gynecologist went on to say, "I ask for your help and prayers in working with me again to fight the latest attacks from white right-wing extremists that are using my nomination to achieve their radical goals."

White House press secretary Mike McCurry characterized Foster's use of the word *white* as "a slip of the tongue," saying that word was not in Foster's prepared speech.

Two days later, a former colleague of Foster's, Dr. Luther McRae of Mount Vernon, Georgia, said he would testify under oath that Foster did indeed know about the Tuskegee Project before the study's end in 1972. McRae will probably be called to testify when Foster comes before the Senate for his confirmation hearings.

Foster has previously been under fire for misleading information regarding the number of abortions he has performed and revelations that he performed hysterectomies to sterilize mentally retarded women. Like his predecessor, Joycelyn Elders, Foster also supports distribution of condoms to teenagers.

With so many controversies, political observers are curious to see whether President Clinton will stick with this nomination or choose to let Foster go the way of Lani Guinier, Bobby Ray Inman, and others.

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings and welcome to another spectacular issue of the *Southeast Texas Statesman*! We hope that our newspaper continues to serve a vital need for this area - bringing the news and commentary to you from a conservative point of view. Remember, you can either read us, or read the rest of the media, which accuses us of being full of hate.

Speaking of hate...

Liberals love to continually rant and rave about the hate-filled right-wing radicals. But of course there is no hate on the left!

Explain this, then: In a recent issue of a local liberal Democrat newspaper controlled by County Commissioner Wayne Johnson, the lead story attacked both U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman and State Senator Jerry Patterson, calling them "two imperious clowns." The two Republicans met last month with members of the African-American community to discuss their concerns. The paper referred to Stockman and Patterson's words as "horse manure." But of course, this is not hate, is it?

I challenge you to find references like those anywhere in the *Statesman*, referring to any prominent liberal! Yet these insults were in a front-page story in a liberal paper! Who really is filled with hate?

When someone cannot logically debate the issues, he or she will often resort to insults and name-calling. Whenever this happens, it is obvious that someone has lost a debate.

Losing the debate is exactly what is happening to the liberals. Despite the momentary failure of the Balanced Budget Amendment, the conservative agenda continues to roll on, while the liberals do nothing but rant and rave, casting insults and ridiculous aspersions into the air at each and every press conference.

It is really sad to see President Clinton, Patricia Schroeder, David Bonnie, and others trying to make themselves appear relevant. The only people listening to them are members of the liberal media, who go out and repeat everything they say without question.

It's curious. Newspaper columnists a few months ago were decrying all the criticism of President Clinton, yet now they are criticizing Speaker Newt and the Republicans in every section of the paper (even the Style and Arts sections!).

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1. *Do you support the Balanced Budget Amendment?*
   - Yes - 85%
   - No - 8%
   - Don't Know - 8%

2. *Do you support abolishing the IRS and replacing it with:*
   - A flat tax - 31%
   - A consumption tax - 77%
   - (some respondents checked both)
   - Keep the IRS -8%

3. *Do you support abolishing the auto emissions testing system in Texas?*
   - Yes - 92%
   - No -8%

4. *What grade would you give the Republican Congress so far?*
   A - 8% B - 62% C - 23% D - 8%

5. *Who do you support for President in 1996?*
   - Phil Gramm - 46%
   - Dan Quayle - 15%
   - Walter Williams - 8%
   - Pat Buchanan - 8%
   - Alan Keyes - 8%
   - Ross Perot -8%
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   ❑ Mad ❑ Sad ❑ Glad
   ❑ Indifferent

2. Do you support parental notification for minors who are seeking an abortion?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

3. Do you support federal funding for PBS?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

4. Do you support federal regulation of speed limits?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

5. Which would you rather have?
   ❑ A powerful federal government
   ❑ Powerful state governments
   ❑ Don't Know

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What's Wrong with Parental Notification?

The state legislature is in the process of considering a bill that would require minors to notify their parents before having an abortion. The pro-abortion forces have gone berzerk, ranting about how this will return younger women to the days before *Roe v. Wade*, risking life and limb to get an illegal abortion in some back alley somewhere.

The issue is not abortion. The issue is the rights of parents. The Texas Abortion Rights Action League and others may say that a girl's decision to have an abortion is her own private right. However, as a minor, she is legally and morally under the protection and authority of her parents. They should have a right to be involved in such a major decision as abortion, which, by any side's definition, is still a surgical procedure.

A minor cannot even take an aspirin at school without a parent's permission. Why should she be allowed to have surgery without even their knowledge?

Thirty-five other states already have a parental notification or consent law on the books. The legislation, introduced by Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, would also require abortion clinics to maintain standards identical to other medical facilities. Even President Clinton has campaigned that abortion should be "safe, legal, and rare." This bill simply addresses the "safe" part.

"It would be a great mistake to see this simply as a medical issue," said one opponent of the bill. Why? Isn't abortion a medical procedure?

This bill will not outlaw abortion. Nor will it, according to the Supreme Court, place an "undue burden" on a woman seeking an abortion. All it does is give the parents the right to know what their child is doing and makes clinics obey the same regulations as other medical facilities. And what's wrong with that?

Going to Extremes

The words "extreme" and "extremists" are certainly being bandied about a lot by those on the left lately. Apparently, anyone who disagrees with them on any given subject is an extremist.

President Clinton, for example, referred to balanced budgets as "extreme fiscal policy." How many Americans participate in that kind of "extremism" every year with their own budget? Republicans are "extremists" because they only want to spend the same amount of money that they take in. In other words, they're being extreme because they're using common sense.

In addition, anyone who opposes the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as surgeon general is a "right-wing extremist." (Dr. Foster recently said "white right-wing extremists," but later said that was a slip of the tongue.) Once again, those who disagree with the left are extremists, even though 40% of Americans believe abortion is the destruction of a human life.

Liberals argue that abortion is the law of the land, so the term extremist applies to those who oppose it. By that same token, those who opposed slavery were extremists, those who violated Prohibition were extremists, and those women who wanted abortions before *Roe v. Wade* were extremists.

In addition, if the Balanced Budget Amendment is ratified by the states and becomes law, those (like President Clinton) who oppose it will be, by their own definition, "extremists."

Fruit Loops and Frosted Flakes?

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-NY), no longer able to push through his pet projects of gun control legislation, is now attacking... cereal.

"Every once in a while there's an issue that just gets your goat -- a pet peeve that you wish you could do something about," he said, as he asked the Justice Department to undertake an antitrust investigation against the major cereal makers (Kellogg's, General Mills, Post and Quaker Oats). Schumer suspects a "conspiracy" to keep cereal prices high.

The Federal Trade Commission actually spent 10 years investigating competition in the cereal industry. In 1982, they announced that they had found no evidence of anti-competitive practices.

Schumer has once again shown how little his views really matter. While Congress is trying to balance the massive federal budget, Schumer is trying to make sure the price comes down on his Fruit Loops. Perhaps he should try cutting some taxes.

Power to the People

Forget, for a moment, everything you've heard from the liberal media and try to grasp this simple fact: the Republicans in Congress are not trying to get rid of PBS or school lunches or the 55 mph speed limit or the drinking age, etc., etc. What they are trying to do is let the people and the States take over those responsibilities.

This is not being understood by much of the public. A few days ago, Speaker Newt Gingrich had to call off a speech at a meeting of the National Association of Counties because of a protest. Several hundred protesters charged into the meeting waving signs and chanting "No more cuts!" "Don't take the food out of children's mouths!" they cried.

Newt was correct in saying the protesters were "just tragically misinformed." Under the Republican plan, the school lunch program actually gets an increase in funding (4½% more next year)! It's just that the states will take over, instead of the federal government. (Interestingly enough, it was later discovered that those protesters were members of a group to which many of President Clinton's Americorp workers have been assigned. Your tax dollars may have been paying some of those people to protest!)

Tim Frankovich, Editor

Nor are Newt and the Republicans trying to destroy PBS. All they are trying to do is cut the *federal* funding for public television. Newt himself has donated $2,000 already to the Atlanta public television station and filmed two promotional spots encouraging people to donate. As a result, pledges to the station have doubled!

In addition, Newt has promised to donate $10,000 to the national PBS system if his fiercest critics would match his donation. Republicans are all for public television as long as people are not forced to pay for it with their taxes.

There are also proposals in the works to end the federal government's regulation of speed limits, drinking age, and other areas. Again, Republicans are not trying to end these things, but merely return the regulation of them to the states where it belongs.

Critics demand to know why the federal government shouldn't regulate national speed limits or public school lunches. Well, there's this little document known as the United States Constitution that sort of gets in the way.

The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." In other words, if the Constitution doesn't say that the government can do something, it shouldn't be doing that!

I have a copy of the Constitution sitting in front of me here. Nowhere in it can I find anything about school lunches or art or public television or speed limits or drinking ages, etc., etc. Since those things are not given to the federal government, the Constitution clearly explains that they are reserved to the States or to the people. Why is that so hard to understand?

Economist Walter E. Williams has calculated that at least two-thirds of the national budget is unconstitutional according to the Tenth Amendment. Taking the words at their face value, there is no authorization in the Constitution for a Department of Energy, a Department of Education, a Surgeon General, a National Endowment for the Arts or many other major government programs.

If the Republicans want to return the country to the governmental system it was founded on, the cuts have barely begun. You ain't seen nothing yet.

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Balanced Budget Amendment Could Return

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This will not require the emasculation of important domestic priorities, as some suggest." One year later, he had changed his mind.

These same Democrats also all voted for President Clinton's 1993 budget, which included a Social Security tax increase, an effective cut in Social Security benefits for millions of seniors.

Chances for a balanced federal budget are not totally dead. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has vowed to continue treating the budget as if the amendment had passed and a balanced budget was required by 2002. At least one presidential candidate, Phil Gramm, has vowed to balance the budget within his first term. And the amendment could still come up for a vote again, presumably around election time.

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Letters to the Editor

Even though I am not conservative, I appreciate having a paper that has articles on Galveston County politics.

Stacy E. Morrison
League City

Could someone tell me, when did the government ever give an honest cost of a program before it started it? Didn't future cost far outweight what a program was supposed to cost? And, once a program was implemented, at what time in the future was the goal for that program met and done away with?

Since most of all the regulations, laws, taxes, and social programs have been enacted over just the past thirty-five years, and the leaders have for the most part been Democrats, or liberals I should say, how can anyone in their right mind (or someone who pays any attention to C-SPAN, or gets involved in politics) believe a liberal Democrat?

How can a president send a budget of $1.6 trillion to Congress when the year before it was $1.5 trillion, and say he has cut the budget? That is 100 billion dollars more taxes on working people. Clinton - cut? What?

In my eyes, for all the trillions and trillions of dollars the American taxpayers have paid for the Great Society, big government, crime-fighting spending and liberal programs, we have been shafted, because they just don't work, and must end! Could we please stop spending more than we bring in? Thank you.

Jack McClure
League City

I'm lovin' this paper! I find it informative and entertaining. Keep up the great work!

Denise K. Kilinski
League City

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Anonymous

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Marjorie Wing
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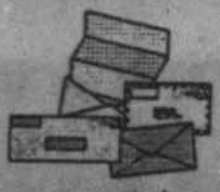

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Rep. Sibley Makes Good Sense

Brady Mahaney

State Rep. David Sibley is in the running for a new title: "My Hero." Last Thursday, Mr. Sibley did something in Austin that I have always wanted to do. He woke everybody up on Capital Hill.

Thursday, Sibley called for a constitutional amendment to ban affirmative action in state contracts, jobs or educational programs.

Now of course, this set Capital Hill abuzz with talk of racial injustice and sexual discrimination. Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D- Houston, was quoted as saying that the measure is intended to "beat up on women, and people of color and other vulnerable people," and worse yet, that the proposal was so poorly written that it would open the door to Homosexual Marriages (GASP). Another of our "exalted leaders," Rep. Ron Wilson, approached the podium wearing a Ku-Klux-Klan hood and robes. As he removed the hood he remarked that he had found the garb in Sibley's closet.

These are the people that we pay to make decisions for us, and they want to wear silly costumes to work.

With the modern population breakdown, unemployment on the decline and a hearty display by the treasury showing that the United States can defend and maintain the economy, I think it's high time that lingering odors of racism, like affirmative action, should be done away with.

This is supposed to be a democracy, that means to me that everyone gets an equal chance to succeed or fail. Affirmative action is a idea that undermines that in many ways.

It gives the people with the money an incentive to do business with a select group of people, simply because of their race or gender. This idea may have had a place in the post-civil rights movement time. But today it is no longer necessary.

Today we have businessmen and politicians who have never seen a segregated drinking fountain, bus, or restaurant. The horror stories of life before integration are just that to many people today. The children of today (for the most part) aren't concerned with race, color or gender. It's mostly just the dinosaurs that are left in the highest positions of government and industry who think that government prodding is still necessary.

Brady Mahaney is a guest editorial writer from Texas City.

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Deadline: April 14, 1995

House Republicans have promised to bring all the elements of their Contract with America to a vote on the House floor in the first 100 days of the new Congress. This section of the Southeast Texas Statesman will document their progress.

Passed: Opening Day Reforms (including a bill forcing Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else), the Balanced Budget Amendment, the line-item veto, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act, Taking Back Our Streets Act, the National Security Revitalization Act,

Next in line: Welfare Reform, shifting welfare responsibility to the states.

Still to go: The Family Reinforcement Act (enforcing child support payments and cracking down on child porn), The American Dream Restoration Act (tax cuts for families), The Senior Citizens' Equity Act (repeals Social Security tax increase of Clinton 1993 budget), The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act (capital gains tax cut, slashing regulations), The Citizen Legislature Act (term limits).

Many of these bills are already being reviewed in committee, in preparation for their release to the floor.

Whether the House can reach a vote on each one of these by their self-imposed deadlines remains to be seen. Democrats are doing their best to slow the process (during the unfunded mandates debate, they introduced 160 amendments).

The "User-Friendly" Mayor

INTRO TO PAT HALLISEY

Pat Hallisey, newly appointed and temporary mayor of League City, was an employee of the City of League City in the late 1970's and early 1980's. He was not fired from the City, but the budget was amended so that there was no money to pay him (called being "zero-ed out"). After a while (with a little help from his friends in the good-old-boy network) Pat was appointed, and currently is, the Executive Director of the Beach Park Board in Galveston County and receives a salary from them. Judge Holbrook, now retired, appointed Pat to the directorship. Pat also now receives a salary from League City, although he has indicated that he donates the money to a charity of his choice. Pat still controls that money. He also receives a League City car allowance and coverage for himself and his family in the group insurance program offered by League City. This includes major-medical, dental and vision coverage.

One large public fight occurred a few years ago when the Galveston County Auditor asked Hallisey to comply with State Law in handling public money by using competitive bids. Hallisey refused and claimed that the tax money became Park Board money. The Supreme Court of Texas rejected Hallisey's claim, stating, "...public policy strongly favors protecting taxpayers with strict oversight of government financial transactions." The court fight over accountability cost Galveston County taxpayers over $100,000 in legal fees.

Another large controversy occurred when Pat's Board of Trustees tried to lease 225 acres of prime park land to developers for a one-time payment of $50 for 30 years for a golf course in Santa Fe. The disagreement occurred when Hallisey advocated that the County go into debt for $5,500,00 to build it! There was no public notice to hold a public auction on the land. Hallisey insisted that if the County did not build the golf course, the Federal Government would take the land. That has not happened.

The saddest thing of all, however, was the destruction of the big pavilion at Walter Hall Park on Highway 3 in October of 1987. The building burned to the ground. It had an assessed value of $400,000. It was only insured for $125,000 and cost over $1,300,000 and SIX years to replace! It happened on Hallisey's "watch." That was a costly mistake.

MAYOR BY CHOICE

Hallisey was appointed Mayor of League City in a record 58 seconds at an admittedly illegal meeting. He had solicited certain members of City Council on the telephone. The public was not allowed to be any part of this selection process. Many residents had contacted council members to be considered for appointment. *All were denied the legal process of a public discussion.* Hallisey repeated the swearing-in ceremony at a later date... not in public, however. A question arises: are the taxpayers of League City obligated to pay legal fees to defend an illegal appointment? There are probably two reasons that a district court judge upheld Hallisey's appointment: the fact that the swearing-in was repeated, and, to remove Pat at this time would have thrown the City into administrative chaos. However, two other points in the case were forwarded to the County District Attorney by the District Court Judge, as criminal violations for consideration by a Grand Jury. Council could have eliminated all the negative fallout by simply calling for a regular meeting to discuss, in the open, the appointment of a new Mayor. There would have been no need of illegal meetings, illegal appointments, and no need for the expenses that have occurred... AND the citizens of League City could have had a voice in who represented them.

Pat has never been elected to a public office, although he once gave it a try for County Judge with the financial help (about $38,000) of a close friend that happens to be a local banker. Since his appointment, Pat has moved like a "house a-fire." The City Administrator is gone. The Police Chief was demoted. The volunteer Parks Board and Planning Commission have been cattle-prodded to take on projects that are rightfully the responsibility of City Council. Volunteers are being harassed. The sports complex is tied up in a squabble because some members of the 4B Corporation do not want to buy land that is environmentally troubled. It has been said that the seller won't sell unless a certain local banker finances it (Why should a seller care who finances the deal?). Pat has indicated a preference for this troubled property; and yet, other properties are available that offer the community satisfaction for a sports complex.

With all of Pat's experience with people and parks, he of all people should understand all of the good work a Parks Board can do (and has done!) for League City. Instead, many people feel that the Parks Board will be disbanded by Mayoral decree.

$22,000 FOR A FREE CUP OF COFFEE

Pat authorized the removal of a wall in City Hall that was barely a year old. It had been built to add work space to the Tax and Accounting Offices. **The construction of the wall was authorized by Council Resolution,** and the cost was around $5,000. The cost to remove it was around $4,500. It took Council action to build the wall, but **Pat had it torn down without approval of Council.** *He just did it.* The new space is used (for lack of a real name) by the Tuesday Morning Free Coffee club. Participants use a new coffee machine supplied by a company that is owned by family members of Judge Holbrook (remember: Judge Holbrook appointed Pat to the Galveston Parks and Recreation Board, year after year). You are invited to go by and have FREE cup of coffee and talk with a Council Person. There are three more machines newly located at the City Hall Complex, one at the Police Department, one in Council Chambers and one more is located upstairs at City Hall. Machines such as this normally rent for about $125 per month. Supplies for each machine are estimated at $350 a month. $125 + $350 = $475 x 4 = $1,900 x 12 = $22,000. TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS!!! Now add in the cost of remodeling!!! If asked how much it costs to rent the machine, the response is "Nothing." Machines such as this usually come with a 60-day free trial. The correct question must be *"How much will it cost for rental?"* Basically, the answer of "Nothing" is a dishonest play on words. **Council never approved the rental of the machines. Council was not even asked.** Who is paying for this "Free" cup of coffee? We, the taxpayers, are putting up the money for that FREE cup of coffee.

Hallisey has also been involved in past elections, usually acting in the area of campaign financing. His close association with a local banker must make this job much easier. Three League City Council members (and one "wanna-be") are now under investigation by the Texas Ethics Commission because of some creative campaign finance reporting. The question to ask yourself: would Isbell, Parr and Reyes have been elected if they hadn't had financial backing amounting to about $18,000? Would they have been elected if they had properly and accurately listed on their 2nd financial report (which was due *before* the May election) that they each had received a large political contribution from a local banker? Or did they play it safe and risk an investigation and report the contribution after the election? You decide.

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The Medicine Cabinet

by Robert Hart, Pharmacist

There's something I've been wanting to get off my chest regarding drug manufacturers and health insurance companies

Let us start with the "FORMULARIES." Health insurance companies use these to get kickbacks form the manufacturers and not to save money. the manufacturers have to pay to be on these "FORMULARIES." Cigna admits to getting $14,000,000 in kickbacks in Ohio on only one of their "FORMULARIES" (BCBS also admits to getting kickbacks). Merck uses its mail order pharmacy to change RX's over to their own products. Sometimes the change isn't just generic but is a therapeutic change. They have a whole battery of pharmacists who do nothing but call doctors to change their RX. The conflict of interest should be obvious.

Knowing their standard M.O., it should be obvious why the Governor of Colorado vetoed the Freedom of Choice in Pharmacies. He said he would approve it, but the morning he vetoed it the health insurance companies and their cronies "TALKED" to him. This was back in April and he got so much bad press he asked the insurance companies to give him some money to offset the bad press. They gave him between $100,000 and $150,000. How much did they give him in April? The way freedom of choice works is that any pharmacy can join the health insurance program but must accept the same conditions. The health insurance companies would pay the same to an independent as to a mail order pharmacy, therefore this veto had nothing to do with saving money.

These third party people wanted that veto for some other reason. They are too gutless to compete in an open market despite the fact that HMOs and mail order pharmacies get prices much lower than community pharmacies. For an item that cost the local pharmacy $22, the mail order pharmacy gets it for $13 (HMOs pay even less; manufacturers give special discounts to them but will not give these discounts to the local pharmacies because the manufacturer uses the local pharmacies to make up for their loss to HMOs mail order, etc.). The local pharmacy will sell this item at $30 while the mail order will sell it between $29.50 to $31.56 (2 surveys showed mail order to be 5% and 5.2% higher and one survey showed them to be less than 2% lower). There is no savings here and HMOs have never been proven to save money. So why did the health insurance companies invent these two useless and dangerous entities (by law drugs are to be stored under ideal conditions and no drug in the back of a UPS truck for up to two weeks is under ideal storage conditions)?

Knowing what they did in Colorado and what Cigna did in Ohio and the fact that HMOs and mail order pharmacies can not exist without the help of health insurance companies it should be obvious that they are getting tremendous kickbacks from the HMOs and mail order.

They are also using HMOs to destroy independent doctors (they don't give kickbacks) and mail order pharmacies to destroy independent (and chain) pharmacies (they also don't give kickbacks). They also lower their premiums to make you think you are saving money and to keep honest companies like American National from being able to compete.

Since all of this was started to "save money," there is an easier way! Pharmacy accounts for only 8% and doctors only 12% of the total medical bill, but health insurance companies account for almost twice as much as these two combined (35% and not a single penny pays for any medical service).

To have any kind of meaningful change in health care, the health insurance companies must be destroyed. They are not needed for anything. All they do is shuffle paper and they do that rather badly.

Gun Control, The Real Issue

If repealing the Brady Bill would save even one life, wouldn't it be worth it?

More and more Americans are waking up to the fact that the debate on so-called "Gun Control" has nothing to do with crime, it has nothing to do with accidents, it has to do with freedom. It is about how our society is organized. Is it a collection of free men who have delegated certain limited powers to a central government? Or is it a society governed by a power grabbing elite such as we in most of the rest of the world?

The debate on gun control centers on the use of pretexts. A pretext is a convenient excuse a person uses when he is afraid or ashamed to state his real purpose. A good historical example was Mississippi's literacy test for voters, which for some strange reason only whites passed. Any self-respecting red-neck could have told you with a straight face about the importance of having voters that could read and write. No need to state their real reason of keeping blacks from voting.

Similarly, liberal anti-gunners know they cannot come out of the closet and just say they want to deprive American citizens of their constitutional right to own firearms because the right to own firearms is a hated symbol of an independent, self-reliant citizenry. They have to put a nice face on it, so they follow a strategy of deception and subterfuge. They continually gnaw away at your constitutional firearm rights, one nibble at a time. The need for each nibble is carefully couched in terms of fighting crime or reducing violence, but they actually care about neither. The crime issue is just a pretext for taking away your rights.

The Brady Bill was carefully camouflaged as an anti-crime measure, but would have completely unraveled if the media had subjected it to even a superficial examination. First note that 33 states, including most of the high crime states already had waiting periods and not a single state could point to any positive results. Most of the states that did not have waiting periods were such crime havens as Vermont and North Dakota. Its only possible effect was to impose waiting periods on a few southern states including Texas which had respectively high crime rates and no waiting periods. The media reported none of this.

There is, of course, a need for some controls over the right to keep and bear arms just as there exist some restraints on the parallel right to freedom of speech. But restraints on freedom of speech are subject to rigid guidelines including the requirements that they be focused as narrowly as possible and operate by the least intrusive means. When regulating firearm rights, the liberal anti-gunners have reversed these guidelines and draft their legislation to be unfocused as possible and operate by the most intrusive means imaginable.

They do not focus on and target criminals because reducing crime is not their object. Their object is to reduce the likelihood that the ordinary citizen will purchase a firearm by creating as many obstacles as possible. They actually opposed an instant background check system, and pre-approval systems like a tag on your driver's license.

They claimed that an instant background check system wouldn't work because it would take five years to computerize the criminal records. Credit card companies run bigger databases with no trouble and if it would take five years to get a system to computerize the records, how were the police supposed to check it in five days? Also note that proponents o the Brady Bill constantly complained that they had been pushing for its passage for seven years. It is undisputed that they could have had an instant background check system passed in year one. Thus, by their own preposterous estimate they could have had an instant background check system in place for two years before the actual bill passed. So who's responsible for the delay and what were they really after?

A liberal friend has been collecting Handgun Control's mailings for the last two years. Not once has HCI spoken out in favor of a measure that would actually be effective in reducing crime. The NRA always rejoices when a state adopts a tough new crime law. These laws are working, crime rates are starting to go down. When Texas was considering a bond measure for building new prison cells the NRA was down here pushing. Did anyone hear from Handgun Control? Of course not. They have zero interest in any measure that actually focuses on the criminal and would actually be effective in reducing crime. It is all a pretext.

It is time to wake up!

The first step towards protecting our rights must be the repeal of such legislative frauds as the Brady Bill and the mis-named Crime Bill. Second, we must be on our guard and defeat further incursions. Fortunately, the liberal anti-gunners repeatedly use the same M.O. They cannot use logic and facts, and must resort to propaganda. The first step is to create an image that is obviously evil and give it an even more evil-sounding name, like "Saturday Night Special," or "Cop Killer Bullet" or "Assault Weapon." So be ready for the next round of name-calling. It may be "Kitchen Table FFL."

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Political Wit

White House wunderkind George Stephanopoulos, celebrating his 34th birthday, recently appeared on Comedy Central's "Politically Incorrect," where host Bill Maher asked him why people seem to hate President Clinton "from the gut." He responded with this brilliant analysis: "There's probably a lot of reasons, but the biggest one is that he's trying to do things that get people mad." He further explained that "when you take on the National Rifle Association and do an assault weapons ban and the Brady Bill in two years, people get angry and they hate you for it." Nevertheless, he qualified those remarks by noting that "it was the right thing to do and the President did it."

-Human Events, 2/17/95

The Beginning

"In the beginning," says Rep. Martin Hoke, Ohio Republican, "there was limited government and a sound economy and abundance covered the face of the land.

"Then Johnson, leader of the Spendites, looketh into the Treasury and saw there a surplus, and he was sore afraid. So he called to the high priests of the Spendites... and he spake thusly, 'Democrats,' for that was the Spendites' name: 'We must exhaust the Royal Treasury, for there is a surplus, and I am sore afraid.'

"The Spendites heeded the call of Lord LBJ and spent as if there was no tomorrow, creating foolish and wasteful Spendite programs that promiseth much, but dideth not... And the children, and the grandchildren, and even the great-grandchildren of the subjects of the Spendites were saddled with great debts. And the people cried out, 'Balanceth the budget!'"

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, Feb. 6-12, 1995

Planned Parenthood Does What Elders Only Preached

The President's nominee to replace Joycelyn Elders as surgeon general, Dr. Henry W. Foster has declared: "I am proud of my affiliation with Planned Parenthood..." Yet, ironically, Planned Parenthood as long ago as 1977 was *doing* what Elders eventually got fired for merely advocating: teaching schoolchildren to enjoy various forms of premarital sex, including -- the last straw -- masturbation.

A film, entitled *About Sex*, produced by Planned Parenthood for use in American classrooms, was shown at the 1977 Conservative Political Action Conference as part of that year's panel on the education crisis. A *Human Events* reporter who was present filed the following report, which was published in the February 19, 1977, issue:

"According to the discussion guide accompanying *About Sex*, 'The film consists of a lively, visual introduction suggesting various aspects of human sexuality, a free and vigorous discussion among teen-agers guided by an experienced and related leader, a series of brief pointed sequences on: sexual fantasies, body growth, masturbation, homosexuality, birth control, abortion...'

"The 'discussion leader,' apparently a teacher, is a man named Angel Martinez. The 'teen-agers' consist of a mixed group of boys and girls, sprawled informally throughout a room... Homosexuality, masturbation, oral sex -- these subjects and many more are kicked around, to the accompaniment of much giggling and crude language.

"As for the 'brief pointed sequences,' these include such graphic scenes as a nude night club dancer, nude couples engaging in various stages of sexual activity, male and female homosexuals strolling hand-in-hand, a doctor describing how easy it is to get an abortion, and more...

"At no point in the film does it mention that some people might prefer to postpone sexual activities until after marriage... On the contrary, the one-sided message conveyed by *About Sex* very clearly is: if it feels good, do it, the only qualification being to be careful to avoid venereal disease and unwanted pregnancy."

-Human Events, 2/17/95

How to Avoid Injury

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued a statement, concluding: "Most snowboarding injuries result from falling."

Once Great Party

Rep. Patsy Schroeder, Colorado Democrat, just can't let go of House Speaker Newt Gingrich's book deal. Her latest demand is that an independent counsel investigate Mr. Gingrich's relationship with publisher Rupert Murdoch, to once and for all "raise this cloud."

Her screams were echoed by Rep. Gene Green, Texas Democrat, "because just like the Energizer bunny, this issue will keep on going and going and going until we put it to rest."

Which leaves Rep. Ken Calvert, California Republican and admirer of the Democratic party, all the more confused.

"This party of Jefferson, born of ideas, lofty and grand, have been reduced to whining about a book and a man," he grumbled. "This party that helped through the Great Depression now fumes and fusses in session after session.

"This great party that brought us victory in wars today fights about a book which is not in the stores. While the American people look to us for inspiration, the party whines about an imaginary publication...

"It is sad, Mr. Speaker, but it is easy to see why this once great party is now in the minority."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition Feb. 6-12, 1995

Political Mutiny

The *Wall Street Journal* reported last week on the growing movement among black Americans to consider alternative ways to exercise their political influence. According to the report, "After decades of loyalty to the Democratic Party... blacks are finding themselves wielding less clout at the polls than any time since the 1960s." Despite a huge increase in black voter turnout -- up a dramatic 207% nationally in November from the 1990 midterm elections -- black voters are feeling jilted by the Democrats, who are now focusing their efforts on winning back white voters they lost en masse in November.

Aside from the option of joining forces with the GOP, a recent poll by University of Chicago political scientist Michael Dawson found that 50% of the respondents favored the idea of a black-dominated third party. A popular choice to head such a ticket is former Joint Chiefs Chairman Colin Powell, who recently commented, "It might be interesting to have an independent political party to throw some more fun in the game." As for his own aspirations, Powell's still not saying.

-Human Events, 2/17/95

Correcting Congress

If you didn't hear, House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he wants to start a new idea in Congress called "Correction Day."

Mr. Gingrich is asking that Congress set aside one day each month to act on a list of "the dumbest things the federal government is doing and just abolish them."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, Feb. 13-19, 1995

Food Particles

Small-town entrepreneurs are cashing in on the President's appetite for fast food. In Rio Linda, Calif., the folks are now hawking T-shirts commemorating the President's pit stop at Archway Frostie Restaurant last month. The T-shirts are emblazoned with a photo of Clinton holding a bowl of chili and a Diet Pepsi, underscored with the words: "The President's choice: Billy's Chili, only at Archway Frostie, Rio Linda, Calif."

Meanwhile, in Wescosville, Pa., the locals have been standing in line to get a gander at the cup President Clinton used when he stopped by the Charcoal Drive-in. Employees at the restaurant plan to enshrine the cup, its saucer, a coffee-stained napkin and the spoon Clinton used. Finally, the President himself has been joking that he's consumed over three dozen bags of Doritos since the commercial starring ousted Democratic Governors Ann Richards and Mario Cuomo first aired during the Super Bowl. Accordingly, Clinton insists, "I can hardly walk."

-Human Events, 2/24/95

Clinton's Catch 22?

Several Republicans are eager to approve anti-affirmative action measures and dare President Clinton to veto them, the New York *Times* reports.

If the president does, Republicans are confident he will lose support among white men. If he signs it, on the other hand, his support among black voters and liberals will be jeopardized.

"In my view, it's a no-lose proposition for Republicans," Charles J. Cooper, a former Reagan administration official who's advising several GOP lawmakers on civil rights, told the Times' Steven A. Holmes.

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition Feb. 13-19, 1995

Getting Rid of Brooks Wasn't Enough

Although conservatives were heartened by Rep. Henry Hyde's (R-IL) assumption of the chairmanship of the House Judiciary Committee and have cheered his leadership in recent floor debates on revising the crime bill and the exclusionary rule, they still are perplexed and disappointed about Hyde's staffing decisions. The new chairman has stunned the sight by retaining as committee staff director Alan Coffey, Jr., longtime aide to liberal former Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-NY), who was instrumental in promoting gun control legislation.

Equally eyebrow-raising was Hyde's decision to keep on Democratic counsel and parliamentarian Dan Freeman. Sources tell us that as one of former Chairman Jack Brooks' closest aides on the committee, Freeman made procedural rulings that played a key role in permitting both the crime bill and the assault weapons ban to come to the House floor last year.

-Human Events, 2/24/95

Ribbon cutter

The exact number of abortions performed by Dr. Henry Foster wouldn't matter under legislation proposed by Rep. Robert K. Dornan, California Republican.

If passed, the senator's bill would terminate the position of U.S. Surgeon General.

"The surgeon general's office has become a largely symbolic position that has been abused in recent years to advance affirmative propaganda and a politically correct,

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liberal agenda," says Mr. Dornan, who wants whatever role the surgeon general plays to be absorbed by the Assistant Secretary for Health.

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition
Feb. 20-26, 1995

"In your face"

Columnist Charles Krauthammer on "Inside Washington": "Look, 40 percent of Americans sincerely think abortion is the destruction of a human life.

"I don't think so, but that's a large number of Americans. And it is an insult to them and it is completely insensitive to a sense of comity in the country to appoint as the spokesman of American medicine someone who performs abortions...

"That's like saying Bobby Inman was the perfect secretary of defense except that he lost his mind in front of the American people. A little exception like performing abortions, you know, is not a little exception...

"This was an 'in your face' nomination."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition
Feb. 20-26, 1995

Protecting transsexuals, transvestites

San Francisco is poised to enact a far-reaching civil rights law protecting members of the transgender community from discrimination.

The Board of Supervisors in December 1994 unanimously approved the ordinance, which will make it illegal to discriminate against those who fall under the category of "transgender," an umbrella term for a wide array of people ranging from cross-dressers to transsexuals.

The board's action offers transgender people protection under the city's existing anti-discrimination law, which bans bias in the workplace, public accommodations, educational institutions, and housing.

Larry Brinkin, a Human Rights Commission staff member who helped develop the law, called it "the most far-reaching legislation of its kind in the United States."

Other cities with transgender civil-rights protections on the books are Seattle, Minneapolis, and Santa Cruz, California. Canada also has adopted such a law.

-Rutherford, March, 1995

No Tanks

Rep. Curt Weldon, Pennsylvania Republican, was spotted sporting the flags of three nations on his lapel -- Bangladesh, Guatemala and Nepal.

Where was the Stars and Stripes?

The Clinton administration, explained Mr. Weldon, using Defense Department dollars, is currently paying full salaries, housing costs and benefits for troops from Bangladesh, Guatemala and Nepal while they are stationed in Haiti.

"At the same time," he pointed out, "that 600 troops from the 2nd Armored Division of Fort Hood, Texas, had to conduct 10 training exercises in the range walking together pretending they were in tanks because we do not have enough money for fuel and maintenance.

"The new slogan of that battalion of 600 troops," he disclosed, "is to march together and say, 'Clank, clank, I'm a tank.'"

-The Washington Times National Weekly Edition,
Feb. 27-Mar. 5, 1995

Arafat's Aid Complaint

Supporters of Yassir Arafat, the Marxist leader of the Palestinian Authority, are complaining that the U.S. aid is coming too slowly and with too many restrictions. The Washington *Post* reports that Arafat has a problem with the aid being distributed through the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) as well as through various non-profit organizations such as Save the Children; apparently Arafat would rather see the money going to him to distribute as he sees fit.

Under U.S. law, the money cannot be given as a blank check. The Palestinian Authority has been pledged $2 billion from various countries over the next five years, of which $500 million will come from U.S. taxpayers. The flow of money has been increased by the donor countries under the "threat" of the radical Hamas faction gaining more control. It may not be enough, however. According to one AID official, "They'd like us to build them ministry buildings with a fax machine and a word processor on each desk. But we don't have the money for that..." Unfortunately, the U.S. government seems to think that the U.S. taxpayer does.

-The New American, 2/20/95

Delegated Powers

No, it wasn't President Clinton, but our nation's first president, George Washington, who declared way back in 1789:

"As the president has the right to nominate without assigning his reasons, so has the Senate a right to dissent without giving theirs."

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An aide to Rep. Matt Salmon, Arizona Republican, went into a local grocery store the other day, passed the toy section and laid eyes on little toy soldiers, "just like we used to play with when we were little boys and girls," says the congressman.

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"How far has this madness gone?" demands Mr. Salmon. "It used to be, when I was a little boy, I would play with my G.I. Joe. They were American soldiers we used to play with. They were not United Nations troops."

-The Washington Times National Weekly Edition,
Feb. 27-Mar. 5, 1995

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Religion

Can Christian High-School Students Survive Public School Education?

By now it should be obvious to every parent that the public school system does not exist to deepen the spiritual life of the Christian young person. While many individual teachers and the occasional local school board and administration are sympathetic, the national and state teachers' organizations and curriculum writers all have an aggressive and very liberal political agenda. Abortion, "self-esteem," values clarification, new age, sex education, condom distribution, and on and on, are quite welcome, while good education in the basics takes a back seat. Christian values are not only ignored, they are taught against, and the rights of individual Christian students and teachers are denied. We wonder how Christian students can survive with a viable Christian world view intact.

John D. Morris, Ph.D.

Let me now introduce Mr. Bill Jack, a former high-school teacher and now a staff worker with the Caleb Campaign, a ministry primarily geared to high-school students. He teaches students how to survive the evolutionary brainwashing in their schools by asking four questions. They are instructed to ask respectfully and knowledgeably, not confrontationally or in a disruptive manner. The questions are designed to expose the weaknesses in false thinking, and to encourage other students. They can be amplified on as appropriate and should be in the student's own words:

(1) "What do you mean by that?"

(2) "How do you know that to be true?"

(3) "What difference does it make?"

(4) "What happens if you're wrong?"

Let me illustrate the use of these questions with a hypothetical — but likely — scenario. Evolutionists teach that whales evolved from a land mammal. Question 1: "But what do you mean by that? Do you mean that a four-footed mammal was the ancestor of the whales?"

Answer: "Yes. We used to think something like a cow or buffalo habitually ventured into the water eating seaweed. Through many generations of mutation and natural selection, it gradually lost its legs and gained the ability to swim. We now think it was probably a carnivorous animal, something like a wolf, which descended into the whales."

Question No. 1 continued as appropriate: "Do you mean that through small point mutations, it not only modified its legs to become a strong swimmer, but it also gained extra vertebrae, an oil-covered skin just right for life in the water, a respiratory system allowing the animal to hold its breath for extended periods, an excessively large bulk with insulation to protect it from continual exposure to the cold ocean temperatures, the ability to give birth and nurse underwater — all from changes in a wolf-like animal?"

Answer: "I guess that's what we do think."

Question No. 2: "How do you know this to be true? Is there evidence to support this theory?"

Answer: "Well, the textbook shows a series of sketches, but, now that you mention it, these are hypothetical forms. I remember reading an article in the newspaper which said scientists had found a long, snake-like whale fossil with legs somewhat like a sea lion; but you know, that's not really wolf-like... I don't know. How should I know? I'm just required to teach this stuff."

Mr. Jack tells me that question number two is "the killer question," and that seldom does a discussion ever get to questions three and four. But if it does get that far, it exposes evolution as the philosophical world view that it is. Other students, who are blindly taking notes and memorizing answers, will never forget that evolution is not well supported by the evidence.

In summary, I feel that adversarial public school education is a viable choice for Christian young people who are strong in their faith, but they must be supported by Christian parents who continually oversee and are involved in their child's education — deprogramming where necessary. But these questions can turn an attempt to brainwash into a time of learning and growth.

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Quote of the Week:

"We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatsoever... Worshipping God and the Lamb in the temple: God, for his benefaction in creating all things, and the Lamb, for his benefaction in redeeming us with his blood." -Sir Isaac Newton, mathematician, scientist, and philosopher, reprinted in *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations*, 1994.

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Stuffing:
1 pound fresh lump crab meat
1 egg, slightly beaten
12 saltine crackers, finely crushed
Salt and pepper, to taste

2-3 pounds flounder

Hush Puppies:
1 tablespoon salt
2 cups cornmeal (plain)
½ cup grated sharp cheese
¼ cup chopped onions
Dash of cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 egg
1 cup buttermilk
Oil

Gently stir together crab, egg, crackers, salt and pepper. Set aside.

Rinse fish in cold salted water and sprinkle with salt. Fill fish ¾ full with stuffing. Place on brown paper brushed with margarine. Baste fish with margarine. Bake uncovered at 450° at ten minutes. Reduce heat to 400° for 30 to 45 minutes. Serve immediately.

Hush Puppies: Mix all ingredients together. Drop heaping teaspoonfuls into very hot oil. These are best done in a french fry basket, about ½ filled with cooking oil.

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Bob Dornan Unabridged and Uncensored

The following is the entire text of Rep. Bob Dornan's (R.-CA) controversial remarks on the House floor on January 25, the day after President Clinton's State of the Union address, that caused such an uproar among Democrats and the media and were stricken from the Congressional Record:

I ask unanimous consent to address the House for one minute or revise, maybe extend my remarks, and ask for a soft gavel. Mr. Speaker, my good friend [Rep.] John Lewis [(D.-GA) and I], the only two in either chamber that were there the day Martin Luther King gave his stirring speech -- I hate to disagree with him on anything, but I was offended by Clinton's speech last night on 15 points and I'll do a five-minute special order tonight that I just signed up for. I can only mention four [right now].

The first one is "New Covenant." The Ark of the Covenant was the Old Covenant. The New Covenant was the Son of God, Jesus Christ. And I was offended when he used that term in New York at the [1992] Democratic convention, and he repeated it over and over again last night.

No. 2, to put a medal of honor winner in the gallery that joined the Marine Corps at 16, fudging his birth certificate, that pulled that second grenade under his stomach, miraculously surviving, and saving his four friends. He did that six days past his 17th birthday. Does Clinton think putting a medal of honor winner up there isn't gonna recall for most of us that he avoided the draft three times and put teenagers in his place possibly to go to Vietnam?

No. 3, the line on the Cold War. Even Andrea Mitchell of NBC took note that that's Ronald Reagan's prerogative, George Bush's and all of us who wore the uniform or served in civilian capacities to crush the Evil Empire. Clinton gave aid and comfort to the enemy.

And by the way, Mr. Speaker, the 2nd Amendment is not for killing little ducks and leaving Huey and Dewey and Louie without an aunt and uncle. It's for hunting politicians, like Grozny, 1776, when they take your independence away.

The presiding officer then reprimanded Dornan for making what he termed "not a proper reference to the President" and ordered his words stricken from the Congressional Record. *Not content to let the matter rest there, Rep Vic Fazio (D.-CA) then demanded that Dornan apologiz "to Congress and the President." Dornan immediatel snapped "H___ no." and replied to Fazio:*

To my distinguished friend and colleague [Fazio] Maj. Earl Cobeal and Lt. Commander J.J. Connell wer beaten to death in Hanoi. I've had friends beaten to death i Hanoi, tortured and beaten -- you have not. I will not withdraw my remarks. I will not only not apologize, I believe the President did give aid and comfort in London to the enemy i Hanoi. I'll accept the discipline of the House. I will not speak again today. I will leave the floor, no apology, and I'll not speak the rest of the day. The truth is the truth.

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Movie Review

Clear and Present Danger

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Combining the tenseness and intrigue of the recent TV movie *Op Center* with the same gripping action of *Patriot Games*, *Clear and Present Danger* is the best of Clancy's fare yet.

At issue is the U.S.'s struggle with Columbian drug lords. A U.S. President tells the National Security Adviser that the drug lords constitute a "clear and present danger to the national security of the United States," thereby authorizing the use of military force against them.

The problem is not necessarily the President's decision, but that the entire campaign is being kept a secret from the American people and Congress.

Jack Ryan (Harrison Ford) is back as a CIA man who is trying to do what is right for his country. When he uncovers the secret activity, he is faced with the decision of what to do. "Your problem is you see everything in terms of black and white!" snarls a co-worker. "No," he responds, "not black and white. Right and wrong."

When a drug lord's intelligence agent uncovers the scheme and threatens the National Security Advisor, it leads to the movie's climax involving a spectacular helicopter rescue mission.

Scandal at the highest levels of government, U.S. troops in danger, an assassination attempt on the Director of the FBI, and a ruthless agent known only as Clark combine to make this a truly thrilling movie.

The unnecessary bad language and scene of the violence will not be appropriate for children, hence the PG-13 rating. Available in video stores everywhere.

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Inspector Cleuseau
1. What type of government does the United States have?

Maxwell Smart
2. When was the U.S. Constitution written?

Columbo
3. How many amendments to the U.S. Constitution have been passed?

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Breast feeding helps new mothers lose weight faster, a study at the University of California at Davis found. It seems that just producing breast milk burns 500 or more calories a day, so if the mother doesn't overeat, she will lose weight easily.

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Line-Item Veto, Crime Bills Pass

The Contract with America appears right on schedule. House Republicans are pushing through their agenda, bill by bill. Recently passed items include the line-item veto and six anti-crime bills.

On February 6, the 84th birthday of former President Ronald Reagan, the U.S. House passed the presidential line-item veto, another element of their Contract with America.

Republicans proclaimed the vote as a birthday present for Reagan, who long

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maintained that the line-item veto would help rein in the skyrocketing federal deficit. In celebration, Republicans brought in a yellow cake with butter cream frosting.

Forty-three governors currently have line-item veto power and President Clinton expressed his support for it as early as his 1992 campaign. The line-item veto would allow the President to pass a major bill while eliminating specific pork-barrel items placed there by individual members of Congress.

For example, last year's appropriations bills clearly show the runaway pork barrel spending that Congress seems to love so much. Included in those bills were such items as:

- $1.5 million for the 21st Street Corridor Project in Wichita, Kansas.
- $2 million for the Farmer's Market in Toledo, Ohio.

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Trading Condom Queen for Abortion King

The abortion issue has complicated the nomination of Henry Foster Jr., President Clinton's choice for surgeon general.

The previous surgeon general, Joycelyn Elders, was fired for her outspoken views on masturbation, drug legalization, and other issues. Conservatives were frequently outraged by the self-proclaimed "Condom Queen" as she pushed her liberal social agenda.

Foster is stirring up almost as much controversy already. "This is a male version of Joycelyn Elders and worse," declared Rep. Robert Dornan, Republican from California.

Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., chairs the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee which oversees the confirmation process. Before the announcement of Foster's nomination on Thursday, February 2, the White House informed her that Foster had performed only one abortion during his thirty-year career as an obstetrician-gynecologist.

The next day, Foster admitted he had performed "fewer than a dozen" abortions "primarily to save the lives of the women or because the women had been the victim of rape or incest."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry called the leak to Kassebaum an honest mistake and said Clinton requested a review to determine how it happened. McCurry later told reporters that officials who conducted background interviews of Foster were aware he had performed a limited number of abortions.

However, on Monday, February 6, the National Right to Life Committee released a copy of a transcript of a 1978 ethics advisory board meeting wherein Dr. Foster admitted to performing "probably 700" abortions. Foster immediately claimed the report was in error. McCurry observed, "We're trying to figure out if this is a garbled transcript or what?"

Then, in an interview on ABC's *Nightline* with Ted Koppel, Foster said he has performed 39 abortions in his career. This number was obtained, he said, by searching hospital records. He also admitted to supervising a drug experiment in which 55 more women had abortions. However, he has not stated whether or not he performed abortions before moving from Alabama to Tennessee in the 1970s.

The latest revelation shows that Foster performed hysterectomies to sterilize severely mentally retarded women during the 1970s. He also wrote an article in the January 1976 issue of the Southern Medical Journal defending the practice.

Foster's supporters have explained that at the time, such procedures were accepted practice. Critics have shot holes in this defense. "If we can use that defense, then we shouldn't hear any more about slavery," Rush Limbaugh pointed out. "After all, it was 'accepted practice' at the time."

Senate Republican leaders, including Majority leader Bob Dole of Kansas, and Majority whip Trent Lott have been critical of Foster's nomination. Texas Senator Phil Gramm has announced he will vigorously oppose the nomination. Clinton, however, has vowed to fight for Foster.

Foster served last year as acting president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He has also been a vice president and dean and active in Planned Parenthood.

For Foster to be confirmed, he must first pass a vote in Kassebaum's committee and then a simple majority vote in the full Senate.

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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the second issue of the *Southeast Texas Statesman*! The response to our inaugural issue has been most encouraging and we're looking forward to seeing this newspaper grow and expand (the better to serve you!).

Meanwhile, the regular media continues to deny their liberal bias. Lynn Ashby of the *Houston Post* recently declared that there is virtually nothing that the mainstream media doesn't report.

Now, if they have no liberal bias, explain this: in a recent *Post* article on Clinton's 1995 budget, the writer once again affirmed that the Republicans still refuse to identify exactly how they would balance the budget. Of course, that is a blatant lie; we outlined the Republican plan last issue and its been available since before the November election.

In the same article, a Democrat who disagreed with President Clinton was identified as a "conservative." Folks, the guy was no conservative. His voting record is out there for anyone to look at. Why is it that anyone who disagrees with Clinton is labeled a "conservative"? Why is it that Rush Limbaugh is always identified as "arch-conservative" (or something similar), but people like Clinton himself or Jesse Jackson or Ted Kennedy are never identified as "liberal"? You never see a news story begin with, "Today, liberal President Clinton announced his new budget..."

Anyway, it would be refreshing for a change.

Are the media attacks on Newt Gingrich getting ridiculous or what? First there was the book deal. Of course they ignored the fact that many Democrats have written books. So why are they trying to limit the amount of money a member of Congress can make off a book? Simple: liberal books don't sell; conservative books do.

Al Gore wrote a book, Barney Frank wrote a book, even Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky (the now-former Congresswoman who cast the final vote for Clinton's tax increase) wrote a book.

Now they're criticizing Newt's wife and her job. Are the liberals afraid of strong women? Are they afraid of a woman having her own job and making money?

Liberals are also attacking Newt for appearing at a $50,000 per couple dinner to benefit National Empowerment Television. So? I personally, will never, ever in my life probably be able to afford something like that, but what if others can? They're supporting the television station through the private sector, instead of through our tax dollars, like PBS.

You don't see the liberals throwing fits when their favorite fund-raiser has huge expensive banquets. Bill Clinton goes to $100,000-a-plate dinners all the time.

One final note: As you're watching and listening to the debates on Capitol Hill or in Austin or even at your local City Council meetings, remember the words of that paragoness of wit, Hillary Rodham Clinton: "We need to be against brain-dead politics wherever we find it." (*Vanity Fair*, 1992)

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2. Do you support passage of the line-item veto?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

3. Do you think Congress should leave drafting the budget to the President?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

4. What grade would you give Speaker Newt Gingrich?
   ❑ A ❑ B ❑ C ❑ D ❑ F

5. What grade would you give former Speaker Tom Foley?
   ❑ A ❑ B ❑ C ❑ D ❑ F

6. Do you listen to Rush Limbaugh?
   ❑ Yes! He's great! ❑ Sometimes...
   ❑ Never! What a bigot!

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Editorial/Opinion

Foster Fight Issue of Credibility

Despite the Clinton Administration's recent charge that the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General is being deep-sixed by "right-wing extremists in the pro-life movement," the issue is really credibility.

Why can't Foster or the White House tell the truth about his record? They began by telling us that he had performed only one abortion. Then it was "fewer than a dozen." An interview from a few years back suggested a much larger number (700). Foster insists the interview is wrong (Did he lie to the transcript as Josh Steiner claimed he lied to his diary?) and claims that hospital records place the number at 39. However, those records only go back to the 1970s and do not include Foster's career before moving from Alabama to Tennessee.

Then came the revelation that Foster had performed sterilizations on retarded women (Whatever happened to "My Body, My Choice"?). Why doesn't the White House ever do its homework on its own nominees?

Regardless of whether Foster ends up being confirmed, the Clinton Administration has bungled again and needs to clean up its act. Presumably, with Leon Panetta as Chief of Staff, this type of clumsiness was supposed to end. Apparently, however, this is business as usual for the Clinton White House. Next time the President nominates someone, he should make sure the background checks have been done by someone who knows what he's doing.

The Coalition

There's a new group in Washington. Assume for a moment that this new group was formed of moderate Republicans who announced that they would frequently break with the party leadership and support a Democrat agenda. What would the media coverage be? Why, the members of the group would be all over every conceivable news show, interviewed by every host.

Instead, however, the group, known only as The Coalition, is a group of 23 conservative and moderate Democrats who announced that they will often break with their party leadership. In fact, they say they will push their agenda more forcefully than previous conservative Democrat groups. "It's time for us to move in a little more radical way," said co-chairman Gary Condit, D-Ca. The group includes four Texas Democrats.

Where's the media coverage? It doesn't exist. It's was hard to even find the story in the major newspapers. Yet they continue to insist that there is no liberal bias. Right.

Observer News Way Out

Many of you may be familiar with the local paper, the Galveston County *Observer News*. During last year's campaign season, they were nothing more than a Democrat-sponsored regular advertisement for Ann Richards, Jack Brooks, and Mike Martin. An editorial in their Feb. 1-15 issue shows that their agenda has not changed.

The editorial attacked Congressman Steve Stockman for his "apparent [sic] lack of knowledge of both history and the U.S. Constitution." The issue was Stockman's opposition to President Clinton's Mexico bailout. The editorial goes on to explain that the President is only doing what he took an oath of office to do: protect the United States of America. It then states: "Under our present form of government, there are very few rules to tell a president what he can and can't do. Really good presidents will have his staff look for a legal way to accomplish what needs to be done, and when they do that, he makes a decision and sticks to it, and that's what President Clinton did."

Ignoring, for the moment, the bad grammar, isn't it obvious who is really ignorant of history and the Constitution? Apparently, the *Observer News* believes that President Clinton is not an elected representative, but a king or dictator! Do they really believe that our government allows a President to do whatever he wants? Perhaps their opinion might be different if this were a Republican president.

Recommended reading for the editors of the *Observer News*: the Magna Carta of 1215; and Articles I & II of the U.S. Constitution, wherein the powers of the legislative and executive branches of our government are laid out.

Revising History has Orwellian Implications

The frightening thing, he reflected for the ten thousandth time... was that it might all be true. If the Party could thrust its hand into the past and say of this or that event, it never happened—that, surely was more terrifying than mere torture and death.

—So thought Winston Smith, George Orwell's unwilling slave to Big Brother in *1984*. Smith lived in Oceania which was at war with Eurasia and at peace with Eastasia. Or was it?

Tim Frankovich, Editor

Actually, as Winston well knew, it was only four years since Oceania had been at war with Eastasia and in alliance with Eurasia. But that was merely a piece of furtive knowledge which he happened to possess because his memory was not satisfactorily under control. Officially the change of partners had never happened. Oceania was at war with Eurasia: therefore Oceania had always been at war with Eurasia. The enemy of the moment always represented absolute evil, and it followed that any past or future agreement with him was impossible...

The Party said that Oceania had never been in alliance with Eurasia. He, Winston Smith, knew that Oceania had been in alliance with Eurasia as short a time as four years ago. But where did that knowledge exist? Only in his own consciousness, which in any case must soon be annihilated. And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed—if all records told the same tale—then the lie passed into history and became truth. "Who controls the past," ran the Party slogan, "controls the future: who controls the present controls the past." And yet the past, though of its nature alterable, never had been altered. Whatever was true now was true from everlasting to everlasting. It was quite simple. All that was needed was an unending series of victories over your own memory. "Reality control," they called it; in Newspeak, "doublethink."

Winston Smith worked at the Ministry of Truth in Oceania. You might almost say his job consisted of history revision, from rewriting history books to yesterday's edition of the *Times*.

Fortunately, Orwell's totalitarian society has not emerged as yet, but the history revisionists are here in force, from the Smithsonian's attempt to portray the United States as the aggressors in a war against Japanese culture to attempts to remove Christianity from the founding of this nation (pity the poor child in the public schools who asks a teacher exactly who the Pilgrims were giving thanks to at the first Thanksgiving!).

If we do not want to end up like poor Winston Smith, terrified that the government can just shove its hand into the past and change it, we must stand up to the current day revisionists.

The most obvious example of this is the year-long controversy over the Smithsonian Institute's *Enola Gay* exhibit. The revisionists took it upon themselves to show that the bombing of Hiroshima was an evil action, resulting in the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent Japanese citizens who just wanted to pursue their culture without any outside interference. They chose to ridicule the realistic estimates of the loss of life that would have resulted if the U.S. had instead been forced to invade Japan itself to end the war. More people died in the battle of Okinawa than in the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagazaki combined. If so many died on that one small island, what would it have been like on Japan?

Meanwhile, there's the National Council for History Standards which recently drafted a version of what America's schoolchildren should be taught about U.S. and world history. These "standards" mention the Ku Klux Klan 17 times but never Robert E. Lee. George Washington is mentioned once, but not as president, while Paul Revere and the Wright Brothers do not appear. However, children are encouraged to learn about Mansa Musa, a 14th-century West African king.

A recommended activity for exploring the period before 1620 would have America's children analyze the "architecture, skills, labor systems and agriculture" of the Aztecs. Somehow their practice of human sacrifice doesn't make it into that list.

Lynne V. Cheney, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is sharply critical of the standards, pointing out that none of the standards for U.S. history mention the U.S. Constitution. "The single most important document, and the events surrounding it, in the whole history of the republic is not there," she said.

The revisionism of early American history and the part that Christians played in it is

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Letters to the Editor

My wife and I think the *Southeast Texas Statesman* is a great paper! The community need the equivalent of the *Washington Times* here to combat the *Post* and *Chronicle*.

Keep up the good work.

Vincent Maleche
Friendswood

Keep your inane right-wing opinions to yourself! I don't need that kind of trash in my yard! Go out and get a real job!

Anonymous
Dickinson

The Foster nomination has brought up the abortion issue again. Here's an angle you may not have heard before:

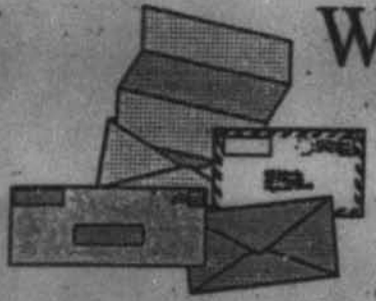
The similarity of the Constitutional position of the pro-slavery group and that of the pro-choice group is 90% identical. *Dred Scott* and *Roe V. Wade* gave legitimacy to one side at the expense of the other. Neither of the abolitionist groups (pre-Civil War or today) had/have the power to defeat their adversaries. Yet the old abolitionists did win and all the slaves were freed.

This is because the abolitionists used a tool that no Supreme Court ruling could overcome. Slavery according to the Supreme Court was legal throughout the United States. But it is obvious this was not true.

The North had used the tool of States' Rights to free the slaves in their own jurisdiction. As the new territories became states, they would be almost 100% free states. Thus, the Supreme Court ruling in 1857 would be defeated (especially as many Southern states saw how immoral slavery was). Without the power of States' Rights, the North could not have freed their slaves and this would have made it almost impossible for the abolitionists to have won.

I believe Texas should us its power of States' Rights (States' Obligation would be a better term, because when the central government oversteps its authority (and anybody with even half a brain will admit the Supreme Court did this in 1973) each state is obligated to use this power) to declare *Roe V. Wade* NULL AND VOID.

Robert Elliott
Hitchcock



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An Opposing View

Term Limits: Are They Necessary?

John Hart

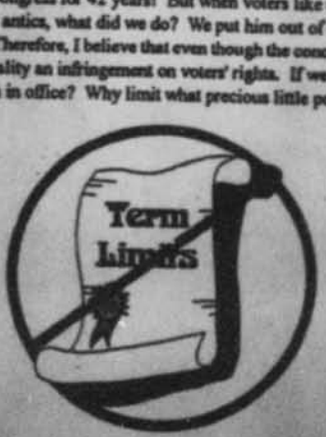
November 8 showed a turning point in our nation's government: we went to the polls and took back this great nation of ours; we got rid of the career politicians and put into office people who were just ordinary Joes like ourselves. This is how it should be. We the people have the power to choose who we wish to represent us in Congress. November 8 showed two things: one, that we were fed up with our government, and two, that we had the power to change that government through our votes.

The people that we put in office plan to introduce legislation that sounds good: term limits. This idea may sound good in theory: preventative medicine for wanna-be career politicians. In practice, however, term limits are limits on the power of the voters.

Case in point: Ronald Reagan. He was the best-loved President of all time, the Great Communicator, the man liberals love to hate, the penultimate good conservative father figure for America. He almost single-handedly ended the Cold War. If it hadn't been for a liberal Congress, we would already have a Balanced Budget Amendment. I could go on. I love this man. America loved this man. But we could not keep him as our President. Why? Term limits!

That is an example of limited power of the voters to choose. Now here is a positive example of what happened when voters still have power to choose: Jack Brooks. Sure, he was in Congress for 42 years! But when voters like us got fed up with his liberal "hero of Clinton" antics, what did we do? We put him out of office!

Therefore, I believe that even though the concept of term limits sounds good, it is in ann actuality an infringement on voters' rights. If we like our Congressmen, why can't we keep him in office? Why limit what precious little power we have left?



Just Say No!

Orwell Might Have Been a Prophet After All

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well known. The Pilgrims are defined in some American history books now as "people who take long journeys." The reason for their long journeys apparently doesn't matter. And the Civil War is constantly being revised, with the South (and its battle flag) portrayed as the ultimate evil: those fierce proponents of slavery.

Long-past history is not the only victim. Recent history is even under assault. A recent high school caller to the Rush Limbaugh read from her history book about the 1988 presidential campaign. The book told about how the infamous Willie Horton commercial showed everyone how the Republican party is really racist.

Next time your child asks you a question about history, tell him or her all you know. If we don't retake our culture, before long word-of-mouth may be the only method left for transmitting the truth of history. In Orwell's Oceania, even that wasn't allowed.

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Line-Item Veto Power, New Anti-Crime Bills

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- $750,000 for the SciTrek Science Museum in downtown Atlanta.
- $462,000 for the Education Licenser Commission in Washington, D.C.
- $4.75 million for the Rice Germplasm Center in Stuttgart, Arkansas.
- $600,000 for the Fish Farming Experimental Laboratory in Stuttgart, Arkansas.
- $1.5 million for a survey of Boston-to-New York Amtrak riders to "determine modal preferences."
- $30 million to continue the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC), which the House had already voted to abolish.
- $6.3 million for a Swine Research Facility in Iowa.

Other examples include the details buried in the Department of Defense budget. Among items included in the Defense budget are:

- $9.5 million for wastewater treatment in Hawaii.
- $33.4 million for AIDS research (in the defense budget).
- $14.4 million for the summer olympics.
- Almost $2 billion for the military to comply with various environmental regulations and conduct environmental research.

Liberals in Congress objected that the line-item veto would shift too much power to the president. The bill would require a two-thirds vote of both the House and the Senate to overturn a tax or spending veto.

The vote was 294-134, now sending the bill to the Senate. Only 10 of Texas' 30 House members voted against the line-item veto. All ten were Democrats, including Ken Bentsen and Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston.

Also recently passed were the following six anti-crime measures:

1) Victim restitution. This bill would require criminals to pay full restitution to their victims. It would also allow courts to award similar compensation to other people harmed by crimes. This bill passed unanimously.

2) Evidence rule. The most controversial of the six measures, this bill would allow prosecutors to use evidence obtained improperly, including searches without a warrant, provided that the police could prove they acted in "good faith." An amendment excepted the ATF from this bill. Passed 289-142.

3) Death penalty reform. This bill would impose a one-year limit for death row inmates to file appeals in federal courts after they have exhausted their appeals in state courts. In most cases that would limit prisoners to one petition. Passed 297-132.

4) Deportation of criminal aliens. This bill would streamline deportation of aliens convicted of aggravated assault after they serve their sentences by allowing deportation proceedings to begin at sentencing. It would also expand the definition of aggravated assault to include transporting people for prostitution; bribery, counterfeiting or forgery; trafficking in stolen vehicles; trafficking in counterfeit immigration documents; and obstruction of justice or perjury. Passed 380-20.

5) Prison construction. This bill would provide $10.5 billion for prison construction over five years, but would impose Truth-in-Sentencing requirements on those who receive the money. Half the money would go to states that imprison violent criminals for at least 85 percent of their sentences. The other half would go to states that are increasing the incarceration of violent criminals. The bill would also designate $650 million a year to reimburse states such as Texas for imprisoning criminal aliens. Passed 265-156.

6) Police-or-prevention block grants. This bill, facing a veto threat from President Clinton, would authorize $10 billion in block grants and give state and local authorities the choice of using the money on programs to fight or prevent crime. This funding replaced the funding for such items as midnight basketball leagues in the 1994 crime bill, and also replaced the funding for new police officers. Passed 238-192.

President Clinton has said he will veto the final measure since it does not include the 100,000 new police officers he campaigned for and claimed existed in his 1994 bill. In fact, the 1994 bill included $8.8 billion for hiring new police officers. Over only five years, the money would pay for just 20,000 new police officers. After that, the cities and counties would have to take over the funding.

The final measure also faces opposition in the Senate, where Republicans may be frightened about appearing to oppose the hiring of new police officers, as the bill has been portrayed in some media outlets.

Ironically, taken together, the six anti-crime measures increase the anti-crime spending by $279 million over last year's crime bill.

In any event, the House is well on the way to completing their Contract in the promised 100 days.

Budget Battle '95

President Clinton's 1996 budget, touted as "cutting taxes and cutting spending," includes a hidden tax, a higher deficit, lower military spending, and higher social spending.

Clinton's budget includes $63 billion in "middle-class tax cuts," including a $500 tax credit for children under age 13. The tax credit for children was first proposed by Republicans during last year's budget battle. It was voted down but then included in the Contract with America and due to be voted on sometime during the first 100 days this year (the Republican proposal, however, does not limit the child's age to under 13).

The budget includes a deficit of $197 billion (up from $176 billion the previous year), higher than any of the last four years of Reagan, but lower than the deficits under Bush. Republicans and many Democrats believe Clinton's budget does not go far enough in bringing the deficit down.

Senator Phil Gramm has vowed to oppose what he calls a hidden new tax in the budget: a U.S. border crossing fee of $3 per car and $1.50 per pedestrian. "I'm gonna kill it, deader than Elvis. Deader than the president's health care bill," Gramm promised.

Clinton's spending cuts come from an interesting array of sources. On one side, he proposes to ax the entire $12 million annual budget for eradicating cattle ticks in South Texas (Texas has been free of the tick and its resulting disease for 50 years, but experts fear a new outbreak if the program is halted). On the other, Clinton proposes a $200 million cut in NASA funding next year, leading to a $5 billion cut over the next five years.

Republican Steve Stockman and Democrat Ken Bentsen have both been critical of the NASA cuts. Agency officials say the cuts could lead to a loss of 3,000 jobs by the end of the decade.

Meanwhile, Clinton is asking for a $1 million increase in spending for the National Endowment for the Arts, already under fire by Congressional Republicans. The NEA's budget would rise to $173 million. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting's budget would get $296 million.

The Environmental Protection Agency would see a $300 million increase in its budget, to a total of $6.6 billion. The food stamp program would grow by $1 billion. Goals 2000, the administration's education blueprint to establish national standards (such as the recent controversial history standards), would see an increase of $321 million.

Thus far, the Republican-controlled Congress has been more polite toward Clinton's budget proposal than the Democrat-controlled Congress ever was to Ronald Reagan's budgets. Every one of Reagan's budgets was dead-on-arrival at Congress. Republicans have not declared Clinton's budget dead, but have indicated there will be major changes.

Contract Update

Deadline: April 14, 1995

House Republicans have promised to bring all the elements of their Contract with America to a vote on the House floor in the first 100 days of the new Congress. This section of the Southeast Texas Statesman will document their progress.

Passed: a bill forcing Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else, the Balanced Budget Amendment, the line-item veto, a bill forbidding unfunded mandates, 6 new crime bills revising the 1994 Clinton-Brooks crime bill.

Defeated: a bill designed to force a move to a national missile defense system.

Next in line: Welfare Reform, shifting welfare responsibility to the states.

Still to go: The Family Reinforcement Act (enforcing child support payments and cracking down on child porn), The American Dream Restoration Act (tax cuts for families), The National Security Restoration Act (restoring cut military spending and keeping U.S. troops under U.S. command), The Senior Citizens' Equity Act (repeals Social Security tax increase of Clinton 1993 budget), The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act (capital gains tax cut, slashing regulations), The Common Sense Legal Reform Act (stopping excessive legal claims, frivolous lawsuits and overzealous lawyers), The Citizen Legislature Act (term limits).

Many of these bills are already being reviewed in committee, in preparation for their release to the floor. Several of them, most notably the tax cuts, will probably be included in the budget Congress passes (whether their own or a reformed version of President Clinton's budget, see story above).

Whether the House can reach a vote on each one of these by their self-imposed deadline remains to be seen. Democrats are doing their best to slow the process (during the unfunded mandates debate, they introduced 160 amendments).

Druggists' Corner

by Bonnie Hart

People have been hearing about, talking about, griping about health care since the Clintons took office. Whether it will be health care reform, full national health insurance or business as usual will be discussed by our new Congress.

There is one aspect of health care to which every individual can contribute. Estimates of $100 billion in annual savings could be achieved. I hope I got everyone's attention with that number.

Annual Economic Costs

Prescription Revenue	$8 Bil
Hosp. Admissions	25 Bil
Nursing Home Admissions	5 Bil
Lost Productivity	50 Bil
Premature Deaths	?
Health Costs in Ambul Pts	?
TOTAL COSTS	$100+ Bil

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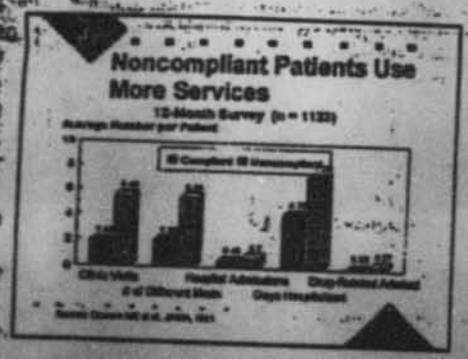
What miracle of science is this? It's really something very simple. Noncompliance is the fancy word these number crunchers use to say people don't take their medicine the way they should. Patients have all kinds of excuses why they didn't do what it said on their prescription label — including those who never bothered to fill their prescriptions at all. Surprisingly, only 6% don't fill a prescription because of cost; 62% don't because they don't think it would help or they're concerned about the side effects. Patients didn't take their medicine properly for a variety of reasons: It tasted bad; it was too big to swallow; it made me sleepy, nauseous, kept me awake; I couldn't remember to take it before I ate (or after I ate); it's too hard to take it 4 (3,2,1) times a day; I couldn't tell it was working.



Most of the reasons for noncompliance can be corrected with education. We, as health professionals need to take the time to show the importance of the correct usage of the drug and how to achieve that goal. The public needs to tell us about any problems they have. Often times, there is an alternative drug that can be given that would eliminate or reduce noncompliance if we knew the problem existed.

The new federal guidelines that require pharmacists to counsel patients on new medicines is an excellent idea. It is forcing pharmacists to redefine their role as a provider of information as well as products. It is opening communication between doctor-pharmacist and patient. Just plain "talking" can solve problems when they are discussed. Next: think about what we could spend that $100 billion on next year.

Foster Nomination in Trouble

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Republicans have a 53-to-47 majority in the Senate. If every Democrat supports Foster, it would take only four Republican defections to confirm him.

Not every Republican is pro-life, but those that are not may be somewhat leery about offending the social conservatives which make up such a large portion of the Republican party.

His abortions are not the only problem facing Foster in his confirmation hearings. Like his predecessor Elders, Foster also supports distributing condoms to teenagers and other questionable methods for reducing out-of-wedlock births.

Pro-abortion forces have announced a nationwide drive in support of Foster, while pro-life advocates are working to oppose him. Hearings will probably not take place until March after FBI and background checks take place.

Frankovich Enters LC Mayor's Race

Tommy Frankovich has announced his candidacy for mayor of League City. He will be seeking to fill the unexpired term of former Mayor Joe Lamb in the election, taking place in May. Several other candidates are expected to throw their hats into the ring, including the Council-appointed interim mayor, Pat Hallisey.

Tommy, a native Texan, is 47 years old and has lived in League City for 14 years. He is a native of Galveston, and has lived in Galveston County most of his life. A teacher at Bay Area Christian School, Tommy is married and has four children.

Mr. Frankovich graduated from Ball High School in 1965. He attended the University of Houston and graduated from Houston Baptist University in 1969. He has done post-graduate work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

A lifelong Republican, Tommy remembers watching his grandfather run a Republican primary in his home as a child in Galveston. "Probably less than ten people voted," he recalls.

As time has allowed, Tommy has served as a Republican precinct chairman in Galveston County since 1976. He is currently chairman of precinct 453. When called upon, he has helped the Galveston County Republican Party on various committees.

Involved in city politics as well, Tommy is currently serving on League City's Charter Review Committee.

Tommy believes his fiscally responsible policies will be good for League City. "The election of fiscally conservative Republicans to Congress has made it clear that the nation supports conservative financial policies," Tommy observed.

"I have been encouraged by many to run for mayor," Mr. Frankovich said. "I want to keep League City family friendly and fiscally responsible. I believe my conservative financial beliefs will help the city at this time."

League City has traditionallly voted majority Republican. It will be interesting to see whether they will support the Republican (Frankovich) in a local race or the Democrat (Hallisey).

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Suite Revenge

Hollywood sycophants notwithstanding, not all celebrities are enamored of First Lady Hillary Clinton. Take Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, who was in New York City in December to attend banquet week at the Waldorf-Astoria, where he was given the coveted presidential suite for his achievements. Problem was, according to *Autoweek* magazine, Mrs. Clinton decided to take a jaunt up to the Big Apple to get in some last-minute Christmas shopping and requested the very same suite -- the one she *always* stays in. Mrs. Clinton insisted that the hotel ask Mr. Earnhardt if he'd move. "Tell her I've already hung up my clothes," the stock car driver replied, refusing to vacate the room for the President's wife. Mrs. Clinton spent the night down the hall.

-Human Events, 1/27/95

Careless Congress

Yes, that was Sen. Jesse Helms, North Carolina Republican, going to the Senate floor in defense of President Clinton.

Well, sort of.

Mr. Helms reminded his colleagues that "no president can spend a dime of federal tax money that has not first been authorized and appropriated by Congress. So when you hear a politician or an editor or a commentator declare that 'Reagan ran up the federal debt,' or that 'Bush ran it up,' bear in mind that it was, and is, the... responsibility of Congress to control federal spending.

"Congress has failed miserably in that task for about 50 years," Mr. Helms said.

"The fiscal irresponsibility of Congress has created a federal debt which stood at $4,805,835,231,225.14 as of the close of business Thursday, Jan. 5.

"Averaged out, every man, woman, and child in America owes a share of this massive debt, and that per capita share is $18,243.03"

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, Jan. 23-29,1995

Update on the National Debt

If Congress were to appropriate $1 per second into a special fund to pay off the national debt, it would take around 130,000 years to succeed.

Since no one can be sure that America (or even the world) will exist for another 130,000 years, perhaps $100 per second would be better. Even so, it would take over 1,000 years to pay off the debt.

Soft Sell

Having alienated almost every other voting bloc, the Clinton Administration is now making a blatant effort to reconnect with the homosexual voters he openly flirted with during his 1992 campaign. Some 30 of the more than 80 homosexuals now holding public office have been invited to the White House for a unity meeting later this month.

President Clinton is expected to show up briefly, along with administration officials who deal directly with areas key to homosexual interests. "We want them to give us some indication that yes, they do care about us, that we are an important community, an important part of their constituency," said Susan Leal of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

-Human Events, 2/3/95

Learning Curve

Former Secretaries of Education Lamar Alexander and William Bennett gave joint testimony last week before the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation on how to go about abolishing the Education Department (ED). The two co-directors of Empower America -- who said "we see no need for a separate federal education agency of any kind" -- set forth a three-pronged plant that would assess whether to (1) send it back to the states and communities through block grants; (2) send it to a more appropriate federal agency; or (3) abolish it outright.

Bennett declared their plan a "plausible" solution to a bureaucracy that "still bears the birthmarks" of its conception as a "payoff to the NEA" -- the National Education Association. Under hostile attacks by several panel members, most notably liberal Rep. Mel Reynolds (D.-Ill.), Bennett left little doubt about his objectives: "The h___ with the system -- save the children."

-Human Events, 2/3/95

This is Education?

A Chicago high school student who asked to be excused from the showing of pornographic films in an English literature course was denied that right by the school. Scott Kerr, who took a film studies course to learn film history and camera technique, discovered that his teacher, Rick Brickwell, had another idea. Brickwell showed his class both homosexual and heterosexual x-rated porno films as an "experiment to see the students' reaction." Apparently Brickwell did not like the reaction he got from Scott Kerr. Kerr asked to be excused from the porno sections, saying they made him "feel like going home and taking a shower." Kerr offered to do substitute activities such as submit an extra research paper but to no avail. Brickwell insisted Kerr sit through such "art" treasures as the homosexual porno film "My Own Private Idaho" (apologies to that state) and such smut "successes" as "Heaven's Gate -- The Director's Cut" and "Victor/Victoria." The teacher's insistence that Kerr be exposed to the porno was confirmed by counselor Jose Randall, English Dept. head Patrick Monahan and vice Principal Jim Geocaris. Kerr notes that no high school student would be eligible to see the movies in a commercial theater because of their ratings. Of the uniform hostility of the school officials to Kerr's attempt to excuse himself, the student said, "They mostly treated me like a zealot and just said, 'Don't worry about it.'"

-Education Reporter

Dan Rather's "Cure for Cancer"

"In my own view, no one in this business is [worth a million], no matter what or how many shows they do, unless they find a cure for cancer on the side."

Dan Rather, on other TV anchors' salaries, in his 1977 autobiography The Camera Never Blinks: The Adventures of a TV Journalist. *Rather now has a 10-year, 36-million dollar contract as an anchor of CBS Evening News.*

-Media Bypass, Jan. 1995

Takes a Criminal to Know One

Most politicians run on their record, but a Democrat candidate for the Michigan state Senate ran on his criminal record.

John Michael Brademas, nephew of former Indiana Rep. John Brademas, said he wasn't proud of being arrested five times or pleading guilty to theft and conspiracy charges, but, as he told the *South Bend Tribune*, "I know what's going on in the street. So many legislators talk about it, but don't really know what's going on."

Michigan voters, however, weren't exactly looking for that kind of experience and re-elected his Republican opponent, state Sen. Harry Gast.

-Rising Tide, Jan-Feb, 1995

Computer Program Plays God

A British doctor has caused an uproar with the development of a computer program that decides whether patients live or die.

A computer operator gives the computer a patient's medical history and condition, and the computer assesses the patient's chances of survival. A "death symbol" -- a black coffin with a white cross -- lights up if a patient is unlikely to survive 90 days of treatment.

The program's inventor, Dr. David Bihari, says the computer is right 95 times out of 100 in assessing patients with terminal illnesses.

According to Bihari, "If we withdraw treatment earlier in those patients who are hopelessly ill, we will in fact save a lot of money."

Bihari said, "The aim of this computer program was to help us identify those patients so that we could allow them to die in a more dignified and less inhumane fashion."

-Rutherford, Jan, 1995

Serving Their Time -- and Their Country, Too

The U.S. military, it turns out, has a long-standing policy of continuing to pay personnel who are appealing criminal convictions. Consequently, various murderers, rapists, molesters and other miscreants have collected checks for years while in prison.

Take, for example, Francisco Duran, who was arrested last October for taking potshots at the White House. While serving in the armed forces in 1990, Duran was convicted of driving his car into a crowd outside a bowling alley. He received $17,337 in pay as an Army specialist while the case was on appeal.

Congress appears to be of a mind to bring the practice to a screeching halt. Sen. Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat, is introducing legislation that would award back pay only if an appeal is won. Pentagon brass are scurrying to draft their own proposed legislation ending the practice.

-Insight on the News, 2/13/95

Deceptive Medicine

White House health care czar Ira Magaziner continues to face scrutiny over a 1993 sworn declaration concerning the composition of Hillary Clinton's Health Reform Task Force. Although U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth recently dismissed a lawsuit against the task force because he said it was now moot, he ordered U.S. Attorney Eric Holder to further investigate "misleading" testimony made by Magaziner, which may amount to perjury, giving false statements or contempt of court.

When White House Counsel Joel Klein insisted that Magaziner be given a chance to defend himself in open court, Judge Lamberth complied, giving Magaziner the opportunity to face a civil trial for contempt, with the stiffest penalty being fines. Magaziner, however, declined the offer, opting to take his chances with the criminal probe -- and the possibility of a jail sentence. One reason may be that the standards of proving criminal contempt are more difficult. His private attorney, Charles F.C. Ruff, insisted that Magaziner "has been 100% truthful" and that a "thorough investigation will exonerate him."

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News Briefs

Big Brother Wants Just a Little Peek

The problem, according to the Internal Revenue Service, is that there's $127 billion floating around out there in uncollected taxes. And that just takes into account legal earnings; who knows what the IRS snoops could find if they root through all the private data banks in the country?

So the IRS proposed that it be given carte-blanche access to all kinds of computer files on real-estate deals, stock transactions and other financial interactions.

Oddly enough, quite a hue and cry was raised by members of the public who became aware of the proposed investigative procedure. Somehow it got around that the IRS was seeking the power to invade a person's private affairs at will.

It wasn't, when you think about it, a case of brilliant timing by the federal collection agency, coming as it did on the heels of reports that IRS staffers, for kicks (or whatever), have been in the habit of snooping through tax returns filed by friends, relatives, neighbors and others.

It was a misunderstanding, an IRS spokesman explained, as the agency backed off of its proposal. The public had "drawn erroneous conclusions and assumed things that simply weren't intended."

-Instght on the News, 2/20/95

House Trespass

The Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call* notes that Linda Bloodworth-Thomason and Harry Thomason's new sitcom, "Woman of the House," is on constitutionally shaky ground. The very premise of the show contradicts Article I, Section 2, which provides in part: "When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such vacancies." The main character in "Woman of the House," played by Delta Burke, is, however, *appointed* to fill her husband's seat after he dies. This embarrassing goof is not the only problem. The program is also an unmitigated flop, leaving Tom Shales of the Washington *Post* to ask, "Why don't the Thomasons go back to Arkansas and pluck chickens, or whatever it was they did before they climbed on Clinton's coattails?"

-Human Events, 2/3/95

No Hurry, Janet: Here's Your Hat

The following exchange between reporters and Attorney General Janet Reno almost speaks for itself. By way of background, though, it can be predicted with some certainty that heads will roll as a result of the Waco and Randy Weaver debacles. Apparently, a few reporters believe they know to whom one of those heads belongs:

Question: "Ms. Reno, there have been a number of changes in the Cabinet recently. Have you given any thought to leaving?"

Reno: "No. I said from the beginning, though, when Ted Koppel first asked me, when the president thinks I can no longer serve, I'll go home."

Question: "Do you currently intend to serve out the rest of this administration, 'til '96?

Reno: "I'm like Scarlett. I would anticipate it, but one of the things that I learned from Scarlett was I'll think about that tomorrow. And when I was a prosecutor in Dade County, people said, 'Well, what are you going to do in one year or two years or three years or four years?' And I said, 'Well, I don't answer that question because I try not to ask myself that question, because that influences what I'm doing today? And I've got to focus on today and figure out what's the best thing to do today. Nobody's talked to me recently about leaving, and I hope they're happy with what I'm doing."

Question: "Have they talked to you at all about leaving?"

Reno: "No..."

Like Scarlett?

-Instght on the News, 1/20/95

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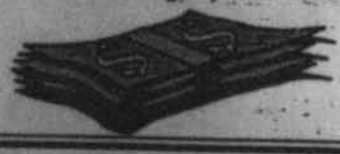

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Survey Update

Responses to last issue's survey have been trickling in. Remember: a drawing will be held before the next issue comes out. Fill out this issue's survey on p. 3, and it's not too late to send in last issue's survey. Responses have been as follows:

1. Do you support the Balanced Budget Amendment?
Yes - 91%
No - 0%
Don't Know - 9%

2. Do you support abolishing the IRS and replacing it with:
A flat tax - 27%
A consumption tax - 82%
(some respondents checked both)
Keep the IRS - 9%

3. Do you support abolishing the auto emissions testing system in Texas?
Yes - 91%
No - 9%

4. What grade would you give the Republican Congress so far?
A - 9% B - 64% C - 18% D - 9%

5. Who do you support for President in 1996?
Phil Gramm - 55% Alan Keyes - 9%
Dan Quayle - 18% Ross Perot - 9%
Walter Williams - 9%

Complete results will be printed next issue.

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Religion

Was George Washington Bullet-proof?

How God Protected the Father of Our Country For His Life's Work

The account of George Washington at the *Battle at the Monongahela* was included in student textbooks in America until 1934. During the French & Indian War, George Washington fought alongside of the British General Edward Braddock. On July 9, 1755, the British were on the way to Fort Duquesne, when the French surprised them in an ambush attack.

The British, who were not accustomed to fighting unless in an open field, were being annihilated. Washington rode back and forth across the battle delivering General Braddock's orders. As the battle raged, every other officer on horseback, except Washington, was shot down, until even General Braddock was killed, at which point the troops fled in confusion. After the battle, on July 18, 1755, Washington wrote to his brother, John A. Washington:

> But by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!

Fifteen years later, Washington and Dr. Craik, a close friend of his from his youth, were traveling through those same woods near the Ohio river and Great Kanawha river.

They were met by an old Indian chief, who addressed Washington through an interpreter:

> I am a chief and ruler over my tribes. My influence extends to the waters of the great lakes and to the far blue mountains.
>
> I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white man's blood mixed with the streams of our forests that I first beheld this chief [Washington].
>
> I called to my young men and said, "Mark yon tall and daring warrior? He is not of the red-coat tribe — he hath an Indian's wisdom, and his warriors fight as we do — himself alone exposed. "Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies." Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for you, knew not how to miss — 'twas all in vain, a power mightier far than we, shielded you.
>
> Seeing you were under the special guardianship of the Great Spirit, we immediately ceased to fire at you. I am old and soon shall be gathered to the great council fire of my fathers in the land of shades, but ere I go, there is something bids me speak in the voice of prophecy:
>
> Listen! The Great Spirit protects that man [pointing at Washington], and guides his destinies — he will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire. I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle.

The famous Indian warrior, who was in that battle, said:

> Washington was never born to be killed by a bullet! I had seventeen fair fires at him with my rifle, and after all could not bring him to the ground!

The above is reprinted from *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations* by William J. Federer. All the quotes are documented in his book.

For further details on this story, read *The Bulletproof George Washington* by David Barton (Aledo, TX: Wallbuilder Press, 1990).

Quote of the Week:

"Whatever strikes at the root of Christianity tends manifestly to the dissolution of civil government...the authorities show that blasphemy against God and... profane ridicule of Christ or the Holy Scriptures (which are equally treated as blasphemy), are offenses punishable at common law...because it tends to corrupt the morals of the people, and to destroy good order." -Supreme Court of New York, 1811, stated in the case of the *People v. Ruggles*, in which the defendant was found guilty of blaspheming Jesus Christ and sentenced to three months in prison and a $300 fine, reprinted in *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations*, 1994.

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Southeast Texas Statesman Prime Recipe

Baked Lasagna

(from the *Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Commemorative Cookbook*)

1 8-ounce package of lasagna
2 eggs
¾ pound ricotta or cottage cheese
1½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 pound Mozzarella cheese
4 Tablespoons Parmesan cheese
4 cups meat sauce

Meat Sauce:
1 pound ground meat
¼ cup olive oil or salad oil
1 large onion, chopped
¼ cup parsley, chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped or pressed
1 carrot, grated
1 (or 2½) can tomatoes, chopped or mixed in a blender for a few seconds
1 6-ounce can tomato paste
¼ teaspoon pepper
12 ounces water
1 teaspoon basil
1 teaspoon salt

Boil lasagna 10 minutes in salted water. Add cold water until lasagna can be handled. Don't drain. Mix eggs and ricotta cheese. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Grease baking dish and arrange the bottom with parallel layers of lasagna. Cover with meat sauce, ricotta mixture and thin slices of Mozzarella. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Cover with another layer of lasagna, sauce and cheese until all is used. Bake at 350° about thirty minutes. Serves 8.

Sauté onion, parsley, garlic and carrot in oil. Add meat and brown. Add tomatoes, paste, pepper, water, basil and salt. Simmer 1 hour.

Jennifer Eubanks
Ronnie Eubanks, Director

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Movie Review

An American Story

For those of you who don't understand why pro-Second Amendment people want the right to own "assault weapons," *An American Story* is for you. It's for all those who want to show people the true purpose of the Second Amendment. It's also for everyone who just enjoys a good story about small-town Texas.

However, nowhere in this movie will you find a discussion of the Second Amendment or gun control or anything like it. The proof is in the action taken by the characters at the climax.

Here's the basic plot line: The setting is the end of World War II and the veterans are coming home. After being a close-knit unit in the armed forces, they now face the problems of everyday life in the late 1940s: the wives they left behind, the racism against their Hispanic friend, the agony of recovering from battle wounds, and a corrupt mayor who rules the town like a dictator.

Gradually, the veterans discover how despicable the local politics are: the mayor and his crony, the sheriff are collecting money from local businesses in mafia-style payoffs. They've been in power for years and no one dares to challenge them.

The veterans decide to form their own party and run their own candidates for mayor and sheriff. Election day shows up, but will the ballot-counting be honest? To tell any more would spoil the ending.

The climax of the movie shows clearly why the assault weapon ban should be repealed and why the Second Amendment has absolutely nothing to do with hunting.

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Term Limits Defeated

Stockman Supports States' Rights

Four different versions of a constitutional amendment on term limits were defeated by the House of Representatives on the evening of March 29th. Congressman Steve Stockman of Texas' Ninth District voted for two of the measures, against one, and "present" on the fourth.

With the defeat of these amendments, term limits is off the table for the remainder of this congressional session. Speaker Newt Gingrich has pronounced that it will be House bill number one for the 105th Congress in 1996. Others, including presidential candidate Pat Buchanan and Ross Perot's United We Stand, have vowed to keep the issue on the peoples' minds.

Of the four versions, one was a Democrat substitute that limited both House and Senate to 12 years. It failed 135-297.

An amendment sponsored by Bob Inglis of South Carolina limiting Senators to 12 years and House members to 6 years failed 114-365.

Rep. Stockman co-sponsored both the Inglis amendment and the Van Hilleary amendment, which would have limited both houses to 12 years, but would have allowed states to set lower limits, if they chose. It failed 164-265.

The final amendment, sponsored by Bill McCollum of Florida, failed 227-204 (a Constitutional amendment requires 290 votes). This was the "queen of the hill" version, since it received the most votes and was therefore the one reported most extensively by the mainstream media. Rep. Stockman voted "present," inciting some controversy among his supporters the next day. He defended the vote by explaining that he was simply keeping his promise.

"When I signed the U.S. Term Limits pledge, I promised to protect a states' right to set term limits of less than twelve years," he declared. "I did that and I would gladly do it again."

U.S. Term Limits, which supported Stockman in his race against Brooks last year, praised Steve for his votes.

"If either the Inglis or Van Hillcary amendments had made it to final passage, I would have enthusiastically supported them. They were the only serious, substantive term limits proposals that did not jeopardize states' rights," Stockman affirmed.

Stockman called the McCollum amendment "fatally flawed" because it did not allow states to set their own limits. At least fifteen states have done so in recent years.

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Summary of the Four Amendments

The Frank Substitute - sponsor Barney Frank (D-MA): twelve years for both houses, retroactively applies to current members of Congress.

The Inglis Amendment - sponsor Bob Inglis (R-SC): twelve years for Senate, six years for House, does not address states' limits.

The Van Hilleary Substitute - sponsor Van Hilleary (R-TN): twelve years for both houses, protects states' right to set limits.

The McCollum Substitute - sponsor Bill McCollum (R-Fl.): twelve years for both houses, overrides state limits.

Special Focus on League City Politics!

Open Council Seat Spurs Three-Way Battle

Les Talley, long-time League City Council member, is retiring. His departure has inspired a three-way battle for his spot, Position Seven. The three opponents are Catherine Palermo, C.W. Sims, and Chuck Kelly.

Palermo is a former League City council member who was recalled. Sims, a Bay Ridge resident, has run for a variety of positions in the past, including the Dickinson school board. The third candidate, Kelly, is a true outsider.

"I'm not a politician," he admits freely. Kelly, a postal worker who lives in Brittany Bay, said he began attending City Council meetings and did not like what he saw and heard.

"I feel the city has a need for integrity, character, and someone who will stand up for the people," he declares. Basing his campaign on fiscal responsibility and keeping League City safe and secure for the children, Kelly identifies himself as "the people's advocate."

League City is basically a bedroom community, that is, most people who live there work outside the city (at NASA, in Houston, etc.). Kelly, who works in Lake Jackson, enjoys that distinction. "I chose to stay in League City when I got transferred because this is where I want my children to grow up," he explains. "I am a conservative individual who believes in a respectable community for our families."

Kelly wants to see League City move into the future, "but not at the cost of the community we have now." Over and over, his focus is on the community and his children. Kelly is opposed to allowing the gambling interests into the city, as well as any over-industrialization. At the same time, he would like to loosen the city regulations to make things easier for small businesses.

Kelly believes his eleven years of management experience will serve him well on the City Council, where he hopes to serve the people of League City.

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Letter from the Editor

With the defeat of the term limits measure, many liberal commentators and columnists are already sounding the death knell for the Contract with America. Even the regular media reports about the vote sounded immensely gloomy about any chances Republicans might have now of getting their agenda through. Many of them also talk at length about the defeat of the Balanced Budget Amendment in the Senate and link the two defeats together as proof that Republicans can't get things done.

Hold on a minute here! These people are missing a very important point. On all the Contract items that have already passed, all that was needed for passage was a simple majority. Republicans hold a majority in both Houses of Congress. No problem there. However, the Balanced Budget Amendment and the Term Limits Amendment were both Constitutional Amendments requiring a two-thirds vote! Neither House has a two-thirds majority of Republicans, even with the recent defections in the Senate.

Get the picture? The only items that have failed are the items on which the Republicans needed Democratic support. The Democrats stopped both amendments.

But compare the Republicans' record with that of the Democrats in recent years. In the last Congress, very few items actually got passed, and almost none of them without Republican support. And yet the Democrats had majorities in both Houses!

Remember the Clinton/Brooks crime bill? Remember NAFTA? Remember health care reform? Democrats controlled both Houses, but they could not unite their own members on the crime bill or NAFTA, both of which required Republican votes to pass, let alone on health care, for which they never even managed to have a vote!

This year's Republican Congress has certainly shown an amazing unity thus far, since their only defeats are the votes on which they absolutely had to have Democrat help.

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Election Day
Saturday, May 6 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hall, Ross, & Ferguson Elementaries, the Civic Center, and the central fire station.

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✓ Survey Results ✓

The final results of the second issues' survey are as follows:

1. *Do you support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster?*
   Yes - 25%
   No - 75%
   Don't Know - 0%

2. *Do you support passage of the line-item veto?*
   Yes - 88%
   No - 13%
   Don't Know - 0%

3. *Do you think Congress should leave drafting the budget to the President?*
   Yes - 12%
   No - 88%
   Don't Know - 0%

4. *What grade would you give Speaker Newt Gingrich?*
   A - 38% B - 0% C - 25% D - 25% F - 12%

5. *What grade would you give former Speaker Tom Foley?*
   A - 0% B - 12% C - 38% D - 13% F - 38%

6. *Do you listen to Rush Limbaugh?*
   Yes - 50%
   Sometimes - 12%
   Never - 38%

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1. Term Limits failed. Does this make you:
   ❑ Mad 😠 ❑ Sad ☹ ❑ Glad ☺
   ❑ Indifferent 😐

2. Do you support allowing the states to handle the school lunch program?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

3. Do you support the concealed weapon bill in the Texas legislature?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

4. If the concealed weapon bill passed, would you attempt to get a permit?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

5. Do you support the GOP welfare reform as passed by the House of Representatives?
   ❑ Yes ❑ No ❑ Don't Know

6. Of the current GOP presidential candidates, who is your #1 choice?
   ❑ Bob Dole ❑ Phil Gramm
   ❑ Lamar Alexander ❑ Arlen Specter
   ❑ Alan Keyes ❑ Pat Buchanan
   ❑ Pete Wilson

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Editorial/Opinion

Executive Orders or Executive Dictatorship?

President Clinton has issued the latest in a series of controversial executive orders. This one banned companies who were working on federal contracts from replacing striking workers.

Throughout his tenure, the president has shown an inclination, indeed, a preference, for using his own power to pay off political friends or to circumvent Congress. When he first took office, Clinton immediately (on the first day) issued a series of executive orders to pay off the pro-abortion community. This latest order was a pay off to the unions who also supported his election, but were upset over passage of NAFTA.

The Mexican bailout was an example of Clinton's willingness to go around Congress. It seems that if Congress doesn't go along with him on an issue, he will find a way around it.

Our government was set up with a system of checks and balances. What the founders were trying to avoid at all costs was a top executive with too much power. President Clinton has abused the power he was given and is going too far.

Town Meetings Cheap Trick

Interim League City Mayor Pat Hallisey is using hundreds of city dollars to finance his campaign for election under the pretense of "town meetings."

Three town meetings were held on March 28, 30, and 31, oddly enough, just one month before Hallisey faces a real election (Hallisey was *appointed* mayor by the City Council). Five thousand fliers, one hundred posters, ads in area newspapers, and a labor crew to deliver the fliers and put up signs were all paid for by city dollars. Thousands of taxpayer dollars were used to promote the election of a professional politician.

The fliers were also distributed to students at League City's schools to be taken home to parents.

At the meetings, Hallisey first gave a speech decrying the former mayors and moaning about the terrible shape the city was in. He then went on and gave an even longer speech about the wonderful changes he has made and how things are so much better now. This was political posturing at its worst.

Hallisey proceeded to explain what he would do over the next few months and years, as if there was no question about his actual election in May.

The final arrogance came at the end of the meetings when Hallisey agreed to take questions. However, he would only take questions that were written down, thus allowing him to pick and choose the questions he would answer. Naturally, every question came out making him look good somehow.

These town meetings were nothing but an outrageous waste of taxpayer money, solely for the purpose of promoting one candidate for mayor. No other mayoral or council member candidates were allowed to speak. The whole town meeting scheme was a total abuse of power.

Mike Who?

Has anyone else noticed that Mike Martin signs are still up all over the county? He still has billboards in Dickinson and LaMarque and smaller signs in several other locations including Highway 3 in League City and on Galveston Island. Why?

Could it be that after giving up his State Representative job to challenge popular incumbent State Senator Jerry Patterson and losing, Mr. Martin hasn't had enough? Rumors are circulating among Southeast Texas' political hacks that Martin, a Democrat trial lawyer, will run again in 1996 or later. But who will he challenge? Will he run against Patterson again, or... will he risk even more of an embarrassment by challenging U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman?

If so, it would make some tiny bit of sense for Martin to leave his signs up (How else can a former politician keep his name in front of the people?). But even so, as many political signs as we see during the election season, it would be nice if Mr. Martin could spare us when he's not running for anything.

Is There One Man Behind the Good-Old-Boy Politics in League City?

Why is the name "Hall" all over so much in League City? It's a question I often wondered about as I grew up there. In time, I came to find out. There are times I wish I could go back to being a child and not knowing. The truth can be an ugly thing.

When I did find out that Mr. Walter Hall, owner of League City Bank & Trust, was the man who virtually controlled League City politics, I could not help comparing him in my mind to another rich man in control: Mr. Potter in the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. That may be an extreme comparison (and the question naturally arises: who then corresponds to George Bailey [Jimmy Stewart]?), but it gives you an idea of Mr. Hall's power.

Why is it that Galveston County Park was re-named Walter Hall Park? Why is it that the Helen Hall Library has a portrait of Mrs. Hall that the city paid for? Why has the city paid for the Christmas decoration of a tree on private property at League City Bank & Trust? Why is the city now paying for a "living memorial" to be known as Helen's Garden? Why is League City's much-needed East-West Thoroughfare being held up after Mr. Hall declared that the city doesn't need it?

Tim Frankovich, Editor

Some people may say, "Well, Mr. Hall donated all this money to the city, so it only makes sense that we should return the favor." Wrong. Walter Hall has not donated any money to League City. He has, however, donated a lot of money to League City politicians! There's the favors that are being re-paid!

The most obvious example of these political payoffs are being performed by Pat Hallisey, the interim mayor of League City (Curious. The only City Council members who did not vote for Hallisey's appointment are the only ones who do not have any connection to Walter Hall).

Hallisey is the Executive Director of the Park Board and was in charge when the park was re-named after Hall. Now he is interim mayor of League City and is arranging "Helen's Garden."

Helen's Garden is on a half-acre of land on Main Street that is not owned by the city. Hallisey ordered City Parks Department crews to trim the Heritage Oaks on the site. Walter Hall is using his considerable political muscle (through Hallisey) to dictate what will be planted, who will supply it and what it will look like. Meanwhile, the League City taxpayers get to foot the bill.

Hall also supported Hallisey's failed attempt to run for County Judge. Hall donated about $38,000 to Hallisey's campaign then. Who knows how much money he has donated for Hallisey's mayoral campaign now? His name can also be found as a major donor to most of the City Council members' campaigns.

Meanwhile, the League City sports complex is tied up because (among other reasons) the seller refuses to do business with the city unless... Walter Hall and his bank finance the deal. Hallisey has refused to consider any other property for the complex. I wonder why?

Do you get the picture? In *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey calls Mr. Potter "an old spider." "You sit up here and spin your little webs!" he fumes. The network of webs in League City is growing and will continue to grow exponentially as long as Pat Hallisey or any other puppet of Walter Hall is in charge.

Concealed Carry Foes Miss the Point

Opponents to the concealed weapon carry bill currently in the Texas legislature are missing the whole point on the issue of citizens and guns. Critics of the bill, such as columnist Molly Ivins, moan and wail about how more people will be shot and Texas will return to the wild west days and how it won't help cut back crime in any way.

One more time: the Constitution of the United States and the Texas Constitution guarantees the right of the people to bear arms for one reason. That reason is not to protect them from criminals.

The reason citizens of this country may own guns is to protect them from a government that gets out of control. An armed populace is not necessarily a polite one, as some have disputed, but it is a free populace.

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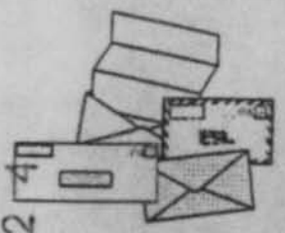
Letters to the Editor

On term limits:

Everyone seems to think they can only be applied as a constitutional amendment. This is not so. Each State has the right to limit the terms of their members. The Constitution lists the qualifications and how long each term is. It does not tell how long each member may serve; therefore, that is a power left either to the States or to the people (the 10th Amendment).

Robert Elliott
Hitchcock

That is the argument Steve Stockman used in voting "present" on the term limits bill that would have overruled any State's limits. (See story, p. 1)



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Contract Update

Deadline: April 7, 1995

House Republicans have promised to bring all the elements of their Contract with America to a vote on the House floor in the first 100 days of the new Congress. This section of the Southeast Texas Statesman will document their progress.

Passed: Opening Day Reforms (including a bill forcing Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else), the Balanced Budget Amendment, the line-item veto, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act, Taking Back Our Streets Act, the National Security Revitalization Act, Welfare Reform.

Failed: Term limits

Still to go: The Family Reinforcement Act (enforcing child support payments and cracking down on child porn), The American Dream Restoration Act (tax cuts for families), The Senior Citizens' Equity Act (repeals Social Security tax increase of Clinton 1993 budget), The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act (capital gains tax cut, slashing regulations).

Many of these bills are already being reviewed in committee, in preparation for their release to the floor.

Whether the House can reach a vote on each one of these by their self-imposed deadline remains to be seen. Democrats are doing their best to slow the process, but it is appearing more and more likely that the Republicans will succeed.

The following is reprinted from the

GRASS ROOTS GAZETTE

published by the Coalition of Concerned Citizens for Positive Change in League City

The Good Ole Boy network is a very closed, tight and circular system. The whole effect of the system is to maintain the *status quo*. You can't get into the G.O.B. circle unless you can bring something to it that the others can use. A very common way to say it is: "You scratch my back and I will scratch yours." In politics, the G.O.B. system is rampant. In Galveston County, the system is obscene.

The G.O.B. system at work in League City includes Judge Ray Holbrook's family involvement in the new taxpayer-provided "free" coffee (see article last issue). It includes new appointments to the Planning Commission and Parks Board of Pat Hallisey's old friends: it includes salaried jobs as well. Pat has recently announced that his good friend (Friend Of Pat - FOP) and newly defeated County Commissioner, Mr. Billy Jack Pegues, was chosen as the new Director of Administrative Services, over 40 other applicants! Is this a surprise? Not really, it was predicted several weeks ago. Now we are paying the current Director until he retires and we are paying the new Director while he learns the job for about two months of training.

Those other 40 applicants didn't really have a chance.

Please remember that the voters of Galveston County did not re-elect Mr. Pegues to his job as County Commissioner. Voters in the North County voted heavily against him. However, the G.O.B. take care of their own.

There is another new appointment coming up as the Director of the 4B corporation at an estimated salary of $50,000 a year! We predict either Jeff Mallios or Steve Lungford, both long time FOPs. Big bucks involved here.

It has been noted by some non-League City sources that we may become a hazardous waste dump of unemployed G.O.B.'s.

Meanwhile, Pat has promised a lot of people a lot of things. He has made agreements to pay for some questionable things. All of this takes money. League City doesn't go to trial to protect itself anymore; we buy our way out. Attend a Council Meeting and see what happens in the open. Some things like the remodeling don't even get to Council.

Pat admittedly doesn't know the first thing about the budget. He stated that over and over again at the budget hearings. But Pat let the only employee that knew it very well (the City Administrator) leave his City job with no replacement.

Right now, Pat (repeatedly and publicly) woes and bemoans the information that the City is on "shaky" financial ground. He proclaims that the investment of some City money in long-term mutual bonds has somehow degraded the financial position of the City. He conveniently fails to add that the City continues to collect and earn interest on these bonds. Could this be an attempt to discredit the previous administrations and take unto himself the mantle of Master Problem Solver of the financial future of League City?

Pat states that the budget is unsound. Who put the thing together? He and the Council did, that's who! Council rejected the previous administration's budget. They then massaged, prodded, cajoled, picked, pummeled and otherwise manipulated their budget until it was just what they wanted, tax decrease and all. (Smoke and Mirrors?) Pat presided over the budget meetings. Now he says the budget is unsound! Pllllleeeeaaase!

If you really want to know the true financial state of the City, call the Finance Director at City Hall. (Lana Stein, 338-4809)

All this demonstrates one of Pat's ethically questionable talents. He uses illusion to create the problem and then he fixes it. In the meantime, he convinces you he did a very good job of doing it. Smoke and mirrors. Pat is a master at it.

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Term Limits Defeated

from p. 1

"He [Stockman] did the right thing," said Mark Sanders, spokesman for Texans for Term Limitations, which has called Stockman one of five "true heroes" in the House.

Other Republicans in the area, including Tom DeLay and Bill Archer, have aroused the ire of some of their supporters for voting against all four term limits measures. DeLay states that he has always opposed term limits. Archer, who also opposes limits, has announced that he is giving himself a self-imposed limit of six more years. Archer has been in the House for 25 years.

Seventeen of Texas' ninteen Democrats, including Ken Bentsen and Sheila Jackson Lee of Houston, voted against the final bill.

County Forced to Pay Damages Due to Defective Boat Ramps

On March 16, the Galveston County Commissioners assembled in a special meeting at the courthouse. Item 16 on the agenda was to consider authorizing the settlement of a claim for damages from a County resident submitted to the commissioners. The item was passed unanimously with no discussion.

Mr. Robert Robison sustained damages to his boat trailer on June 23, 1994 because of a defect in a County-maintained boat ramp. The ramp is apparently only 27.5 feet wide, but the contract for the ramp's construction specified a width of 30 feet.

Mr. Robison attempted to settle the matter through the Parks Director, Pat Hallisey, who is currently the interim mayor of League City. Unable to receive any satisfaction, Mr. Robison did some research and investigation on his own. He found that the same deficient conditions occurred on several different boat ramps throughout the County, including at Walter Hall Park in League City.

Mr. Hallisey was responsible for the contractors who built the ramps. The settlement was paid without any discussion of an attempt to solve the problem. In other words, other residents can continue to sue the County for hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of dollars.

It has not been determined whether the defect in the ramps was due to an overlooked error or whether the contractors deliberately shorted the County. It has also not been determined whether Mr. Hallisey knew about the defect before the accident.

Callers Incite Removal of Billboards

After a flood of calls, the No Nonsense pantyhose company has decided to take down their controversial billboards in Texas.

Texans all over the state raised such a ruckus that the company was forced to respond. A representative from the company stated Friday that the ads would be taken down within 48 hours.

The billboards, which featured an almost totally nude woman, offended many people, who called city building departments, where they obtained the phone number of the company. No organized telephone campaign was identified.

The company is removing the billboards in the Houston, Corpus Christi, and Dallas/Ft. Worth areas.

Callers from the area reported that when they registered their complaint, the customer service representative sighed, "You're from Texas, right?"

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WHEN:
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WHERE:
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WHAT:
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Free Admission!

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What:
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Cost: $25 per person

When: May 13, 1995
Where: the Ralph Lowe estate in Friendswood

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Official Announcement

Congressman Steve Stockman
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Town Hall Meeting

When: Saturday, April 8, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Harris County Courthouse Annex,
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Also...

Open House

at the Galveston Congressional Office
Monday, April 10
2102 Mechanic, Galveston
For more information, call (409) 766-3608

Stockman Aids Embattled Range Owner

Freshman Congressman Steve Stockman is one of many Texas politicians coming to the aid of Houston rifle range owner Bob Arwady. Arwady has long been the proprietor of Arwady's Ammo Dump, a gun store on South Post Oak. In January of 1994, he diversified by assuming the lease on the rifle range located on Boss Gaston Road just west of Route 6 in Houston.

From his contacts with local law enforcement, Arwady knew that small law enforcement agencies were not able to afford adequate training facilities of their own. So he planned to take the existing rifle range and develop a portion of it as a training facility available to law enforcement while also maintaining the public areas of the range.

But first he worried about safety. The absence of hills in the area makes it necessary for range owners to construct dirt berms as backstops to stop the bullets. Arwady says, "The first thing I did was bring in 450 truckloads of dirt and raise the berm height to 16 feet. If any range in the area has higher berms than us, I sure haven't seen it." But then his problems started.

Someone wrote a letter to then-Governor Ann Richards and the politics started. Someone else mentioned "assault weapons" and before he knew it, Arwady was being sued under the hazardous waste laws by Fort Bend County and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, also referred to as the TNRCC (or more commonly, "Trainwreck").

"It was crazy," Arwady says. "Suddenly, I had the government threatening to fine me $25,000 for every round fired on the range. The only thing I could do was shut down."

Professed environmental concerns proved baseless. Tests of water flowing through the area showed that it was drinking water quality. While lead in the form of lead paint can be harmful to humans, bullets consist of pure lead and pose no threat to humans (at least once they have come to rest). Dr. Peter H. Proctor, a board-certified medical toxicologist living in Houston noted that his survey of over 5,000 scientific articles revealed no evidence that outdoor shooting ranges were a source of environmental lead contamination.

Once a bullet comes to rest, it just sits there and does not dissolve. That is why bullets are still found in Civil War battlefields. If outdoor shooting caused pollution, Gettysburg National Monument would have to be dug up as a superfund site. Paul Velte, an Austin attorney representing Arwady, noted that one Civil War veteran was Oliver Wendel Holmes, who served on the United States Supreme Court into his nineties. When Holmes died in 1933, he took with him to the grave an intact Confederate bullet which had been lodged in his body since the Second Battle of Bull Run, 70 years before.

Velte noted, "This is typical nonsense by the liberal anti-gunners. They're afraid to say what they're really after, which is to take away all of the guns from everybody, so they just resort to one subterfuge after another. Most recently, it's been crime they say they're worried about. This time it was the environment - who knows what it will be next time? The important thing is that most people are starting to see through the facade of lies put out by the anti-gunners. You saw that in the last election."

In a letter replying to Steve Stockman, the TNRCC admitted that the bullets were not an environmental problem and is trying to distance itself from the case. Arwady thinks that Fort Bend County is the only remaining obstacle and expects to be back in operation soon if he is willing to jump through a few hoops.

Arwady is glad to have been vindicated on this, but is troubled by the lack of integrity in the process. "It's like no one was interested in the facts. They were just making threats. In fact, they even lied to us. We may win this, but it will be because Steve Stockman and John Culberson and a lot of other people got involved and helped out, not because of the facts. This whole thing has been an eye-opener."

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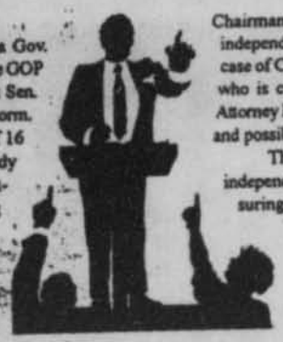
Texas Twang

Though rumors persist that California Gov. Pete Wilson will eventually throw his hat into the GOP presidential ring, the immediate reality is that Sen. Phil Gramm is taking the Golden State by storm. One-quarter of the GOP state legislators (8 of 16 senators and 14 of 38 assemblymen) have already signed up for the Texan, with even more reportedly on deck. Of equal importance, fundraising efforts are proving bountiful.



Gramm also took top honors (54%) in the recent California GOP state convention straw poll, with Wilson (12%) and Kansas Sen. Bob Dole (14%) rounding out the field. Observed columnist Bob Novak of the growing support base for Gramm: "California's '92 Buchanan Brigade has become the '96 Gramm Gang."

-Human Events, 3/10/95

Gramm Cracker

Despite his recent absorption in the balanced budget debate, Dole has managed to go on the offensive against Gramm, attacking his perceived conservative credentials. "Let's take a look at who voted to create the Department of Education," insisted the Senate majority leader. "I didn't, but Phil Gramm did. There's going to be a lot of these little nuggets coming to the surface in the next few months."

Dole also pointed out other "basic differences," including the fact that his *National Journal* conservative rating for last year (92.3%) surpassed Gramm's (83%). Finally, Dole dismissed the straw poll derby being waged by Gramm as "something we expected from a lagging candidate seeking attention." "We're not going to spend all our money on straw polls," he said. "We'll just get into the real poll derby."

-Human Events, 3/10/95

Had His Fill

Counting "more than 160" unfair affirmative-action programs in place in the federal government, Sens. Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth, North Carolina Republicans, have introduced a bill to amend the U.S. Code and provide for the protection of civil liberties.

"This bill will simply get us started along a road that the Senate ought to have taken a long time ago," commented Mr. Helms, who offered a few examples of government-sponsored hiring programs "that are so counter-productive and divisive they make me wonder how much more of this we can swallow."

The senator noted where:

• The Clinton White House returned a list of candidates for ambassadorial posts to Secretary of State Warren Christopher because the list "did not contain enough minorities and women."

• The Federal Communications Commission gives women and minorities "special tax breaks and special incentives" to acquire radio and television stations.

• A U.S. Forest Service document actually states, "Only unqualified applicants will be considered."

• A Pentagon special hiring directive reads, "Special permission will be required for promotion of all white men without disabilities."

-The Washington Times National Weekly Edition, March 13-19, 1995

Counsel Bluff

President Clinton complained recently about the process that has brought an abundance of untoward legal attention to his Cabinet, flatly declaring that "Everybody knows that I have tougher ethical rules than any other President." Nonetheless, Atty. Gen. Janet Reno rejected House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde's (R-Ill.) request that an independent counsel be appointed to probe the case of Clinton health care guru Ira Magaziner, who is currently under investigation by U.S. Attorney Eric Holder for "misleading" statements and possible perjury.

Though Reno has previously called the independent counsel "a crucial element of ensuring public confidence" in government, she now appears to be playing politics. A *Wall Street Journal* editorial recently expressed "concerns about Mr. Holder's ability to examine Mr. Magaziner's actions dispassionately." The problem here is that Holder is rumored to be a candidate for the nation's second most powerful court – the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. Concludes the *Journal*, "Mr. Magaziner's actions as health care czar deserve to be reviewed by someone who inspires more confidence than a Clinton political appointee."

-Human Events, 3/17/95

Leaky Joe

"In my little state of Utah there is a grape farmer," Republican Rep. James V. Hansen tells the story, "a fourth-generation farmer in a little place called Clearfield, poor old Joe Jenson.

"Joe made the mistake of letting his irrigation system break, and in two years there were wetlands around. For four generations they farmed that area, but in swaggered the [Army] Corps of Engineers with the swagger stick and said, 'Mr. Jenson, if you farm this, we are going to charge you $17,000 a year.'

"Mr. Jenson said, 'I have been doing this for years. My father and grandfather did it. What are you talking about?'"

Mr. Jenson, because of his leaky pipes and the federal Wetlands Protection Act, is no longer farming his property.

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, March 13-19, 1995

Ponderous Discourse

NBC-TV reporter Roger Maltbie was shocked at the hoops he had to jump through to interview President Clinton at the Palm Springs golf tournament. When Maltbie asked a Secret Service agent if he could talk to Clinton, the agent went to seek approval. Upon returning, he asked Maltbie, "What will you ask him?" Maltbie replied, "Well, how about, 'Are you having a good time?'" The agent left again to check it out and returned to tell him it was okay to talk with the President.

-Human Events, 3/24/95

Sex toys & Saran Wrap

A federal employee with 13 years' experience, who asked that we not reveal her identity, recently attended the mandatory HIV-AIDS training course required by President Clinton's directive issued in September 1993.

"Since the nature of my organization does not typically involve exchange of bodily fluids," said the Pentagon worker, "I expressed concern to my supervisor and the training coordinator that a 'personal risk' discussion would probably go beyond office contact and that I would leave the class if it strayed too far from workplace-related information."

Sure enough, the woman got up and walked out of the briefing room when the instructor, who was from the Red Cross, launched into a discussion of flavored condoms after the phrase "sex toys" appeared on a slide.

"From my co-workers who endured the entire class, I learned that I missed the 'Saran Wrap' discussion [and] how to safely remove a condom," she added.

"If this administration wants to take the lead for the nation in HIV-AIDS education, I would suggest a careful re-examination of their objectives and methods is necessary," she said. "The shotgun approach with a captive audience of federal employees seems inappropriate."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, March 27-April 2, 1995

Bidding War

As the 1996 GOP presidential contest heats up, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (Kan.) and Sen. Phil Gramm (Tex.) are engaging in a game of one-upmanship on the crucial affirmative action issue. Dole originally requested a list of laws and regulations involving race and sex prefer-

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ences in order to review then. Gramm quickly responded by announcing that, if elected President, he would repeal all quotas and set-asides. Accordingly, Dole upped the ante with a promise to introduce legislation this year to prohibit these preferences.

At the same time, the Senate Finance Committee gave credibility to the crusade against affirmative action by voting to end a tax deferral for those who sell broadcast or cable licenses to minority-owned businesses, a provision that has already been repealed by the House. The lone dissenter on the panel, Sen. Carol Mosely-Braun (D.-Ill.), called the vote "regrettable" and threatened to mount a filibuster.

-Human Events, 3/24/95

Politics or Beliefs?

When President Clinton forced Dr. Joycelyn Elders to resign as surgeon general, he cited her controversial comments on subjects such as masturbation as conflicting "with administration policy and my own convictions."

But at Hampton Univeristy, where she recently delivered the keynote speech for the three-day Black Family Conference, Dr. Elders cited politics as the reason behind her dismissal.

"He did what he thought he had to do politically," she said of Mr. Clinton. "I have no problem with that."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, March 27-April 2, 1995

Conference Call

Taking a cue from the historic Constitutional Convention of 1787, the 50 states will hold The Conference of the States, beginning on October 22, to discuss ways to shrink federal power. Although the intent of the original colonies was to boost the power of the federal government, Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt (R.) noted that, not unlike the situation 208 years ago, the "lack of checks and balances has thrown the system out of kilter."

While the conference is technically an informal forum to address concerns about the relationships between the states and the federal government -- such as unfunded mandates -- Ray Scheppach, executive director of the National Governors Association, warned that the meeting "may lead to a constitutional convention if the results of the conference are ignored." Article V of the Constitution says that the legislatures of two-thirds of the states may call for a convention to amend the Constitution; an amendment would then need the approval of three-fourths of the states.

-Human Events, 3/24/95

Running - Morally

Radio talk-show host Alan Keyes told Judy Woodruff on CNN's "Inside Politics" that he's not sure he's entering the race for the GOP presidential nomination with only the White House in mind.

"What deeply concerns me, and I think it concerns a lot of people at the Republican grass roots, is the sign that the Republican leadership wants to back away from the party's moral stance, particularly on the issue of abortion," he said.

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, March 27 -April 2, 1995

Tightening the Screws on Fidel

Jesse Helms (R-NC), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has not forgotten Fidel Castro's tyranny. He wants others to keep the Cuban dictator's despotism in mind as well. Helms would like the U.S. government to help make sure that Castro exits. As Helms explained to reporters in Washington recently: "Let me be clear. Whether Castro leaves Cuba in a vertical or horizontal position is up to him and the Cuban people. But he must and will leave Cuba."

Castro, reports *Time* magazine, is trying to crack the long-standing U.S. embargo by promising U.S. investors profits in Cuba if they will work to end Washington's financial restraints. Helms, on the other hand, would tighten existing sanctions. New legislation sponsored by Helms would, among other things, hold responsible foreign companies that have bought property confiscated from American owners (and make them potentially at risk for lawsuits); reduce U.S. contributions to such institutions as the World Bank by the amount such agencies provide to the Castro dictatorship; and cut aid to Russia by the amount (around $200 million) that Moscow pays Havana to allow it to maintain an electronic spying facility (aimed at the U.S.) at Cienfuegos.

-The New American, 3/20/95

Sam Donaldson, Welfare Rider

Despite having publicly proclaimed his opposition to agricultural subsidies, ABC television newsman and New Mexico goat and sheep rancher Sam Donaldson took great offense last week when the New York *Post* went to visit the farm that has brought him tens of thousands of dollars in federal agriculture subsidies. In a call to the Washington bureau of the *Post*, ABC's Donaldson threatened to have the reporter arrested if he did not leave. Donaldson did call the police, and the reporter, who had already left the property, was ordered not to return by a policeman who would not give his name.

The hypocrisy is quite amusing. Last year Donaldson stated on "This Week with David Brinkley" that he stood firmly "against agricultural subsidies" and further insisted, "I constantly preach it and act it." But the past two years have brought Donaldson a handsome $97,000 in federal mohair and wool subsidies.

In his call to the New York *Post*, which titled its story, "Sam Has a Cow!", Donaldson said, "To ask me to help cooperate in my own daily execution is not realistic."

-Human Events, 3/31/95

Holy War

A mere one day into the 1996 presidential campaign bid of Patrick Buchanan, the Clinton White House went on the offensive against the outspoken commentator. Comparing his agenda to the Saudi religious police known for beating women, White House spokesman Mike McCurry warned that "Mr. Buchanan and his mutaween will be out there parading across America" and recalled his "oh-so-vitriolic call for a religious war on America at the [1992 GOP] convention in Houston."

The conservative candidate wasted no time responding to the attack. "This reversion to Christian bashing is going to backfire on the White House in 1996 just as badly as it backfired in 1994," Buchanan warned. "To compare devout Catholics, Protestants, Jews and Muslims with religious fanatics in the Middle East is to slander the best people in America." He concluded, "There is nothing wrong, and there is everything right, with trying to bring Judeo-Christian values to bear on American politics."

-Human Events, 3/31/95

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Religion

Religion and Politics?

Pastor David Wright

Since the elections in '94, with their dramatic results all across America, there has been much talk about the separation of church and state. It seems that those who lost power in the election blame the "Religious Right" for their defeat in November.

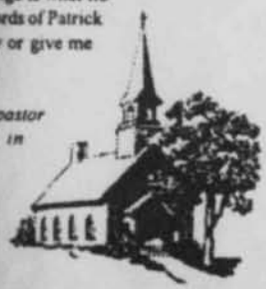
Since Christian Coalition, Eagle Forum, Concerned Women for America and other groups took such an active part in the election process, with voter registration drives, candidate schools, and get out the vote efforts, suddenly those who hold basic Biblical values are violating the separation of church and state when they vote or run for public office.

Americans should not be intimidated. The Founding Fathers were not bashful about their faith. The Supreme Court of the United States never sanctioned an anti-Christian bias in establishing this nation. John Jay, the first Supreme Court chief justice, spoke in his rulings of this "Christian nation" and heralded the Biblical values that had given us our freedoms as the only values that would preserve them.

The first amendment's intent was plain. The government should make no laws to establish one denomination above another, and certainly should never pass laws to prevent the free exercise of one's faith. Faith that is not lived out in society, shaping and influencing that society, is dead faith.

Christians are commanded to live and share their faith - at home, at work, in government, or wherever they go. This privilege is what liberty is all about. In the words of Patrick Henry: "Give me liberty or give me death."

David Wright is pastor of Southshore Church in Kemah.



Quote of the Week:

"I have never spoken very publicly about my religious convictions, and I've never tried to exploit them for political gain. I rarely insert them into speeches, other than to talk about the general importance of faith and Judeo-Christian values... People in my office argued over the political wisdom of my speaking about my spiritual experience more frankly than before, but I wasn't much concerned about it either way. Faith in Christ is not something you 'spin.'" -former Vice President Dan Quayle in his book *Standing Firm*, Harper Collins Publishers, 1994.

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Movie Review

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington

This classic movie directed by Frank Capra could almost have taken place in recent days (if it weren't for references to prices). Jimmy Stewart plays Mr. Smith, who is appointed to take the place of his state's recently deceased Senator.

If you haven't seen this movie, go find it. It can be located at virtually any store that sells or rents videos.

Smith shows something that we need more of in federal circles: a knowledge of the past, the Founding Fathers, and what America really stands for. It is this knowledge that drives him on against a harassing media and corruption in high places.

Smith's answer to the media is one that many, if not all, conservatives have probably wanted to give at one time or another.

His response to the corruption is something else entirely. You have to see it to believe it.

A comparison between the media's link with certain politicans could definitely be drawn to today's media and politics.

For those who don't know much about the Congressional system, this movie is educational, as well. You can learn a lot about Senate procedures, not to mention the Constitution!

Trivia Quest

Test your knowledge! See what level you can attain! Answers will be printed next issue.

This issue's topic: *Geography*

Inspector Cleuseau
1. On which continent is the United States?

Maxwell Smart
2. Name the three Axis powers of World War II.

Columbo
3. What country was called Abyssinia?

Sherlock Holmes
4. Name two of the three countries ancient Armenia is now part of.

Spock
5. What was the capital of Assyria?

Answers to Last Issue's Trivia Quest:

1. What type of government does the United States have?
A: Republic

2. When was the U.S. Constitution written?
A: 1787

3. How many amendments to the U.S. Constitution have been passed?
A: Twenty-seven

4. When was the last amendment proposed? When was it ratified?
A: The twenty-seventh amendment was proposed on Sept. 25, 1789. It was ratified on May 19, 1992.

5. What's the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow?
A: African or European swallow?

Southeast Texas Statesman Prime Recipe

Beef Enchiladas

(from the *Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Commemorative Cookbook*)

1 pound ground beef
2 cans mild enchilada sauce (10 ounches each), Old El Paso
1 package enchilada sauce mix (McCormick)
1 can tomato sauce
¼ cup water
1 onion, chopped
2 cups Cheddar cheese, grated
2 cups, Mozzarella cheese, grated
12 corn tortillas
Vegetable oil, ½ inch deep in skillet

Brown beef. In a saucepan, blend together enchilada sauce mix with water and tomato sauce. Then add two cans of enchilada sauce and simmer 10 minutes. Combine cheeses. Dip each tortilla into hot oil for 2 to 3 seconds. Drain on paper towel. Fill each tortilla with beef, onion and cheese. Be sure to save enough cheese and onion for the topping (about half). Roll tortilla and place seam side down in a 9x13-inch dish. Pour enchilada sauce over all enchiladas and sprinkle with cheese and onions. Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes.

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A simple eye test may be able to spot Alzheimer's disease long before symptoms appear. Harvard Medical School researchers say the eyes of people with Alzheimer's will dilate in response to a weak solution of atropine that does not affect other people.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved the PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test along with digital examination to detect prostrate cancer. The tests used together are 25 percent more accurate than either test alone.

New contraceptive vaccine is being tested in India. Three shots given six weeks apart can prevent pregnancy for up to 30 cycles without side effects. Afterward, the women seem to get pregnant easily.

Surgery to remove scarred lung tissue seems to improve breathing capacity in emphysema patients by allowing the remaining tissue room to expand. Thoracic surgeons at Washington University in St. Louis pioneered the procedure.

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Media Slanders Stockman

Nowhere in recent history has media bias been so evident as in the treatment of southeast Texas' Congressman Steve Stockman during the Oklahoma City tragedy.

On the morning of the disaster, April 19, Stockman's Washington office received a handwritten fax from a woman in Michigan summarizing the initial details of the explosion. The fax was received soon after the news of the blast had begun to break. Stockman's staff called him and he instructed them to forward the fax to the FBI. The fax was also received by hundreds of other members of Congress. What happened next showed the power of the rumor mill and the incredible bias of the press.

By the next day, stories were circulating through both local and national media sources that Stockman's office had been warned ahead of time about the disaster, that Stockman had sent the fax to the NRA but held it for two days before sending it to the FBI, and other outrageous accusations. Stockman held several press conferences, each time explaining very carefully what had happened. Each time, the media distorted his words and continued to repeat their own lies.

Once the "two day" rumor had been dispelled, the media then latched onto the time on the fax, which seemed to indicate that the fax had been received one hour before the explosion. The explanation was simple: Stockman's office had not re-set the clock on their fax machine for Daylight Savings Time, an error that takes place all over the country every year.

One of Stockman's aides had erred in forwarding a copy of the fax to the NRA (*after* sending it to the FBI), asking them if they were familiar with the person who sent the fax. The media made much of this error. A commentator on Houston's Channel 11 News explained that Stockman had done this becuae he was indebted to the NRA for his election. He claimed Stockman had received campaign contributions from the NRA which helped him overcome 42-year incumbent Jack Brooks last year.

Nothing could be further from the truth. During the 1994 campaign, the NRA abso-

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League City Mayor's Appointment Illegal

Hallisey Refuses to Comply With Texas Law

LEAGUE CITY - A study done by the University of Houston for the League City Charter Review Committee and an investigation from the Secretary of State's office have revealed that interim Mayor Pat Hallisey's appointment violated the Texas Constitution. Hallisey has refused to step down and challenged anyone to "take it to court."

Hallisey was appointed by the City Council following the resignation of Mayor Joe Lamb. Although Hallisey's initial appointment violated the City Charter, a second appointment was held to meet the Charter's requirements. The new study shows clearly that any appointment, however, was illegal according to the Texas Constitution.

In Article XI, Section 11, the Texas Constitution provides that in municipalities having terms of office exceeding 2 years: "...any vacancy or vacancies occurring on such governing body shall not be filled by appointment but must be filled by majority vote of the qualified voters at a special election called for such purpose within one hundred and twenty (120) days after such a vacancy or vacancies occur." The League City Mayor's term is for three years.

At the Charter Review Committee meeting on April 4, mayoral candidate Tommy Frankovich challenged Hallisey to "do the right thing for the city" and resign.

Hallisey refused. "You can take it to court if you want to," he responded.

A concerned City Council member asked the Texas Secretary of State to investigate. He responded with a letter confirming that Hallisey's appointment did, indeed,

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Democrats Stack the Deck

Redistricting Plan Attempts to Stifle Growing Republican Voice

Despite hundreds of citizen protests, the Galveston County Commissioners Court voted to change its precinct boundaries on Thursday, April 28.

The plan to change the commissioners' precincts passed 3-2: Commissioners Eddie Barr and Wayne Johnson joined County Judge James Yarbrough in passing the plan over the opposition of Eddie Janek and Ed Stuart, the Court's only Republican. A plan to change the justice of the peace and constables districts failed, 3-2. Only Yarbrough and Johnson voted for the proposal.

The commissioners' redistricting moves all of the Republican-leaning areas of League City out of Barr's Precinct 1 and Johnson's Precinct 4 and packs them into Stuart's district. In return, it takes two Democrat-leaning polling precincts in Texas City away from Stuart and gives them to Johnson; and Democrat-leaning San Leon and the Bayview areas will be transferred from Stuart to Barr.

The plan would practically guarantee the re-election of all current commissioners, while ensuring that no Republican challengers would have a ghost of a chance against Barr or Johnson.

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Letter from the Editor

Farewell to the *Houston Post*

Houston is now the largest city in the country with only one major newspaper. The demise of the *Post* is a major blow to the press in the Houston area. Although we here at the *Statesman* could not agree with the *Post*'s editorial slant on many things, they were an important balance to the major liberal bias of the *Chronicle*.

Whatever you think of either paper, it is still a tragedy that a metropolitan area of Houston's size will only have one major paper. The *Chronicle* did their best to ensure that they would remain the monopoly by immediately buying all of the *Post*'s assets (printing locations, etc.).

Of course, one good thing has happened... Houston will no longer have Molly Ivins.

Wouldn't you know it? What is the first thing the *Chronicle* picked up from the demise of the *Post*? Out of all the comic strips, editorialists, sports writers, etc., what did they pick but the most liberal, hate-filled item of them all...

Doonesbury.

If this is an example of the direction the *Houston Chronicle* will be taking, the fall of the *Post* is even more of a tragedy than we originally thought.

While accusing conservatives of being hateful and insensitive, Gary Trudeau continues to promote liberal propaganda while slandering and defaming leading conservatives on issues even most liberals agree are irrelevent.

The *Chronicle* should be ashamed of itself.

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Bay Area Bulletin Board

Early Voting - League City

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(No voting April 21 or Weekends)

Election Day

Saturday, May 6 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hall, Ross, & Ferguson Elementaries, the Civic Center, and the central fire station.

Get involved!

Attend your city council meetings! Hours and locations are as follows:

La Marque: Meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. Address: 1109 B Bayou. Phone: (409) 938-9200.

League City: Meets second, third, and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 pm. Address: 300 W. Walker. Phone: (713) 332-3431.

Texas City: Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm. Address: 1801 9th Avenue, North. Phone: (409) 948-3111.

Dickinson: Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 pm. Address: City Hall, 2716 Main Street.

National Scrapbook Day

National Scrapbook Day is Saturday, May 6, 1995. Tracey Overton, a Creative Memories Instructor, will be hosting a Class/Workshop on preserving and documenting photographs and family stories. Join in the fun while learning an invaluable skill. The days' festivities include: refreshments, a photo-safe scrapbook giveaway, Beginners class and much more. Location: Citizen State Bank in Dickinson from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Cost is just $5. Reservations required. Call (713) 534-2911 for reservations and/or information.

DIFFA/Houston Hosts Fashion Extravaganza

Houston's Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) will host a Spring fashion extravaganza called InVESTments on Saturday, May 20 at the Texas Medical Center Conference Center, 2151 West Holcombe, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Over 100 vests, created by local and national artists, designers and celebrities including Mariquita Masterson, Kitty Carruthers, Kermit Eisenhut, The Names Project, and Vani Ramsey (costume designer for "Lonesome Dove"), will be auctioned off by Jim "Mattress Mac" MacIngvale. Event sponsors include Southwestern Bell Telephone, Cooper Industries and The Decorative Center of Houston.

The Houston chapter of DIFFA is the largest source of private dollars for AIDS care in the Greater Houston area.

General admission tickets are $40 per person. For additional information on InVESTments, contact DIFFA/Houston at 552-9445.

Game Point Meetings

Game Point, the gaming club for Galveston County, meets on the first Friday of the month at the College of the Mainland Student Center. We'll begin at 6:00 pm. Free Admission! Bring your favorite game and test your skills against some new opponents!

Listen to Rush!

On KPRC 950 AM from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and KSEV 700 AM from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

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1. Do you support the commissioners' redistricting?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
2. Do you think O.J. Simpson is?
   ☐ Guilty ☐ Innocent ☐ Don't Know
   ☐ Don't Care ☐ Wouldn't Care If You Paid Me
3. Do you support the repeal of the "assault weapons" ban?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
4. Do you believe radio talk show hosts contributed to the "atmosphere of hate" that inspired the Oklahoma City bombing?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
5. Do you believe in global warming?
   ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know

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Survey Results

The final results of the survey from two issues ago are as follows:

1. *The Balanced Budget Amendment failed. Does this make you:*
   Mad - 25% Sad - 38%
   Glad - 12% Indifferent - 25%
2. *Do you support parental notification for minors who are seeking an abortion?*
   Yes - 100%
   No - 0%
   Don't Know - 0%
3. *Do you support federal funding for PBS?*
   Yes - 13%
   No - 87%
   Don't Know - 0%
4. *Do you support federal regulation of speed limits?*
   Yes - 13%
   No - 87%
   Don't Know - 0%
5. *Which would you rather have?*
   A powerful federal government - 0%
   Powerful state governments - 100%
6. *Who is your favorite radio talk show host?*
   Bruce Williams - 25% Charlie Jones - 12%
   Rush Limbaugh - 38% None - 25%

And the winner of the drawing is....

James W. Morrison
of League City

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Editorial/Opinion

"Why Me?"
Stockman Under Attack

U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman certainly is getting his share of attacks recently. Somebody on Capitol Hill and in the media really despises him.

In addition to the media assaults over a routine fax received by his office, Stockman is already under attack for the 1996 election. Vice President Al Gore recently attended a Democratic fund-raiser in Houston for the purpose of raising money for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which has specifically targeted Stockman for defeat.

The DCCC raises money for Democrat Congressional candidates and is actively seeking someone to run against Stockman in 1996. As in 1994, when he faced an opponent funded by huge lobbies and special interest groups, Stockman will be up against the "big money."

He's not worried. When Stockman was outspent 5-to-1 in the Republican primary, he won with 71% of the vote. Then in the regular election, Stockman was outspent around 10-to-1, yet still triumphed. Money is not the key to defeating Steve Stockman. It will take more than that.

On the other hand, it appears that the media have found a possible key in their continual slander. If they manage to connect Stockman with every disaster and unpleasant political issue that comes up between now and '96, they may be able to attach a negative connotation to his name. The most notable advocate of this strategy has been the *Houston Chronicle*, which maligns Stockman's name no matter what the issue is.

The media is showing its true colors. The *Chronicle* and the local television stations should begin reporting things fairly again. Is that too much to ask?

At last!
A Principled Term Limits Opponent

Members of Congress who have opposed term limits have been roundly criticized for being hypocrites since not one of them has ever suggested ending the term limits for the U.S. President. That has finally changed.

Rep. Tom DeLay of Houston, an opponent of term limits, has filed a bill seeking to repeal the 22nd Amendment, which limits the terms of Presidents. He is busy rounding up co-sponsors and expresses enthusiasm for the bill's chances.

Considering the narrowness of the vote on Congressional term limits, it is doubtful that DeLay can rally the votes needed for such a vote, but that is not the point.

DeLay has shown that he truly is against term limits, wherever they are, not just for himself. While we may not agree with his stand, at least he is trying to be consistent, unlike most other term limits opponents.

More Cheap Campaign Tricks

Interim League City Mayor Pat Hallisey continues to stretch political campaigning to the limits with his tactics. After holding "town meetings" to boost his familiarity with the citizens and brag about his work, Hallisey then turned Little League Opening Day into a stumping post for himself and his cronies (notice that no candidate not affiliated with Hallisey was allowed to ride in the parade). But that wasn't the worst.

On April 7, the Clear Creek Swim Team was having a car wash in the H.E.B. parking lot. Mrs. Hallisey showed up and offered each student $1.00 to wear a Pat Hallisey sticker (up to $5.00 if they would wear 5 stickers).

A group of high school students trying to raise money for their team were exploited and became campaign workers for the Hallisey campaign to every customer who came through, not to mention their parents.

One wonders if Hallisey will record each and every one of these students as paid campaign workers on his finance reports.

Springtime: Time to Talk Global Warming

Tim Frankovich, Editor

It's that time of year again. Time for things to warm up. Time for the flowers t bloom, the trees to turn green, and the greens to talk about trees and greenhouse gases. Tim for Al Gore and company to trot out their yearly doom and gloom messages on global warm ing. Why is it that they never talk about it during the dead of winter?

At any rate, our illustrious Veep now says that we are on the verge of a new ice ag if global warming is not stopped (see if you can figure that one out - we're warming th planet so much that it's going to freeze).

More seriously, 900 delegates from nearly 120 natior just completed an eleven-day U.N. Climate Conference in Be lin. At this conference, they claimed emissions of heat-trap ping gases must be cut 60 percent if humanity is going to r verse the "eventually catastrophic effects of global warming.

An Associated Press story patently declared that thes people "are not alarmist doomsdayers. They are top climz tologists." Yea, right. Their true motives were shown in quote from Norway's environmental minister. "A shift in th world economy is required," Torbjoern Berntsen intoned. "Thi will require a shift in consumption and lifestyle patterns." In other words, advanced coun tries like the United States must get rid of their advances so everyone can be equally miser able. Why else do these environmentalists keep quoting statistics showing how much mor energy and water Americans consume than people in Ethiopia?

More and more studies are published every year showing global warming to be noth ing more than a farce. Just this past year, new studies from Yale and Harvard scientists hav debunked the theory.

Jeffrey Park of Yale University analyzed 100 years of temperature and air pressur data. He found an irregular climate cycle that occurs every 16 to 18 years. The most recer high point in this cycle occurred in the late 1980s. Park believes this cycle can explain mos of the variability of weather we've seen over the past century.

Other scientists have pointed out that if global warming is occurring, the proces should be accelerating. After all, we keep building more and more cars and factories. Ye the greatest increases in temperature in this century occurred between 1920 and 1940 (whic just happens to fit in as another peak in Park's 18-year cycle).

And even more scientists say that the "greenhouse gases" man can produce are abso lutely negligible compared to that produced naturally. Every animal on the earth, from bacteria to men, dies and makes the soil spew great gasps of carbon dioxide into the air. *Ter times* as much, they explain, as today's burnt fossil fuels.

Unfortunately, the present administration is more than willing to go along with any thing that the United Nations comes up with to combat global warming. The U.N. is bus establishing time frames for future emission reductions goals. If our government continue to obey U.N. orders, American jobs and the economy will be determined by United Nation environmental bureaucrats. Now *that* is a nightmare to be avoided at all costs.

Extremists On All Sides

The bombers of the Oklahoma City federal building may very well be right-wir extremists. On the other hand, the Una-bomber may very well be a left-wing environment extremist from all the evidence. Why won't the media report it as such?

In every crisis around the world, the liberal media seems determined to portray th perpetrators as "right-wing extremists." While such individuals do exist, left-wing extremis exist as well. Remember the chaos and violence advocated and dispensed by the Vietnar War protesters?

However, just because extremists exist does not automatically invalidate one side point of view. Right-wing extremists do not invalidate everyone on the right, nor do left-win extremists invalidate everyone on the left. It's time that some commentators understood suc facts.

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Letters to the Editor

This is nothing but a Republican newspaper with Republican propaganda.

Anonymous

Have you noticed how our detractors never sign their name? To answer the charge, at any rate: we are a conservative newspaper, which is not necessarily Republican. Where we agree with the Republican Party, we will print it. If the Democrat Party does something with which we agree, we will print that as well. However, that does not appear very likely with the current direction taken by the Democrats.

The following three letters are samples of a stack of letters we received from students at Abundent Life Christian School. We'd like to thank all of those who wrote and we're sorry we didn't have room to print them all. God bless you.

Thank you very much for sending my school your paper. That is truly an act of love in Christ that you would give it to us for free. I really enjoy reading your papers and you have my full support.

I will be writing your column and praying for you.

Catherine Delaneix

Hello. My name is Catherine Hallam. I read your paper in my history class and occassionally report on the articles. I really enjoy reading about all the things in this newspaper. Thank you for sending my school this paper free of charge. It's a blessing.

God bless you all.

Catherine Hallam

My name is Brad Smith. I go to a private school in LaMarque, Texas called Abundant Life Christian School. In History class, we receive your newspapers every day and do summaries on the articles such as current events. I just wanted to thank you for all of your newspapers y'all have sent us. God bless you.

Brad Smith

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Guest Editorial

America Needs To Get Back On Track Morally

Dr. Robin Fontenot

A quick pass over any daily newspaper or a glance at the evening news has increasingly become an episode of "Tales from the Darkside." Our children are no longer safe to walk the streets, and worse yet, it is other children that they are having to avoid. Whatever happened to a quiet evening stroll for an ice cream cone? Today, we don't even go into a convenience store after dark.

Where did we get off the track? Can we get back on track? Or can we even see the track that we once traveled? Bill Bennett, anti-drug czar during the Bush Administration and noted scholar, last year released what he called the Index of Leading Cultural Indicators and the findings are unnerving. Since 1960, America has undergone a social regression as shown by the following:

560% increase in violent crime
400% increase in illegitimate births
400% increase in divorces
300% increase of children in single-parent homes
200% increase in teenage suicides
80 point drop in average SAT scores

These problems did not just creep up on us overnight. The wheels of social decay are ever turning downward, like the physical laws of entropy, causing a breakdown in the basic social unit - the family.

Sociologists have been monitoring this decline for many years. Time and time again, research backs the apparent view that the demise of the basic family unit increases the risk of a child failing scholastically and socially. Studies have shown that whether there is a death or a parent, an illegitimate birth, or a divorce, the resulting children are less capable of coping in today's society.

The fallout of family degradation hits all of us. It most noticeably hurts the country economically. A recent study shows that about half the single mothers in this country live below poverty levels, as compared to 10% of married families. The study shows that 40% of mothers of illegitimate children get welfare benefits for 10 years or more, and that their children are far more likely than children of two-parent families to produce illegitimate children, thus prolonging this dependency on public assistance.

This entire breakdown appears to stem from a growing acceptance of a generalized attitude of immediate gratification. Young Americans want it all, and they want it now! Never mind the consequences, just live for today. This "live for the moment" thinking is catching up with us. We see it in crime. We see it in drug use. We see it in Hollywood's affirmation that "the thrill's the thing."

Murphy Brown plucked every American's heart strings when the TV character made a life choice that suited her lifestyle, but did she realize that years from now her choice would cause her child to have a greater risk of difficulty achieving intimacy in a relationship, forming a stable marriage, or holding a steady job? All are resulting effects of a single-parent family.

All is not lost, however. According to one social researcher, "...this effect is not an irresistible undertow that will carry the family away. It is more like a swift current, against which it is possible to swim."

Every parent must work to strengthen the family bonds, and pass on to their children the value of virtue and good will. We must take an aggressive stance in revitalizing social interests through families, church, schools and neighborhoods.

This education of the young should be initiated soon, or else, as Lynne Martin, former Secretary of Labor, has said, "We risk losing two generations: the babies and the near-babies who are having them."

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Media Bias Evident in Treatment of Stockman

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lutely refused to endorse Stockman. In fact, early on in the campaign, the NRA donated money to his opponent! Stockman owes absolutely nothing to the NRA.

The media also tried to make it appear sinister that Stockman was the only person who received this fax from someone who was apparently involved in the Michigan Militia, a group under investigation for a possible link to the bombing. Over and over, for an entire week, the media refused to admit that hundreds of others had received the very same fax and done nothing with it.

Stockman was the only member of Congress to forward the fax to the FBI. He was the only member of Congress who recognized its potential significance.

Despite the media's bias and lies, Steve Stockman was the real hero in this episode, not the villain. The question is: what did all the other members of Congress do with their faxes?

New Commissioners' Precincts Limit Republican Chances for Future

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GOP Chairman Cynthia Tauss opposed the plan, pointing out that it used 1990 census data. Since that time, th northern area of Galveston County has grown tremendously. Many new subdivisions have been built in League City over th past five years.

Hundreds of citizens blasted the plans at public hearings in Dickinson and on the Bolivar Peninsula before the vot County Judge Yarbrough admitted that he was not surprised at the opposition, yet he continued to push the plan and voted fo it, breaking a tie between the commissioners.

After the vote, Yarbrough said he was "disappointed we weren't able to come up with a plan that could get enoug support to pass." Johnson said he wished more of the proposals' supporters had spoken at the hearings.

Stuart, who believed the redistricting was politically motivated, said he felt betrayed by the Commissioners Court. " feel like I have been taken advantage of," he admitted.

Republicans called the plan nothing less than political gerrymandering and vowed to work even harder to elec Republicans to the Commissioners Court, perhaps even challenging the plan in court.

Hallisey Refuses to Obey Texas Law

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violate Texas law.

Further documentation revealed that Mark Sokolow, the City Attorney, knew about the Texas law before Mayor Lamb's resignation and Hallisey's appointment. Yet he advised the Council that a special election would not be necessary.

"This is willful violation of the Texas Constitution," Frankovich declared later. "Hallisey has shown a total disregard for the law throughout his bureaucratic career. If he is willing to break this law for 'the good of the city,' what other laws is he willing to break?"

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The Medicine Cabinet

by Robert Hart, Pharmacist

Pharmacists have been compounding from the very beginning of our trade. In fact, there was compounding before there were pharmacists. Back when the "Medicine Men" were doctors, dentists, nurses and pharmacists all rolled into one, we had compounding. It is old, it is accurate, and it is honorable, which is more than we can say for some of those that regulate pharmacies (i.e., the FDA).

All pharmacists can compound but only a few want to and even fewer have the opportunity to do so.

It is very rewarding if you take the time to do it right. Manufacturers are allowed an error rate of plus or minus 10%. Most are accurate to within 3-5%. My error rate is comparable to theirs and, in fact, I often get closer than they do (the last batch I did was less than 1% off). The reason I know how accurate I am is because I do quality controls just like the drug companies do.

I also do things the drug companies do not do. One of the compounded prescriptions I use is because the patient can not take either the trade name product or the generic because he is allergic to a dye found in these products. My product has no such dye.

For another patient, I made a product in a strength that the drug companies do not make.

For another patient, I make a product just to save him money. The trade name product retails between $120 and $130. I sell my product for $40 less than this. I also make more money using my product. If you pay me for my time of putting the product together, my profit would be about the same. Since I am here anyway and I do enjoy compounding, I do not pay myself for this enjoyment.

My compounds are specifically for individual patients and they must give me at least one free day's notice before I can fill their prescription. This is how we differ from manufacturing. All of mine are for specific patients.

The FDA has a difficult time telling them apart. They seem to think that compounding is dangerous because an individual instead of a company is doing it. If my finished product doesn't meet my standards, I will throw it away (as will most, if not all, compounding pharmacists). Part of the pharmacist's oath says, "I will maintain the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct." I will do no less.

If the FDA wants to protect the public's health, it should close all mail order pharmacies. Heat can destroy drugs. Come by my store and I will show you some medications that melted in less than five hours.

One can only wonder how much heat and humidity are found in the back end of a UPS truck and in a mail box that's been closed all day. If you still do not believe heat can destroy drugs, go to the Movie Palace in La Marque and look at their display of melted videos. Then think about how much more unstable drugs are compared to plastic.

The Strange Truth About "Assault Weapons"

President Clinton made the banning of "assault weapons" a centerpiece of his "Crime" Bill. The president has threatened to veto any law that repeals his ban. Senator Dianne Feinstein of California has threatened the "mother of all filibusters" against any bill repealing that ban. The average citizen might easily conclude that with all of this liberal commitment against their existence, that these weapons must be a real threat to the public safety. Just consider the name, "assault weapons." It conjures up images of Rambo machine-gunning everyone in his path.

The truth is somewhat different. The percentage of crimes that are committed with so-called "assault weapons" is so small that the FBI doesn't track it. In 1992, there were a total of 22,898 homicides committed in the entire United States. Of these, 698 were committed with rifles of all types. That's a big 3% and that's not with assault rifles - that's all rifles. By comparison, 1,121 were committed with the terrifying weapons known as the hands and feet. So how many were committed with so-called "assault weapons"? Probably ½ of 1%. We're probably safe in saying that as a crime measure, the ban on "assault weapons" will be every bit as effective as the Brady Bill, i.e., totally useless.

Nationwide statistics are not collected but individual police departments have assembled a few numbers. The city of Chicago did a study of 20,000 homicides committed between 1963 and 1991. Eight were committed with military style rifles. Recently, the Chicago Tribune reported that over the last three years Chicago has had exactly three homicides committed with so-called "assault weapons." New York City first registered so-called "assault weapons" then decided to ban them. During the hearings, a representative of the police department was asked how many crimes had been committed with registered assault weapons. The answer, of course, was zero. Washington, D.C. seized 3,000 firearms in 1988. None were "assault weapons."

The term "assault weapon" has no basis other than as propaganda to delude the public. Anything with an evil-sounding name should be banned. There does exist a similarly-defined term "assault rifle." The American Army won World War II with the M-1 Garand, a semi-automatic weapon. For various reasons post World War II armies evolved towards giving each individual soldier his own fully automatic weapon, the eastern block with the AK-47 and the Western allies, the M-16. These fully automatic rifles were termed "assault rifles" to distinguish them from semi-automatics like the Garand. Certain of the so-called "assault weapons" look like the "assault rifles," but they are only semi-automatic. They are a lot less deadly than the M-1 and it has been around for fifty years.

Accusing the left of operating by deception may sound paranoiac, but consider the statement of Josh Sugarmann, formerly of the National Coalition to Ban Handguns:

"The semiautomatic weapons' menacing looks, coupled with the public's confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semiautomatic assault weapons - anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun - can only increase that chance for public support for restrictions on these weapons."

Sugarmann is telling his compatriots the public is confused about firearms so let's exploit it. The media are always fond of extolling their high purposes of enlightening the public. It would seem to follow that once the media were aware of the public's confusion, they would correct it by spreading the truth. Guess again. They jumped in and helped old Josh spread lies and deception. NBC News aired a story talking about "assault weapons" with the video showing a machine gun being fired in the background. NBC News is the same wonderful organization that deceptively created a fire in a simulated crash of a Chevrolet truck. The NRA complained to NBC News about the misleading content of their story and NBC's response was to air it a second time. NBC News apologized to General Motors but not to the NRA or the gun owners of this country. Publicized polls showed that 71% of Americans favored banning "assault weapons." They never showed how many Americans had inaccurate knowledge of "assault weapons" or how they changed their minds when told the truth. The polls did not explore the extent of the dis-information spread by the media.

Dianne Feinstein and her supporters are fond of claiming that "nearly every law enforcement organization supported" the assault weapons ban. The ban was supported by a few high profile police chiefs who owed their jobs to liberal politicians. But if you think this reflects the opinion of law enforcement, just ask the next few police you see. More honest was the Maryland police chief who said his men had a greater chance of encountering a tiger than an "assault weapon."

Straightforward honest people have trouble understanding the motives of those who operate by lies and deception and are often slow to grasp that their opponents are in fact operating in that manner. So why are the liberals lying about "assault weapons"? It is because they sense the opportunity to take another nibble. Handgun Control, Inc. and its allies make no secret of the fact that they want every gun that you own. But they cannot get the whole apple at once, so they'll be patient and take one nibble at a time. A Houston Post reporter once repeated this analogy to Mr. Sugarmann. He denied it. They didn't want the whole apple, they wanted the whole orchard.

So why do the liberals want your guns? It is because they are a symbol of an independent citizen, and there's nothing the liberals hate more than an independent citizen. Though they profess to be progressives looking towards the future, liberal eyes are firmly fastened on the Middle Ages and Camelot. Camelot was fun for those elitists at court, frolicking at the public expense, probably referring to themselves as the "best and the brightest." But ever wonder who was picking up the tab? It was the ordinary citizen reduced to the role of an unquestioning peasant. It's time to wake up.

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Taking a Dip

Finally, a sign that the Americans with Disabilities Act, or ADA, is doing some good: Dade County, Fla., recently installed an $18,500 ramp to make it easier for disabled people to bathe in the buff on the half-mile "clothing-optional" strip of Haulover Beach. Activists demanded the ramp after the 1990 passage of the ADA and, under the law, county officials had to comply.

According to the Associated Press, Dade County also spent $1,700 to buy two "beach wheelchairs" and is planning to spend an additional $30,000 to build closer-in parking spaces for the disabled. Fred Shotz, a disabled man interviewed in his birthday suit, told the AP that he was "really pleased that it's here, obviously."

Obviously.

-Insight on the News, April 3-10, 1995

Ohio Educators want to know about "Radical Right"

The Ohio Education Association (OEA) wants to keep track of the "Radical Right's" activities in Ohio school districts.

To gather data, the organization, which is a state chapter of the National Education Association, recently requested the completion by members of a questionnaire which ask questions such as: "Are any of the school board members in your school district known or suspected to be proponents of the Radical Right?". The questionnaire was distributed at the OEA Representative Assembly in December... Members were to complete the form and return it to the Women's Caucus table.

Another question asks OEA representatives to mark "What Radical Right groups are active in your area?" Respondents were to choose from a list including American Family Association, Focus on the Family, Christian Coalition and others.

-AFA Journal, 2/95

Modified Accounting

Despite initial claims that Hillary Clinton's health care task force and associated legislative expenses would cost between $100,000 and $325,000, the General Accounting Office (GAO) has now determined that the total bill for the failed White House effort to impose socialized medicine on the country actually cost U.S. taxpayers $9.6 million - with more costs expected that could put the total well into the $20 million range. The bulk of the costs came from the Department of Health and Human Services, which spent at least $6.4 million writing the bill.

Rep. Ernest Istook (R.-Okla.), who expressed shock at the "huge discrepancy," insists that Patsy Thomasson, director of administration for the White House, assured Congress of the lower costs. The GOP legislator has asked Atty. General Janet Reno to investigate whether Thomasson lied to Congress. The White House, not surprisingly, conveniently now maintains that Thomasson's price tag referred only to White House costs, which came in below the $325,000 mark.

-Human Events, 3/31/95

Private Funds Fuel Search for Space Aliens

A seemingly unlikely candidate for survival without government subsidy is thriving. Private donors have come forward to finance the search for signals from an extraterrestrial civilization, a project that was eliminated from NASA's budget even before the current fiscal ax-wielding craze commenced.

Congress at first had authorized $100 million over 10 years as part of the worldwide Project Phoenix, and $60 million had been spent on equipment and start-up before NASA's effort was abandoned.

The search is continuing, however, thanks to backing from William Hewlett and David Packard of Hewlett-Packard Co., Gordon Moore of Intel Corp., Paul Allen of Microsoft Corp. and science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke.

During the next five months, the search will be conducted at the huge Parkes observatory in the outback 220 miles west of Sydney, Australia.

The Parkes radio telescope will scan billions of radio waves across the galaxy in search of extraterrestrial life on 200 stars. Overall, Project Phoenix involves scanning 1,000 stars and will be conducted by observatories around the world through the year 2000.

-Insight on the News, 2/27/95

AIDS vs. Alzheimer's

In terms of research, Rep. Robert L. Livingston, Louisiana Republican, is privy to the most recent figures on AIDS.

"I found that the country spends $1,000 per afflicted [AIDS] patient," he said, "about $500 per afflicted [cancer] patient... as little as $25 per afflicted patient with Parkinson's disease, and a little more than that for those afflicted with Alzheimer's. So there is an imbalance on research."

-The Washington Times, National Weekly Edition, March 27-April 2, 1995

Now Kennedys Can Literally Make News

Do you really want the Kennedy clan telling you what to think about politics? Apparently, you'll soon have that option. A star of the rising Kennedy generation, John F. Jr., is editor in chief of a new magazine called *George* due to launch in October. It will be about politics in the broadest sense, tied into entertainment, media and business in a format that sounds, graphically and editorially, rather like *People* magazine. Should be interesting to see the spin put on a few scandals of recent years.

George takes its name from George "I Cannot Tell a Lie" Washington. The explanation doesn't go much beyond that, and the title is said to be tentative. Kennedy hopes to reach an audience of 400,000 with the publication, targeting readers in the 25-to-44 age group with median incomes of $40,000.

Kennedy says the magazine is not a vehicle to launch his political career, allowing that there are cheaper and easier ways to do that. He reportedly put up $5 million for the project; other investors have brought the pot to almost $20 million.

-Insight on the News, 3/20/95

Hands Down Favorite

While might may not necessarily make right, right apparently does make might. Comedy Central's "Politically Incorrect" conducted a poll on the Prodigy computer service asking subscribers to pick a winner in a hypothetical arm-wrestling match between Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (Ga.) and President Clinton. Of the 100,000 who responded, 61% picked Newt to slam the President's hand. Anatomically speaking, Gingrich also has a leg up on the aforementioned Tom Foley. House stenographers have revealed that in his daily news briefings, Gingrich speaks at a mind-boggling rate of 350 words per minute, where his predecessor Foley lagged behind at a mere 200 wpm.

-Human Events, 3/31/95

Let's Play Twenty Questions

Columnist Ralph de Toledano recently listed twenty questions about the U.S. government in his column. Samples are as follows:

7. The 14th Amendment provides that state law must be consistent with the Constitution. Where in the Constitution does it say that a man cannot chew gum while repairing a roof?

10. The Fifth Amendment provides that no man can be compelled to be a witness against himself. Where in the income tax amendment is the Fifth Amendment repealed?

14. Why are doctors who violate the Hippocratic oath eligible for appointment to high governmental offices, such as surgeon general?

17. Where in the Constitution does it state that the color of a man's skin or the size of his bank account are grounds for differential treatment?

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de Toledano concludes by wondering if these 20 questions should be scrapped in favor of just one: Is the present government of the United States - the legislative, executive and judicial branches and all their appendages - constitutional? That could lead to at least 100 other questions.

-Conservative Chronicle, 4/8/95

Ethics Question Comes Into Play in Gore Tome

The reason Vice President Al Gore's book advance and subsequent royalties are fine and dandy while House Speaker Newt Gingrich's book deal requires an ethics probe, we are told, is that Gore cleared his book with the Senate Ethics Committee prior to cutting a deal. Gingrich did not clear his effort with the similar body in the House. This, according to Gore's allies who also happen to be calling for Gingrich's scalp, is a major distinction.

But Gore apparently didn't tell all when he cleared his book with the panel. In letters to Attorney General Janet Reno and Common Cause President Fred Wertheimer and in an opinion piece published in the *Washington Times*, Mark R. Levin of Landmark Legal Foundation fills in some blanks.

What Gore did not reveal, according to Levin, is that a London-based media conglomerate controls the paperback rights to his book. Plume, a subsidiary of Pearson PLC, purchased the rights from Houghton Mifflin in 1992 - while Gore was a senator. Since it generally is agreed that "appearances" matter with regard to Gingrich's deal, Levin believes Gore should be subjected to the same yardstick.

"For instance," Levin says, "when Justice Stephen Breyer - the brother-in-law of Pearson Chairman Lord Michael Hare - was nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Clinton, did Mr. Gore tell Mr. Clinton or the Senate Judiciary Committee that Mr. Breyer's relative owned the company hawking his paperback rights?"

Levin also raises questions about the propriety of Gore's receiving royalties from a foreign conglomerate that will profit from restriction bans on foreign ownership of U.S. television stations. "Is the Clinton administration, and Mr. Gore in particular, involved in this legislation?" he asks.

Levin has asked Reno to launch an ethics review of Gore's book deal.

-Insight on the News, 3/13/95

Run for Money?

Supply-sider Jude Wanniski, disappointed in Sen. Robert Dole's (R-Kan.) economic policies, is now trying to launch 47-year-old Steve Forbes, publisher of *Forbes* magazine, into the presidential race. John Sears, who helped run two Reagan presidential campaigns, is also said to be intrigued with a possible Forbes candidacy. Wanniski, who says Forbes is definitely interested, is further hoping to persuade Michigan Gov. John Engler (R.) to agree to be Forbes' running mate.

-Human Events, 4/7/95

Thanks to Soviets, We Need Dumpsters in Space

It looks as if we're going to need trash police in space.

The former Evil Empire left all kinds of junk floating in orbit. What has NASA seriously worried are clouds made up of radioactive and highly corrosive coolant leaking from nuclear reactors in dead Soviet spy satellites. The coolant forms in little quarter-sized droplets that are traveling at tremendous speed. They can do serious damage upon collision.

According to a report in the *New York Times*, the stuff isn't dangerous to those of us here on terra firma. But it could damage working satellites and require engineers to add more shielding to new spacecraft. In particular, the droplets pose a threat to the most crowded orbit corridor, roughly 600 miles up. It's full of active satellites used for navigation, surveillance, weather tracking and other chores.

The Soviets launched 33 nuclear-powered spy satellites during a 20-year period ending in 1987. They were equipped with reactors designed to stop working after a few months.

-Insight on the News, 3/27/95

House of Buggin'

In addition to too many free-spending congressmen, the House side of the Capitol is infested with some other pests, a super strain of cockroaches that defies most conventional forms of chemical attack. This strain of roach is called HRDC - "House of Representatives, Washington, D.C." - by research scientists at the Raid Center for Insect Control in Wisconsin, who see little hope of eliminating this nuisance from the Capitol anytime soon. Apparently, these pests can defeat term limits also.

-Human Events, 4/14/95

Road Less Traveled

Saving the whales isn't enough for some Californians - they want to save the potholes, too!

In the city of Davis, population 50,000, smoking is restricted even outdoors, and tunnels have been constructed under a freeway for frog crossings.

Now, an effort to pave over some potholes has developed into a bureaucratic behemoth requiring review by an archaeologist, a neighborhood survey and a historical commission.

Twelve residents had asked the city to repave an alley that was a pothole-laden thoroughfare. The residents complained that the block-long alley - which dates back to 1920 - was muddy in winter, a swamp in summer and dangerous to cars and drivers at all times.

But in late February, City Councilwoman Julie Partansky invoked the California Environmental Quality Act to try to stop any repaving of the "historical resource." Partansky, an artist who lives on one of the city's six unpaved alleys, told the Associated Press that the alley includes "the original material used when the neighborhood was built." This makes the ruts and bumps "part of the fabric of the neighborhood as originally conceived."

The alleys carry a "wonderful ambience," she said. "To pave them would make a world of difference. It's really mellow in the alley now."

The city's Historical Resources Management Commission has decided that an archaeologist should survey the alley. After the survey, a commission memo concludes, "most likely, paving the alley would be an appropriate mitigation measure."

The City Council has voted to survey all the people who live on the block. A staff report recommends spending $43,500 to pave the alley - including $5,000 for the archaeologist.

-Insight on the News, April 3-10, 1995

Static

According to the *Philadelphia Daily News*, a civilian supply clerk at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Pennsylvania is suing the base commander and others alleging employment discrimination. According to his attorney, he "was forced to listen to the offensive" Rush Limbaugh "every afternoon."

-Insight on the News, 3/27/95

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History of the First Amendment

A great deal of confusion exists today regarding the First Amendment tot he Constitution. The following is reprinted from *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations*, edited by William Federer. It explains the various revisions the First Amendment went through during the debate on the Bill of Rights.

The Congress of the United States of America on September 25, 1789, voted on the final version of the first ten amendments to the Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment states:

Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

The initial draft of the first amendment was made by James Madison on June 8, 1789. His wording was:

The civil rights of none shall be abridged on account of religious belief or worship, nor shall any national religion be established, nor shall the full and equal rights of conscience be in any manner, or on any pretext, infringed.

Following much discussion, the House Select Committee, on August 15, 1789, proposed the revised wording:

No religion shall be established by law, nor shall the equal rights of conscience be infringed.

Peter Sylvester, Representative of New York, objected to the Select Committee's version as:

It might be thought to have a tendency to abolish religion altogether.

James Madison then proposed the insertion of the word "national" before religion, but this was not accepted. Madison's interpretation of the wording was:

That Congress should not establish a religion, and enforce the legal worship of it by law, nor compel men to worship God in any manner contrary to their conscience.

Congressman Benjamin Huntington, son of the prestigious governor of Connecticut, protested that:

The words might be taken in such latitude as to be extremely hurtful to the cause of religion.

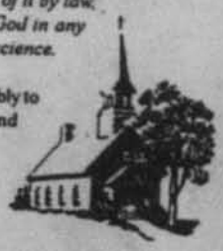
Congressman Huntington then suggested that:

The amendment be made in such a way as to secure the rights of religion, but not to patronize those who professed no religion at all.

Roger Sherman did not even want an amendment, realizing that the federal government was not to have any say in what was under the individual states' jurisdictions.

James Madison realized that Congressman Benjamin Huntington:

... Apprehended the meaning of the words to be, that Congress should not establish a religion and enforce the legal observation of it by law, nor compel men to worship God in any manner contrary to their conscience.



Madison then responded agreeably to Congressman Huntington and Congressman Sylvester, that he:

... Believes that the people feared one sect might obtain a preeminence, or two [Congregational and Anglican] combine and establish a religion to which they would compel others to conform.

On August 15, 1789, Samuel Livermore of New Hampshire proposed the wording:

Congress shall make no laws touching religion, or infringing the rights of conscience.

The House agreed and accepted the first five words of this version.

On August 20, 1789, Fisher Ames of Massachusetts introduced the language:

Congress shall make no law establishing religion, or to prevent the free exercise thereof, or to infringe the rights of conscience.

This proposal was accepted by the House, which then sent it to the Senate for discussion. On September 3, 1789, the Senate proposed several versions in succession:

Congress shall not make any law infringing the rights of conscience, or establishing any religious sect or society.

Congress shall make no law establishing any particular denomination of religion in preference to another, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, nor shall the rights of conscience be infringed.

Congress shall make no law establishing one religious society in preference to others, or to infringe on the rights of conscience.

The version accepted by the Senate at the end of the day, September 3, 1789 was:

Congress shall make no law establishing religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

On September 9, 1789, the Senate agreed on the version:

Congress shall make no law establishing articles of faith or a mode of worship, or prohibiting the free exercise of religion.

This proposal was then sent to a joint committee of both the House and the Senate to reconcile the differences. The final wording agreed upon was:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

On December 15, 1791, The Bill of Rights was finally ratified by the states. This was a declaration of what the federal government could not do, leaving the States free within the controls of their own constitutions.

The First Amendment in its entirety, states:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Quote of the Week:

"The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among parchments and musty records. They are written, as with a sunbeam, in the whole volume of human nature, by the Hand of the Divinity itself, and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power." - Alexander Hamilton, quoted in *The Theme is Freedom*, by M. Stanton Evans, Regnery Books, 1994.

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Movie Review

The Lion King & *Pocahontas*

Well, the latest animated video released by Walt Disney seems to be the most popular yet. Video sales have skyrocketed and Lion King paraphenalia, from lunch bags to underwear, is everywhere.

While it is not quite as spectacular on the television as the big screen, the production value of *The Lion King* cannot be denied. The animation is nothing less than stunning, following the Disney tradition from *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin*.

At its most basic plot, *The Lion King* is the story of a young lion, Simba, who must stop running away from his problems and take the responsibility that belongs to him. An important lesson for today's children by any standard.

After its initial release, *The Lion King* aroused some angry liberals who accused it of being sexist, racist, and homophobic. Such charges are specious, to say the least.

Of greater concern is Disney's decision to weave in New Age environmental philosophy, most notably in the song "Circle of Life" and in the re-appearance of Simba's father after his death. One wonders if *Bambi* were re-made today if Bambi's mother might not reappear to the poor fawn at some crucial moment later on.

Apparently, Disney is swinging even further toward the New Age, environmentalist extremes with its newest feature due in June, *Pocahontas*. A song from the new film is included on *The Lion King* video, a song that is nothing less than an extreme animal rights aria, proclaiming that animals are equal to humans.

It will be interesting to see whether *Pocahontas* follows the Disney tradition of recent years of out-selling all its predecessors. We predict that it will not.

Trivia Quest

Test your knowledge! See what level you can attain! Answers will be printed next issue.

This issue's topic: ***History***

Inspector Cleuseau
1. When did the United States declare its independence from England?

Maxwell Smart
2. When was the War of 1812?

Columbo
3. What does V-J Day mean?

Sherlock Holmes
4. Who was Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1939 and 1942?

Spock
5. Who was Sam Houston's expert scout and what was unique about him?

Answers to Last Issue's Trivia Quest:

1. On which continent is the United States?
A: North America

2. Name the three Axis powers of World War II.
A: Germany, Japan, & Italy

3. What country was called Abyssinia?
A: Ethiopia

4. Name two of the three countries ancient Armenia is now part of.
A: Turkey, Iran, & Armenia (former Soviet Republic)

5. What was the capital of Assyria?
A: Nineveh

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Southeast Texas Statesman Prime Recipe

German Chocolate Cake

(from the *Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Commemorative Cookbook*)

2½ cups sifted Swansdown cake flour
1 teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1 package (4-ounce) Baker's German Sweet Chocolate
2 squares unsweetened Baker's Chocolate
½ cup boiling water
1 cup butter (2 sticks)
2 cups sugar
4 egg yolks, unbeaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup buttermilk
4 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Measure flour, add soda and salt. Sift again. Melt chocolate in boiling water. Let cool. Cream butter and sugar until fluffy. Add yolks, one at a time, beating after each. Add chocolate and vanilla. Add flour mixture alternately with buttermilk, beating after each addition until smooth. Beat egg whites to stiff peaks; fold into batter. Pour into 3 cake pans lined on the bottom with wax paper. Bake at 350 for 30-40 minutes. Test with toothpick.

Icing:
1 cup evaporated milk
1 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
¼ pound margarine or butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla
1¼ cups Baker's coconut
1 cup chopped pecans

Combine milk, sugar, egg yolks and butter. Cook in a saucepan over medium heat until mixture thickens, about 12 minutes. Add vanilla, coconut and chopped pecans. Beat until frosting is cool and thick enough to spread. Makes enough to frost 3 layers.

Mary Ann Monroe

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Rheumatoid arthritis patients get better results if they are given stronger, second-line drugs before irreversible joint damage occurs, *Medical World News* reports.

Children as young as eight may suffer from depression or other mood disorders, researchers at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School found. Many go on to depression as adults, too. It helps to keep kids physically active, the doctors say.

New study at the University of California/San Francisco finds that injections of human growth hormone can help AIDS patients rebuild lean tissue to improve endurance. With appetite stimulants, they gained fat.

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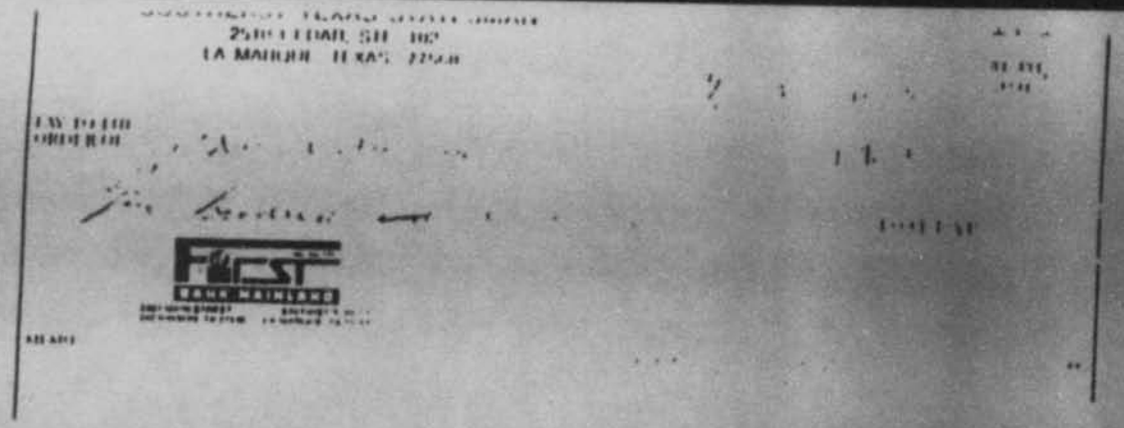

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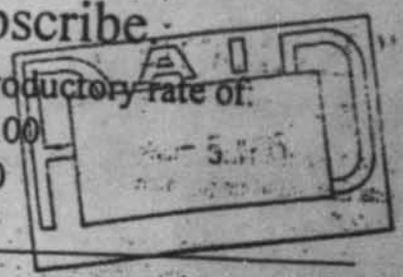

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I, PATRICIA RITCHIE, County Clerk of the County of Galveston, do hereby certify that

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
1/20/95	1240	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
1/20/95	1252	texas city sun		advertising		-190.00
1/20/95	1253	galveston dai...		advertising		-125.82
1/25/95	1256	galveston dai...		advertising		-64.50
1/27/95	1262	texas city sun	s.e.t.s.	advertising		-792.00
TOTAL 1/1/95 - 1/31/95						-1,192.32
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,192.32
NET TOTAL						-1,192.32

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Monthly Expenditures

2/1/95 Through 2/28/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
2/9/95	1285	tricon		advertising		-1,364.44
2/16/95	1295	texas city sun	s.e.t.s	advertising		-600.00
2/24/95	1307	galveston dai...		advertising		-125.82
2/24/95	1308	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
2/24/95	1310	texas city sun		advertising		-190.00
2/24/95	1313	southeast tex...	s.e.t.s.	advertising		-900.00
TOTAL 2/1/95 - 2/28/95						-3,200.26
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
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NET TOTAL						-3,200.26

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3/1/95 Through 3/31/95

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
3/9/95	1326	texas city sun	s.e.t.s.	advertising		-300.00
3/11/95	1330	tricon		advertising		-479.22
3/21/95	1347	texas city sun		advertising		-209.00
3/23/95	1350	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
3/23/95	1353	galveston dai...		advertising		-141.19
3/23/95	1359	lease partners		advertising		-649.71
TOTAL 3/1/95 - 3/31/95						-1,799.12
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
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NET TOTAL						-1,799.12

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Monthly Expenditures

4/1/95 Through 4/30/95

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
4/13/95	1388	lease partners		advertising		-322.80
4/13/95	1389	tricon		advertising		-479.22
4/21/95	1404	texas city sun		advertising		-190.00
4/24/95	1405	la marque times		advertising		-25.00
4/24/95	1409	galveston dai...		advertising		-125.82
4/30/95	1424	swbyp	yellow pages	advertising		-29.75
4/30/95	1427	southeast tex...	s.e..t.s	advertising		-500.00
TOTAL 4/1/95 - 4/30/95						-1,672.59
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,672.59
NET TOTAL						-1,672.59

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Monthly Expenditures

5/1/95 Through 5/31/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
5/6/95	1436	southeast tex...	s.e.t.s	advertising		-255.99
5/20/95	1448	texas city sun		advertising		-285.00
5/20/95	1452	galveston dai...		advertising		-127.71
5/20/95	1455	la marque times		advertising		-45.00
5/20/95	1457	tricon		advertising		-479.22
5/20/95	1459	lease partners		advertising		-352.62
TOTAL 5/1/95 - 5/31/95						-1,545.54
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
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Monthly Expenditures

6/1/95 Through 6/30/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
6/1/95	1472	swbyp	yellow pages	advertising		-29.75
6/4/95	1475	transwestern		advertising		-48.00
6/9/95	1487	tricon		advertising		-523.49
6/20/95	1503	transwestern		advertising		-96.40
6/20/95	1508	lease partners		advertising		-322.80
6/26/95	1515	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
6/26/95	1517	texas city sun		advertising		-303.00
6/26/95	1518	galveston dai...		advertising		-188.73
TOTAL 6/1/95 - 6/30/95						-1,532.17
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,532.17
NET TOTAL						-1,532.17

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Tim Frankovich) MUR 3847
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VERIFICATION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared TIM FRANKOVICH, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says that he is duly qualified and authorized to make this verification; and that he has read the foregoing Response to Requests for Production and that the same are true and correct.

TIM FRANKOVICH

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 1st day of August, 1996, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

ANGIE D. HUFF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

In Re: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Noble:

Enclosed for processing in connection with the above-referenced matter please find the original and three (3) copies of the following:

(1) Statement of Designation of Additional Counsel;

(2) Amended Response of Friends of Steve Stockman to Interrogatories and Requests for Production Filed Subject to Motion to Dismiss; and

(3) Response of Friends of Steve Stockman to Subpoena to Produce Documents, Order to Submit Written Questions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my additional counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

August 1, 1996
DATE

JOHN HART

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	
John Hart, as Treasurer	)	

RESPONSE OF FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN QUESTIONS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production because the disclosures sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they risk having a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (*F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign*, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(b) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's first amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech and freedom of association.

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery because at no time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, was Respondent a candidate for any political office.

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, which we believe to be the period between March and November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. State whether any employee, agent or representative of Friends of Steve Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

ANSWER: Friends of Steve Stockman was inactive and/or did not exist during the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times. I did not work on or in any way participate in the publication of the Southeast Texas Times, therefore, I have no knowledge of the activities of the paper. I am unaware of any employee, agent or representative of Friends of Steve Stockman who exercised any such control or input over the paper.

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2. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No such contribution was made to my knowledge.

3. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No such contribution was made to my knowledge.

4. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

ANSWER: I have no personal knowledge regarding any subscription or service purchased by the Friends of Steve Stockman. However, I have heard that the Friends of Steve Stockman purchased ads from newspapers and media outlets throughout Southeast Texas, including the Southeast Texas Times. In addition to an ad, I heard that the committee purchased some distribution supplies from the Southeast Texas Times, after it ceased publication. Total value of the ad and purchase was probably less than $750.00.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased from the Southeast Texas Times by Friends of Steve Stockman. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

ANSWER: We are searching for these records, and will supplement when located. The ad is contained in the newspapers attached to the original complaint. I have no other records in my care, custody or control at this time.

6. State whether the Southeast Texas Times has ever shared its list of subscribers, list of advertisers, or any other information with Friends of Steve Stockman. If yes, indicate the nature and substance of the information shared, the use(s) to which such information was put, and provide copies of any documents shared.

ANSWER: Not that I am aware of.

7. List and describe all contacts, including written, telephonic, or in-person, between the Southeast Texas Times and its agents or representatives, on the one hand, and Friends of Steve Stockman and its agents or representatives, on the other. Include the dates, substance and nature of each contact, all participants, and provide copies of all documents relevant to or evidencing each such contact.

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ANSWER: This request is too broad for me to answer as it fails to identify the subject matter of the contracts made the basis of the inquiry. However, I have no records of any such contracts.

8. Provide the precise address, including telephone and fax numbers, of the location(s) out of which Friends of Steve Stockman actually conducts business.

ANSWER: The Committee does not currently conduct business. During the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times, the Friends of Steve Stockman was not active. The exploratory committee was, during part of this time. When it was active, its address was:

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9. With regard to the Conservative Action Network:

a. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and the Southeast Texas Times;

ANSWER: I do not know what the Conservative Action Network is, and therefore am unable to answer this request.

b. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Jeff Van Fleet;

ANSWER: I do not know.

c. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stephen E. Stockman;

ANSWER: I do not know.

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e. Describe the relationship between the Conservative Action Network and Stockman for Congress;

ANSWER: I do not know.

f. Describe the nature and purpose of the Conservative Action Network, including its business form (i.e. corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.);

ANSWER: I do not know.

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g. State how the Southeast Texas Times came to solicit subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network. If the publication paid for either the publication or the distribution of this solicitation, state the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof that such payments were made.

ANSWER: I have no knowledge about any subscriptions, advertisements, articles, contributions, etc. through the Conservative Action Network.

h. Identify all individuals or entities who paid, in full or in part, for publication and distribution of the Conservative Action Network form. State the dates and amounts of such payments, and provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of such payments.

ANSWER: I do not know.

10. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

ANSWER: None in the possession of this party.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	
John Hart, as Treasurer	)	

VERIFICATION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOHN HART, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says that he is duly qualified and authorized to make this verification; and that he has read the foregoing Response of Friends of Steve Stockman to Subpoena to Produce Documents, Order to Submit Written Questions and that the same are true and correct.

John Hart

JOHN HART

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 1st day of August, 1996, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

ANGIE D. HUFF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
April 20, 1999

Angie D. Huff

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission expires: 4-20-99

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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AMENDED RESPONSE OF FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION FILED SUBJECT TO MOTION TO DISMISS

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production because the disclosures sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they risk having a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (*F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign*, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(b) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's first amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech and freedom of association.

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery because at no time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, was Respondent a candidate for any political office.

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, which we believe to be the period between March and November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. State whether any employee, agent or representative of Friends of Steve Stockman has ever exercised input, direction, control, or other decision-making authority over editorial, financial, or any other policy or action at the Southeast Texas Times since its inception.

ANSWER: Friends of Steve Stockman was inactive and/or did not exist during the time of publication of the Southeast Texas Times. I did not work on or in any way participate in the publication of the Southeast Texas Times, therefore, I have no knowledge of the activities of the paper. I am unaware of any employee, agent or representative of Friends of Steve Stockman who exercised any such control or input over the paper.

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2. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates and amounts of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No such contribution was made to my knowledge.

3. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever contributed any item of value, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating space, use of a computer or other office equipment, advertising, or postage to the Southeast Texas Times or to Jeff Van Fleet to be used in connection with the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the item(s) contributed, their actual or approximate value, and the dates of each such contribution.

ANSWER: No such contribution was made to my knowledge.

4. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has ever purchased a subscription or any other item or service from the Southeast Texas Times. If yes, indicate the dates of each such purchase, the amount(s) paid, the specific item(s) or service(s) purchased (including multiples thereof), and provide any invoice(s), receipt(s) or other proof of payment indicating the dates that purchase(s) and payment(s) were made.

ANSWER: I have no personal knowledge regarding any subscription or service purchased by the Friends of Steve Stockman. However, I have heard that the Friends of Steve Stockman purchased ads from newspapers and media outlets throughout Southeast Texas, including the Southeast Texas Times. In addition to an ad, I heard that the committee purchased some distribution supplies from the Southeast Texas Times, after it ceased publication. Total value of the ad and purchase was probably less than $750.00.

5. Provide invoices, receipts, or other proof of payment indicating the amount paid for any advertising purchased from the Southeast Texas Times by Friends of Steve Stockman. Indicate the date on which each advertisement appeared and provide a copy of each advertisement as it appeared in the Southeast Texas Times.

ANSWER: We are searching for these records, and will supplement when located. The ad is contained in the newspapers attached to the original complaint. I have no other records in my care, custody or control at this time.

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ANSWER: None in the possession of this party.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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Friends of Steve Stockman and) MUR 3847
John Hart, as Treasurer)
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VERIFICATION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOHN HART, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says that he is duly qualified and authorized to make this verification; and that he has read the foregoing Response of Friends of Steve Stockman to Interrogatories and Requests for Production Filed Subject to Motion to Dismiss and that the same are true and correct.

JOHN HART

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 1st day of August, 1996, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission expires: 4-20-99

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

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Dear Mr. Noble:

Enclosed for processing in connection with the above-referenced matter please find the original and three (3) copies of the following document:

(1) Amended Statement of Designation of Additional Counsel (Jeff Van Fleet).

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

KIM COOGAN

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Enclosure

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cc: Ms. Caryn Zimmerman
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AMENDED STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL COUNSEL

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my additional counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

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DATE

Jeff Van Fleet*
JEFF VAN FLEET
*by permission

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Coogan and Mr. Caron:

This is to confirm the telephone call I received from Ms. Coogan late this afternoon requesting that the deposition of Jeff Van Fleet, currently scheduled for this Wednesday, August 14, 1996, be rescheduled until after August 29. Ms. Coogan informed me that the reason for the request is that Mr. Van Fleet now wants Mr. Adams to represent him at the deposition, and that Mr. Adams' travel schedule prevents him from traveling to Washington, D.C. until after August 29.

As I informed Ms. Coogan by telephone, we are unable to put this deposition off any further. The delay in document production by other clients of Mr. Adams and Ms. Coogan has already caused a delay in this deposition, which was originally scheduled for last week. Mr. Caron and the Assistant General Counsel supervising this matter spoke by telephone several times a day over the course of the last week to ensure that the deposition would go forward as currently scheduled. This Office has worked extensively to accommodate Mr. Van Fleet's concerns and requirements regarding his travel from Texas to Washington, D.C. Both Mr. Van Fleet and all his counsel were well aware that this date was fast approaching. In fact, Mr. Caron called me this morning to check on Mr. Van Fleet's travel arrangements for tomorrow.

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Mr. Van Fleet currently has three counsel of record. It is hard to believe that one of them is not available to attend the deposition this Wednesday. On the other hand, if Mr. Van Fleet no longer wishes to be represented by Mr. Caron and Ms. Coogan, Mr. Van Fleet must notify us of that directly. That will not alter the scheduling of this deposition, however. This is not a case where a new attorney has been retained who is unfamiliar with the matter. To the contrary, Mr. Adams and Ms. Coogan are well familiar with this case, and both are co-counsel for Mr. Van Fleet himself. As such, they have been aware of the date on which the deposition was scheduled and expressed no concerns about who would be present or about the date until twenty-four hours before our travel arrangements call for Mr. Van Fleet's departure. Indeed, we have been informed numerous times that if we decided to convene this deposition in Washington, D.C., Mr. Caron would be available to represent Mr. Van Fleet. A change in representation from Mr. Caron to Mr. Adams or Ms. Coogan, exclusively, should not change the scheduling of this deposition at this late date.

Finally, this is to inform you that we plan to convene the deposition on Wednesday. If Mr. Van Fleet is not present, we will go on the record to memorialize that fact. We will then utilize the contingent suit authorization given to us by the Commission in the event that Mr. Van Fleet did not appear.

Since we have wired tickets to the airport for Mr. Van Fleet, and we have guaranteed his hotel reservations, we would appreciate it if you would notify us if Mr. Van Fleet decides not to attend his deposition so that we do not incur any expenses that we can avoid.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman by AAS

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RE: Jeff Van Fleet

Dear Messrs. Adams and Caron:

This letter is to confirm travel arrangements for your client, Jeff Van Fleet, for his scheduled deposition on Wednesday August 14, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. Your client and his counsel, should he choose to bring one, should arrive at the Federal Election Commission at 999 E Street, NW, prior to 9:30 a.m. Please ask for Caryn Zimmerman upon your arrival on the sixth floor.

You client's airline tickets will be available for pick-up at the Continental Airlines counter at the Beaumont, Texas airport for the following itinerary.

August 13	Depart	Beaumont, TX	4:15 pm	Cont. #3831
	Connect	Houston, TX	6:50 pm	Cont. #18000
	Arrive	DC Nat'l	10:47 pm	
August 15	Depart	DC Nat'l	9:15 am	Cont. # 1719
	Connect	Houston	1:30 pm	Cont. # 3826
	Arrive	Beaumont, TX	2:05 pm	

Hotel accommodations have been made at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel at 900 E Street, N.W in Washington, for August 7th and 8th. The two nights accommodations as well as taxis, meals and incidental expenses will be paid for. Please

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note that except for the hotel, all other expenses will be paid for by reimbursement upon your client's submission of the enclosed claim form with receipts, up to a total of $ 85.50 for the three days, (plus up to $50.00 for taxis).

If you need assistance at anytime during your travel, please call this Office at (800) 424-9530 or (202) 219-3690; Caryn Zimmerman, Beth Stein, Lisa Mack, Abigail Shaine or I, will be available to assist you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Long

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VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923

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Re: No. 1:95CV1049; Steven E. Stockman, et al vs. Federal Election Commission; In the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Texas; Beaumont Division; Our File No. 3212.001

Your Reference: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

My client, Jeff Van Fleet, has requested that I represent him at his deposition before the FEC, rather than his co-counsel, Mr. Barry Caron. Unfortunately, I am currently at the Republican National Convention in San Diego, California, and will not be able to be in Washington on Wednesday, as my client has requested. I would sincerely appreciate your postponement of the deposition of Mr. Van Fleet until I return from the Convention, and from a business trip to Seoul, Korea. I am available to present Mr. Van Fleet for deposition some time after September 1, 1996. I would sincerely appreciate your willingness to postpone this deposition.

Regarding the "Stockman for Congress" checks dated March 1995 to the present, we are still in the process of locating and copying those checks. Again, Congressman Stockman is at the Republican National Convention in San Diego, California, and will not return until sometime next week. At that point, we should be able to physically locate and copy the checks that you have requested. I truly appreciate your patience in this regard.

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Finally, the mystery man discussed at the deposition of John Hart is Mr. Rabih Zeidan.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Adams/kgc

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Coogan and Mr. Caron:

We are in receipt of Mr. Adams' letter to us of this date.

As you are aware, we were forced to postpone Mr. Van Fleet's deposition from its scheduled date last week to this week, because of the delay by other clients of Mr. Adams and Ms. Coogan in submitting their document production to this office. Had those documents been produced in a timely manner, we would have deposed Mr. Van Fleet last week in Houston when we were there for other depositions.

In light of the civil action pending in federal court alleging delay by the Commission in conducting this investigation, and for all the reasons set forth in my letter to you both of August 12, 1996, we are unable to accommodate this last minute request for a further delay.

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Finally, we are once again asking for a definitive decision whether Mr. Van Fleet will appear for his deposition tomorrow, as scheduled. We have made extensive, guaranteed travel arrangements for him and could incur substantial costs if he fails to make the trip without all reservations being canceled. If necessary, we will include those costs in any subpoena enforcement action we file in U.S. District Court.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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TO: Caryn L. Zimmerman, Esq.

FROM: Barry Caron

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MESSAGE: Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Thank you keeping me informed of your correspondence with Ms. Coogan and Mr.Adams. I have not been privileged to be copied or informed of their concerns, desires, or of their correspondence to you. Nor have I been shown the courtesy of having my phone calls returned.

Also I have not been advised that I have been replaced as lead counsel in this matter. Of course, they may do things quite differently in Texas.

Until I am informed to the contrary, I will proceed as lead counsel in this matter. As such, I fully expect to meet with my client, Jeff Van Fleet at 0900 hrs at in the lobby of the Ramada Renaissance hotel on 9th Street, NW and to proceed from there to the 0930 deposition at the FEC.

Please disregard any information to the contrary prior to clearing such with me.

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Re: No. 1:95CV1049; Steven E. Stockman, et al vs. Federal Election Commission; In the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Texas; Beaumont Division; Our File No. 3212.001

Your Reference: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed please find formal written responses to the FEC's subpoena of John Hart dated June 13, 1996, as discussed at Mr. Hart's deposition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Adams/kgc

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	
John Hart, as Treasurer	)	

RESPONSES TO SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS OF JUNE 13, 1996

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

(a) Respondent generally objects to these Interrogatories and Requests for Production because the disclosures sought may compromise the privacy of individual political associations, and hence they risk having a chilling effect on unencumbered associational choices and the agency has made no showing of the need for the material sought beyond any mere relevance to its investigation. (*F.E.C. v. LaRouche Campaign*, 817 F.2d 233, at 234-235, (4th Cir. 1987)).

(b) Respondent further objects to this discovery for the reason that it violates the Respondent's first amendment rights in many respects, including but not limited to, the freedom of speech and freedom of association.

(c) Respondent further objects to this discovery because at no time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, was Respondent a candidate for any political office.

(d) Respondent further generally objects to this discovery because it does not isolate or limit its inquiry to any specific periods of time, and the discovery should be limited to the time during which the subject publication, the Southeast Texas Times, was published, which we believe to be the period between March and November of 1993.

Subject to these general objections, Respondent answers as follows:

1. Produce all bank records, including, but not limited to bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Friends of Steve Stockman, or through which Friends of Steve Stockman conducts or ever has conducted its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

Response:

All documents responsive to this subpoena have been produced to the FEC by Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, Treasurer, et al, under separate cover on July 31, 1996, with the exception of checks dating from March 1995 forward. See attached Exhibit A. We are in the process of locating and copying those outstanding checks.

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2. Produce a hard copy as circulated to the general public, or, if hard copy is unavailable, on 3 1/2 inch computer disk, a copy of the campaign communication entitled the "Chronicle of Our Times," dated Fall 1994.

Response:

I do not have the "Chronicle of Our Times" on 3 1/2 inch disc, nor do I have an original. A true and correct copy is attached as Exhibit B.

3. Produce copies of all canceled checks (both sides) representing payment for the printing costs of the campaign communication listed in 2, above, including, but not limited to, checks made payable to Les Daughtry and/or the Texas City Sun.

Response:

I have no personal knowledge regarding the printing costs of the Chronicle of Our Times, however, all checks up to and including February 1995 have been produced and those from March 1995 forward are being located and copied.

4. Produce all documents (as defined in the Definitions, above) in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the Southeast Texas Times or the Southeast Texas Statesman.

Response:

I have no documents which relate to the Southeast Texas Times. All documents which relate to the Southeast Texas Statesman are attached as Exhibit C.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Matter of	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer	)	MUR 3847

VERIFICATION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOHN HART, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath says that he is duly qualified and authorized to make this verification; and that he has read the foregoing Response to Subpoena to Produce Documents dated June 13, 1996 and that the same are true and correct.

John Hart

JOHN HART

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME on this 13th day of August, 1996, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

MELANIE SU COOPER
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
JUNE 1, 1999

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NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission expires: 6-1-99

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EXHIBIT "A"

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July 31, 1996

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

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In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Elizabeth:

Enclosed please find bank documents in response to the various subpoenas forwarded to Congressman Stockman and the campaign committees. As we discussed, any documentation to be provided on behalf of John Hart or Tim Frankovich or Jeff Van Fleet will be provided under separate cover, as will be the designations of counsel designating myself and Kim Coogan.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call myself or Kim Coogan here in Beaumont.

We look forward to successfully accomplishing the depositions and moving this matter forward. Incidentally, if there are any other documents or discovery requests which

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you believe are outstanding and have not been responded to, I would appreciate your advising me so that I may address those as soon as possible. I want to make sure that you and Commission feel comfortable in having all the documents you require and are entitled to, prior to the depositions.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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EXHIBIT "B"

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Special Political Issue

Chronicle Of Our Times

Vol. I, Fall, 1994 Final Edition

Stockman Slightly Ahead, Gains Rapid Momentum

Friendswood resident Steve Stockman has kept the pledge he made to his supporters in 1992. After holding 42-year incumbent Jack Brooks to just 53.6% of the vote in 1992's general election, Stockman is giving Brooks what NBC news is calling "the fight of his life."

On March 8, Stockman garnered a whopping 73% over two other opponents in the GOP primary to become the candidate for the Republican Party (sometimes called the Reform Party) in Texas' ninth congressional district. Stockman's strong showing and Brooks' mediocre primary performance (just 71% against virtual unknown) has prompted political observers to declare the race too close to call. With over a quarter of their base pulling the lever for a total stranger, Brooks worries that this may be his last campaign after nearly a half century of campaigning.

"1994 will be the year that Brooks answers to the voters of the Ninth District. Our district suffers from high unemployment and high crime rates, and Brooks has made it even worse," Steve said. "Now more than ever, voters are calling for fresh energy and new ideas in Congress."

Steve Stockman believes Congress should reflect the values and concerns of ordinary, hard-working Americans. "The voters aren't going to be fooled by slick ads, dirty money, or vulgar and demeaning insults. The days of good-old-boy politics are over. It's time for Brooks to go."

Stockman is no fan of big government ("The less of it, the better," he says). According to him, the folks in his district are overtaxed and overregulated. "Every time we turn around, the government is hitting us with some new tax," said Stockman. "Bureaucrats in Washington are driving employers out of business, and all the politicians seem to care about is raising their own salaries. Taxpayers have had enough."

Steve Stockman faults Brooks for his vote to approve President Clinton's 1994 budget, which contained no significant spending cuts and the largest tax increase in history. "Brooks voted against the Kasich budget, which would have given a $500 per child tax credit to our families," Stockman declared. "Over 120,000 children would have qualified in our district, resulting in over $60 million in tax relief to families in our district. Apparently, Jack Brooks is more interested in partisan politics than in doing something for the families in our district."

Steve said he will fight to get government off the backs of small businesses, so they can flourish and create job growth. "The economic decay in Galveston and the Golden Triangle during Brooks' nearly half-century in office is a sad commentary on his record," Stockman said.

"Brooks does not represent Texans," says Stockman. "In fact, his record is closer to that of Bernard Sanders of Vermont (the only Socialist in Congress), than that of fellow Texan, Democrat Charles Stenholm. Brooks is out of touch with Texas."

Having run one of the lowest dollar-per-vote '92 congressional campaigns in the nation, Stockman commented on Brooks' plan to spend over $1 million in the 1994 election. "I think the idea of spending millions on a campaign is obscene, especially when this district suffers from one of the highest unemployment rates in the state."

"Port Arthur's unemployment rate is almost twice that of the nation," Steve continued. "More than 3,000 people have been laid off in the Clear Lake area because of Brooks' failure to save Space Station Freedom. His plan to spend from $1 million to $2 million on his reelection is a slap in the face of every working person in the district."

Stockman added that most of Brooks' campaign funding comes, not from his constituents, but from special interest groups outside the district. "He has been bought and sold 100 times over," says Stockman. "Whose congressman is he, anyway?"

Early poll results show Stockman with a slight lead on Brooks, despite the incumbent's media barrage. Steve has also racked up an impressive list of endorsements (see page 4).

Last year, the *Houston Chronicle* described the race between Brooks and Stockman as a modern David and Goliath story. Steve agreed that the comparison was valid and pointed out, "Remember who won." (*see* Stockman's Trail to Victory, p. 2)

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Stockman's Trail to Victory

In July, 1987, nearly three-quarters of the nation watched as Marine Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North testified before the Joint Iran-Contra Committee. Among those watching was a thirty-year old south Texas resident named Steve Stockman. Like many Americans, he was annoyed by the rudeness of many Congressmen who seemed determined to make the Marine their whipping boy since they could not get at President Reagan. One Congressman stood out in his mind: a balding, foul-mouthed, cigar-chomping man who was particularly vehement in his attacks on North.

"Who is that guy?" Steve was asked by his then-fiance, Patti.

"That is your Congressman, Jack Brooks," was Stockman's terse answer.

Steve was outraged. He wanted to know more about Brooks and what he could do. It would not be long before Steve would decide to run against the well-entrenched incumbent. He spent three years exploring the issues and concerns of Texas' Ninth District, which includes Galveston, Jefferson, and Chambers counties and parts of Harris county.

In 1990, Steve ran for the chance to face Jack Brooks in that primary. Stockman outperformed all predictions of expert political pundits. Returning in 1992, Steve was unopposed in the primary and ran the toughest race Brooks had ever faced. In a time when Congressional candidates spend up to millions of dollars, Steve spent just under $100,000. Brooks outspent Steve six to one, collecting 75% of his money from political action committees (most of which are outside of the district).

Despite the monetary inequality, Steve organized one of the finest volunteer organizations in the country. Literally hundreds of volunteers helped push the campaign into the historic final summer. Steve had the lowest dollar-per-vote ratio in the nation, demonstrating his good stewardship of donated funds.

Running against Steve, Jack Brooks received the lowest percentage (53.6%) of votes in his 40-year history of general elections. With a change of just 5%, or 11,211 votes from Brooks to Steve, Steve would have won.

Two years have passed since that record-setting election. After seeing Steve's success, two other candidates decided to run in this year's primary. Despite being outspent by one of them over five to one, Steve won an impressive 73% of the Reform vote.

The volunteer organization that supported him in 1992 has grown and is working hard for a 1994 victory. Steve now has volunteer headquarters in four different places throughout the district. Literally hundreds of volunteers are now giving their time and effort to make a difference in their country.

Not only does Steve Stockman have so many volunteers, he and his campaign are finding a great deal of support from traditional Brooks strongholds. Steve's down-to-earth common-sense message has attracted outspoken support from union leaders and members, the medical community, and also members of the black and Hispanic communities.

Brooks has been in office longer than Steve has been alive, but this year he will face his toughest opponent ever. Steve Stockman is ready to bring his seven-year quest to a climax. The Friendswood Accountant is challenging the giant once more, with his sling loaded and his army behind him.

Putting Texans Back to Work

Stockman's aggressive agenda will mean more jobs for Texans

"Beaumont used to be a big boom town," Steve Stockman declares. "But not any more."

Currently, the Ninth Congressional District suffers from one of the highest unemployment rates in the state. Port Arthur's unemployment rate is almost twice that of the nation.

Stockman identified the problem as a government that wants control of everything and doesn't care whether private citizens have a job or take handouts. "All the government wants is more taxes so it can spend more on its own 'black hole' spending projects," Stockman observed.

Last year's $256 billion tax hike (which was passed only by one vote in the House of Representatives - Brooks) will cost Texas taxpayers $17.3 billion over the next five years, $520 million from the Ninth Congressional District alone, Stockman said.

Citing recent surveys, Steve pointed out that fully 69% of small businesses across the country have had to raise prices, postpone expansion or terminate employees due to the Clinton tax hike.

Steve Stockman has signed the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge" of the Americans for Tax Reform, promising to actively oppose any increases in federal income tax, something that Jack Brooks refuses to do. "Jack Brooks has never met a tax he didn't hate. He even voted for the BTU tax that would have cost us literally hundreds of jobs in this district!" Stockman pointed out.

So what does Stockman offer to stimulate job growth and reduce government excess?

Stockman's number one investment and growth option would be a $500-per child income tax credit that would return $60,114,500 to working families in southeast Texas each year. This suggestion did come up in the most recent budget battle as part of a conservative budget, but Jack Brooks and his fellow liberals shot it down in favor of President Clinton's budget.

Second, Steve says he would favor indexing capital gains for inflation, to provide new investment capital for jobs in agriculture, small business and the oil industry.

Third, Steve says the "Social Security Earnings Limitation" should be repealed. "Most people don't understand what this does," Stockman explained. "We are currently making working seniors aged 65 to 69 pay a higher tax rate than millionaires!"

Stockman also said he supports spending controls, including:

1) Enactment of the Balanced Budget/Tax Limitation Constitutional Amendment that would force Congress to adopt a balanced budget and require a two-thirds vote of each House of Congress before new taxes could be imposed;

2) Enactment of a Line Item Veto for the President, giving him the power to restrict uncontrolled Congressional spending;

3) A Special Session of Congress to take up budget reduction proposals (Such a session would be required by the A-to-Z Spending Cuts Bill, which is currently buried in committee. Steve says, when elected, he would immediately join many other congressmen in signing the discharge petition to force the bill to a vote.);

4) Statutory caps on the rate of growth of federal spending, now running at twice the rate of inflation; and

5) Legislation to force the federal bureaucracy, including the EPA, to identify the cost of new regulations before they are imposed.

"Notice that in each one of these cases, the problem is a Congress that is overly willing to spend too much money without thinking about the consequences to the American people," Steve points out. "That's what I want to change. It's time to tell Congress to go on a diet and give the money back to the people. It's time for Brooks to stop improving their own jobs and work on giving jobs to the people."

Even if you vote Straight Ticket...

Straight Ticket Vote
- ○ Democrat
- ○ Republican
- ○ Libertarian

Don't Forget to Vote Stockman, too!

U.S. House of Representatives
- ○ Jack Brooks
- ● Steve Stockman

Now more than ever.

Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress

Election Day - November 8

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"Why I'm Voting for Stockman"

A Union Member Speaks Out

Traditional political barriers are collapsing in this year's Congressional campaign. Most recently, the Teamsters' Union has broken years of tradition and endorsed Steve Stockman over incumbent trial lawyer Jack Brooks. We contacted teamster Don Pickard, a Stockman supporter, and asked him about this sudden change.

Pickard says that unions are slowly realizing that Democrats don't always represent their best interests. One of the most revealing events of recent years was the battle over passage of NAFTA (the North America Free Trade Agreement). The labor unions were against NAFTA, while the Democrat President they had helped elect, Bill Clinton, supported it. "NAFTA opened a lot of eyes," Pickard said. "Clinton was supposed to be taking care of union views, but instead he did his utmost to oppose us, even going so far as to buy the votes he needed."

Brooks voted against NAFTA, but Pickard says that if Clinton had needed his vote, he would have gotten it. "Brooks did nothing to stop NAFTA," Pickard declared. "The other Democrats that were opposed to it worked their tails off, giving speeches, sponsoring rallies. Brooks did nothing."

"I'm voting for Steve Stockman," Pickard says firmly. "Brooks does not represent my views as a union member, as a person, or as an American. I'm also a strong supporter of term limits. Forty-two years is enough for anyone." Pickard had some rather strong words to say about his representative. "He has no integrity. He's unethical and a two-faced hypocrite."

"Steve Stockman is the only candidate that can and will do something for the working men of this area," Pickard continued. "Brooks has broken too many promises and lost us too many jobs. Stockman will stand up for us."

"Brooks is taking his district for granted," Pickard observed. "After forty-two years, he thinks everyone around here loves him. This year, he's in for a rude awakening." If so, Steve Stockman's endorsement by one of the major unions may certainly be a sign to Brooks that his wake-up call is on the way.

A Contract with America

On September 27, Steve Stockman met with over 300 other Reform-minded congressional candidates on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign a "Contract with America." The contract consists of a series of Congressional reforms and legislative proposals that these candidates are pledging to bring to a vote when elected to Congress.

"We need a Congress that focuses on limited and effective government, providing security at home and abroad," said Steve Stockman. "Under the Democrat leadership of Clinton Congressional clones like Jack Brooks, secrecy and scandal have been the rule, not the exception. Congress should live by the same rules every other American must follow."

"If you elect us to Congress this is what we'll do," Stockman pledged. "This is not just a campaign promise. This is a signed contract. You have our word and our signatures on it."

The contract promises that on the first day of Congress, a Republican House will 1) force Congress to live under the same laws as every other American, 2) cut one-third of congressional committee staffers, and 3) audit the congressional budget.

In addition, the contract lists 10 bills that will be brought to a vote in the first 100 days of the next House. The bills are:

1. **Balanced budget amendment** and line-item veto.
2. **A tough and true crime bill.**
3. **Welfare reform.** The government should encourage people to work, not to have children out of wedlock.
4. **Protect our kids:** Strengthen families by giving parents greater control over education, enforcing child support payments and getting tough on child pornography.
5. **Tax cuts for families.**
6. **Strong national defense.**
7. **Raise the senior citizens' earning limit:** Put an end to government age discrimination that discourages seniors from working if they choose.
8. **Roll back government regulations:** Slash regulations that strangle small businesses, and make it easier for people to invest in order to create jobs and increase wages.
9. **Common-sense legal reform:** Stop excessive legal claims, frivolous lawsuits and overzealous lawyers.
10. **Congressional term limits.**

(For more details, see page 8.)

Steve Stockman leads the way as conservatives walk up the Capitol steps to sign the Contract with America.

Brooks is attacking the Contract, saying that Republicans want to cut Social Security and Veterans' benefits. "That's simply a lie," declared Stockman. "Look at the list. Where do you find cuts like that? The only ones who are calling for cuts in Social Security are the liberals. They've called for raising the retirement age and cutting benefits. We're not going to touch Social Security. We just want to restore responsible government which represents the people."

Restoring a Texas Tradition: Town Hall Meetings

"If you're elected, will you keep in touch with the people?" Steve Stockman says he has heard that question perhaps more than any other request during his campaign. As interest in national politics grows, more and more people want to know what their representatives are doing. More and more people are expressing their opinions, getting involved in the democratic process.

"One man asked me if I'll answer his letters," Steve observed. "I answered, 'I hope you don't have to write any letters!' I want to be told in person. If I do something right, I want you to tell me, and if I do something wrong, I know you'll tell me. I will bring to the southeast Texas what every other district in Texas already has: town hall meetings."

Town hall meetings have become popular across the country, used by both Democrats and Republicans to get feedback from their constituents. Town hall meetings are usually freely open to the public, regardless of political affiliation. Congressman Jack Brooks does not hold town hall meetings.

"He thinks he's above the people," Stockman charged. "He's been there so long that he believes he's responsible only to himself. When he does actually come home to Texas, the only way people can get to see him is by going to his $100-a-plate dinners. When I'm elected, I will hold regular town hall meetings and I won't charge people to get in. I will provide Texans what Jack Brooks has denied them for forty-two years: the ability to meet with their Congressman without paying and without fear!"

Stockman Campaign Boosted by Community Endorsements.

Steve Stockman has received many endorsements in his run for U.S. Congress. Here is what community leaders are saying about Steve:

"We're tired of Brooks' broken promises... Steve Stockman is the only candidate that will stand up for the working man."
-Gerald Esthay, Local 920, Teamsters

"Steve Stockman will fight to protect the victims of crime, not the criminals!"
-Pam Lynchner, President,
Justice for All

"Steve Stockman is the only no-compromise candidate, a true defender of the Second Amendment."
-Larry Pratt, Executive Director,
Gun Owners of America

"We can help take back our congressional district... join us in supporting Steve Stockman's campaign."
-Dr. Carlos Hamilton,
Texas Medical Association

"Steve Stockman will work to protect the families of Texas. A victory for Steve Stockman is a victory for American families." -Betty Lou Martin, State Director,
Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee

Grassroots Endorsements

The Teamsters Union

Gun Owners of America

Galveston Municipal Policemen's Association
(AFL-CIO - Communications Workers of America)

Eagle Forum

Concerned Women for America
Legislative Action Committee

Texas Farm Bureau

Beaumont Policeman's Association

American Medical Association

Texas Medical Association

Justice for All

Texas Concerned Insurance Agents
(Beaumont and Houston Chapters)

Young Conservatives
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Steve Stockman: All-American Man

Steve Stockman, 37, comes from a long line of native Texans, his grandparents being long-time residents of DeLeon. Though not born in Texas, Steve, like his forefathers, stands for strong traditional values and shares the Texas spirit of free business enterprise.

Steve holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of Houston-Clear Lake and also has completed a number of graduate credits. He is employed by McKee Environmental Health, Inc., located in Friendswood, and is currently on a leave of absence in order to devote full attention to his congressional campaign.

Steve and his wife, Patti live in Friendswood. Patti works for the Information Systems Directorate at NASA's Johnson Space Center, is an active member of Concerned Women for America, and is involved in other community activities as well.

Stockman has lived in this part of Texas for 14 years and has been active in politics for more than 20 years. In 1992, he gained the attention of political pundits across the nation by holding U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks to his lowest vote percentage in 40 years.

The Friendswood resident is well known in local and state political circles through his involvement in numerous local, state and national campaigns. He served as State Chairman for the non-partisan Young Conservatives of Texas for two years, during which time he first became known at state and national levels for his effective leadership.

Steve is a member of First Baptist Church. Additionally, he is active in community affairs, focusing his attention on youth and education. He has served as a member of the board of Directors for the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation (HOBY) South Texas Leadership Conference, for which he and Patti have served as counselors. He was elected to the University of Houston Chancellor's Advisory Committee and on the University of Houston-Clear Lake Accreditation Committee. Steve is also a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, and a member of the Baytown and LaMarque Chambers of Commerce, the Smithsonian Institution, and Accuracy in Media.

As in any undertaking, education can be a decisive advantage in politics. Stockman has had extensive political training in a number of areas, including legislative project management, and leadership techniques and diplomacy. He has been awarded scholarships to renowned leadership schools in Washington, D.C.

Stockman is highly informed concerning the problems of his district and the nation and has the experience and knowledge to successfully represent the people and interests of southeast Texas. His accounting and business knowledge, coupled with his determination and fighting spirit, qualify him to fill the demanding leadership position in Washington by setting an aggressive agenda. Steve Stockman can make a change — for the better!

Some mysterious political activists expressed their viewpoint on this billboard along Interstate 45 South just past FM 518.

Battle of the Billboard

A vacant billboard in League City this summer became a commentary on the times, thanks to the work of some unidentified contemporary artists. The first message to be scrawled in blue paint on the 75-foot billboard were the words, "JACK BROOKS 42 yrs. IS ENOUGH."

The billboard was visible to southbound drivers on Interstate 45, located just past FM 518. The sign prompted amusement or anger, depending on the viewers' political opinions.

Stockman said his campaign received a number of calls about the billboard and had seen it himself recently.

"They've got the right attitude," Stockman said. "You know what our slogan is: 'If you can't get it done in the first half-century, you can't get it done.'"

Dan McClung, a Brooks spokesman, called it vandalism. "And I don't know who's responsible," he continued, "but I think he should be ashamed of himself."

Apparently, Brooks just could not stand it. A few days later, a Brooks fan vandalized the billboard and whited out all but Brooks' name. The billboard's message changed several times since, as anonymous aerosol artists from both campaigns battle back and forth.

Tim Frankovich, a Dickinson resident who passes the sign every day to and from work, considers the sign's initial message an omen. "I think it represents a real popular uprising against Brooks," he observed. "People are just sick of the same old thing, year after year."

Serving the People

From Port Arthur down to Galveston Island, Texas' Ninth Congressional District includes more coastline than any other district in the nation. The congressional committee which oversees America's beaches and ports is the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Naturally, you would expect a congressman from this district to serve on that committee.

Such is not the case. Congressman Jack Brooks does not serve on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee (nor does he sit on the Energy and Commerce Committee, despite the presence of a multitude of refineries in both the Golden Triangle area and Texas City). Instead, Jack Brooks uses his influence as Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee to deal with legislation that inspires more lobbyists to donate to his campaign. Jack Brooks is a trial lawyer, and his trial lawyer friends appreciate his Judiciary position.

Steve Stockman, on the other hand, is an accountant. He believes a representative should be accountable to the people who elected him. A representative should work for the people of his district, not himself or special interest groups. Stockman vows to serve the people if elected, not the lobbyists.

Above: Steve & Patti help clean up Galveston beaches. The Ninth District contains more coastline than any other district in the United States.

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Left Steve and Patti Steve as host family to Anton Matskovski, from Moscow, who is a junior at the University of Houston

Below Steve and Patti support the Special Olympics Here they are with gold medalist Jimmy Burton

Steve and Patti Steve Thanksgiving dinner to some lonelies people in south Houston

Below Steve inspects the cockpit of the space shuttle mock-up at Space Center Houston.

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Family Album

Above Sister Anthony Therese presents Steve with a pair of boxing gloves for his upcoming bout with Jack Brooks

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Above Pam Lychner, President of Justice for All, (an anti-crime organization) shakes hands with Patti Stockman after the group endorsed Steve.

Above Stockman support reaches across age-old Party loyalties.

Above Steve has always believed in a strong national defense and protecting our nations sovereignty

Right Steve and volunteers wave to the crowd in the Galveston Island July 4 Parade

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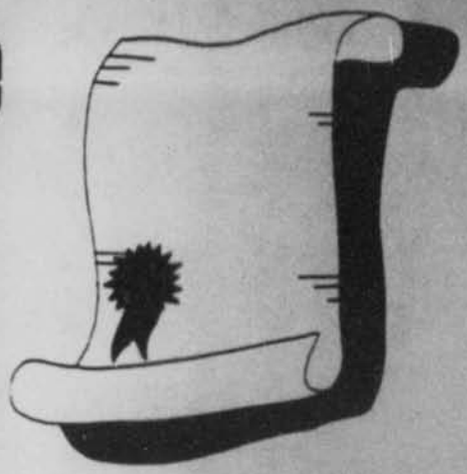
A campaign promise is one thing. A signed contract is quite another.



That's why Steve Stockman has signed a contract with the people of Texas.

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Our Founding Fathers called the U.S. House of Representatives "The People's House." Unfortunately, some of our elected leaders have been more concerned with serving the special interests and protecting the perks of office, and not conducting the will of the people.

I am running for Congress to return the people's voice to the people's House. And I signed the "Contract with America" to prove it.

On September 27th, I went to our Nation's Capitol and signed the Contract. My pledge is to act within 100 days on 10 common sense issues supported by the vast majority of Texans -- issues that have been held up for years by the liberal leadership of the Congress. You have my signature and my word on it.

Together, we can restore accountability and responsibility to our Government, and opportunity to the people of Texas.

Join me in the fight

Steve Stockman

CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

At the end of opening day of the new Republican Congress, January 3, 1995, House Republicans will introduce ten bills which will constitute our contract with the American people. Each bill will be debated and voted upon within 100 days.

1. **a balanced budget amendment and line-item veto;**
2. **a common sense litigation crime bill with a limit on death penalty appeals, honest sentencing for violent crimes, and adequate prison space for violent offenders to serve full sentences;**
3. **welfare reform emphasizing work and family;**
4. **strong families and children, including tax incentives for adoption and child support enforcement;**
5. **family and middle class tax cuts;**
6. **strengthen defense;**
7. **senior citizen's reform (including tax incentives for private long term care insurance and the repeal of President Clinton's social security tax increases);**
8. **an economic growth act reshaping taxation (a cut in the capital gains tax) and regulation (including unfunded mandates and risk assessment) to encourage job creation and higher take home pay;**
9. **common sense legal reforms;**
10. **term limits.**

An Interview with Steve Stockman
Candidate Discusses Crime, Welfare Reform

Catching Steve Stockman for an interview in the heat of the campaign is not easy, but we managed to track him down somewhere between Clear Lake and Beaumont (the Ninth District stretches across Galveston, Jefferson, and Chambers counties and small portions of Harris County).

CT: *Thanks for being here, Steve.*

Steve: Thanks for having me.

CT: *Well, let's jump right in here. Crime seems to be the number one issue this year in virtually every campaign. Let's be honest. Can Congress really do anything about crime?*

Steve: Absolutely. The federal government gives money to the states and those grants always have strings attached. There are also our federal law enforcement offices, such as the FBI and DEA [Drug Enforcement Agency]. Unfortunately, our present Administration and Congress seem determined to take law enforcement in the wrong direction.

CT: *How so?*

Steve: For starters, President Clinton's 1995 budget cuts 1,523 Justice Department law enforcement positions. He has already cut the FBI by 431 agents and the DEA by 301 agents. In his latest budget, not only does he cut those by even more, he cuts the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force by 150 and fires 143 Justice Department criminal prosecutors.

CT: *Not very commendable for a President who claimed he would wage a "real war" on drugs.*

Steve: And then you've got Joycelyn Elders running around talking about legalizing drugs!

CT: *What about the 100,000 new police officers the crime bill is supposed to put on the street?*

Steve: It's a joke. The crime bill, which was written and sponsored by my opponent, Brooks, authorizes money for the hiring of 20 to 50,000 new police officers (they haven't worked out exactly how many yet), but leaves a loophole for the President to use the money for something else if he desires. Besides, the money is only available for five years. Once a city hires all these new officers, they'll have to fire them when the money runs out. To be honest, this whole crime bill is a farce.

CT: *Surely there must be some good. At least there's money for new prisons.*

Steve: The crime bill does provide around $10 billion for new prisons, but President Clinton has cut $78 billion from the regular budget's prison construction fund. We have a net loss of $68 billion in prison construction! At the same time the crime bill spends close to $10 billion on social programs for things like arts and crafts, dance programs and so-called health education.

CT: *How're kidding.*

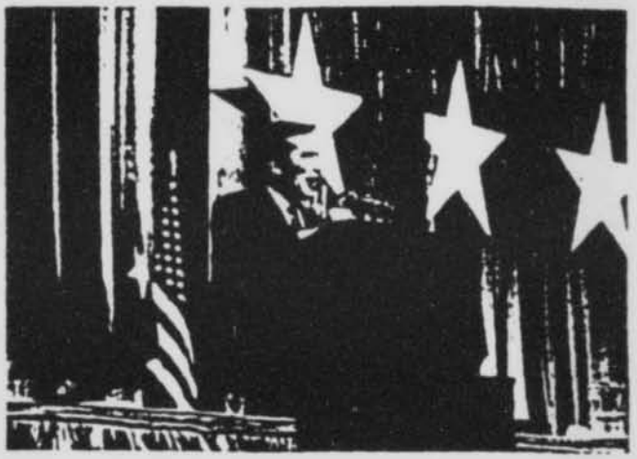
Steve: It's in the plan. And of course, there's the midnight basketball leagues, but only if each team has ten players and the league has eight teams, and who knows how many other restrictions. So you'll have tired kids going to school every day. What will the teachers think of that? And what about cities that have curfews? But that's not the worst of it.

CT: *What is the worst?*

Steve: The bill also weakens the mandatory minimum sentences for drug dealers. That means up to 16,000 drug dealers in this country are getting a "Get Out of Jail Free" card from Jack Brooks and Bill Clinton. As Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner said, "That's not tough on crime — that's a jailbreak!" On top of it all is the Racial Justice Act.

CT: *Explain that to us.*

Steve: Well, the Racial Justice Act was only in the House version of the crime bill (the one written by Brooks), and it was eventually thrown out in the conference committee. Basically, though, the Racial Justice Act would have pretty much ended the death penalty in this country. It establishes a racial quota system for capital punishment. A death row inmate can use statistics to show that he doesn't deserve the death penalty because too many people of his race have already been executed. The Supreme Court already ruled that such reasoning is ridiculous, but Brooks and his liberal friends in Congress are trying to go around them.



CT: *The states have enough trouble already paying to convict the criminals.*

Steve: Right. The burden of trying to fight against the statistics is so expensive that no state will be able to afford it. The criminals will get off. And guess what? We've already had retroactive taxes from Clinton and Brooks; now we're getting retroactive injustice. The Racial Justice Act would have applied to those already on death row — that could free up to 3,800 murderers currently waiting to be executed! True justice is color-blind. Criminals should be judged on their crimes, not on their color.

CT: *But it sounds like this will only affect minority criminals.*

Steve: Don't you believe it. White defendants who are convicted of murdering white victims could use it in reverse. Using this logic, Chicago mass murderer John Wayne Gacy would have been able to bring a claim under the Racial Justice Act because all of his victims were white. If you recall, he confessed to the murder and sexual torture of 33 boys and young men during the 1970s.

> "Up to 16,000 drug dealers in this country are getting a 'Get Out of Jail Free' card from Jack Brooks and Bill Clinton."

CT: *Well, we've heard the bad news. What will you work for if you are elected to Congress? What's the solution?*

Steve: Obviously, I'd work to change the problems that Clinton and Brooks have given us. That includes helping the states build more prisons and restoring the law enforcement cuts made by President Clinton.

Secondly, I'd back Rep. McCollum's "Truth in Sentencing" laws. To qualify for the new prison funds, states would have to ensure that violent criminals serve at least 85% of their sentences. We have got to stop the revolving door in our prisons.

CT: *Do you support "Three Strikes and You're Out"?*

Steve: It's a good start, but I believe we should punish someone the first time. If violent offenders were truly punished their first time around, we wouldn't have to worry as much about repeat offenses. If they do get out and commit another violent crime, I think that should be it. There's no logical reason to give a two-time rapist or mugger a third chance.

CT: *Anything else?*

Steve: Yes. We need to tighten the federal appeals process, especially Habeas Corpus applications. As it is, we get appeal after appeal and murderers live at our expense on death row for ten to fifteen years.

CT: *Didn't the crime bill expand the federal death penalty?*

Steve: Oh, yes. Brooks bragged about how many new crimes were made into federal crimes. Do you know how many people the federal government has put to death since the death penalty was made legal again back in 1976? Absolutely zero. They only have six people on death row! Part of the reason for that is that the Supreme Court said the current federal death penalty procedure is unconstitutional! So did Brooks revise the procedure in his crime bill? No! He made up all these new federal crimes, all the while knowing the death penalty would never be carried out!

CT: *Let's shift to welfare reform. President Clinton just recently announced his reform plan to change "welfare as we know it." What do you think of it?*

Steve: Let's put it this way: even one of his fellow liberals, Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa wasn't impressed by Clinton's plan. He said it has "a lot of nice words, but there's no action." When people say they want welfare reformed, they're not asking for the government to spend over $9 billion more on it. Liberals never seem to learn that you don't solve problems by throwing our money at the problem.

CT: *Is there a welfare crisis?*

Steve: No question about it. We have children having children, fathers who run off on their kids, and a whole generation of people who don't know what a job is! The welfare system discourages hard work and everything else that could lift a person out of welfare! It's time to stop using the safety net as a hammock!

CT: *What would you propose or support?*

Steve: First of all, we need workfare, not welfare. If someone is able-bodied, let them work. They can clean streets, do routine filing and paperwork for hard-pressed local governments and hospitals, or even patrol the streets as "neighborhood watch" workers.

We should also allow welfare recipients to save their money if they want to (the current program won't let them). If they work for it under a workfare program, who are we to tell

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Welfare Reforms Outlined

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them how they can spend or save their earned money." We need to make the goal of owning a home within reach of these folks — that's a powerful incentive for hard work.

Third, we need to terminate welfare payments to those mothers who have children out of wedlock. Illegitimacy is bad for society and even worse for the children.

Fourth, we need tougher measures to enforce child support. Let's take the money out of these deadbeat dads' paychecks.

Finally, the federal government needs to get off the states' backs. It's time to give more flexibility to state governments. Right now, if a state wants to experiment with their welfare program, they have to appeal to a bunch of bureaucrats to get permission. That's not right. What I've outlined is a common-sense approach to helping people move up the ladder, pulling themselves out of poverty and into good jobs.

Stockman Signs Health Care Pledge

On July 28, Steve Stockman publicly signed a Health Care Protection Pledge issued by Americans for Tax Reform. The pledge reads: "I pledge to the taxpayers of the Ninth Congressional District that I will vote against any health care legislation that: (1) mandates costs on businesses and/or individuals, (2) rations health care or establishes price controls, (3) increases taxes under any name or guise, or (4) restricts or limits choices that health care consumers now enjoy."

"By contrast, my opponent Jack Brooks has publicly proclaimed that he is a personal friend of Hillary Clinton and is honored that she asked him to co-sponsor her socialized medicine plan," Stockman pointed out. "I believe problems in the current system must be reformed, but not at a higher cost to the American people. Reform should lower our costs, not increase them."

Steve cited a recent survey that concluded that President Clinton's employer mandates would result in job losses anywhere from 600,000 to 3.8 million. Women would bear a disproportionate share of the job losses, with low-wage, entry-level jobs facing the most risk. Wage reductions would average $1,450 per year and primarily affect middle-class workers with salaries between $14,000 and $30,000.

"You don't give someone health insurance by taking away their job," Stockman declared.

Brooks Criticized for Space Station Job Losses

Steve Stockman heavily criticized Congress for NASA job cuts. Stockman, a candidate for U.S. Congress, said that NASA was sacrificed for pork projects.

"There are congressmen like Jack Brooks who are stashing 10 million dollar personal slush funds after the bills are approved, while the Congress is trashing people's careers at NASA," Stockman charged.

The incumbent, Brooks, has received strong criticism for letting NASA's budget be dwarfed without seriously fighting to save the jobs at NASA. A recent article in the *Houston Post* (10/20/94) revealed that more job cuts are planned immediately after this year's elections.

"Their budget is always the first target of Congress; they would rather put money into campaign basketball and other pork than invest in technology... our future. They cut NASA by 10%, then 20%, then 30%. It adds up and we are talking about people's lives here," Stockman commented.

Over the last five years, NASA's budget has been cut drastically as Congress has looked for ways to cut the budget. However, while NASA was under the ax, budgets for social programs have ballooned.

"My wife works for NASA and I can tell you that every year Congress tells NASA to request less money to perform the same tasks. The people who are losing their jobs are my friends," Stockman pointed out.

"Maybe they aren't Brooks' friends, and maybe he doesn't think they're worth fighting for. They have families, and they have invested their lives into putting America on the cutting edge of technology. I think they are worth it."

Stockman pledged to fight for NASA, claiming, "NASA is the one government investment that guarantees our country will remain a technological superpower and the only investment that pays back dividends."

Steve Stockman values your input as a potential constituent.
Please take just a moment to complete this survey and send it to Steve.

Voter's Survey

1. What is the most important issue facing you and your family today?

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2. Do you favor term limits for U.S. Senators and Representatives?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

3. Do you favor the death penalty for convicted murderers?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

4. Do you think the government should take over the country's health care system?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

5. Do you support gun control laws?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

6. In order to lower the national deficit, do you think the government should: _ ___.
☐ Raise taxes ☐ Cut spending

7. Do you think Congress should be required to live under the laws it passes?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

8. Do you think a Congressperson should hold town hall meetings with his/her constituents?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

9. Do you think there is a "health care crisis" in America?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

10. Do you think that able-bodied welfare recipients should work for their payments?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

11. Would you like to help out Steve's campaign in one of the following ways?
☐ Block walking ☐ Yard sign
☐ Phone calls ☐ Bumper sticker
☐ Work on election day

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: (home) _____ **(work)** _____
Donation: $35___ $50___ $100___ Other _____

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What do <u>you</u> think about the government?

- ❑ It's too big.
- ❑ It spends too much of my money.
- ❑ It's controlled by professional politicians.
- ❑ All of the above.

Don't you think it's time for a change?

Steve Stockman wants to reduce the size of government. He agrees that it's far too big. It's time to get government off the backs of working men and women.

Steve Stockman wants to cut taxes and reduce government waste. He's signed the "Contract with America," promising to provide a $500-per-child tax credit to our families and cut spending.

Steve Stockman is not a professional politician. He promises to fight for term limits for members of Congress. (His opponent has been in office for 42 years!)

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The *Southeast Texas Statesman* is a locally owned bimonthly newspaper serving Galveston County and the Bay Area. The *Statesman* covers local, state, and national news from a conservative point of view, offering an alternative to other news sources.

While the *Statesman* is objective in its accurate presentation of facts, it is not impartial. The *Statesman* examines events and issues through the principles of conservative, limited government favored by the Founding Fathers. Those principles created this great country; they can guide its development now.

Religion. The *Statesman* is not a "religious" newspaper, per se, but we do have a Religion page which includes announcements of upcoming events and regular and guest columns. While we do not endorse any particular denomination, our columnists are decidedly Christian in their focus.

Each paper will include: a survey to be returned, letters to the editor, pharmaceutical news, recipe of the month, and community announcements.

Why should you advertise in the *Southeast Texas Statesman*?

The *Statesman* offers competitive ad rates and a unique distribution method. The paper is free and is distributed at various outlets (including NASA and College of the Mainland), and thrown to various neighborhoods throughout Galveston County and the Bay Area. Advertisers may request that specific areas and neighborhoods be targeted for distribution. In other words, the advertisers can choose their customers.

In addition, since the *Statesman* presents detailed facts and analyses, each issue is treated more like a magazine than a newspaper, passed along and read by several potential customers.

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PATRICIA RITCHIE, COUNTY CLERK
P. O. BOX 2450
GALVESTON, TEXAS 77553

CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME

FILE NO. 33029 -A

I, PATRICIA RITCHIE, County Clerk of the County of Galveston, do hereby certify that

TIM FRANKOVICH

(has/~~have~~) filed in the office of the County Clerk on the 18th day of JANUARY A.D. 19 95, (his/~~their~~) certificate setting forth the name of

SOUTHEAST TEXAS STATESMAN

under which business is to be conducted or transacted, together with the true full name of each person conducting such business, with the post office address of each, duly executed and acknowledged in the manner required by law by the person(s) so conducting or intending to conduct said business, showing the following full names and address as such:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
TIM FRANKOVICH	1301 HUGHES LANE #2	DICKINSON, TEXAS	77539
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Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 18th day of JANUARY, A.D. 19 95.

COUNTY COURT OF GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

PATRICIA RITCHIE
County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas

BY Kaye Menard DEPUTY
KAYE MENARD

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Monthly Expenditures
1/1/95 Through 1/31/95

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
1/20/95	1240	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
1/20/95	1252	texas city sun		advertising		-190.00
1/20/95	1253	galveston dai...		advertising		-125.82
1/25/95	1256	galveston dai...		advertising		-64.50
1/27/95	1262	texas city sun	s.e.t.s.	advertising		-792.00
TOTAL 1/1/95 - 1/31/95						-1,192.32
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,192.32
NET TOTAL						-1,192.32

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Monthly Expenditures
2/1/95 Through 2/28/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
2/9/95	1285	tricon		advertising		-1,364.44
2/16/95	1295	texas city sun	s.e.t.s	advertising		-600.00
2/24/95	1307	galveston dai...		advertising		-125.82
2/24/95	1308	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
2/24/95	1310	texas city sun		advertising		-190.00
2/24/95	1313	southeast tex...	s.e.t.s.	advertising		-900.00
TOTAL 2/1/95 - 2/28/95						-3,200.26
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-3,200.26
NET TOTAL						-3,200.26

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3/11/95	1330	trico		advertising		-479.22
3/21/95	1347	texas city sun		advertising		-209.00
3/23/95	1350	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
3/23/95	1353	galveston dai...		advertising		-141.19
3/23/95	1359	lease partners		advertising		-649.71
TOTAL 3/1/95 - 3/31/95						-1,799.12
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,799.12
NET TOTAL						-1,799.12

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4/1/95 Through 4/30/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
4/13/95	1388	lease partners		advertising		-322.80
4/13/95	1389	tricon		advertising		-479.22
4/21/95	1404	texas city sun		advertising		-190.00
4/24/95	1405	la marque times		advertising		-25.00
4/24/95	1409	galveston dai...		advertising		-125.82
4/30/95	1424	swbyp	yellow pages	advertising		-29.75
4/30/95	1427	southeast tex...	s.e..t.s	advertising		-500.00
TOTAL 4/1/95 - 4/30/95						-1,672.59
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,672.59
NET TOTAL						-1,672.59

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Monthly Expenditures

5/1/95 Through 5/31/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
5/6/95	1436	southeast tex...	s.e.t.s	advertising		-255.99
5/20/95	1448	texas city sun		advertising		-285.00
5/20/95	1452	galveston dai...		advertising		-127.71
5/20/95	1455	la marque times		advertising		-45.00
5/20/95	1457	tricon		advertising		-479.22
5/20/95	1459	lease partners		advertising		-352.62
TOTAL 5/1/95 - 5/31/95						-1,545.54
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,545.54
NET TOTAL						-1,545.54

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6/1/95 Through 6/30/95

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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
6/1/95	1472	swbyp	yellow pages	advertising		-29.75
6/4/95	1475	transwestern		advertising		-48.00
6/9/95	1487	tricon		advertising		-523.49
6/20/95	1503	transwestern		advertising		-96.40
6/20/95	1508	lease partners		advertising		-322.80
6/26/95	1515	la marque times		advertising		-20.00
6/26/95	1517	texas city sun		advertising		-303.00
6/26/95	1518	galveston dai...		advertising		-188.73
TOTAL 6/1/95 - 6/30/95						-1,532.77
TOTAL INFLOWS						0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						-1,532.77
NET TOTAL						-1,532.77

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

August 22, 1996

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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as treasurer
Tim Frankovich and the
Southeast Texas Statesman

Dear Mr. Adams and Ms Coogan:

This letter is to remind you that your clients still owe a considerable amount of written discovery to the Commission in this matter.

At the deposition of Tim Frankovich on August 6, 1996, together with your client, you agreed to obtain the bank records of the Southeast Texas Statesman and to provide those documents to the Commission. Mr. Frankovich agreed to obtain copies of bank statements, signature cards, copies (front and back) of checks written on the account, and copies (front and back) of checks deposited into the account from the First Mainland Bank in La Marque Texas. To date, this Office has not received these documents and has not received any word from you as to when the documents will be produced. In order to give you the necessary time to retrieve the records, this Office is now requesting that you produce all bank documents relating to the Southeast Texas Statesman no later than September 6, 1996.

At the deposition of John Hart on August 7, 1996, an individual named "Rabia" was discussed. While Ms. Coogan subsequently provided this Office with Mr. Rabih Zeidan's full name, we are awaiting information regarding his professional affiliation and business address which Ms. Coogan also agreed to provide.

This Office has received a formal written response from Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, in response to its June 13, 1996 Request for Production of Documents in connection with Deposition. However, we have yet to receive copies of all checks written by the

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committee from March 1995 to date, which are covered by the subpoena and were promised to us by Ms. Coogan on July 31, 1996. Please produce those checks no later than September 6, 1996.

Although we have received a response to the June 13, 1996 Subpoena to Produce Documents directed to Stephen E. Stockman, this response was not properly sworn to by your client, as required by 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1). In addition, those responses do not appear to be fully responsive to the requests. Please produce a properly sworn amended response by September 6, 1996.

Finally, we reiterate our request that you file fully responsive and properly sworn responses to the Commission's June 26, 1995 Subpoenas to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers issued to Congressman Stockman individually, and to Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer. We expect to receive these responses by September 6, 1996.

We remind you once again that the Commission has granted this Office the authority to file a civil action in U.S. District Court in the event the subpoenas in this matter are not fully complied with.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth M. Stein

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA FAX (703) 820-8857

August 22, 1996

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
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Re: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the
Southeast Texas Times

Dear Mr. Caron:

This letter is in reference to the documents you and your client agreed to obtain and supply to the Commission in the course of his deposition on August 14, 1996. At that time you agreed to produce all bank records for the Southeast Texas Times, including bank statements, signature cards, copies of all checks written on the account (front and back) and copies of all checks deposited into the account (front and back). During the deposition, you agreed that Mr. Van Fleet would supply these documents to you by August 30, 1996, and that you in turn would supply them to this Office by September 6, 1996. If you anticipate any problems obtaining the bank documents or supplying them to this Office by the agreed on date, please contact either Caryn Zimmerman or myself as soon as possible.

Additionally, we have not yet received Mr. Van Fleet's sworn responses to the Commission's Request for Production of Documents in Connection with Depositions. While you have represented to this Office that Mr. Van Fleet possesses no responsive documents, we require that a formal written response, signed and sworn to by Mr. Van Fleet, be submitted. Please provide this response no later than September 6, 1996. Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth M. Stein

cc: Kent M. Adams
Kim J. Coogan

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

August 27, 1996

VIA FACSIMILE (713) 488-5032

Debra Reeder
JSC Federal Credit Union
PO Box 58346
Houston, TX 77258

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Reeder:

As you know, the Commission has subpoenaed JSC Federal Credit Union in order to obtain bank records in regard to account number 453960. Pursuant to your telephone conversation with Caryn Zimmerman several months ago, the Office of the General Counsel has attempted to limit the amount of documents actually requested as much as possible. However, contrary to the original agreement to provide deposit and check records for July 1993 and October 1994, to date we have been provided only with the checks written on the account for October 1994. We have also received the specific checks requested for 1995 and 1996.

It has now become imperative that we receive the following additional information, which has been requested on previous occasions:

1. Copies of checks representing the underlying deposits into the account for July 1993. As you explained that deposit information cannot be located for October 1994, please produce deposit records from September 1994. It will no longer be necessary for the bank to produce copies of checks written on the account for July 1993.

2. A copy (front and back) of the returned check from the Southeast Texas Times which is referenced on the December 1993 bank statement, and any paperwork surrounding this transaction.

In addition, at this time we are asking for copies of the following checks and transactions:

1. Copies of 15 checks deposited into the account in May 1995. These checks may be selected at random.

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2. Copies of the following check numbers:

3180	1-2-96	1,166.41
3188	1-2-96	2,500.00
3195	1-8-96	8,000.00
3223	1-19-96	8,000.00
3232	1-39-96	2,129.67
3300	2-7-96	650.87
3380	2-26-96	3,200.00
3306	2-6-96	4,820.00
3232	4-19-96	8,000.00
3629	6-3-96	25,000.00
3687	6-25-96	5,000.00
3695	6-14-96	3,000.00

3. A copy of the July 1996 bank statement.

Please provide the information listed above by Wednesday, September 4, 1996. Please also be aware that it may be necessary for JSC Federal Credit Union to produce copies of all checks written on the account from March 1995 to date. While we are hoping to avoid this eventuality, if it becomes necessary to seek these checks from JSC, they will need to be produced in a timely manner. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stein

Elizabeth Stein
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

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MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONERS
STAFF DIRECTOR SURINA
GENERAL COUNSEL NOBLE
ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL CONVERY

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARY W. DOVE MWD
SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 1996

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MUR 3847

Attached is a copy of the Statement of Reasons in MUR 3847 signed by Commissioner Elliott. This was received in the Commission Secretary's Office on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 12:48 p.m.

Attachment

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer	)	
	)	

STATEMENT OF REASONS

I voted against finding reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), concerning six 1994 communications which look like newspapers. The communications range in length from eight to twelve pages, and contain disclaimers which appear at the end. While the Commission issued new regulations in late 1995 governing express advocacy and disclaimers, 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.22 and 110.11, the activity at issue occurred before the new regulations took effect.

The old regulations in effect when this activity occurred did not specify where a disclaimer should be placed, nor did they specify size. Moreover, those regulations, as well as the current regulations, specify that documents with multiple pages are not required to carry a disclaimer on the first page. The disclaimers at issue all appear at or near the very end of these newspapers. While the disclaimers are small, and only appear one time, I believe they fall within the requirements of the regulations in force at the time.

9-4-96
Date

Lee Ann Elliott
Commissioner

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

September 10, 1996

VIA FAX (409) 838-6950

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Kim J. Coogan, Esq.
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Petroleum Tower
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Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams and Ms. Coogan:

On August 22, 1996, we faxed you a letter reminding you of the considerable amount of written discovery your clients still owe to the Commission in this matter. We asked that all outstanding documents and responses be submitted to this Office no later than September 6. To date, we have received no response.

As we have already informed you, the Commission has granted this Office the authority to file a civil action in U.S. District Court in the event the subpoenas in this matter are not fully complied with. We are currently in consultation with our litigation division to prepare that action should all responses not be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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September 11, 1996

VIA FAX (703) 820-8857

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
Caron Law Office
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Caron:

During our telephone conversation last week, you explained to me the reasons for the delay in producing the outstanding documents and information in this matter, and you informed me that you were preparing an affidavit for your client explaining which documents no longer exist. You also promised to put these points in writing, along with an informational draft of the affidavit and a date by which you expect to provide the requested information. Please provide the promised draft and information as soon as possible.

In addition, to assist us in processing Mr. Van Fleet's expense reimbursement, please forward to us as soon as possible a copy of his hotel bill for his deposition travel.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Abigail A. Shaine/ccr

Abigail A. Shaine
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September 16, 1996

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VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923

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In Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
and Stephen Stockman, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Beth:

This is to advise you that we have kept our clients closely informed of all of your communications and all of the FEC's deadlines. We have requested the information the FEC still seeks and we anticipate receiving the remaining information shortly. As soon as the information is received it will be forwarded to you immediately.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I apologize for any inconvenience caused by this delay but as you can imagine, Congressman Stockman is understandably occupied nearly full time with his re-election.

We will continue to cooperate as fully and as rapidly as possible. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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Stephen E. Stockman
Stockman for Congress Committee
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and John Hart, Treasurer
Jeff Van Fleet
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Beth:

Enclosed please find copies of the remaining checks requested by the FEC in connection with the above-referenced matter. I apologize for the delay in getting these documents to you.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation in this matter, and if you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

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COPIES OF SEVERAL HUNDRED CHECKS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC FILE DUE TO THEIR BULK, HOWEVER, THEY ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

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September 26, 1996

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RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams:

In late July, after numerous requests and reminders, you agreed to provide all bank records of Friends of Steve Stockman and Stockman for Congress as required by the Commission's June 13, 1996, subpoenas. At that time, you provided copies of checks from 1993 through February 1995 for one bank account, number 453960. You failed, however, to specify in writing which of the two committees maintains this account, or to provide any bank records of the other committee.

Yesterday, after many more requests and reminders, we received copies of 1995 and 1996 checks for the same account. The copies provided are largely illegible, and as a result, are not responsive to the subpoena. In addition, checks for the period from late October 1995 through early February 1996 were not produced, and a number of additional checks appear to have been omitted.

As you have had more than three months in which to produce these records, this Office is now requesting that you produce legible and complete copies of the bank records of Friends of Steve Stockman and Stockman for Congress by close of business Friday, September 27, 1996. In order to avoid the process of recopying, you may wish to produce the original records with our assurance that they will be securely maintained.

This Office also reminds you that other outstanding discovery outlined in Ms. Stein's letter of August 22, 1996, remains long overdue.

Sincerely,

Carya L. Zimmerman

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October 2, 1996

Mr. Stephen Hershkowitz
Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

VIA TELECOPY (202) 219-3923

In Re: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times
Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Hershkowitz:

This letter is to advise you that we are in receipt of your letter of September 26, 1996, in connection to the above-referenced matter. Please be advised that Mr. Adams is out of the country on business; however, we have advised him by phone of the contents of your letter, and he has asked me to advise you that he will contact you immediately upon his return to the office. In the meantime, we have faxed a copy of your letter over to our clients, and we are attempting to gather the remaining information that you have requested.

Thank you very much for your kind patience in this matter. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

Respectfully,

Carla M. Jones

Carla M. Jones
Legal Assistant to Kent M. Adams

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 8, 1996

VIA FAX (703) 820-8857 AND U.S. MAIL

Norman A. Caron, Esq.
Caron Law Office
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Caron:

Holly Baker has conveyed to me the substance of you telephone conversation yesterday. Enclosed is a Customer Authorization for Release of Financial Records. Please have Mr. Van Fleet complete this form and sign it in the presence of a notary. This will enable the Commission to obtain the requested records directly from Mr. Van Fleet's bank, at the Commission's expense. If the form requires revision to reflect the change in ownership of the original bank, and, consequently, physical custody of the records, please let me know as soon as possible and I will make the necessary revisions. As you are aware, this matter has been forwarded to our litigation division. Your immediate cooperation will put a halt to the litigation of this discovery matter.

I also wish to remind you that the Commission cannot process Mr. Van Fleet's reimbursement for his travel to Washington, D.C. until it has received his original hotel records for his two-night stay. If he has misplaced them, I am certain that the hotel could provide a duplicate set.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman

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Mr. Tim Frankovich
3301 Hughes Lane
Apartment #4
Dickinson, Texas 77539

In Re: MUR 3847
In the Matter of:
Tim Frankovich
Our File No. 3212.001

Dear Mr. Frankovich:

I regret to inform you that due to my very hectic trial schedule over the next few months, I will no longer be able to represent you in connection with the above-referenced matter. In that regard, I would recommend that you retain the services of another attorney to represent you in this case. By copy of this letter to Holly Baker, I am advising the Federal Election Commission that I will no longer be representing you in this matter.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, and I enjoyed the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

KENT M. ADAMS

KMA/cmj

cc: Ms. Holly Baker
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October 30, 1996

Jeff Van Fleet
315 Sargent
Vidor, TX 77662

MUR 3847

Dear Jeff:

I realize that you are in the last days of a very spirited campaign, however there are a few items which must have your immediate attention:

ITEM No. 1: The final copy of the Affidavit concerning the existence (or rather the Nonexistence of documents requested by the FEC. You returned the FAX copy to me but I have not received the hard copy with the notary seal. If you have not executed same, please do so as soon as possible and return it to me.

ITEM No. 2: The request for Gibraltar bank records for the Southeast Texas Times. At the time of our last conversation, you wanted additional time to determine whether or not to sign an authorization form which would have allowed the FEC to make the request and thereby be responsible for the costs of the search and duplication, or to make the request yourself at your cost pending reimbursement. It is time to make that decision.

The folks at the FEC have been patient up to this point. I believe it to be in your best interest to move quickly on these two items.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Barry Caron

Barry Caron

Enclosed is # 1. As for as # 2, I am getting the copies myself and returning them to you pending their reimbursement. Jeff

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AFFIDAVIT

State of Texas
County of Orange

Before the undersigned, an officer duly commissioned by the laws of Texas, on this_____day of October, 1996, personally appeared **Jeff Van Fleet**, who having been first duly sworn depose and say:

General Statement: I did not keep the records from the Southeast Texas Times after the project proved not economically viable. When the publication was closed down I did not imagine that anyone would be interested in the records. Therefore, the STT books and records were to the best of my recollection bundled up and put out with the trash.

1. That the request for back issues of the Southwest Texas Times in hard copy or on computer disks cannot be produced because other than a few issues retained as memobilia, I did not retain hard or soft copies of back issues. Of those retained, the FEC already has copies.

2. That I do not have in my possession, nor do I have access to canceled checks (both sides) representing payments for printing costs of issues of the Southeast Texas Times including checks made out to Les Doughtry or the Texas City Sun.

3. That I do not have possession of all or any STT bank records. However, I will initiate as search of the Gibraltar Bank and its successors for such records and will make any and all STT records available to the FEC.

4. That I do not possess nor have in my custody or control documents which relate or refer to the STT such as invoices, contracts, receipts, accounting ledgers, tax returns and payroll records.

5. That I do not have any documents in my possession, custody or control, other than campaign broucures, flyers and assorted buttons, stickers etc., produced created or dated from January 1, 1993 to date that refer to the Southeast Texas Statesman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress.

6. That I do not have any documents in my possession, custody or control produced created or dated from January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1994 which in any way refer or relate to business dealings with Steve Stockman.

Jeff Van Fleet

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8th day Nov October A.D. 1996.

NOTARY SEAL

Notary Public

My commission expires:

J. SMITH
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
March 12, 1997

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 14, 1997

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MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Adams and Ms. Coogan:

As you know, on June 22, 1995, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients violated 2 U.S.C §§ 434(b) and 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On June 6, 1996, the Federal Election Commission additionally found reason to believe your clients violated 2 U.S.C § 441d(a), and on July 17, 1996 found reason to believe your clients violated 2 U.S.C § 434(b)(5)(A).

Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has issued the attached subpoenas and orders requiring your clients to provide information which will assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory duty of supervising compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Your clients may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist them in the preparation of their responses to these subpoenas and orders. It is required that your clients submit all answers to questions under oath within 30 days of your receipt of these subpoenas orders.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosures
Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions to Stockman for Congress
Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions to Patti Martin

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Patti Martin
1904 Victoria Court
League City, TX 77573

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 27th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Document Requests

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those persons who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1992 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall the person to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

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"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

"Stockman campaign" shall mean Friends of Steve Stockman; Stockman for Congress; any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives; and all officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.

2. List and describe your professional background beginning after high school graduation through the present.

3. List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1990 through the present.

4. For each time period listed in a-e below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally, including any bookkeeping, checkwriting, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional Information.

   a. January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992
   b. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
   c. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
   d. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995
   e. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

5. For each year from 1992 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman, personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.

6. For each year from 1992 through 1996, state whether you participated in any way in the preparation of Friends of Steve Stockman's campaign disclosure reports filed with the Federal Election Commission. If so, specify each report that you prepared or helped to prepare, and describe exactly what you did to prepare each report. For your information, preparation of the report includes, but is not limited to, determining the dates and amounts of contributions received during the reporting period, determining the dates, amounts and types of disbursements made during the reporting period, gathering any documentation necessary to prepare the report, preparing responses to Requests for Additional Information received from the Federal Election Commission, and preparing amendments to reports previously filed.

7. With regard to activities of the Stockman campaign during 1996:

   a. Describe the process by which the campaign made disbursements;
   b. Identify each person who wrote checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign during 1996, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;
   c. Identify each person who signed checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign in 1996, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;
   d. Identify each person who exercised decision-making authority with regard to when bills were paid, or whose authority was required for checks over a certain amount to be written in 1996;
   e. State whether, or under what circumstances, Steve Stockman's approval was sought prior to a check being written in 1996.

8. Identify each bank account through which the Stockman campaign has operated from January 1, 1992 through the present, including the name on each account (Friends of Steve Stockman, Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress, Stockman '94, Steve Stockman, etc.), the account number of each account, and the name and address of the financial institution in which each account is held. State also whether you have, or have ever had, the authority to sign checks on any of these accounts. For your information, an "account through which the Stockman campaign has operated" includes any account into which checks intended to support Steve Stockman's election or re-election to U.S. Congress were deposited, or on which checks were written to pay for any campaign-related expense.

9. With regard to a disbursement of $1,500 to Stephen Clouse & Associates represented by check number 3206, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1:

   a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
   b. Identify the person who signed this check;
   c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
   d. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
   e. Identify the video production referenced on the memo line of check number 3206 and produce a copy of that video and a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Stephen Clouse & Associates requesting the payment made through this check;
   f. Identify the report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission.

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10. With regard to a disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3304, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2:

    a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
    b. Identify the person who signed this check;
    c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
    d. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
    e. Identify Political Won Stop, including its officers, employees, and agents, and state whether Political Won Stop employs independent contractors or sub-contractors;
    f. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop was paid $4,000 by the Stockman campaign on February 12, 1996, and provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Political Won Stop requesting the payment made through this check;

11. With regard to a disbursement of $24,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3309, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3:

    a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
    b. Identify the person who signed this check;
    c Identify any person who approved writing this check;
    d. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
    e. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop was paid $24,000 by the Stockman campaign on February 15, 1996, and provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Political Won Stop requesting the payment made through this check;
    f. Regarding the memo line of check number 3309 which states "consulting –FR Clouse Video," identify and provide a copy of the video referred to, and identify the ultimate recipient of these funds.

12. With regard to a disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3390, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4:

    a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
    b. Identify the person who signed this check;
    c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
    d. Identify the person who endorsed this check for deposit and describe the manner in which this check was deposited;
    e. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;

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f. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop was paid $5,000 by the Stockman campaign on March 22, 1996, and provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Political Won Stop requesting the payment made through this check.

13. With regard to disbursements made on JSC Federal Credit Union account number 453960 and listed at a - s below, provide answers to questions i-vi, below:

a. A disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3304
b. A disbursement of $2,150 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3321
c. A disbursement of $4,500 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3315
d. A disbursement of $4,500 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3332
e. A disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3335
f. A disbursement of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3375
g. A disbursement of $22,500 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3379
h. A disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3413
i. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3450
j. A disbursement of $10,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3463
k. A disbursement of $8,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3514
l. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3522
m. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3525
n. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3564
o. A disbursement of $14,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3609
p. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3545
q. A disbursement of $25,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3629
r. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3687
s. A disbursement of $3,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3695

i. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on each check;
ii. Identify the person who signed each check;
iii. Identify any person who approved writing each check;
iv. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
v. Identify the person who endorsed each check for deposit and describe the manner in which each check was deposited;
vi. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop received these payments.

14. State whether Stephen Clouse & Associates provided any items or services to the Stockman campaign after January 1, 1996. If so, identify those items or services and specify the dates on which they were provided and the amount that was charged.

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15. State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.

16. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

17. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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Political Won Stop

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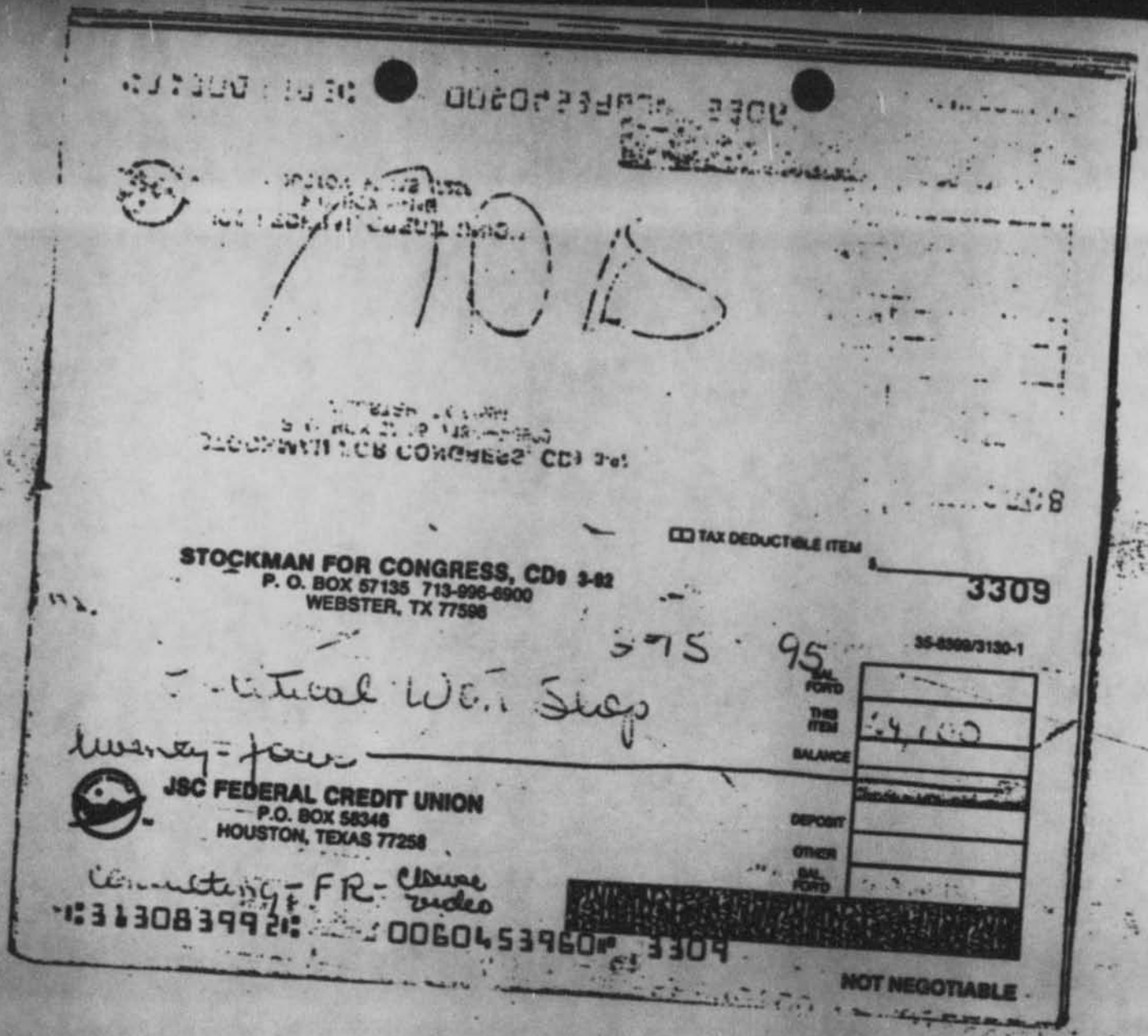

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) MUR 3847

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer
c/o Kent Adams
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
550 Fanin Street, Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Document Requests

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those persons who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1992 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

"Stockman campaign" shall mean Friends of Steve Stockman; Stockman for Congress; any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives; and all officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.

2. Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.

3. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.

4. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

5. Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.

6. For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.

7. Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.

8. Identify Jason Posey, including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

9. Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

   a. The date Jason Posey first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
   b. Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign;
   c. A description of all duties or services Jason Posey has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
   d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Jason Posey, including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
   e. The current title and salary held by Jason Posey and a description of his current duties;
   f. The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

10. Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

11. Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

    a. The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
    b. Each position or title that Chris Cupit has held with the Stockman campaign;
    c. A description of all duties or services Chris Cupit has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
    d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Chris Cupit including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
    e. The current title and salary held by Chris Cupit and a description of his current duties;
    f. The number of hours per week Chris Cupit has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

12. Attached as Exhibit 1 are copies of reports filed by Friends of Steve Stockman with the Commission indicating disbursements to Political Won Stop from August 1, 1995 to the present. For each such disbursement to Political Won Stop:

    a. List by check number, including the date and amount, each check written by the Stockman campaign to Political Won Stop in payment for the reported disbursements;
    b. Identify the ultimate recipient of each such disbursement, if other than Political Won Stop.

13. Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.

14. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop and its subcontractors or independent contractors on behalf of the committee.

15. State whether the Stockman campaign has ever provided any item of value to Political Won Stop, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

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16. For the period January 1, 1995 to date, state whether Political Won Stop, Chris Cupit, and/or Jason Posey have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to the Stockman campaign. If so, indicate the precise report, schedule and page on which these payments are reported, and produce any documents reflecting these payments.

17. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, including, but not limited to, correspondence and notes or memoranda of communications, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and each of the following:

    a. Political Won Stop;
    b. Chris Cupit;
    c. Jason Posey.

18. Provide the following information with regard to the financial operations of Stockman for Congress:

    a. Identify each federally chartered depository institution at which Stockman for Congress has held an account, or at which an account has been established through which Stockman for Congress has conducted financial transactions, between January 1, 1992 and the present, and indicate each and every account number and the date on which each account was opened;
    b. State the precise name in which each account is held, and identify each person who has signatory authority on each account;
    c. State the name that appears printed on checks for each account, and provide a copy of a check for each account;
    d. State whether the name on each account has ever been changed. If so, provide all previous names for each account;
    e. For each account identify the person to whom, and address to which, monthly statements are mailed;
    f. Identify the person(s) with the greatest amount of knowledge regarding transactions conducted on each account.

19. For each Stockman for Congress report filed between Jnaury 1, 1993 and the present, provide answers to questions a-h, below:

    a. Identify each person who participated in preparing this report, including each person's full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person;
    b. For each person identified, identify exactly which schedules and pages of the report they prepared;

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c. For each person identified, indicate whether that person has had any training in general accounting or finance, or in campaign finance, including any campaign training sessions, Federal Election Commission training sessions, or other related seminars, and describe such training;
d. Identify each person who received, processed or handled back-up documentation for this report, including, but not limited to, contribution checks, receipts for disbursements, and checks written on any of the accounts identified in Question 18;
e. Identify each person who reviewed or revised the report prior to filing the report with the Federal Election Commission;
f. Identify each person who participated in preparing an amendment to this report, including any person who reviewed any request for additional information received from the Federal Election Commission, any person who provided back-up documentation for the amendment, any person who actually prepared the amendment, and any person who reviewed the amendment prior to filing, and describe exactly what each person did to prepare the amendment;
g. State whether Stockman for Congress has made multiple expenditures to a single recipient which were reported as single disbursements in this report, and identify each such recipient.

20. For each disbursement reported in the 1994 12 Day Pre-General Election Report filed by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed in a-f below, describe the items or services the recipient provided to the Stockman campaign resulting in the reported reimbursement. Provide copies of receipts representing the items or services for which this person was reimbursed by the disbursement(s):

a. Second disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $900 disbursement to Patti Martin;
b. Seventh disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $290 disbursement to Ken Clark;
c. First disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $360 disbursement to Tammy Breaux;
d. Sixth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $450 disbursement to John Hart;
e. Eighth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $200 disbursement to Jeff Van Fleet;
f. Ninth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $500 disbursement to Tim Frankovich.

21. For each credit card account held by Stockman for Congress between January 1, 1993 and the present, list the card sponsor (Mastercard, Visa, etc.), the name of the issuing bank or company, and the account number.

22. With regard to the disbursements reported by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed at a-d below, provide answers to questions i-iv, below:

a. Disbursement to American Express Optima for $922.66 on April 30, 1994, for campaign travel expenses
b. Disbursement to Choice for $673.49 on April 30, 1994, for campaign expenditures

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c. Disbursement to Chevy Chase Mastercard for $200 on May 20, 1994, for campaign equipment
d. Disbursements to Chemical VISA for $200 on June 9 and June 20 of 1994, for campaign expenditures

i. Identify the issuing bank, and the account number of each credit card indicated;
ii. Identify the person in whose name each credit card account is held;
iii. State whether disbursements were made to each bank issuing the credit cards indicated above by the Stockman campaign which were not reported to the Commission during 1994 and, if so, list and describe each such disbursement;
iv. Identify the goods or services purchased for the Stockman campaign represented by each disbursement listed above, and provide a copy of the credit card receipts which reflect the goods or services purchased.

23. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of a December 1993 account statement for JSC Federal Credit Union account number 453960. The statement reflects a check deposited into the account from the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $2,600. State:

a. The purpose of this payment;
b. The identity of the payee;
c. The report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission;
d. How these funds were used, or planned to be used, by Friends of Steve Stockman.

24. With regard to contributions received by the Stockman campaign from the National Republican Congressional Committee in 1994, state the date and amount of each contribution, and the report, schedule, page, and date on which it was reported to the Commission.

25. With regard to "The Chronicle of Our Times," a 1994 Stockman campaign communication, state:

a. The amount paid for printing the communication;
b. The report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission;
c. The number of copies of the communication that were printed;
d. The method of distribution.

26. With regard to the 1994 Stockman campaign office in LaMarque, Texas:

a. Identify the location of this office including the street and mailing addresses;
b. Identify the dates on which the Stockman campaign occupied this office;
c. State the amount of rent paid weekly, monthly, or annually for this office;
d. Describe how the Stockman campaign came to occupy this office;

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e. Describe the type of building in which the office was located (office building, commercial strip mall, residence, etc.), and describe any other businesses, organizations, or enterprises operating out of or located in the building;
f. State whether this office was the same office at 2510 Cedar St., Suite 102 in LaMarque, occupied by Tim Frankovich and/or the Southeast Texas Statesman;
g. Provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement for this property during the time that it was occupied by the Stockman campaign.

27. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Stephen Clouse & Associates, including the individuals involved in that decision.

28. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Stephen Clouse & Associates and Friends of Steve Stockman.

29. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman Campaign and Stephen Clouse & Associates, or Stephen Clouse individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.

30. Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations prepared for the Stockman campaign by Stephen Clouse & Associates.

31. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Stephen Clouse & Associates on behalf of the Stockman campaign.

32. Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

33. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain the KEN Group and/or Pat Kenny, including the individuals involved in that decision.

34. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between the KEN Group or Pat Kenny, and the Stockman campaign.

35. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and the KEN Group or Pat Kenney individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.

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36. Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations or communications prepared for the Stockman campaign by the KEN Group or Pat Kenney.

37. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by the KEN Group on behalf of the Stockman campaign.

38. Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

39. List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

40. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

41. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of these responses to interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman — C00270370

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Spectra Communications, Inc 3405 Oak Grove Ave Dallas TX 75204	Contract Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	7/6/95	1900.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Frank Cricchio Photography 2701 Gulfway Drive Port Arthur TX 77640	Fund-Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	7-28-95	257.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Frank Cricchio Photography 2701 Gulfway Drive Port Arthur TX 77640	Fund Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	1991.60
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Press PO Box Crosby TX 77532	Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	581.93
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop PO Box 8055 Houston, TX 77283	Fundraising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	8/9/95 10/20/95	2060 2060
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop PO Box 8055 Houston TX 77283	Reim - Travel Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/20/95 10/20/95	693.72 3293.01
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
NCSI 10149 Flowerdew St Oakton VA	Contract Service Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	07/1 - 12/31	18342.05
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Heads 400 1st Street Wash DC 20003	Catering Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	8/[illegible]/95	1077.45
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
La Marque Youth Aid 1906 Colorado La Marque TX 77568	Contrib to Non Profit Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	8/21/95	215.00
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			68,861.76
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman — C00470330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Texas Steakhouse Hwy 146 Baytown, TX 77520	Catering Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	11/11/95	1300.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jefferson Press 11 Acacia Lane Sterling VA 20166	Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	637.50
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jim Martin 1616 N. Fort Myer Dr. #1101 Arlington, VA 22209	Reim- Events Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	1166.41
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Ignacio Advertising 1093 Dodson Houston, TX 77009	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	775.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Direct 282 Court Sterling VA 20166	Fund Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	4805.64
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Non Stop PO Box 51038 Houston TX 77287	Consulting Fees Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	7/1/95 - 12/31/95	5500
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
John Vandelinn 2112 6th Ave Ft Worth TX 76110	Fund Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/3/95	250.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Office Depot 1620 West Main Rd Webster, TX 77598	Office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	223.96
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
KLVI PO Box 5488 Brnk TX 77706	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	9/27/95	942.00
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			15800.51
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Friends of Steve Stockman C20020778

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Hayes and Associates P.O. Box 4062 Beaumont, TX 77702	Purpose of Disbursement Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 2/20/96	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/11/96	1070.—
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Purpose of Disbursement Contract Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/11/96	1500.—
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Galveston County Fair & Rodeo P.O. Box 889 Santa Fe, TX 77510	Purpose of Disbursement Community Event Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	346.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Marketing Co. 5884 West Drive Houston, TX 77036	Purpose of Disbursement Computer Service Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	545.58
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Memorabilia 611 west James Baytown, TX 77520	Purpose of Disbursement Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	2104.24
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
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Friends of Stockman C00270330

Southwestern Bell P.O. Box 1550 Houston, TX 77097-0997	Phone Services	2/26/96	241.11
Office MAX 5249-A West Bay Area BLVD League City, TX 77573	Office Supplies	1/15/96 2/20/96	117.26 1302.21
Federal Express 3200 Telephone Road Houston, TX 77061	Postage	2/20/96	289.72
U.S. Postoffice 17077 N. Texas Ave Webster, TX 77598	Postage	1/11/96 2/10/96 2/[illegible]/96	460.- [illegible].- 330.95
The Light Company P.O. Box 1545 Houston, TX 77251-1545	Utilities	2/20/96	803.63
American Express P.O. Box 650012 Dallas, TX 75265-0012	Travel	2/20/96	489.09
Blakemore and Associates 3213 Richmond Ave, ste. C Houston, TX 77098-3007	Fund Raising Services	1/19/96	6022.92
Lifeline P.O. Box 7735 Moore, OK 73153	Phone Services	2/20/96	208.09
Political Mail Shop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77288	Postage Reimbursement	1/12/96	2700.00
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			20521.5
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Friends of Steve Stockman C00290270

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
NCSI 10949 Flowerstone St. Oakton, VA	Fund raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/10/96	[illegible]
NCSI 10949 Flowerstone St. Oakton, VA	Fund raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	4947.91
Best Buy Store 242 Webster, TX 77598	Computer Equipment Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	215.43
Shelby/Chaseg Inc. 1223 Potomac Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20007	Fund raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Patti Martin 1904 Victoria Court League City, TX 77573	Wages Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/[illegible]/96 2/[illegible]/96	1200.— [illegible]
Internal Revenue Service Austin, TX 78701	Payroll Taxes Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/12/96	382.50
Bosworth-Lager Chase 9191 Wisler, P.O. Box 55385 Houston, TX 77255	Office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	510.08
Steve Stockman P.O. Box 57135 Webster, TX 77598	Travel Reimbursement Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	650.87
Political Won Stop P.O. Box 84033 Houston, TX 77289	Casual Hag Fees Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	35880.—

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman C00270370

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Hanes and Associates P.O. Box 4062 Beaumont, TX 77704	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	1980.-
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/11/96	1077.-
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Consulting Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/11/96	1500.-
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Galveston County Fair & Rodeo P.O. Box 889 Santa Fe, TX 77510	Community Event Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	346.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Marketing Co. 5884 West Drive Houston, TX 77081	Computer Service Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	545.58
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Memorabilia 611 West James Baytown, TX 77520	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	2104.24
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)		
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)		
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)		

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Friends of Steve Stockman Com#70330

South Western Bell P.O. Box 1550 Houston, TX 77252-0047		2/16/96	2528.51
Office Max 1529-A West Bay Area Blvd League City, TX 77573	Office Supplies	3/13/96	800.80
Federal Express 8200 Telephone Road Houston, TX 77061	Postage/Delivery	03/21/96	151.89
U.S. Post Office 17077 N. Texas Ave Webster, TX 77598	Postage	3/19/96	527.42
GTE Mobilnet 100 Glenborough, ste 800 Houston, TX 77067	Phone Service	3/18/96	294.80
Don Prestard 3303 Ave M Nederland, TX 77627	Reimbursement-Printing	3/18/96	264.62
Shelby/Bluey Inc 1223 Potomac Check: N.H. Washington, DC 20007	Fund Raising Event	3/31/96	3764.96
Political Wonshop P.O. Box 940333 Houston, TX 77289-0333	Consulting Services	03/22/96	40352.69
KLVI P.O. Box 5488 Beaumont, TX 77726	Advertising	03/11/96	2380.00

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Margaret Mac Ashall 9518 Thornwood Dickinson, TX 77539	2000			2000
P.O. Box 690777 Houston, TX 77269-0777	-0-	12,132.-	—	12,632.-

1) SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)	24132.-
TOTALS This Period (last page in this line only)	30132
2) TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS from Schedule C (last page only)	14800
4) ADD 2) and 3) and carry forward to appropriate line of Summary Page (last page only)	44932.-

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman C00270330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Brad Bricker PO Box 276 Santa Fe, TX 77510	Reim-Travel Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)		721.72
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop PO Box 890333 Houston, TX 77289	Fund Raising Svcs / Consulting Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	4/96 - 6/96	94,000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
On Track Data Recovery 6321 Bury Dr. Eden Prairie, MN 55346	Computer Maint. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	4/8/96	200.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Houston Club PO Box 52969 Houston, TX	Fund-Raiser Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	5/2/96	748.81
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Southwestern Bell PO Box 1590 Houston, TX 77097	Phone Svcs Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	4/96 - 6/96	3,460.49
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Walden + Assoc. 55 Waugh Dr Houston, TX 77007	Fund-Raiser Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	4/22/96	4,000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
International Mail 2612 McKinney Houston, TX 77003	Postage/ Mailing Services Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	5/96	35,200
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
GTE Mobilnet 100 Glenborough Houston, TX 77067	Phone Services Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	4/96 - 6/96	814 83
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
KLVI	Advertising Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	4/15/96	1,021.00

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman — C00270330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Mailer's Software 910 Calle Negocio San Clemente CA 92673	computer supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/16/96	348.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
office Max 1529-A west Bay Area Blvd. League City, TX 77573	office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) special 96	8/96 9/96	9,985.05
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Ozarka 2000 Westridge Dr Irving, TX 75038-2307	office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	319.01
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Paper Chase P.O. Box 553 Houston, TX 77255	office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) special 96	8/15/96 9/96	1,727.69
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Patti Martin 1904 Victoria Court League City, TX 77573	Wages Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	8,000.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Paul Williams 7210 Lake Arthur #134 Port Arthur, TX 77642	computer supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	9/30/96	249.91
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Picture This Productions 2407 Colonial Ridge Friendswood, TX 77546	Advertising Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) special 96	9/30/96	4,500.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Pitney Bowes P.O. Box 197220 San Antonio TX 78219-7220	postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	202.49
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Mail Stop P.O. Box 890331 Houston TX 77289-0331	fund raising and consulting services Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/15/96 9/30/96	91,000.—
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			116,332.15
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)			

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 14, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kent M. Adams Esq.
Kim J. Coogan, Esq.
Adams Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
Petroleum Tower
550 Fanin St., Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77762-7505

RE: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Adams and Ms. Coogan:

As you know, on June 22, 1995, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C §§ 434(b) and 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On June 6, 1996, the Federal Election Commission additionally found reason to believe your clients violated 2 U.S.C § 441d(a), and on July 17, 1996 found reason to believe your clients violated 2 U.S.C § 434(b)(5)(A).

Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has issued the attached Order and Subpoena which will assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory duty of supervising compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, and Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, U.S. Code.

The attached Order and Subpoena requires your client, Friends of Steve Stockman, to answer questions and produce the documents specified within 30 days of your receipt of the Order and Subpoena. Please note that Friends of Steve Stockman is a named respondent in this matter. While the subpoena is addressed to Mr. Hart in his capacity as the treasurer, Friends of Steve Stockman as an organization has an obligation to exercise due diligence in obtaining all information sought. This includes seeking information from all officers, agents, employees, volunteers, and attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman. The instructions to the Order and Subpoena also require that answers not be provided solely by reference to another answer or to an exhibit, and require that all individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input in preparing the responses be identified. Friends of Steve Stockman may of consult with an attorney in the preparation of the responses to this Order and Subpoena.

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This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions please contact me at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
Subpoena and Order

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	
John Hart, as Treasurer	)	
	)	

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: John Hart, Treasurer
Friends of Steve Stockman
c/o Kent Adams
Adams, Coffey & Duesler, L.L.P.
550 Fanin Street, Suite 830
Beaumont, TX 77726-7505

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this, 31 day of February 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Document Requests

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those persons who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1992 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

"Stockman campaign" shall mean Friends of Steve Stockman; Stockman for Congress; any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives; and all officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.

2. Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.

3. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.

4. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

5. Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.

6. For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.

7. Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.

8. Identify Jason Posey, including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

9. Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

   a. The date Jason Posey first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
   b. Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign;
   c. A description of all duties or services Jason Posey has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
   d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Jason Posey, including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
   e. The current title and salary held by Jason Posey and a description of his current duties;
   f. The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

10. Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

11. Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

    a. The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
    b. Each position or title that Chris Cupit has held with the Stockman campaign;
    c. A description of all duties or services Chris Cupit has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
    d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Chris Cupit including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
    e. The current title and salary held by Chris Cupit and a description of his current duties;
    f. The number of hours per week Chris Cupit has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

12. Attached as Exhibit 1 are copies of reports filed by Friends of Steve Stockman with the Commission indicating disbursements to Political Won Stop from August 1, 1995 to the present. For each such disbursement to Political Won Stop:

    a. List by check number, including the date and amount, each check written by the Stockman campaign to Political Won Stop in payment for the reported disbursements;
    b. Identify the ultimate recipient of each such disbursement, if other than Political Won Stop.

13. Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.

14. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop and its subcontractors or independent contractors on behalf of the committee.

15. State whether the Stockman campaign has ever provided any item of value to Political Won Stop, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

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16. For the period January 1, 1995 to date, state whether Political Won Stop, Chris Cupit, and/or Jason Posey have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to the Stockman campaign. If so, indicate the precise Friends of Steve Stockman report, schedule and page on which these payments are reported, and produce any documents reflecting these payments.

17. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, including, but not limited to, correspondence and notes or memoranda of communications, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and each of the following:

    a. Political Won Stop;
    b. Chris Cupit;
    c. Jason Posey.

18. Provide the following information with regard to the financial operations of Friends of Steve Stockman:

    a. Identify each federally chartered depository institution at which Friends of Steve Stockman has held an account, or at which an account has been established through which Friends of Steve Stockman has conducted financial transactions, between January 1, 1992 and the present, and indicate each and every account number and the date on which each account was opened;
    b. State the precise name in which each account is held, and identify each person who has signatory authority on each account;
    c. State the name that appears printed on checks for each account, and provide a copy of a check for each account;
    d. State whether the name on each account has ever been changed. If so, provide all previous names for each account;
    e. For each account identify the person to whom, and address to which, monthly statements are mailed;
    f. Identify the person(s) with the greatest amount of knowledge regarding transactions conducted on each account.

19. For each Friends of Steve Stockman disclosure report listed in a-o, provide answers to questions i-viii, below:

    a. 1993 Year-End Report: *(7/1/93-12/31/93)*
    b. 1994 12 Day Pre-Primary Report: *(1/1/94 - 2/16/94)*
    c. 1994 April Quarterly Report: *(2/17/94 - 3/31/94)*
    d. 1994 July Quarterly Report: *(4/1/94 - 6/30/94)*
    e. 1994 October Quarterly Report: *(7/1/94 - 9/30/94)*
    f. 1994 12 Day General Election Report: *(10/1/94 - 10/19/94)*
    g. 1994 30 Day Post General Election Report: *(10/20/94 - 12/1/94)*

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h. 1994 Year End Report: *(12/2/94 - 12/31/94)*
i. 1995 Mid-Year Report: *(1/1/95-6/30/95)*
j. 1995 Year End Report: *(7/1/95 - 12/31/95)*
k. 1996 Pre-Primary Election Report: *(1/1/96 - 2/21/96)*
l. 1996 April Quarterly Report: *(2/22/96 - 3/31/96)*
m. 1996 July Quarterly Report: *(4/1/96 - 6/30/96)*
n. 1996 October Quarterly Report
o. 1996 Pre-General Election Report (Special Open Primary)

i. Identify each person who participated in preparing this report, including each person's full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person;
ii. For each person identified, identify exactly which schedules and pages of the report they prepared;
iii. For each person identified, indicate whether that person has had any training in general accounting or finance, or in campaign finance, including any campaign training sessions, Federal Election Commission training sessions, or other related seminars, and describe such training;
iv. Identify each person who received, processed or handled back-up documentation for this report, including, but not limited to, contribution checks, receipts for disbursements, and checks written on any of the accounts identified in Question 18;
v. Identify each person who reviewed or revised the report prior to filing the report with the Federal Election Commission;
vi. Identify each person who participated in preparing an amendment to this report, including any person who reviewed any request for additional information received from the Federal Election Commission, any person who provided back-up documentation for the amendment, any person who actually prepared the amendment, and any person who reviewed the amendment prior to filing, and describe exactly what each person did to prepare the amendment;
vii. State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has made multiple expenditures to a single recipient which were reported as single disbursements in this report, and identify each such recipient.

20. For each disbursement reported in the 1994 12 Day Pre-General Election Report filed by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed in a-f below, describe the items or services the recipient provided to Friends of Steve Stockman resulting in the reported reimbursement. Provide copies of receipts representing the items or services for which this person was reimbursed by the disbursement(s):

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a. Second disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $900 disbursement to Patti Martin;
b. Seventh disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $290 disbursement to Ken Clark;
c. First disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $360 disbursement to Tammy Breaux;
d. Sixth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $450 disbursement to John Hart;
e. Eighth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $200 disbursement to Jeff Van Fleet;
f. Ninth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $500 disbursement to Tim Frankovich.

21. For each credit card account held by Friends of Steve Stockman between January 1, 1993 and the present, list the card sponsor (Mastercard, Visa, etc.), the name of the issuing bank or company, and the account number.

22. With regard to the disbursements reported by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed at a-d below, provide answers to questions i-iv below:

a. Disbursement to American Express Optima for $922.66 on April 30, 1994, for campaign travel expenses
b. Disbursement to Choice for $673.49 on April 30, 1994, for campaign expenditures
c. Disbursement to Chevy Chase Mastercard for $200 on May 20, 1994, for campaign equipment
d. Disbursements to Chemical VISA for $200 on June 9 and June 20 of 1994, for campaign expenditures

i. Identify the issuing bank, and the account number of each credit card indicated;
ii. Identify the person in whose name each credit card account is held;
iii. State whether disbursements were made to each bank issuing the credit cards indicated above by the Stockman campaign which were not reported to the Commission during 1994 and, if so, list and describe each such disbursement;
iv. Identify the goods or services purchased for the Stockman campaign represented by each disbursement listed above, and provide a copy of the credit card receipts which reflect the goods or services purchased.

23. Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of a December 1993 account statement for JSC Federal Credit Union account number 453960. The statement reflects a check deposited into the account from the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $2,600. State:

a. The purpose of this payment;
b. The identity of the payee;
c. The report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission;
d. How these funds were used, or planned to be used, by Friends of Steve Stockman.

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24. With regard to contributions received by the Stockman campaign from the National Republican Congressional Committee in 1994, state the date and amount of each contribution, and the report, schedule, page, and date on which it was reported to the Commission.

25. With regard to "The Chronicle of Our Times," a 1994 Stockman campaign communication, state:

    a. The amount paid for printing the communication;
    b. The report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission;
    c. The number of copies of the communication that were printed;
    d. The method of distribution.

26. With regard to the 1994 Stockman campaign office in LaMarque, Texas:

    a. Identify the location of this office including the street and mailing addresses;
    b. Identify the dates on which the Stockman campaign occupied this office;
    c. State the amount of rent paid weekly, monthly, or annually for this office;
    d. Describe how the Stockman campaign came to occupy this office;
    e. Describe the type of building in which the office was located (office building, commercial strip mall, residence, etc.), and describe any other businesses, organizations, or enterprises operating out of or located in the building;
    f. State whether this office was the same office at 2510 Cedar St., Suite 102 in LaMarque, occupied by Tim Frankovich and/or the Southeast Texas Statesman;
    g. Provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement for this property during the time that it was occupied by the Stockman campaign.

27. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Stephen Clouse & Associates, including the individuals involved in that decision.

28. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Stephen Clouse & Associates and Friends of Steve Stockman.

29. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman Campaign and Stephen Clouse & Associates, or Stephen Clouse individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.

30. Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations prepared for the Stockman campaign by Stephen Clouse & Associates.

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31. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Stephen Clouse & Associates on behalf of the Stockman campaign.

32. Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

33. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman Campaign came to retain the KEN Group and/or Pat Kenny, including the individuals involved in that decision.

34. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between the KEN Group or Pat Kenny, and the Stockman Campaign.

35. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman Campaign and the KEN Group or Pat Kenny individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.

36. Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations or communications prepared for the Stockman campaign by the KEN Group or Pat Kenny.

37. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by the KEN Group on behalf of the Stockman campaign.

38. Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

39. List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

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40. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

41. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of these responses to interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF RECIPIENT OF PAID

Friends of Steve Stockman — C00270310

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Spectra Communications, Inc 3405 Oak Grove Ave Dallas, TX 75204	Contract Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	7/6/95	1900.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Frank Corichio Photography 2701 Gulf way Drive Port Arthur, TX 77640	Fund-Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	7-28-95	257.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Frank Corichio Photography 2701 Gulf way Drive Port Arthur TX 77640	Fund Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	1331.60
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Press PO Box Crosby TX 77532	Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	581.93
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop PO Box 8055 Houston, TX 77283	Fundraising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	8/9/95 10/20/95	2060 2060
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop PO Box 8055 Houston TX 77283	Reim - Travel Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/20/95 10/20/95	693.72 3293.01
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
NCSI 10119 Fl[illegible] St Oakton VA	Contract Servic[illegible] Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	07/1 - 12/31	18392.05
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Heads 400 1st Street Wash DC 20003	Catering Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	11/[illegible]/95	1077.45
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
La Marque Youth Aid 1906 Colorado La Marque, TX 77568	Contrib to Non Profit Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	8/21/95	215.00
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			68,861.36
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman C00470330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Texas Steakhouse Hwy 146 Baytown, TX 77520	Catering Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	11/11/15	1500.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jefferson Press 11 Acacia Lane Sterling VA 20166	Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	637.50
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jim Martin 1616 N. Fort Myer Dr. #1100 Arlington VA 22209	Reim- Events Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	1166.41
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Ignacio Advertising 1093 Dodson Houston, TX 77091	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	775.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Direct 282 Court Sterling VA 20166	Fund Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	4813.64
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Warm Stop PO Box 81054 Houston TX 77281	Consulting Fees Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	7/1/15 - 12/31/15	5500
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code John Lundelius 2112 6th Ave Ft Worth TX 76110	Fund Raiser Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/5/15	250.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Office Depot 1020 West Nasa Rd Webster, TX 77598	Office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	10/1 - 12/31	223.96
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code KLVI PO Box 5498 Beaumont TX 77726	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	9/27/15	992.00
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			15800.51
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Friends of Steve Stockman C00275370

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Hanes and Associates P.O. Box 4062 Beaumont, TX 77702	Purpose of Disbursement Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year) 1/20/96	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Purpose of Disbursement Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/11/96	1070.—
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Purpose of Disbursement Contract Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/1/96	1500.—
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Galveston County Fair & Rodeo P.O. Box 889 Santa Fe, TX 77510	Purpose of Disbursement Community Event Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	346.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Marketing Co. 5884 West Drive Houston, TX 77086	Purpose of Disbursement Computer Service Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	545.58
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Political Memorabilia 611 West James Baytown, TX 77520	Purpose of Disbursement Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	2104.24
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
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Friends of Steve Stockman C00270330

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Page
Southwestern Bell P.O. Box 1550 Houston, TX 77087-0047	Phone Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/26/96	241.11
Office MAX 1529-A West Bay Area BLVD League City, TX 77573	Office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/15/96 2/20/96	117.86 1309.21
Federal Express 3300 Telephone Road Houston, TX 77061	Postage Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	289.72
U.S. Post Office 7077 N. Texas Ave Webster, TX 77598	Postage Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/11/96 2/10/96 2/[illegible]/96	460- 1000- 380.95
The Light Company P.O. Box 1545 Houston, TX 77251-1545	Utilities Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	203.63
American Express P.O. Box 650012 Dallas, TX 75265-0012	Travel Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	489.09
Clarkemore and Associates 3213 Richmond Ave, ste. C Houston, TX 77098-3007	Fund Raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/19/96	6022.92
Lifeline P.O. Box 7735 Moore, OK 73153	Phone Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	208.09
Political Workshop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Postage Reimbursed Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/12/96	2700.00
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NCSI 10949 Flowerstone st. Oakton, VA	Fund raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	2,000.—
NCSI 10949 Flowerstone St. Oakton, VA	Fund raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	4947.91
Best Buy Store 242 Webster, TX 77598	Computer Equipment Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	215.48
Shelby/Blaseg Inc. 1223 Potomac street, N.W. Washington, DC 20007	Fund raising Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	[illegible]	929.67
Patti Martin 1904 Victoria Court League City, TX 77573	Wages Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/26/96 2/10/96	2000.— 2000.—
Internal Revenue Service Austin, TX 78701	Payroll Taxes Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/12/96	382.50
Bosworth-Inger Chase 9191 Wilter, P.O. Box 55385 Houston, TX 77255	office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	510.08
Steve Stockman P.O. Box 57135 Webster, TX 77598	Travel Reimbursement Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	650.87
Political Won stop P.O. Box 84033 Houston, TX 77284	Consul Hag Fees Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	35820.—

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Friends of Steve Stockman C00270370

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Hanes and Associates P.O. Box 4062 Beaumont, TX 77704	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	1980.-
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/11/96	1077.-
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop P.O. Box 89033 Houston, TX 77289	Consulting Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1/11/96	1500.-
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Galveston County Fair & Exico P.O. Box 889 Santa Fe, TX 77510	Community Event Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	346.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Marketing Co. 5884 West Drive Houston, TX 77036	Computer Service Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	545.58
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Memorabilia 611 West James Baytown, TX 77520	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2/20/96	2104.24
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0	Office Max 1529-A West Bay Area Blvd League City, TX 77573	Office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/17/96	200.30
0	Federal Express 8200 Telephone Road Houston, TX 77061	Postage/Delivery Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	03/21/96	251.89
0	U.S. Post Office 17077 N. Texas Ave Webster, TX 77598	Postage Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/19/96	500.00
0	GTE Mobilnet 100 Glenborough, ste 800 Houston, TX 77067	Phone Service Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/19/96	244.88
0	Don Prefard 3307 Ave M Nederland, TX 77627	Reimbursement-Printing Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/18/96	264.62
0	Shelby/Shuey Inc 1213 Potomac Street NW Washington, DC 20007	Fund Raising Event Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	3/31/96	3764.96
	Political Wonstop P.O. Box 940333 Houston, TX 77289-0333	Consulting Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	03/22/96	40352.69
	KLVI P.O. Box 5488 Beaumont, TX 77726	Advertising Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	03/11/96	2380.00

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Margaret MacDougall 9518 Thornwood Dickinson, TX 77539	2000	—	—	2000
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Friends of Steve Stockman C00270330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Brad Bricker PO Box 476 Santa Fe, TX 77510	Reim - Travel Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)		721.72
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Won Stop PO Box 890333 Houston, TX 77289	Fund Raising Svcs / Consulting Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	4/96 - 6/96	94,000.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
On Track Data Recovery 6321 Bury Dr. Eden Prairie, MN 55346	Computer Maint. Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	4/8/96	200.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Houston Club PO Box 52969 Houston, TX	Fund-Raiser Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	5/2/96	748.31
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Southwestern Bell PO Box 1540 Houston, TX 77097	Phone Svcs Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	4/96 - 6/96	3,460.49
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Walden + Assoc. 55 Waugh Dr Houston, TX 77007	Fund-Raiser Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	4/22/96	4,000.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
International Mail 2612 McKinney Houston, TX 77003	Postage/ Mailing Services Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	5/96	35,200
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
GTE Mobilnet 100 Glenborough Houston, TX 77067	Phone Services Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	4/96 - 6/96	814 53
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
KLVI	Advertising Disbursement for: Primary [X] General [ ] Other (specify)	4/15/96	1,000.00
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Friends of Steve Stockman C00270330

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Mailer's Software 970 Calle Negocio San Clemente CA 92673	computer supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/16/96	348.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Office Max 1529-A West Bay Area Blvd. League City, TX 77573	office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	9,985.05
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Ozarka 2000 Westridge Dr Irving, TX 75038-2402	office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	319.01
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Paper Chase P.O. Box 553 Houston, TX 77255	office Supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/5/96 9/96	1,727.69
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Patti Martin 1904 Victoria Court League City, TX 77573	Wages Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	8,000.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Paul Williams 7210 Lake Arthur #34 Port Arthur, TX 77642	computer supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	9/30/96	249.91
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Picture This Productions 2403 Colonial Ridge Friendswood, TX 77546	Advertising Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	9/30/96	4,500.00
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Pitney Bowes P.O. Box 19220 San Antonio TX 78219-2220	Postage Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/96 9/96	202.49
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Political Non Stop P.O. Box 890331 Houston TX 77289-0331	Fund raising and Consulting Services Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) Special 96	8/15/96 9/30/96	91,000.—
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In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman	)	**SENSITIVE**
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Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	MUR 3847
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Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
	)	
Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times	)	
	)	
Tim Frankovich Southeast Texas Statesman	)	
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Citizens for Honesty in Government	)	

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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

This investigation is primarily exploring the relationships between the campaign of former Congressman Stephen E. Stockman and each of three separate entities that appear to have shared the campaign's staff and facilities. This matter began with an inquiry into whether the Southeast Texas Times, a publication distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas in 1993, was owned or controlled by Stockman or his campaign committees. The investigation was expanded to include the Southeast Texas Statesman, a successor publication to the Southeast Texas Times, which was distributed in the same area in 1995. This Office is also exploring the relationship between the Stockman campaign and Political Won Stop, a political consulting firm which apparently operates out of the Stockman home and campaign office, and which has received numerous improperly reported disbursements from the campaign. In addition, this

investigation has uncovered a myriad of apparent reporting violations, most related to the same entities or their principals or participants.

II. INVESTIGATION TO DATE

This Office has completed three depositions in this matter, those of Jeff Van Fleet, Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Times; Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman; and John Hart, treasurer of Friends of Steve Stockman and Marketing Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman. Through both a bank subpoena and a document request to the Stockman campaign committees, this Office has obtained copies of most of Friends of Steve Stockman's bank records. After the conclusion of litigation in federal district court filed by the respondents,[1] and after negotiations directly with the respondents' counsel, this Office has received amended responses to several of respondents' initially incomplete responses to written discovery. Respondents have also submitted responses to more recent requests for written discovery. With the exception of certain bank records from the two publications which have yet to be submitted, respondents' most recent written responses appear to sufficiently, although not completely, comply with the Commission's requests.

In addition, a Commission investigator traveled to Wisconsin to interview a political consultant hired by the Stockman campaign and who was able to provide information regarding the relationship between the campaign and Political Won Stop. The investigator also conducted a brief telephone interview with another political consultant who was mentioned in a deposition as having performed work for both Stockman's congressional office and for his campaign, and attempted a telephone interview with an accountant who apparently worked for the campaign.

[1] Respondents have appealed the court's opinion in that case.

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A. Publications

To date, the investigation has confirmed close relationships between Stockman and the two managing editors of the publications. Both Van Fleet and Frankovich worked on Stockman's campaign full time throughout 1994. Van Fleet also worked on Stockman's 1992 campaign, and briefly lived in the Stockman home in early 1993. During the publication of the Southeast Texas Times in 1993, Van Fleet and Stockman commuted and worked together at a nightshift job, and usually spent several hours together at the Stockman home prior to leaving for work. Although Van Fleet acknowledged that he worked on the publication at the Stockman home at least occasionally, the deponents offered conflicting testimony regarding the extent to which the Southeast Texas Times was actually published out of the Stockman home and garage campaign office.

In an effort to obtain more complete information on this issue before deposing Mr. Stockman himself, this Office seeks to depose Patti Martin, who witnesses have described as the secretary or office manager to Stockman and his campaign. Information obtained in the investigation has suggested that Ms. Martin should have first hand knowledge of the structure and operation of both the Southeast Texas Times and the Stockman campaign. She appears to have been a consistent presence at the Stockman home during each of his campaigns, and regularly worked in the garage campaign office during 1993, while the Southeast Texas Times was being published. Ms. Martin also appears to have handled the majority of the campaign's financial operations in 1993, 1994 and 1996, and is likely to possess firsthand knowledge of both the relationship between Stockman and the Southeast Texas Times, and the later financial transactions between Friends of Steve Stockman and Political Won Stop.

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The Commission previously authorized this Office to depose ten additional individuals whose names appear on the mastheads of the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman. This Office assured the Commission that each of those depositions would be taken only if necessary. Having deposed the managing editors of the publications, this Office has concluded that none of those ten additional individuals will be deposed. The testimony of the two managing editors was that many of the individuals listed in the mastheads were only occasional contributors or minor participants in the publications, whose names were included solely to make the publications look like more significant endeavors than they actually were by lengthening the list of editors. For example, Olin Meadows IV is listed as Vice President for Circulation of the Southeast Texas Times and Circulation Editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman. All three deponents testified, however, that Olin Meadows IV is actually the young nephew of Stockman whose name they included, in part, to humor the boy by allowing him to see his name in print.

B. Political Won Stop

A review of monthly statements and canceled checks on the bank account out of which Friends of Steve Stockman apparently operates indicates that a number of disbursements that the committee reported making to Political Won Stop were actually made to Stephen Clouse & Associates, a political consulting firm in Wisconsin. Each disbursement that Friends of Steve Stockman reported making to Political Won Stop in 1995 corresponds in date and amount to checks which appear to have been written to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Attachment 1.[2] On

[2] The copies of checks written to Stephen Clouse & Associates from the Stockman campaign, attached to this report as Attachment 1, are of poor quality. This Office has sought, unsuccessfully, to obtain clearer copies from both the campaign and JSC Federal Credit Union.

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November 6, 1996, a Commission investigator interviewed Mr. Clouse to determine the relationships among the Stockman campaign, Political Won Stop, and Stephen Clouse & Associates. On November 22, Mr. Clouse appeared in this Office and provided an affidavit describing those relationships to the best of his knowledge. Attachment 2.

According to his affidavit, in August 1995, Mr. Clouse entered into a contract with Mr. Stockman to produce a complete video fundraising package for the Stockman campaign. The contract included writing the script, filming and editing the video, preparing literature to accompany the video, copying and packaging the final product, and mailing the complete solicitation to addressees on a list provided by the Stockman campaign. The video was produced in the Fall and early Winter of 1995, and first mailed in April 1996. Mr. Clouse confirmed that the checks written to his firm from the Stockman campaign represent payments associated with the contract, and that numbers written on the memo lines of three of those checks correspond to the numbers assigned to invoices he submitted to the campaign in connection with the contract.[3] Although the checks clearly indicate that Friends of Steve Stockman made disbursements to Stephen Clouse & Associates, and Mr. Clouse has acknowledged receiving those disbursements, the committee has never reported making any disbursement to Stephen Clouse or to his firm. Rather, those disbursements were reported as having been made to Political Won Stop.

In his affidavit, Mr. Clouse states that his contractual obligations were solely to Mr. Stockman and his campaign. While preparing the fundraising package, Mr. Clouse dealt primarily with Jeff Fisher, then the congressman's chief of staff, and Jeff Van Fleet. He states

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[3] Although Mr. Clouse allowed the investigator to view the contract, invoices and materials produced for the Stockman campaign, he was unwilling to provide them to this Office without Mr. Stockman's consent or a subpoena. A subpoena for those documents, and others, is attached to this report.

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that he first began dealing with Chris Cupit, one of the principals in Political Won Stop, in December 1995, as he was completing the video. At that time, Mr. Cupit identified himself as Mr. Stockman's campaign manager. Mr. Clouse has known Mr. Cupit solely in that capacity. Mr. Clouse has never met Jason Posey, the other principal in Political Won Stop, but has spoken with him by telephone. In his affidavit and in his interview with the Commission investigator, Mr. Clouse stated that the first and only time he ever heard of Political Won Stop was in mid-1996, when his firm received a $20,000 check from Political Won Stop in payment for an additional mailing of the Stockman fundraising package in June 1996. Mr. Clouse states that he never sent Political Won Stop an invoice for any services, and indicated that he does not know, nor did he ever ask, why Political Won Stop made that payment on behalf of the Stockman campaign. Further, he never heard Political Won Stop mentioned by Mr. Stockman or any member of his campaign.[4]

In Advisory Opinion 1983-25, the Commission determined that only where the relationship between a campaign committee and the consulting firm it has retained is conducted at arm's length may the committee report its payments to the firm without further itemizing the ultimate purposes and payees of each such disbursement. Pursuant to that advisory opinion, the relationship between a committee and a consulting firm is at arm's length if the firm's principals do not hold any staff position with the committee; the firm is incorporated, with a legal existence separate from the committee; and the firm and the committee have negotiated and planned to enter a formal contract. Id.

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[4] Pat Kenny, another political consultant who worked for the Stockman campaign and who was interviewed by a Commission investigator, stated that he, too, had never heard of Political Won Stop, and that when he called the campaign office in Texas, Chris Cupit usually answered the telephone. One of the deponents, however, testified that Cupit and Kenny worked together in Washington, D.C. during 1995.

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In this matter, Political Won Stop is not an incorporated entity. Rather, it is an assumed business name for a proprietorship operated by Jason Posey and Chris Cupit. As Mr. Posey has identified himself to a newspaper reporter as a volunteer of the Stockman campaign, and Mr. Cupit is listed as the campaign's contact person on the Texas Republican Party's internet web site, and was identified by Mr. Clouse as the campaign manager, both principals in Political Won Stop appear to hold positions with the Stockman campaign. In addition, this Office is aware of no formal contract between Friends of Steve Stockman and Political Won Stop. Under the analysis set forth in Advisory Opinion 1983-25, therefore, it continues to appear that at least some of the disbursements from the Stockman campaign to Political Won Stop require detailed itemization describing the ultimate purpose and payee.

Even if the relationship between Political Won Stop and Friends of Steve Stockman is such that detailed itemization is not required, however, the Stockman campaign's reporting of its disbursements to Political Won Stop is still inadequate. To date, all such disbursements have been reported only as "fundraising services" or "consulting," despite the Commission's requirement that a more specific description of the purpose of each disbursement from a committee to its consulting firm be reported. 2 U.S.C. § 434b(5)(A); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Consequently, in addition to the misreporting of payments made to Stephen Clouse & Associates, the purposes and the ultimate recipients of all other payments reported to Political Won Stop remain unknown. Finally, a comparison of the committee's bank records with its reports suggests that Friends of Steve Stockman has been combining its payments to Political Won Stop within a reporting period into a single reported disbursement for the period. A review of checks written by the committee indicates that as many as twelve separate payments have been reported as a single disbursement.

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At this time, neither the public nor the Commission can ascertain the purpose of disbursements to Political Won Stop. In 1996 alone, these payments represented nearly fifty percent of Friends of Steve Stockman's reported expenditures. In order to further explore the reporting violations occurring in connection with the payments to Political Won Stop of which this Office is aware, and to ascertain whether there are other such violations, and to learn the purpose of these disbursements, this Office seeks to depose Jason Posey and Chris Cupit, the owners of Political Won Stop. Further, the majority of checks to Political Won Stop, as well as some endorsements for deposit into Political Won Stop's account, appear to be written in the handwriting of Patti Martin, the campaign secretary and office manager. Hence, this Office also intends to question her regarding these payments. In addition, all issues related to Political Won Stop will be addressed at the deposition of Mr. Stockman.

C. Additional Reporting Violations

The investigation in this matter has also disclosed what appear to be substantial additional irregularities in Friends of Steve Stockman's reporting practices. First, bank records indicate, and respondents' counsel has confirmed, that Friends of Steve Stockman, the principal campaign committee, is operating exclusively out of an account held in the name of Stockman for Congress, an allegedly defunct affiliated Committee.[5] Deposit records indicate that contribution checks made out variously to "Friends of Steve Stockman," "Stockman for Congress," "Stockman '94" and "Elect Stockman" are all deposited into the principal campaign committee account.[6]

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[5] Since 1992, this Committee has reported no receipts or disbursements, but continues to carry a disputed debt from the 1990 election cycle.

[6] In addition to the apparent reporting irregularities, the discrepancy between the name under which the campaign reports its activity and the name on the campaign's bank account may raise

Second, at the deposition of John Hart, treasurer of Friends of Steve Stockman, Mr. Hart testified that he personally prepared only two reports in his three years as treasurer. Mr. Hart admitted that, although he continues to sign the reports, he does not review them prior to filing. He was unable to say with certainty who prepared any given Friends of Steve Stockman report, or to explain what appear to be numerous inaccuracies and inconsistencies in those reports. For example, a comparison of Friends of Steve Stockman's reports with their bank records has revealed what appear to be many unreported disbursements, including a $2,600 disbursement to a printer in December 1993, a $2,000 disbursement to the treasurer in January 1994, a $2,400 disbursement to a sign company in October 1994, an $8,000 disbursement to a political consultant in January 1996, and a $700 disbursement in April 1995 to an individual who apparently helped prepare the reports.

Although this Office questioned Mr. Hart extensively at his deposition, he was unable to supply any explanation for these apparent discrepancies, claiming a complete lack of knowledge as to the preparation or content of any of the reports he signed. These discrepancies will be addressed, again, at the depositions of Mr. Stockman and Patti Martin, another reason that this Office seeks to depose Ms. Martin. A Commission investigator also contacted Rabih Zeidan, whom a deponent identified as having prepared disclosure reports for the campaign. Although Zeidan initially confirmed that he had provided accounting services at the request of Steve Stockman beginning after the 1994 election and continuing into 1996, in a second scheduled conversation, Zeidan refused to answer further questions.[7]

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disclaimer issues. It is unclear which committee is actually funding and controlling the Stockman campaign and, therefore, which committee's name should properly appear in its disclaimers.

[7] Because Mr. Zeidan appears to have worked under the direct supervision of Mr. Stockman and Ms. Martin, this Office will question those two individuals regarding his role, rather than deposing Mr. Zeidan himself.

Finally, a comparison of one of Friends of Steve Stockman's recent reports with its bank records for the same period indicates that the Committee has been cumulating all disbursements to a vendor within a reporting period, and that the Committee has not been reporting any disbursement under $200, regardless of the aggregate amount disbursed to the person within the calendar year. These apparent reporting irregularities provide additional bases for the Commission's findings that the Stockman campaign has violated the requirements set forth in 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

III. ADDITIONAL DISCOVERY

Respondents continue to be seriously uncooperative in this investigation. In response to the Commission's subpoena issued six months ago, the managing editor of the Southeast Texas Times has failed to produce the publications' bank records at all, and the managing editor of the Southeast Texas Statesman has produced only incomplete bank records. The evidence obtained to date suggests that these bank records could be essential to the successful completion of this investigation. For example, the one check from the Southeast Texas Times account that this Office has obtained is written to Steve Stockman in the amount of $2,600. The memo line reads: "Repayment of Loans", suggesting that Mr. Stockman loaned the publication $2,600. This check was deposited directly into the committee's bank account (but returned for insufficient funds). The publications' complete bank records may reveal additional evidence of financial connections between the publications and Stockman and his committees. Because the bank records do not appear to be in the possession of the Respondents, it appears more efficient at this juncture to subpoena the banks directly. Attachments 3 and 4. Because this Office has elected to pursue the

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banks rather than bringing a subpoena enforcement action against the two publications in federal district court, this matter is no longer assigned to this Office's litigation division.

Due to the treasurer's complete lack of knowledge of his committee's financial operations, this Office has also been unable to obtain the detailed information regarding the committee's finances and reporting procedures to which the Commission is entitled. To exacerbate this problem, previous discovery directed to Friends of Steve Stockman has been answered only to the extent of the treasurer's limited personal knowledge. This Office has prepared a detailed set of written discovery directed to Friends of Steve Stockman, and recommends that the subpoena be accompanied by a letter stressing the duty of inquiry incumbent upon Friends of Steve Stockman in answering these questions. This additional written discovery will explore further the committee's financial and reporting practices. Attachments 5 and 6. In addition, because Friends of Steve Stockman is operating out of an account held in the name of Stockman for Congress, an affiliated committee, this Office has prepared an essentially identical set of written discovery to be directed to Stockman for Congress. Attachment 7. Directing the same interrogatories and document requests to both committees should ensure that the committee ultimately deemed responsible will be required to supply the requested information.

This Office also seeks the authority to depose three more individuals: Patti Martin, the campaign office manager; and Chris Cupit and Jason Posey, the principals in Political Won Stop. Attachments 8-10. In addition to the written discovery directed to the committees, this Office seeks authority to send written discovery to Tina Hatch, the individual who replaced Patti Martin as the campaign office manager in 1995, while Ms. Martin worked in Mr. Stockman's

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Washington D.C. congressional office. Attachment 11. Because her written responses, if complete, should provide the extent of her relevant knowledge, this Office does not plan to depose her. This Office also seeks authority to submit written discovery to Ms. Martin and Messrs. Posey and Cupit, and to Political Won Stop. Attachments 12-15. This Office is seeking subpoenas for deposition simultaneous with the written discovery directed to these individuals.

During his interview with a Commission investigator, Stephen Clouse, the recipient of a portion of the funds reportedly paid to Political Won Stop, declined to provide this Office with the relevant documents in his possession absent a subpoena. Hence, this Office has prepared a subpoena for those documents. Attachment 16.

The Commission also previously authorized filing suit to enforce the subpoenas in this matter. While this Office has been able to obtain sufficient responses and production to avoid filing an action against Respondents at this time, Respondents continually refuse to cooperate with the investigation until they are threatened with a potential lawsuit. As a result, it may be necessary to once again obtain the Commission's authority to file suit if Respondents delay or refuse to comply with the attached subpoenas. In order to complete the investigation in this matter in a timely fashion, this Office recommends the Commission authorize and approve the subpoenas discussed above.

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IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Authorize the attached Subpoenas for the Production of Documents to Bank of America and First Bank Mainland.

2. Authorize the attached Subpoenas for the Production of Documents to Stephen Clouse.

3. Authorize the attached Subpoenas for the Production of Documents and Orders to Submit Written Answers to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer; Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer; Political Won Stop; Jason Posey; Chris Cupit; Patti Martin; and Tina Hatch.

4. Approve the attached letter to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer.

5. Approve the attached Subpoenas for Deposition to Patti Martin, Jason Posey and Chris Cupit.

6. Approve the appropriate letters.

Date 1/31/97

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Attachments:
1. Copies of checks to Stephen Clouse & Associates reported to Political Won Stop
2. Affidavit of Stephen Clouse
3. Subpoena for Documents to First Bank Mainland (Statesman)
4. Subpoena for Documents to Bank of America (Times)
5. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions to Friends of Steve Stockman
6. Letter to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer
7. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions to Stockman for Congress
8. Subpoena for the Deposition of Patti Martin
9. Subpoena for the Deposition of Jason Posey
10. Subpoena for the Deposition of Chris Cupit
11. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions directed to Tina Hatch
12. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions directed to Political Won Stop
13. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions directed to Jason Posey
14. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions directed to Chris Cupit

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15. Subpoena for Documents and Order to Answer Questions directed to Patti Martin
16. Subpoena for Documents to Stephen Clouse

Staff Assigned: Elizabeth Stein
Caryn L. Zimmerman

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer;	)	
Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times;	)	MUR 3847
Tim Frankovich, Southeast Texas Statesman;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government.	)	

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CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on February 7, 1997, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Authorize the Subpoenas for the Production of Documents to Bank of America and First Bank Mainland, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated January 31, 1997.

2. Authorize the Subpoenas for the Production of Documents to Stephen Clouse, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated January 31, 1997.

3. Authorize the Subpoenas for the Production of Documents and Orders to Submit Written Answers to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, Political Won Stop; Jason Posey; Chris Cupit; Patti Martin; and Tina Hatch, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated January 31, 1997.

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4. Approve the letter to Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated January 31, 1997.

5. Approve the Subpoenas for Deposition to Patti Martin, Jason Posey and Chris Cupit, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated January 31, 1997.

6. Approve the appropriate letters, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated January 31, 1997.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

February 7, 1997
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

Received in the Secretariat: Mon., Feb. 03, 1997 4:10 p.m.
Circulated to the Commission: Tues., Feb. 04, 1997 4:00 p.m.
Deadline for vote: Fri., Feb. 07, 1997 4:00 p.m.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 19, 1997

Jeff Van Fleet
c/o Barry Caron, Esq.
3433 Washington Drive
Falls Church, VA 22041-2002

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Van Fleet:

Records or information concerning your transactions held by the financial institution named in the attached subpoena and order are being sought by this agency in accordance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 in order to investigate possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with MUR 3847.

If you desire that such records or information not be made available, you must:

1. Fill out the accompanying motion paper and sworn statement or write one of your own, stating that you are the customer whose records are being requested by the Commission and either giving the reasons you believe that the records are not relevant to the legitimate law enforcement inquiry stated in this notice or any other legal basis for objecting to the release of the records.

2. File the motion and statement by mailing or delivering them to the clerk of the United States District Court in Houston or Beaumont, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

3. Serve the Commission by mailing or delivering a copy of your motion and statement to: Federal Election Commission, Office of the General Counsel, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

4. Be prepared to come to court and present your position in further detail.

You do not need a lawyer, although you may wish to employ one to represent and protect your rights.

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If you do not follow the above procedures, upon the expiration of ten days from the date of service, or 14 days from the date of mailing of this notice, the records or information requested therein will be made available. These records may be transferred to other Government authorities for legitimate law enforcement inquiries, in which event you will be notified after the transfer. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosures
Subpoena and Order to Bank of America
Motion to Quash Subpoena and Order
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: Bank of America
Legal Department
P.O. Box 660788
Dallas, TX 75266-0788

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals. Such documents must be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, within 15 days of your receipt of the Commission's subpoena.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C. on this 26th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

(signature)
John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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The attached Subpoena to Produce Documents has been issued by the Federal Election Commission under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3) as part of a lawful investigation being conducted under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). You are required to submit the requested documents within 15 days of receipt of the subpoena.

You are hereby advised of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) which prohibits anyone from making public any Commission investigation and provides for a fine up to $5,000 for a violation of that provision.

1. Provide all bank statements, canceled checks, deposit records, and all signature cards and other documents evidencing the establishment of the account, as well as any other records evidencing transactions for account number held in the name of Jeff Van Fleet and/or the Southeast Texas Times, 190B Gulf Freeway, League City, Texas 77573, from the date of establishment of the account through December 31, 1994. This account was initially held at First Gibralter Bank in Webster or League City, Texas

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 19, 1997

Chris Cupit
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Cupit:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has issued the attached order and subpoena which require you to provide certain information in connection with an investigation it is conducting. The Commission does not consider you a respondent in this matter, but rather a witness only.

Because this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Commission, the confidentiality provision of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) applies. That section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Commission without the express written consent of the person with respect to whom the investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena and order. However, you are required to submit the information within 30 days of your receipt of this subpoena and order. All answers to questions must be submitted under oath.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
Subpoena and Order

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) MUR 3847

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Chris Cupit
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 27th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Document Requests

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1995 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

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"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

"Stockman campaign" shall mean Friends of Steve Stockman; Stockman for Congress; any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives; and all officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives.

"Political Won Stop" is a business entity which may also be doing business as "Political One Stop" and/or "Political Wan Stop"

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.

2. List and describe your employment history beginning after high school graduation through the present.

3. List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1992 through the present.

4. Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.

5. Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.

6. Describe the legal business form of Political Won Stop (i.e. corporation, partnership, proprietorship) and the date on which Political Won Stop came to exist under such form.

7. Identify the address, including telephone and fax numbers, of all locations from which Political Won Stop has physically operated its business from January 1, 1995 to date. For each address, provide copies of Political Won Stop's lease or deed, and produce canceled checks (both sides) reflecting payments for rent or mortgage. If Political Won Stop does not own or rent its operating space, state who owns or rents the space occupied by Political Won Stop, and provide copies of all documents memorializing this arrangement.

8. For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, identify all owners, officers, agents, principals, managers, employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop including any subcontractors or independent contractors. Include the full names, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and present occupation or positions of all persons identified, and state the salary, wage, or other remuneration paid by Political Won Stop to each individual.

9. Describe any changes that took place in the ownership or control of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present.

10. Identify all clients of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present, including a description of all services provided by Political Won Stop to each such client, and a total amount of payments received from each such client.

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11. Identify all sources of start-up funds, revenue, income and operating funds Political Won Stop has received since its inception.

12. State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1995. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.

13. State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1996. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.

14. For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all articles of incorporation; partnership agreements; business and accounting records listing receipts and disbursements; account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities; tax returns filed by Political Won Stop or through which Political Won Stop's income is or has been reported to the Internal Revenue Service; copies of bills for telephone or fax line service; and all documents, contracts or other agreements describing or explaining how profits earned by Political Won Stop are to be distributed.

15. For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Political Won Stop, or through which Political Won Stop conducts its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

16. For each time period listed in a-d below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally, including any bookkeeping, checkwriting, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional Information.

    a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
    b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
    c. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995
    d. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

17. For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman, personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.

18. State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.

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19. Identify all current or past supervisors under whom you have worked or volunteered in the Stockman Campaign.

20. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.

21. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

22. Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.

23. For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.

24. Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.

25. For each of the payments made to Political Won Stop by the Stockman campaign and listed below at a - cc, identify each individual or entity who was an ultimate payee or ultimate recipient of any portion of the payment. For each individual or entity identified, list the amount of each payment that they received:

    a. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on August 9, 1995.
    b. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
    c. A payment of $3,293.01 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
    d. A payment of $633.71 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
    e. A payment of $2,700.00 to Political Won Stop on January 12, 1996.
    f. A payment of $1,500 to Political Won Stop on January 4, 1996:
    g. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on February 12, 1996.
    h. A payment of $4,820 to Political Won Stop on February 2, 1996.
    i. A payment of $24,000 to Political Won Stop on February 15, 1996.
    j. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on March 22, 1996.
    k. A payment of $2,150 to Political Won Stop on February 22, 1996.
    l. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 20, 1996.
    m. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 27, 1996.
    n. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on March 1, 1996.
    o. A payment of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop on March 15, 1996.
    p. A payment of $22,500 to Political Won Stop on March 19, 1996.
    q. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on April 1, 1996.
    r. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on April 10, 1996.
    s. A payment of $10,000 to Political Won Stop on April 16, 1996.

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t. A payment of $8,000 to Political Won Stop on April 30, 1996.
u. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 2, 1996.
v. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 6, 1996.
w. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 17, 1996
x. A payment of 14,000 to Political Won Stop on May 28, 1996.
y. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 14, 1996.
z. A payment of $25,000 to Political Won Stop on June 3, 1996.
aa. A payment of $3,000 to Political Won Stop on June 14, 1996.
bb. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on June 25, 1996.
cc. Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996

26. Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.

27. State whether Political Won Stop, has ever received any item of value from Steve Stockman or the Stockman campaign, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

28. Identify all principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop who have communicated with all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman Campaign regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman Campaign.

29. For the period January 1, 1995 to date, please state whether you have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to Stephen E. Stockman, Patti Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, or to any account or trust held in the name of these persons or entities or for their benefit. If so, please indicate the date, amount, and purpose of any such payment, and produce all documents reflecting any such payment.

30. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between you and the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

31. Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

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32. Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

33. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and Stephen Clouse & Associates and/or Stephen Clouse individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop.

34. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the KEN group and/or Pat Kenny individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group and Political Won Stop.

35. List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

36. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

37. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 19, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

514 Beach Drive
Surfside Beach, Brazoria TX 77541

RE: MUR 3847

To the Principals of Political Won Stop:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has issued the attached order and subpoena which require you to provide certain information in connection with an investigation it is conducting. The Commission does not consider you a respondent in this matter, but rather a witness only.

Because this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Commission, the confidentiality provision of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) applies. That section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Commission without the express written consent of the person with respect to whom the investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena and order. However, you are required to submit the information within 30 days of your receipt of this subpoena and order. All answers to questions must be submitted under oath.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
Subpoena and Order

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Requests for Documents

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The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

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cc. Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996

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20. Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

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b. Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign;
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21. Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

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22. Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

    a. The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 19, 1997

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m. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 27, 1996.
n. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on March 1, 1996.
o. A payment of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop on March 15, 1996.
p. A payment of $22,500 to Political Won Stop on March 19, 1996.
q. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on April 1, 1996.
r. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on April 10, 1996.
s. A payment of $10,000 to Political Won Stop on April 16, 1996.
t. A payment of $8,000 to Political Won Stop on April 30, 1996.
u. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 2, 1996.
v. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 6, 1996.
w. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 17, 1996
x. A payment of 14,000 to Political Won Stop on May 28, 1996.
y. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 14, 1996.
z. A payment of $25,000 to Political Won Stop on June 3, 1996.
aa. A payment of $3,000 to Political Won Stop on June 14, 1996.
bb. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on June 25, 1996.
cc. Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996

19. Identify Jason Posey, including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

20. Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

a. The date Jason Posey first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
b. Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign;
c. A description of all duties or services Jason Posey has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Jason Posey, including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
e. The current title and salary held by Jason Posey and a description of his current duties;
f. The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

21. Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.

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22. Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:

    a. The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
    b. Each position or title that Chris Cupit has held with the Stockman campaign;
    c. A description of all duties or services Chris Cupit has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
    d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Chris Cupit including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
    e. The current title and salary held by Chris Cupit and a description of his current duties;
    f. The number of hours per week Chris Cupit has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

23. Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.

24. State whether Political Won Stop has ever received any item of value from Steve Stockman or the Stockman campaign, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

25. Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop who have communicated with employees, agents, or volunteers of the Stockman campaign regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman Campaign.

26. For the period January 1, 1995 to date, state whether Political Won Stop has made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to Stephen E. Stockman, Patti Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, or to any account or trust held in the name of any of these persons or entities or for their benefit. If so, please indicate the date, amount, and purpose of any such payment and produce all documents reflecting any such payment.

27. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

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28. Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

29. Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

30. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and Stephen Clouse & Associates and/or Stephen Clouse individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop.

31. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the KEN group and/or Pat Kenny individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group and Political Won Stop.

32. List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

33. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

34. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of these responses to interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 19, 1997

Stephen Clouse
200 S. Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Clouse:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has issued the attached subpoena which requires you to provide certain information in connection with an investigation it is conducting. The Commission does not consider you a respondent in this matter, but rather a witness only.

Because this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Commission, the confidentiality provision of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) applies. That section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Commission without the express written consent of the person with respect to whom the investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena. However, you are required to submit the information within 30 days of your receipt of this subpoena.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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Subpoena

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: Stephen Clouse
200 S. Vine Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such documents must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th, day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1995 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

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DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named individual to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document

was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

"Stockman campaign" shall mean Friends of Steve Stockman; Stockman for Congress; any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives; and all officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives.

DOCUMENT REQUEST

1. Produce all documents referring or relating to your professional relationship with Stephen E. Stockman or the Stockman campaign. Such documents include, but are not limited to, copies of contracts; invoices for items or services provided; account ledgers recording costs spent in preparation of materials for Stephen E. Stockman or the Stockman campaign; accounts ledgers recording payments received from Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, or Political Won Stop; copies of videos, literature, or any other material produced for Stephen E. Stockman or the Stockman campaign; copies of mailing lists to which materials were sent on behalf of the Stockman campaign; all records of the names and amounts of contributions received on behalf of Stephen E. Stockman or the Stockman campaign; and copies of all telephone message records, date book entries, memoranda, or other records of contacts or conversations with Stephen E. Stockman or any representative of the Stockman campaign.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 19, 1997

Tim Frankovich, Managing Editor
Southeast Texas Statesman
3301 Hughes Lane #4
Dickinson, TX 77539

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Frankovich:

Records or information concerning your transactions held by the financial institution named in the attached subpoena and order are being sought by this agency in accordance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 in order to investigate possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with MUR 3847.

If you desire that such records or information not be made available, you must:

1. Fill out the accompanying motion paper and sworn statement or write one of your own, stating that you are the customer whose records are being requested by the Commission and either giving the reasons you believe that the records are not relevant to the legitimate law enforcement inquiry stated in this notice or any other legal basis for objecting to the release of the records.

2. File the motion and statement by mailing or delivering them to the clerk of the United States District Court in Houston or Beaumont, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

3. Serve the Commission by mailing or delivering a copy of your motion and statement to: Federal Election Commission, Office of the General Counsel, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463.

4. Be prepared to come to court and present your position in further detail.

You do not need a lawyer, although you may wish to employ one to represent and protect your rights.

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If you do not follow the above procedures, upon the expiration of ten days from the date of service, or 14 days from the date of mailing of this notice, the records or information requested therein will be made available. These records may be transferred to other Government authorities for legitimate law enforcement inquiries, in which event you will be notified after the transfer. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosures
Subpoena and Order to First Bank Mainland
Motion to Quash Subpoena and Order
Affidavit

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: First Bank Mainland
P.O. Box 67
La Marque, TX 77568

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 15 days of your receipt of the Commission's Certification of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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The attached Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers to Questions has been issued by the Federal Election Commission under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3) as part of a lawful investigation being conducted under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). You are required to submit written answers to the questions and the requested documents within 15 days of the Commission's Certification of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act.

You are hereby advised of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) which prohibits anyone from making public any Commission investigation and provides for a fine up to $5,000 for a violation of that provision.

Please set forth answers in the spaces provided below each question (attaching supplemental pages as required) and return this original with an original affidavit signed by the appropriate bank official attesting to the truth of the answers. The affidavit must be sworn to and notarized.

Considering the possible application of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, please do not provide any information not requested by the questions.

1. With regard to account number held by Tim Frankovich (dba Southeast Texas Statesman,) provide all bank statements, canceled checks, deposit records, signature cards, all documents evidencing the establishment of this account, and all other records evidencing transactions on this account from the date that the account was established through December 31, 1995.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

February 19, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

First Bank Mainland
P.O. Box 67
La Marque, TX 77568

RE: MUR 3847

To Whom It May Concern

Enclosed is a Subpoena to Produce Documents directed to First Bank Mainland. The Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 permits the customer whose records are sought ten days from the date of receipt of the Subpoena to move to quash them. Upon the expiration of this period, the Commission will notify you that it has complied with the Right to Financial Privacy Act. In the absence of judicial intervention, it is then your obligation to comply with the terms of the Subpoena. See 12 U.S.C. §§ 3405 and 3411.

Please be advised that 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) prohibits making public any Commission investigation without the written consent of the person with respect to whom such investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case. If you have any questions please contact me at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: First Bank Mainland
P.O. Box 67
La Marque, TX 77568

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 15 days of your receipt of the Commission's Certification of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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The attached Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers to Questions has been issued by the Federal Election Commission under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3) as part of a lawful investigation being conducted under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). You are required to submit written answers to the questions and the requested documents within 15 days of the Commission's Certification of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act.

You are hereby advised of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) which prohibits anyone from making public any Commission investigation and provides for a fine up to $5,000 for a violation of that provision.

Please set forth answers in the spaces provided below each question (attaching supplemental pages as required) and return this original with an original affidavit signed by the appropriate bank official attesting to the truth of the answers. The affidavit must be sworn to and notarized.

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1. With regard to account number held by Tim Frankovich (dba Southeast Texas Statesman,) provide all bank statements, canceled checks, deposit records, signature cards, all documents evidencing the establishment of this account, and all other records evidencing transactions on this account from the date that the account was established through December 31, 1995.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 19, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bank of America
Legal Department
P.O. Box 660788
Dallas, TX 75266-0788

RE: MUR 3847

To Whom It May Concern

Enclosed is a Subpoena to Produce Documents directed to Bank of America. The Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 permits the customer whose records are sought ten days from the date of receipt of the Subpoena to move to quash them. Upon the expiration of this period, the Commission will notify you that it has complied with the Right to Financial Privacy Act. In the absence of judicial intervention, it is then your obligation to comply with the terms of the Subpoena. See 12 U.S.C. §§ 3405 and 3411.

Please be advised that 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) prohibits making public any Commission investigation without the written consent of the person with respect to whom such investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case. If you have any questions please contact me at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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Subpoena

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS

TO: Bank of America
Legal Department
P.O. Box 660788
Dallas, TX 75266-0788

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals. Such documents must be submitted to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, within 15 days of your receipt of the Commission's subpoena.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set her hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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The attached Subpoena to Produce Documents has been issued by the Federal Election Commission under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3) as part of a lawful investigation being conducted under the authority of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). You are required to submit the requested documents within 15 days of receipt of the subpoena.

You are hereby advised of the provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) which prohibits anyone from making public any Commission investigation and provides for a fine up to $5,000 for a violation of that provision.

1. Provide all bank statements, canceled checks, deposit records, and all signature cards and other documents evidencing the establishment of the account, as well as any other records evidencing transactions for account number held in the name of Jeff Van Fleet and/or the Southeast Texas Times, 190B Gulf Freeway, League City, Texas 77573, from the date of establishment of the account through December 31, 1994. This account was initially held at First Gibralter Bank in Webster or League City, Texas

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 19, 1997

Jason Posey
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Posey:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has issued the attached order and subpoena which require you to provide certain information in connection with an investigation it is conducting. The Commission does not consider you a respondent in this matter, but rather a witness only.

Because this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Commission, the confidentiality provision of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) applies. That section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Commission without the express written consent of the person with respect to whom the investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena and order. However, you are required to submit the information within 30 days of your receipt of this subpoena and order. All answers to questions must be submitted under oath.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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Subpoena and Order

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Jason Posey
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Document Requests

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those individuals who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1995 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall mean the named respondent in this action to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

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"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

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"Political Won Stop" is a business entity which may also be doing business as "Political One Stop" and/or "Political Wan Stop"

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

1. List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.

2. List and describe your employment history beginning after high school graduation through the present.

3. List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1992 through the present.

4. Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.

5. Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.

6. Describe the legal business form of Political Won Stop (i.e. corporation, partnership, proprietorship) and the date on which Political Won Stop came to exist under such form.

7. Identify the address, including telephone and fax numbers, of all locations from which Political Won Stop has physically operated its business from January 1, 1995 to date. For each address, provide copies of Political Won Stop's lease or deed, and produce canceled checks (both sides) reflecting payments for rent or mortgage. If Political Won Stop does not own or rent its operating space, state who owns or rents the space occupied by Political Won Stop, and provide copies of all documents memorializing this arrangement.

8. For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, identify all owners, officers, agents, principals, managers, employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop including any subcontractors or independent contractors. Include the full names, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and present occupation or positions of all persons identified, and state the salary, wage, or other remuneration paid by Political Won Stop to each individual.

9. Describe any changes that took place in the ownership or control of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present.

10. Identify all clients of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present, including a description of all services provided by Political Won Stop to each such client, and a total amount of payments received from each such client.

11. Identify all sources of start-up funds, revenue, income and operating funds Political Won Stop has received since its inception.

12. State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1995. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.

13. State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1996. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.

14. For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all articles of incorporation; partnership agreements; business and accounting records listing receipts and disbursements; account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities; tax returns filed by Political Won Stop or through which Political Won Stop's income is or has been reported to the Internal Revenue Service; copies of bills for telephone or fax line service; and all documents, contracts or other agreements describing or explaining how profits earned by Political Won Stop are to be distributed.

15. For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Political Won Stop, or through which Political Won Stop conducts its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.

16. For each time period listed in a-d below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally, including any bookkeeping, checkwriting, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional Information.

    a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
    b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
    c. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995
    d. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

17. For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman, personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.

18. State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.

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19. Identify all current or past supervisors under whom you have worked or volunteered in the Stockman Campaign.

20. With regard to a newspaper article published in The Hill on May 15, 1996, and attached hereto as Exhibit 1, in which you are quoted as stating "You'd have to talk to someone other than me about that. I take care of some things for him but it's just volunteer," provide the following information:

    a. Identify any individual to whom you would direct someone making inquiries about Political Won Stop;
    b. Specify what you meant when you stated that there were "some things" you "take care of" for Rep. Stockman;
    c. State your understanding of the word "volunteer" as used in the quote attributed to you.

21. Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.

22. Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

23. Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.

24. For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.

25. Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.

26. For each of the payments made to Political Won Stop by the Stockman campaign and listed below at a - cc, identify each individual or entity who was an ultimate payee or ultimate recipient of any portion of the payment. For each individual or entity identified, list the amount of each payment that they received:

    a. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on August 9, 1995.
    b. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
    c. A payment of $3,293.01 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
    d. A payment of $633.71 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
    e. A payment of $2,700.00 to Political Won Stop on January 12, 1996.
    f. A payment of $1,500 to Political Won Stop on January 4, 1996:
    g. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on February 12, 1996.

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h. A payment of $4,820 to Political Won Stop on February 2, 1996.
i. A payment of $24,000 to Political Won Stop on February 15, 1996.
j. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on March 22, 1996.
k. A payment of $2,150 to Political Won Stop on February 22, 1996.
l. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 20, 1996.
m. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 27, 1996.
n. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on March 1, 1996.
o. A payment of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop on March 15, 1996.
p. A payment of $22,500 to Political Won Stop on March 19, 1996.
q. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on April 1, 1996.
r. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on April 10, 1996.
s. A payment of $10,000 to Political Won Stop on April 16, 1996.
t. A payment of $8,000 to Political Won Stop on April 30, 1996.
u. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 2, 1996.
v. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 6, 1996.
w. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 17, 1996
x. A payment of 14,000 to Political Won Stop on May 28, 1996.
y. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 14, 1996.
z. A payment of $25,000 to Political Won Stop on June 3, 1996.
aa. A payment of $3,000 to Political Won Stop on June 14, 1996.
bb. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on June 25, 1996.
cc. Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996

27. Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.

28. State whether Political Won Stop, has ever received any item of value from Steve Stockman or the Stockman campaign, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

29. Identify all principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop who have communicated with all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman Campaign regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman Campaign.

30. For the period January 1, 1995 to date, please state whether you have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to Stephen E. Stockman, Patti Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, or to any account or trust held in the name of these persons or entities or for their benefit. If so, please indicate the date, amount, and purpose of any such payment, and produce all documents reflecting any such payment.

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31. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between you and the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.

32. Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

33. Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.

34. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and Stephen Clouse & Associates and/or Stephen Clouse individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop.

35. Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the KEN group and/or Pat Kenny individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group and Political Won Stop.

36. List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

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37. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

38. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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Stockman paid $126K to firm HQ'd in home

By Sarah Pekkanen

Rep. Steve Stockman (R-Texas) paid $126,000 in campaign funds during the past year to a political consulting firm that operates out of his home, which is also his campaign headquarters.

Although there is nothing illegal about a political consulting firm operating out of a candidate's home or campaign headquarters, Stanley Brand, former counsel to the House of Representatives, said a candidate's campaign must keep "an arms-length relationship with vendors."

Reports filed by the freshman congressman's campaign with the Federal Election Commission show that checks for amounts as large as $40,000 were sent to the consulting company, called Political Won Stop, at a post office box in Houston.

However, The Hill has learned that the Houston postal box is actually registered to Jason Posey, who described himself as a volunteer in Stockman's home and campaign headquarters, in Friendswood, Texas.

Asked Tuesday if he is familiar with Political Won Stop, Posey responded, "You'd have to talk to someone other than me about that. I take care of some things for him but it's just volunteer." Posey then handed the phone to another man at the campaign office who said, "Nobody else here knows anything about" Political Won Stop.

But Stockman's press secretary, Cori Birenbaum, said Tuesday that Posey had been instructed not to talk to the press, which is why he described himself as a volunteer. Birenbaum said the company, Political Won Stop, is registered as a partnership in adjoining Brazoria County in compliance with state law.

Birenbaum said Posey and his partner, Chris Cupit, had formed the partnership, which does political consulting, direct mailing and campaign coordination.

In order for a consulting firm to work out of a campaign's headquarters and meet the definition for "arms-length," Brand said, factors such as whether the firm paid rent to the campaign are critical.

Political Won Stop is not listed in the telephone directory and its business partners were reached through the same telephone number used by the cam-

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paign, indicating a potential commingling of resources.

This is not the first time a business with ties to Stockman's campaign has operated out of his campaign headquarters. In 1993 and 1994, a community newspaper published out of Stockman's campaign headquarters and home. The conservative bimonthly paper, the Southeast Texas Times, was staffed by campaign volunteers and financed by political contributors. Many of its articles touted Stockman and criticized Brooks.

However, Stockman stated in an affidavit that he never owned any part of the paper and did not control its content. Stockman submitted the affidavit as part of a lawsuit he filed in November 1995 accusing the FEC of illegally confirming to reporters that it was probing the newspaper's relationship to Stockman's campaign.

Stockman's 1995 and 1996 FEC reports show an initial payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop dated Aug. 9, 1995, for "fundraising services." During the next eight months, the campaign paid the company another $20,600 for "fundraising services," and $35,820 for a "consulting fee." Two months ago, it sent another check for $40,252 for "consulting services." The campaign also listed a debt of $12,682 to the company in its latest FEC report.

Even though Political Won Stop collected more than half of all the money Stockman spent during the first quarter of this year, employees at the National Republican Campaign Committee, as well as the Texas State Republican Party's political director, said they have not heard of the company.

In a separate matter, the FEC is also examining an $82,000 debt Stockman's campaign owed to a subsidiary of the Suarez Corp., an Ohio direct-marketing firm that recruited Stockman to run against Brooks in 1990. Stockman claims he owes the Suarez Corp. only $44,000, while the company says it wrote off the whole amount as a bad debt. The subsidiary company, Pol Serve, is now defunct.

The FEC is investigating to ensure that the company did not violate election law by making a corporate contribution in the form of campaign services.

Last month, one of Stockman's part-time congressional staffers paid $1,000 for a campaign radio commercial in an apparent violation of federal rules. Stockman's spokesman told the Houston Chronicle that the purchase "was an inadvertent mistake by a political novice who didn't know the rules." The aide was reimbursed by Stockman's campaign several days after he wrote the check to the radio station.

Stockman is airing the ads, which note his cooperation in the federal investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing, to deflect suggestions that he acted improperly after his office received a mysterious fax with an apparent reference to the bombing.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 19, 1997

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Tina Hatch
2014 Lauren Lake Drive
League City TX 77573

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Hatch:

The Federal Election Commission has the statutory duty of enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission has issued the attached order and subpoena which require you to provide certain information in connection with an investigation it is conducting. The Commission does not consider you a respondent in this matter, but rather a witness only.

Because this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Commission, the confidentiality provision of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) applies. That section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Commission without the express written consent of the person with respect to whom the investigation is made. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

You may consult with an attorney and have an attorney assist you in the preparation of your responses to this subpoena and order. However, you are required to submit the information within 30 days of your receipt of this subpoena and order. All answers to questions must be submitted under oath.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 424-9530.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
Subpoena and Order

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS
ORDER TO SUBMIT WRITTEN ANSWERS

TO: Tina Hatch
2014 Lauren Lake Dr.
League City, TX 77573

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(1) and (3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby orders you to submit written answers to the questions attached to this Order and subpoenas you to produce the documents requested on the attachment to this Subpoena. Legible copies which, where applicable, show both sides of the documents may be substituted for originals.

Such answers must be submitted under oath and must be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, along with the requested documents within 30 days of receipt of this Order and Subpoena.

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WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C. on this 13th day of February, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

Attachments
Questions and Document Requests

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these interrogatories and request for production of documents, furnish all documents and other information, however obtained, including hearsay, that is in possession of, known by or otherwise available to you, including documents and information appearing in your records.

Each answer is to be given separately and independently, and unless specifically stated in the particular discovery request, no answer shall be given solely by reference either to another answer or to an exhibit attached to your response.

The response to each interrogatory propounded herein shall set forth separately the identification of each person capable of furnishing testimony concerning the response given, denoting separately those persons who provided informational, documentary or other input, and those who assisted in drafting the interrogatory response.

If you cannot answer the following interrogatories in full after exercising due diligence to secure the full information to do so, answer to the extent possible and indicate your inability to answer the remainder, stating whatever information or knowledge you have concerning the unanswered portion, and detailing what you did in attempting to secure the unknown information.

Should you claim a privilege with respect to any documents, communications, or other items about which information is requested by any of the following interrogatories and requests for production of documents, describe such items in sufficient detail to provide justification for the claim. Each claim of privilege must specify in detail all the grounds on which it rests.

Unless otherwise indicated, the discovery request shall refer to the time period from January 1, 1992 to the present.

The following interrogatories and requests for production of documents are continuing in nature so as to require you to file supplementary responses or amendments during the course of this investigation if you obtain further or different information prior to or during the pendency of this matter. Include in any supplemental answers the date upon which and the manner in which such further or different information came to your attention.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these discovery requests, including the instructions thereto, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"You" shall the person to whom these discovery requests are addressed, including all officers, employees, agents or attorneys thereof.

"Persons" shall be deemed to include both singular and plural, and shall mean any natural person, partnership, committee, association, corporation, or any other type of organization or entity.

"Document" shall mean the original and all non-identical copies, including drafts, of all papers and records of every type in your possession, custody, or control, or known by you to exist. The term document includes, but is not limited to books, letters, contracts, notes, diaries, log sheets, records of telephone communications, transcripts, vouchers, accounting statements, ledgers, checks, money orders or other commercial paper, telegrams, telexes, pamphlets, circulars, leaflets, reports, memoranda, correspondence, surveys, tabulations, audio and video recordings, drawings, photographs, graphs, charts, diagrams, lists, computer print-outs, and all other writings and other data compilations from which information can be obtained.

"Identify" with respect to a document shall mean state the nature or type of document (e.g., letter, memorandum), the date, if any, appearing thereon, the date on which the document was prepared, the title of the document, the general subject matter of the document, the location of the document, the number of pages comprising the document.

"Identify" with respect to a person shall mean state the full name, the most recent business and residence addresses and the telephone numbers, the present occupation or position of such person, the nature of the connection or association that person has to any party in this proceeding. If the person to be identified is not a natural person, provide the legal and trade names, the address and telephone number, and the full names of both the chief executive officer and the agent designated to receive service of process for such person.

"And" as well as "or" shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of these interrogatories and request for the production of documents any documents and materials which may otherwise be construed to be out of their scope.

"Stockman campaign" shall mean Friends of Steve Stockman; Stockman for Congress; any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives; and all officers, employees, agents, volunteers, or attorneys of Friends of Steve Stockman, Stockman for Congress, and any other organization formed or operated for the purpose of electing Stephen E. Stockman to the United States House of Representatives.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

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6. For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you participated in any way in the preparation of Friends of Steve Stockman's campaign disclosure reports filed with the Federal Election Commission. If so, specify each report that you prepared or helped to prepare, and describe exactly what you did to prepare each report. For your information, preparation of the report includes, but is not limited to, determining the dates and amounts of contributions received during the reporting period, determining the dates, amounts and types of disbursements made during the reporting period, gathering any documentation necessary to prepare the report, preparing responses to Requests for Additional Information received from the Federal Election Commission, and preparing amendments to reports previously filed.

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7. With regard to activities of the Stockman campaign during 1995:

   a. Describe the process by which the campaign made disbursements;
   b. Identify each person who wrote checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign during 1995, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;
   c. Identify each person who signed checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign in 1995, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;
   d. Identify each person who exercised decision-making authority with regard to when bills were paid, or whose authority was required for checks over a certain amount to be written in 1995;
   e. State whether, or under what circumstances, Steve Stockman's approval was sought prior to a check being written in 1995.

8. Identify each bank account through which the Stockman campaign has operated from January 1, 1993 through the present, including the name on each account (Friends of Steve Stockman, Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress, Stockman '94, Steve Stockman, etc.), the account number of each account, and the name and address of the financial institution in which each account is held. State also whether you have, or have ever had, the authority to sign checks on any of these accounts. For your information, an "account through which the Stockman campaign has operated" includes any account into which checks intended to support Steve Stockman's election or re-election to U.S. Congress were deposited, or on which checks were written to pay for any campaign-related expense.

9. With regard to the copies of checks which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1-4:

   a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on each check;
   b. Identify the person who signed each check;
   c. Identify any person who approved writing each check;
   d. Provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Stephen Clouse & Associates requesting the payment made through each check;
   e. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
   f. Explain the meaning or reference of the numbers appearing on the memo lines of the checks attached as Exhibits 2-4.

10. State whether Stephen Clouse & Associates provided any items or services to the Stockman campaign after January 1996.

11. State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.

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12. Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.

13. Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.

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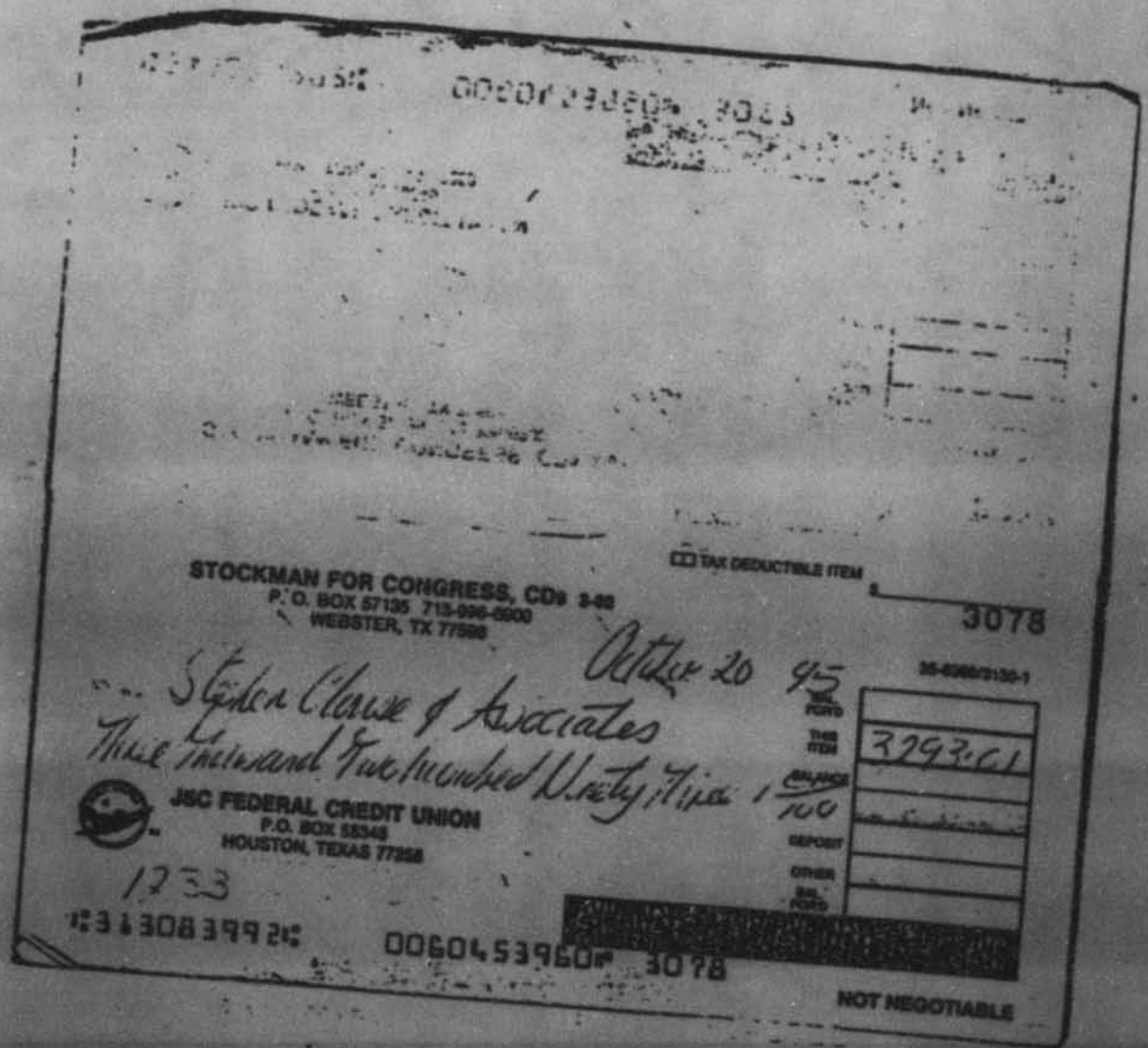

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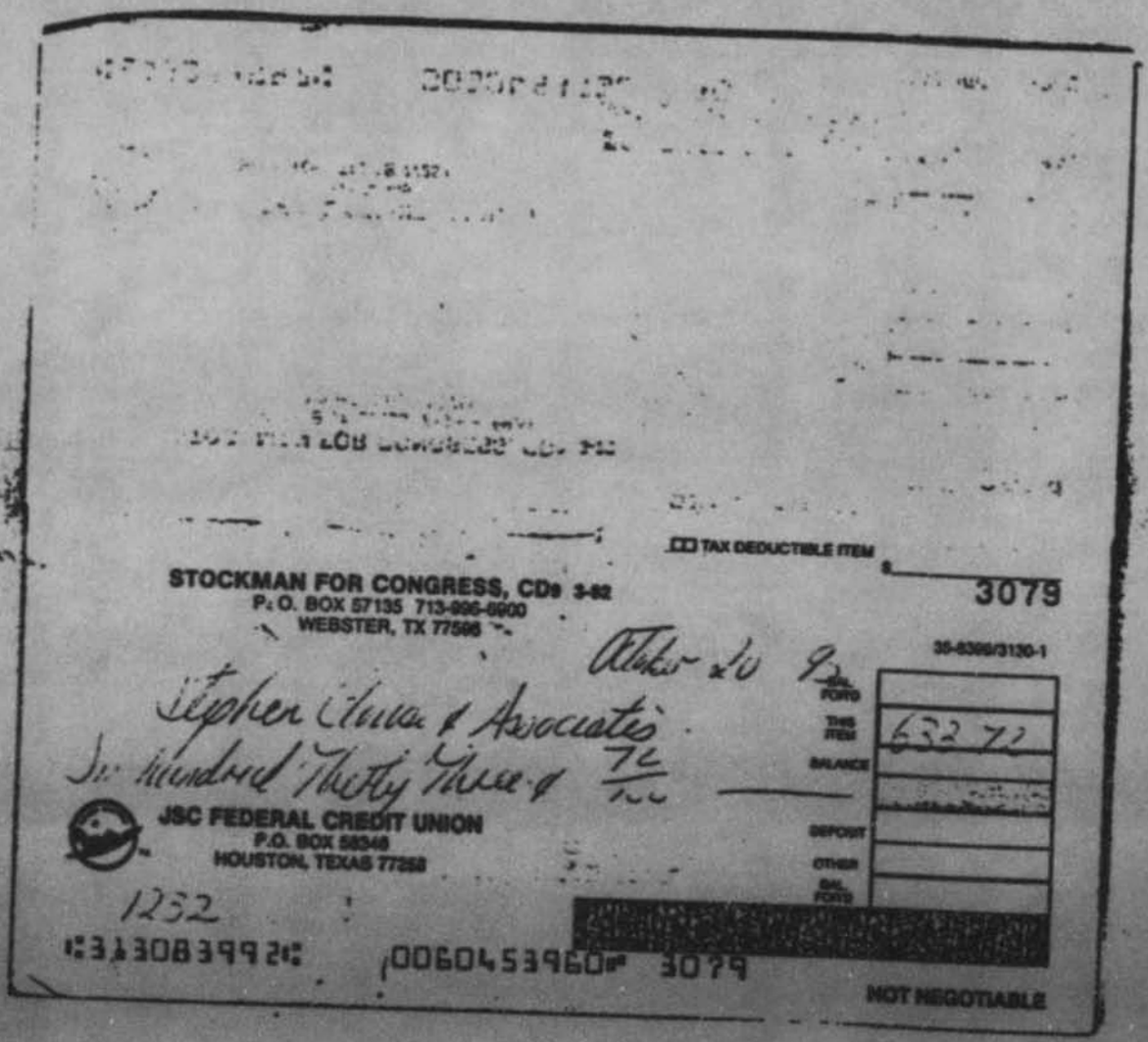

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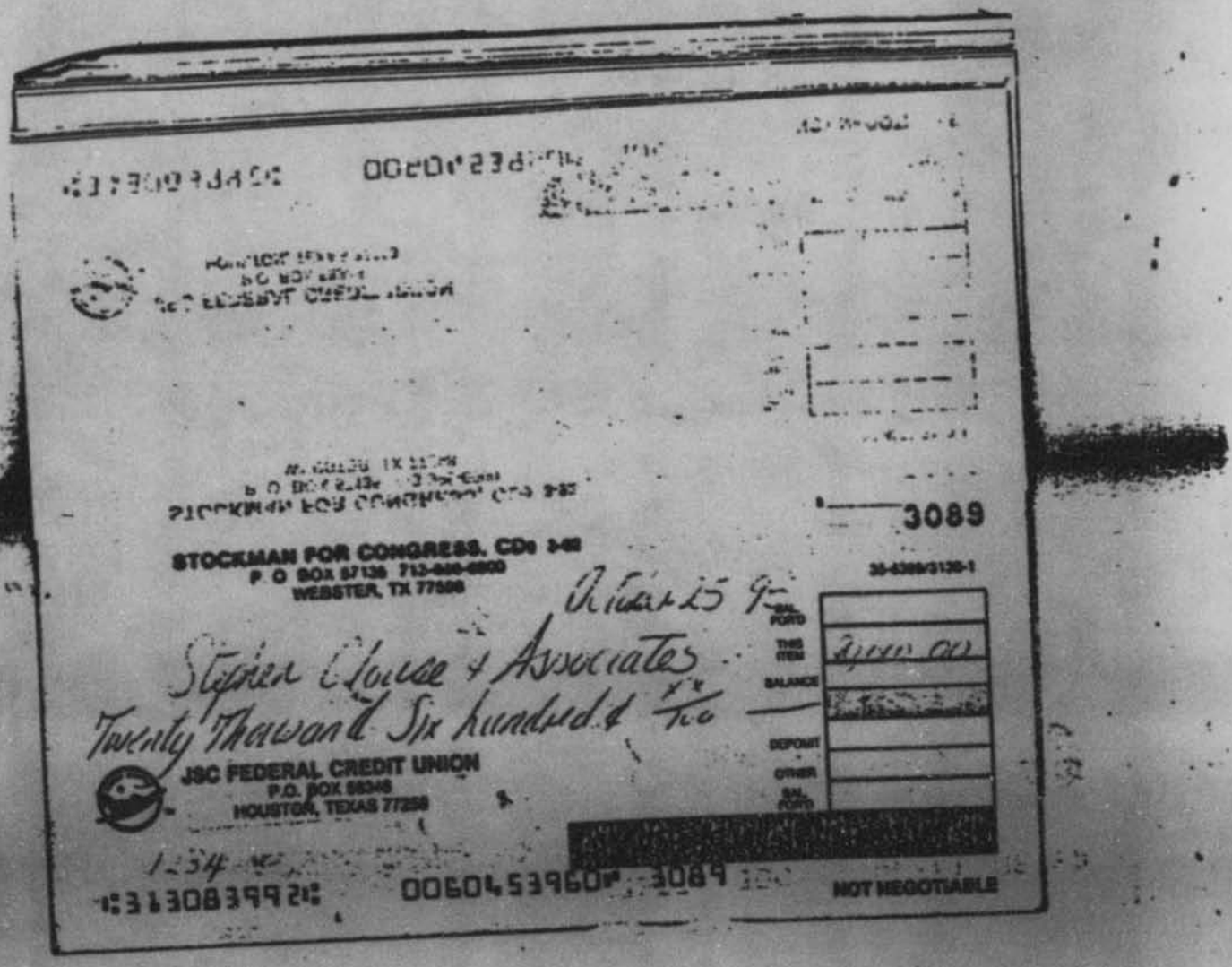

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February 19, 1997

Ms. Caryn Zimmerman
Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E. Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20463

Re: No. 1:95CV1049; Steven E. Stockman, et al vs. Federal Election Commission; In the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Texas; Beaumont Division; Our File No. 3212.001

Your Reference: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Yesterday I received from you a "Subpoena to Produce Documents Order to Submit Written Answers" directed to Patti Martin, 1904 Victoria Court, League City, Texas 77573. I do not now nor have I ever represented Ms. Martin. Why were these sent to me? Was this a courtesy copy only or do you expect me to obtain answers to these items?

Please confirm, in writing, that there is nothing in your file to indicate that I now do, or ever have represented Patti Martin and that you are not holding me, or my firm, responsible for obtaining answers to these requests.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Kent M. Adams

KENT M. ADAMS

KMA/jmc

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cc: Ms. Patti Martin
1094 Victoria Court
League City, Texas 77573

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 6, 1997

Camille Johnson
Legal Research Department
Bank of America
P.O. Box 660788
Dallas, TX 75266-0788

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Enclosed is a Certificate of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, issued in connection with the Subpoena and Order sent to your financial institution on February 19, 1997, seeking the financial records for former First Gibralter account number held in the name of Jeff Van Fleet, (dba Southeast Texas Times).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Tracey Ligon at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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Certificate

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT

TO: Bank of America
P.O. Box 660788
Dallas, TX 75266-0788

FROM: Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 3847

I hereby certify, pursuant to Section 1103(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. § 3403(b), that the provisions of the Act have been complied with as to the Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers forwarded to you in the above-captioned matter, responses to which are being ordered pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 3402 and 3405.

Sincerely,

3-5-97
Date

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 6, 1997

First Bank Mainland
P.O. Box 67
La Marque, TX 77568

RE: MUR 3847

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a Certificate of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, issued in connection with the Subpoena and Order sent to your financial institution on February 19, 1997, seeking the financial records for account number held in the name of Tim Frankovich (dba Southeast Texas Statesman).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Tracey Ligon at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT

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La Marque, TX 77568

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Sincerely,

3-5-97
Date

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

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STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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Friday, March 07, 1997

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Caryn L. Zimmerman
Federal Election Commission
Office of the General Counsel
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington D.C., 20463

MUR 3847

Dear Caryn:

Enclosed is the information your office requested pertaining to Stephen E. Stockman or the Stockman campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact either Stephen D. Clouse or Daniel W. Buttery.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Daniel W. Buttery

200 S. VINE AVE. - MARSHFIELD, WI 54449 - (715) 389-2672 - FAX (715) 389-1324

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Performance Printing, Inc. "Where Quality Printing Insures a Lasting Impression"

1995

date			
8/18	Deposit	Steve Stockman fund raising	20,600.00
10/25	"	Stockman for Congress D.C trip expenses	433.72
		Stockman for Congress Texas trip expenses	3293.01
11/7		Steve Stockman fund raising	20.600.00

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date	ck. #	expenses	
9/4	# 3112	Tim Kuster writing Stockman	2000.00
9/4	# 3115	Rochester, Rossiter: Wall Stockman video production	7,000.00
9/4	#3116	Classic Travel Kuster to Texas	908.00
9/4	#3117	Classic Travel Stephen Texas: Sioux City	1,234.00
10/19	#3188	Tim Kuster Stockman travel	40.00
10/11/21	#3248	Tim Kuster writing Stockman	1500.00
11/21	#3249	Rochester Rossiter, Wall Stockman video	7,000.00
12/29	#3308	Rochester, Rossiter, Wall Stockman video	9,260.00

Performance Printing, Inc. "Where Quality Printing Insures a Lasting Impression"

date		1996	
		Deposits	
1/12		Stockman for Congress production	1,500.00
2/21		Stockman for Congress Videos	24,760.75
3/19		Political Wax Stop invoices # 1245, 1262	1,430.83
4/4		Political Wax Stop tapes duplication	151.20
5/31		Political Wax Stop invoice # 1293	19,017.00
		Political Wax Stop invoice # 1294	1,669.75

date	ck. #	Expenses	
1/12	# 3331	Wall to Wall Productions Stockman video	1,441.55
2/10	# 3382	Wall to Wall Production Stockman video	2301.40
3/4	# 3402	Spirit of America Group Stockman video	17,386.00
4/4	# 3468	Spirit of America Group Stockman dubs	944 93

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TRAVEL

P.O. Box 98
Abbotsford, WI 54405
(715) 223-2393
1-800-222-6631

SALES PERSON: LP ITINERARY/INVOICE NO. 0021796 RCDIUI DATE: 21 AUG 95
PAGE: 01

TO: TIM KERSTEN
1908 TIMBER LANE
WAUSAU, WI 54403

FOR: KERSTEN/TIM

25 AUG 95 - FRIDAY				
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:4140	ECONOMY	
	OPERATED BY SIMMONS AIRLINES			
	LV CENTRAL WISC ARPT		359P	EQP: ATR TPROP
	AR CHICAGO OHARE		514P	NON-STOP
	KERSTEN/TIM	SEAT- 7C		
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1755	ECONOMY	SNACK
	LV CHICAGO OHARE		614P	EQP: FOKKER 100
	AR HOUSTON INTL IAH		841P	NON-STOP
26 AUG 95 - SATURDAY				
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:2022	ECONOMY	SNACK
	LV HOUSTON INTL IAH		1259P	EQP: FOKKER 100
	AR CHICAGO OHARE		324P	NON-STOP
	KERSTEN/TIM	SEAT-21A		
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:4145	ECONOMY	
	OPERATED BY SIMMONS AIRLINES			
	LV CHICAGO OHARE		414P	EQP: ATR TPROP
	AR CENTRAL WISC ARPT		534P	NON-STOP
	KERSTEN/TIM	SEAT- 5C		

AIR TICKET	AA1187973501	KERSTEN TIM	908.00
		SUB TOTAL	908.00
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	908.00

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CLASSIC TRAVEL
LINDA POLLACK-FILTZKOWSKI, TRAVEL CONSULTANT
PLEASE RECONFIRM YOUR FLIGHTS BEFORE DEPARTURE WITH
AMERICAN AIRLINES AT 1-800-433-7300.....

GALVESTON LINO WILL OPERATE A SHUTTLE DEPARTING HOUSTON INTERCONTINENTAL AT 1000PM FOR 18.00. AFTER CLAIMING YOUR LUGGAGE FROM AMERICAN, GO OUT FRONT BY THE TAXIS AND LIMOS, ACROSS THE STREET TO THE CEMENT ISLAND. THEY WILL HAVE A TAN OR MAROON VAN WITH SILVER WINGS. THEY WILL DROP YOU AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE BEST WESTERN IN GALVESTON. THEIR NUMBER IS 713-223-2256.

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Timothy P. Kersten

DIRECT RESPONSE MARKETING

STATEMENT

NO. 1030 August 26, 1995

Stephen Clouse & Associates
ATTN: Stephen Clouse
200 S. Vine
Marshfield, WI 54449

Description of Services	Amount
Limousine service from Inter-Continental Airport to Galveston, Texas for Stockman Campaign meeting August 25 and 26, 1995.	$ 40.00
TOTAL DUE UPON RECEIPT	$ 40.00

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Abbotsford, WI 54405
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1-800-222-6631

SALES PERSON: LP ITINERARY/INVOICE NO: 0021775 DATE: 17 AUG
RUTYPS PAGE: 01

TO: STEPHEN CLOUSE AND ASSC.
200 S. VINE
MARSHFIELD, WI. 54449

FOR: CLOUSE/STEPHEN

25 AUG 95 - FRIDAY

AIR	MIDWEST EXPRESS	FLT:1074	ECONOMY	
	OPERATED BY SKYWAY AIRLINES			
	LV CENTRAL WISC ARPT		615A	EQP: BEECHCRFT B100
	AR MILWAUKEE		705A	NON-STOP
	CLOUSE/STEPHEN		YX-041943646	
AIR	MIDWEST EXPRESS	FLT:302	ECONOMY	BREAKFAST
	LV MILWAUKEE		730A	EQP: DC-9 STRETCH
	AR DALLAS FT WORTH		1000A	NON-STOP
	CLOUSE/STEPHEN		YX-041943646	
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:3547	ECONOMY	
	OPERATED BY SIMMONS AIRLINES			
	LV DALLAS FT WORTH		1100A	EQP: ATR TURBOPROP
	AR HOUSTON HOBBY		1219P	NON-STOP

27 AUG 95 - SUNDAY

AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:3548	ECONOMY	
	OPERATED BY SIMMONS AIRLINES			
	LV HOUSTON HOBBY		125P	EQP: ATR TURBOPROP
	AR DALLAS FT WORTH		255P	NON-STOP
AIR	MIDWEST EXPRESS	FLT:302	ECONOMY	LUNCH
	LV DALLAS FT WORTH		350P	EQP: DC-9 STRETCH
	AR MILWAUKEE		600P	NON-STOP
	CLOUSE/STEPHEN		YX-041943646	
AIR	MIDWEST EXPRESS	FLT:1029	ECONOMY	
	OPERATED BY SKYWAY AIRLINES			
	LV MILWAUKEE		715P	EQP: BEECHCRFT B100
	AR CENTRAL WISC ARPT		835P	1-810P
	CLOUSE/STEPHEN		YX-041943646	

AIR TICKETS YX1187973469/70 CLOUSE STEPHEN 510.0

SUB TOTAL 510.0

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $510.0

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INVOICE

TO: Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 S. Vine Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449
PHONE: 715-389-2672
ATTN.: Stephen

DATE: 4-25-96
INVOICE NO.: 9622
P.O. NO.: Verbal
JOB NO.: STK 01

DESCRIPTION.

Project: Steve Stockman for Congress

Subject: Final Invoice

ARTWORK

Design & Produce OCE, Dick Armey Lift Note & Premium Insert provided by Dona Cohan	$ 213.25
Prepare Films, Letterhead Artwork & Redo Film due to changes in Premium Insert(Armey & Gingrich Book Title Errors)	$ 350.00
Film Changes to printed letter(Corrections to text in reference to Premium/Contributions offer)	$ 225.00

SHIPPING & HANDLING

FEDEX & UPS Charges for Project (Send Film, Video Masters, Mailing Disks & Printed Materials to Printer &/or Duplicator plus customer Sign-Offs of Proofs)	$ 229.50

DATA BASE CHARGES

Merge 4 Mail List Files to 1 Single File to Include: Formating, Layouts, Split Fields, Delete Records wirh No Names w/Addresses & Determine Standard Personation between files.	$ 650.00

TOTAL INVOICE $1,667.75

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TERMS: DEPOSIT _____ BALANCE DUE _____

SPIRIT OF AMERICA ASSOCIATES GROUP 540 Timberline Drive, South Sioux City, NE 68776 (402) 494-3996 FAX (402) 494 3976

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INVOICE

TO: Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 S. Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449
PHONE: 715-389-2672
ATTN.: Stephen

DATE: 5-24-96
INVOICE NO.: 9626
P.O. NO.: Verbal
JOB NO.: STK-02

DESCRIPTION:
CLIENT: STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS
QUANTITY: 10,000 units

	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
TAPE & DUPLICATION (T-10,G-Zero Black Shell,A Grade Tape, Duplication, Affix Label, 75 Mil Shrink)	$ .675	$ 6,750.00
3 COLOR BILLBOARD FACE LABEL	$ .055	$ 550.00
ASSEMBLE & FINAL SORT	$ .040	$ 400.00
PRINTING		
-Letter	$ .076	$ 764.50
-BRE's	$ .031	$ 307.45
-Lift Note	$ .048	$ 482.24
-Premium Offer	$ .048	$ 482.24
-OCE's	$ .053	$ 528.00
-Personalized Laser Printing, Assembly, Affix Stamp, Sort & Prepare USPS Reports	$ .169	$ 1,690.00
POSTAGE (3rd Class Bulk @ Basic Rate)	$ .317	$ 3,172.00
MARK-UP (SPA/Wall to Wall)	$ .188	$ 1,886.78
TOTAL	$1.701	$17,013.21
UPS Ground (Shipping Printing to Duplicator)		117.00
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		$17,130.21

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THANK YOU!!

TERMS: DEPOSIT _____ BALANCE DUE Upon Receipt

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INVOICE

TO: Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 S. Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449
PHONE: 715-389-2672
ATTN.: Stephen or Ellen

DATE: 3-2-96
INVOICE NO.: 9610
P.O. NO.: Verbal
JOB NO.: STK 01

DESCRIPTION:
CLIENT: STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS
QUANTITY: 10,000 Approximate

	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
TAPE & DUPLICATION (T-10,G-Zero Black Shell, A Grade Tape, Duplication, Affix Label,75 Mil Shrink)	$ .675	$ 6,750.00
3 COLOR FACE LABEL	$ .055	$ 550.00
INSERT LABOR & FINAL SORT	$ .040	$ 400.00
PRINTING -Letter, Personalization, Set-Up, Zip Code Sort & 3602 Postal Reports	$ .240	$ 2,400.00
-BRE's (10,000 +10% Overrun)	$ .029	$ 290.00
-Dick Armey Lift Note (10,000 +10% overrun)	$ .083	$ 830.00
-Premium Offer Insert (10,000 +10% overrun)	$ .060	$ 600.00
-OCE, Stuff 4 Inserts, Affix Stamp (10,00 +10% overrun)	$ .092	$ 920.00
POSTAGE (3rd Class Bulk Mail @ Basic Rate)	$ .3172	$ 3,172.00
MARK-UP (Spirit of America/Wall-to-Wall)	$ .1474	$ 1,474.00
TOTAL	$1.7386	$17,386.00

A final invoice will reflect Dick Armey Lift Note & Premium Offer Set-Up and Artwork Charges from Donna Cohen, Variances in Postage Bulk Mail Rates, Variance in quantity ordered by the client above 10,000 units.

THANK YOU!

TERMS: DEPOSIT _____ BALANCE DUE $ 17,386.00

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INVOICE

TO: STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES
200 S. VINE AVE.
MARSHFIELD, WI 54449
PHONE: (715) 389-2672
ATTN.: Stephen

DATE: 3-15-96
INVOICE NO.: 9612
P.O. NO.: Verbal
JOB NO.: STK 01

DESCRIPTION:
CLIENT: STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS

QUANTITY	COST(ea.)	TOTAL COST	COMMENTS
380	$1.7386	$ 660.67	Extra units required to complete the four files on mailing list disk.
200	$1.4214	$ 284.28	Extra units requested to be sent to Congressman Steve Stockman's office.
580		$ 944.93	

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TERMS: DEPOSIT _____ BALANCE DUE $ 944.93

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701 Douglas Street
P. O. Box 3857
Sioux City, Iowa 51102
(712) 255-7811
FAX (712) 255-5717

Date	December 4, 1995
Invoice No.	6014
Your P.O. No.	
Type	

To:

Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 South Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Description:

SCA - 10	
Congressman Stockman Face Labels	260.00

Charge	$260.00
State Sales Tax	Resale
Local Sales Tax	
Freight	
Subtotal	
Credit	
Amount Due	$260.00

Balance Due: Upon Receipt

Thank You

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701 Douglas Street
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Sioux City, Iowa 51102
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Date	December 4, 1995
Invoice No.	6013
Your P.O. No.	
Type	

To:

Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 South Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Description:

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Project Total	23,000.00
Less invoice # 4137 9-14-95	-7,000.00
Less invoiec # 4309 11-16-95	-7,000.00

Charge	$9,000.00
State Sales Tax	Resale
Local Sales Tax	
Freight	
Subtotal	
Credit	
Amount Due	$9,000.00

Balance Due: Upon Receipt

Thank You

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701 Douglas Street
P. O. Box 3857
Sioux City, Iowa 51102
(712) 255-7811
FAX (712) 255-5717

Date	**Sept 26, 1995**
Invoice No.	**5996**
Your P.O. No.	
Type	

To:

Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 South Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

Description:

SCA - 06 - Houston	
Expenses	1,425.67

Charge	1,425.67
State Sales Tax	N/A
Local Sales Tax	
Freight	
Subtotal	
Credit	
Amount Due	$1,425.67

Balance Due: Upon Receipt

Thank You

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Friday, March 07, 1997

Congressman Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Steve,

Enclosed is an invoice for travel in late October. Jeff Van Fleet approved this meeting, so we could discuss and agree on issues concerning your fund raising project.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

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Enclosure

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Friday, March 07, 1997

Jerry Fish
Rochester Rossiter & Wall
701 Douglas Street
P.O. Box 3857
Sioux City, IA 51101

Dear Jerry,

Enclosed is your first payment of $7,000.00 on the Steve Stockman project. Please invoice me at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

SDC/

Enclosure

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Friday, March 07, 1997

Jeff Van Fleet
Congressman Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Jeff,

Enclosed is our proposal to provide a multiple media fundraising program for Congressman Steve Stockman. In addition, I have included one page of discussion items. In my proposal I have not made mention of the copy on your full image label. I am recommending, "When Your the Democrats #1 Target, What Do You Do?"

By the way, I will be in Washington, D.C. next Thursday and Friday. If possible, we could have further discussions on my proposal. If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

In the meantime, please extend a heartfelt thanks to the Congressman for his generosity in buying dinner several weeks back. I really enjoyed meeting him, and I especially liked his spiritual views.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 3/7/97 Auto update in ACT softw

Pages: 2

To: Jeff Van Fleet

Fax Phone: 202-225-3483

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Production schedule for video fund raising program.

I am transmitting to you the document we discussed for planning and scheduling purposes. Presently it is based on a mailing of 10,000 pieces, however, if we segment and mail our high dollar program to a select number of recipients, we will need to adjust downward our mass mailing. I recommend we meet and agree on this issue, after we have nailed down our lists. By the way, your Beaumont lead should provide us with a highly effective list. I do have one question. Is his contributor list political or social? It will make a big difference. If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Give my regards to Steve. SDC.

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Friday, March 07, 1997

Jeff Van Fleet
Congressman Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Jeff,

Enclosed are invoices for the next phase of production and prior travel between the 9th district and Washington, D.C. Also, I have included artwork of the full image label for your review. In the meantime, please keep me posted on list development for polling purposes. Because we want to start producing the video, we still need a picture of EX-Congressman Jack Brooks. Let me know how soon we might expect it.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

SDC/

Enclosures

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Friday, March 07, 1997

Timothy P. Kersten
Direct Response Marketing
1908 Timber Lane
Wausau, WI 54401

Dear Tim,

Enclosed is a clipping given to me by Jeff VanFleet when we were videotaping at Steve's home. We may want to use it in the video. Also, I have enclosed a check for Dr. Krieble and Stockman.

Thanks for all your help. It truly is a pleasure working together.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

SDC/

Enclosure

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Auto update in ACT software

Friday, March 07, 1997

Congressman Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Steve,

I wanted to follow up with you on your direct mail video program.

Yesterday, Tim Kersten faxed a final copy for the direct mail/video kit. Please review and advise. Pay close attention to the premium levels and their descriptions. We will craft the video premium script from this text.

In addition, we agreed on the following video changes.

1. Keep the photo of Jack Brooks.

2. Show other liberals. However, your office will acquire the photos.

3. Cut the visual of Steve hugging guy, no problem. By the way, Steve, why were you hugging that guy?

4. Spruce up the list of accomplishments to add a little more visual interest.

5. Caption Martin Frost quotes and add extra quote. Approximate production budget to reedit Frost quote $450.

6. Cut the word pro-life from script. That does not present a problem unless the voice over cannot be spliced. If we can't splice it we may need to re-record the audio to get a match. Approximate production budget to re-cut audio $300.

7. Show bumper stickers, literature, and the making of a commercial. No problem here.

8. Production budget for adding premiums.
   Pre-production $100.00

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Scripting	$175.00
Planning	$75.00
Shoot	$734.38
Graphics	$00.00
Animation	$00.00
Edit; Offline/Online	$1,203.12
Talent	$206.25
Audio/Music	$220.00
Shipping	$55.00
Tape Stock	$82.00
Total Premium Budget	$2,850.75

9. Payment terms for additional production are as follows:

   40% to initiate production.
   40% at edit stage.
   20% at completion.

10. The lists we'll be mailing to. It's critical that we roll out to a list of direct mail responders. Most political lists are compiled from those who give through events, personal solicitations, and direct mail. So this area will have a significant impact on your fundraising projects outcome.

11. Finally, I would like to set a new mail date with you. However, we shouldn't proceed until the video is approved. At your earliest possible convenience, send us a payment for the additional production.

If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you, Steve, for letting us be of service to you on this project. Hope you and Patty have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

SDC/

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3/7/97:

7/19/95: Billboard copy idea:

"When Your the Democrats #1 Target, What Do You Do?

Prepare discussion items referencing the following:

1. Audience Selection.
2. Message.
3. Offer development.

Arrange and acquire videotape of V.P. Al Gore in Galveston. We need footage of him saying, "We must defeat Steve Stockman. He is our #1 target."

Move your announcment date up to October. The rational is, "I'm moving up my announcment date because I'm in the crosshairs of the Democatic Party."

Steve wants to raise $1 million for his campaign. He is very willing to get on the phone and make calls. Oh definitely.

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STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS
FOLLOWUP PHONE CALL SCRIPT

Hello, may I speak to Mr./Mrs._____, please? (If not in or unavailable, ask for a convenient time to call back.)

Hi, Mr./Mrs._____. My name is _____, and I'm calling for Congressman Dick Armey. I'm following up on a letter and materials he sent you recently about maintaining control of Congress, and in particular a critical house seat in Texas held by Steve Stockman. Have you had the opportunity to read his letter and view the video tape?

IF YES, GO TO "A"

IF NO -- HAS NOT READ AND VIEWED MATERIALS

Well, I'd like to take any questions you might have about it. Is there a good time for someone from the Stockman for Congress Campaign to call you back? (Note name, time and number for call back. Thank and close.)

"A" -- YES, HAS READ AND VIEWED MATERIALS

That's good. Have you already responded to Dick Armey's request to help Congressman Steve Stockman?

IF YES, ACCEPTED INVITATION, GO TO "B"

IF NO -- HAS NOT SENT A GIFT

Mr./Mrs._____, as you read in Mr. Armey's letter, Congressman Steve Stockman could actually lose his seat in the November elections. Democrats and big money labor unions like the AFL-CIO have vowed to launch a $2 million campaign against him. To prevent big Government tax and spend liberals from regaining a seat that had been in Democrats hands for 150 years, we need your help and we need it now. But to reach our goal of $2 million we must act now. We've already entered a critical time in the campaign. The Democrats and their allies are already spending several hundred thousand dollars on radio and television ads along with nasty phone calls distorting the Republican record of limited government and individual responsibility. Mr./Mrs._____, you were asked to make a contribution of $_____ to help Congressman Steve Stockman win in November. Could we count on you for that amount?

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(If reluctant or "no," attempt second close.)

This is a historic opportunity, Mr./Mrs._____. The Republicans have only controlled this congressional seat for two years. But for the Democrats it's now within reach. This is our chance to maintain our Republican majority in the House, so we can put our ideas to work to help our nation and to help you.

Is there an amount you would feel more comfortable contributing than what I just mentioned?

IF NO -- DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE -- GO TO "C"
IF YES -- WILL SEND GIFT

That's great! We really appreciate your help. I'm putting you down for a $_____ contribution. When you mail your check, please use the Reply Memorandum you received with Congressman Stockman's letter. As soon as we hear from you, Mr. Steve Stockman, will write to acknowledge your contribution. I know he will be very grateful for your help. (Go to close.)

"B" -- YES, SENT GIFT

Well, I'm glad to hear you've already sent your gift. Thank you so much. You will receive an acknowledgement letter very soon from Congressman Steve Stockman. I know he'll be grateful for your help. (Go to close.)

"C" NO -- DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE

Well, I understand. However, if your circumstances change, I do hope you will feel free to respond in the next few weeks. We would appreciate your help. (Go to close.)

CLOSE

Thanks again Mr./Mrs._____ for your time. Have a good day. Goodbye.

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Stockman for Congress fund raising poll:

In general, do you have confidence the Republican congress is changing things for the better?

Have confidence?
Don't have confidence?
Don't know?

How hard do you think the Republican party really works on issues you care about?

Very hard?
Fairly hard?
Not too hard?
Not too hard at all?

Which issues most affect you personally?

Social?
Economic?
Both?

How would you describe yourself political philosophy?

Liberal?
Conservative?

If you knew a freshman Republican congressman was the #1 target of the liberal Democrats. Would you be more of less likely to support him financially?

Likely?
Unlikely?
Don't know?

If you knew this Republican congressman had the support of Congressman Dick Armey and House Speaker Newt Gingrich. Would you be more of less likely to support?

Likely?
Unlikely?
Don't know?

If you were to receive a direct mail letter for this Republican candidate, what amount of money would you feel comfortable giving considering he is the #1 target of the liberal Democrats?

$50
$100
$250
$500
$1,000

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If House Majority Leader, Dick Armey, Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich and the Congressman were to sign an actual copy of the house approved Balanced Budget amendment would you be more or less likely to support at the $250 and up level?

More likely?
Less likely?
Undecided?

Have you ever received a fund raising video in the mail?

Yes
No

I am going to list to you three ways candidates raise funds. Tell us which you prefer?

Events with prominent figures like Phil Gramm, George Bush, etc.?

Direct mail letters?

Personal solicitations?

Are you familiar with Congressman Steve Stockman?

If so, do you have a positive or negative opinion of him?

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STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS
VIDEO FUND RAISING PROGRAM
TENTATIVE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE*

Weeks 1&2 (August 28 - September 8) Write direct mail and video treatment. Present direct mail and video treatment. Write first copy draft of direct mail and video production script and shot list. Present first copy draft of direct mail and video production script and shot list. Review and re-write. Write second and third drafts if necessary. Arrange all printing. Prepare camera-ready mechanical. Identify on-camera talent.

Week 3 (September 11 - September 15) Present revised direct mail and video production script and shot list with post-production detail to Congressman Steve Stockman for approval of package. Graphics must be in the studio. Finalize list selection. Video pre-production planning and scheduling.

Weeks 4-6 (September 18 - October 6) On-location videotaping with host and other on-camera talent. Shoot in Washington and in district. Soundtrack in the studio and begin editing of the video. Begin production of mailing.

Week 7 (October 9 - October 13) Congressman Steve Stockman receives dub, and consults for changes. Re-edit for changes and send Master tape out for duplication.

Week 8 (October 16 - October 20) Deliver 10,000 duplicated tapes for production and execution of mailing.

1. Video kit mails	Day 1-11/3
4. Follow-up phone calls(Steve)	Day 14-11/13-24
5. Follow-up affirmation.	One day after call
6. Billing reminder	Day 30-

*This schedule is dependent upon talent availability and quick turn around and approval of the direct mail, telemarketing, and video production script and shot list.

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STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS
ANNOUNCEMENT PHONE SCRIPT

Hello, may I speak to Mr./Mrs._____, please? (If not in or unavailable, ask for a convenient time to call back.)

Hi, Mr./Mrs._____. My name is _____, and I'm calling to follow up on a letter you should have received from Congressman Dick Armey about some materials which will be sent to you shortly. Have you received Dick Armey's letter yet?

HAVE NOT RECEIVED LETTER YET

Well, I'm surprised you haven't received his letter. It should be arriving any day now. Congressman Armey has some important information to share with you. In fact, this is so important we've prepared a special video for you to see. I wanted to alert you to this, so you could give it your attention as soon as it arrives. Thanks for your time Mr./Mrs._____. Goodbye.

HAVE RECEIVED LETTER

Great! I'm happy to hear it arrived without any problems. As you read Congressman Armey's letter, I'm sure you got the impression that you will be receiving some very important information. In fact, this is so important we've prepared a special video for you to see. I wanted to alert you to this so you could give it your attention as soon as it arrives. Thanks for your time Mr./Mrs._____. Goodbye.

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INVOICE 1274
DATE 5/29/96

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number: Verbal
Terms: Net

Addtl. printing and database charges.

Description	Amount
Artwork re-design and produce OCE, lift note and premium insert. Prepare films, letterhead artwork and redo film due to changes. Film changes to printed letter with corrections to text for premium/contributions offer. Priority shipping and handling. Data base charges to merge/purge four files from various sources into one single file.	213.25 350.00 225.00 229.50 650.00
Subtotal	1,667.75
Total	$1,667.75

Amount Paid $1,667.75
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1273
DATE 5/29/96

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	10,000 direct mail videos.

Description	Amount
10,000 units @ $1.89 ea.	18,900.00
Includes:	
Tape & Duplication	
Three color billboard face label	
Assemble & Final sort	
Printing	
Postage	
U.P.S. Ground (Shipping printing to duplicator)	117.00
Subtotal	19,017.00
Total	$19,017.00

Amount Paid $19,017.00
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1263
DATE 3/18/96

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	Additional tapes for video mailing.

Description	Amount
80 units @ $1.89 ea. with postage.	151.20

Subtotal	151.20
Total	$151.20

Amount Paid $151.20
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1262
DATE 3/15/96

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	Additional tapes for video mailing.

Description	Amount
300 units @ $1.89 ea. with postage.	567.00
200 units @ $1.57 ea. without postage.	314.00
U.P.S. Shipping to Texas on 200 units.	50.00
Subtotal	931.00
Total	$931.00

Amount Paid $931.00
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1252
DATE 2/6/96

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number: Verbal
Terms: Net
Balance due on video fund raiser.

Description	Amount
Contract balance due upon approval of the completed video, before duplicated videotapes are released for mailing.	20,600.00
Balance due on production budget for adding premiums.	1,350.75
Balance due for captioning Martin Frost quote and adding additional quote.	450.00
10,000 3-7/8 x 7" white wove, window envelopes to hold letter, lift note, and premium offer. Stuff and apply post.	920.00
10,000 6x9, 60# ivory stock, printed lift notes two color.	830.00
10,000 6x9-3/4, 60# lt. blue, printed premium offer two color.	610.00

THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU.

Subtotal	24,760.75
Total	$24,760.75

Amount Paid $24,760.75
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1248
DATE 12/15/95

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	Travel expenses for October 26 - 27.

Description	Amount
Air ticket for Stephen Clouse split.*	389.00
*Please note Jeff Van Fleet approved this travel for our evening meeting to review the video and discuss your project You are being invoiced only for the return trip.	
Meals.	0.00
Travel reimbursement to airport. 34 miles @ .29 mile.	9.86
Airport parking.	3.00
Taxicabs to airport and Rayburn Office Building.	26.00
Hotel.	71.97
Subtotal	499.83
Total	$499.83

Amount Paid $499.83
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1234
DATE 10/9/95

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Jeff Van Fleet
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	One third fee due.

Description	Amount
One third fee due upon approval of creative services for the copywriting of the letter and video portion.	20,600.00

Subtotal	20,600.00
Total	$20,600.00

Amount Paid $20,600.00
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1233
DATE 10/9/95

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Jeff Van Fleet
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	Travel expenses for August 25 - 27.

Description	Amount
Air ticket for Stephen Clouse.	510.00
Air ticket for Tim Kersten.	908.00
Hotel.	178.54
Meals.	59.12
Limousine service for Tim Kersten to Galveston, TX.	40.00
Van rental for shoot.	142.96
Production crew travel for Jerry, Greg, and Tony.	1,425.67
Travel reimbursement to airport. 68 miles @ .29 mile.	19.72
Airport parking.	9.00
Subtotal	3,293.01
Total	$3,293.01

Amount Paid $3,293.01
Amount Due $0

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INVOICE 1232
DATE 10/9/95

Bill To:
Congressman Steve Stockman
Attn: Jeff Van Fleet
417 Cannon Building
Washington, DC 20515

Ship To:

P.O.Number	Terms	
Verbal	Net	Travel expenses for September 20 - 21.

Description	Amount
Air ticket for Stephen Clouse split with another client.	338.00
Hotel including one meal.	261.54
Meals.	21.32
Travel reimbursement to airport. 34 miles @ .29 mile.	9.86
Airport parking.	3.00
Subtotal	633.72
Total	$633.72

Amount Paid $633.72
Amount Due $0

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 6/14/96

Pages: 2

To: Congressman Steve Stockman

Fax Phone: 202-226-8751

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Radio ad for George W. Bush.

Steve, here is my first draft of George W. Bush's :60 commercial. The copy seemed to move well, so I kept it a :60. The key, of course, is the quality of the Governor's read. If his read is weak, we can substitute a professional announcer at the beginning question to captivate attention Also, if it sounds right SFX could be added for effect. Keep in mind, we still need data to complete this commercial, so far the staff has been unable to answer the question of employment and income. The Jefferson County extension office should be able to provide you with those statistics. Call me if you have any questions. Stephen.

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Stockman for Congress

:60 radio ad

Governor George W. Bush

Governor Bush VO: Let me ask you a simple question. How many high paying jobs do you think were created in Jefferson County within the last 18 months? (:03 pause prior to answering question)

If you answered xxxx, you're right. Hello, I'm Governor George Bush. In Jefferson County, it's hard enough to raise a family without having to worry about making a living, and that's where Congressman Steve Stockman fits in. Only two years ago the economy was uncertain, but when Steve was first elected he fought against unnecessary federal regulations which blocked the expansion of businesses. The results were quick and effective with over $2 billion in new business construction. Over xxxx new jobs were created with an average income of $xx,xxx. You know, that's a claim very few Congressman can make, and that's why I'm supporting Steve Stockman for Congress. Steve Stockman gets the jobs, and he gets the job done for Jefferson county.

Announcer VO (If this is a paid political spot Congressman Stockman will need to read this disclaimer): Paid for by Stockman for Congress.

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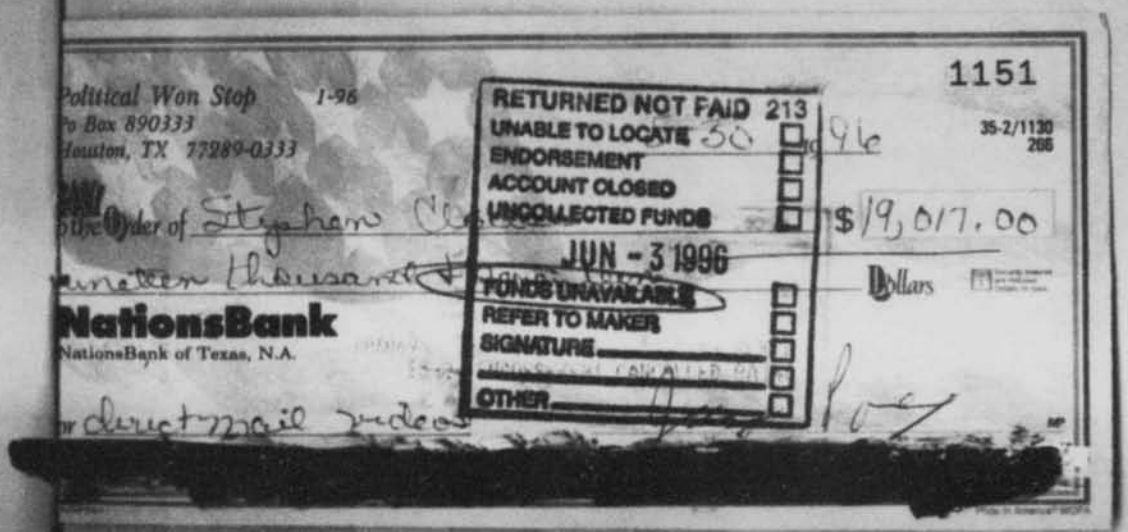

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 6/4/96

Pages: 8

To: Chris Cupit

Fax Phone: 713-996-8638

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Final video script.

Chris, at your request, I am transmitting to you the final video script. Please keep in mind, it does not include the text and shot list for the premiums. Since we made a number or changes in editing, some sections were deleted for better transitions and pacing.

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Steve Stockman for Congress
Video Script
(Final 9/21/95)

1. Slow push on Dick Armey in office setting
CG: Dick Armey, House Majority Leader

Thank you for taking a few minutes to watch this brief video about my friend, Congressman Steve Stockman.

There are two reasons I'm doing everything I can to help Steve win reelection in 1996.

First, because Steve Stockman is one of the brightest young members of the House. I need him back next term as part of the Republican Majority so we can continue working for meaningful change. We have lot on our agenda, and I need Steve's help to get the job done.

Let me tell you the second reason I'm working for Steve's reelection.

The Democrats' have made Steve Stockman their number one target for defeat next November. As House Majority Leader, I don't intend to sit by and let the Democrats roll out their big guns and take down one of my friends.

Steve Stockman is doing a great job representing the 9th Congressional District. He's making a difference for Texas and our country. Please watch this video for the next few minutes to see why you should support his reelection campaign.

2. Shot (TBD) of Steve campaigning

VO Narrator: When Steve Stockman ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, the experts said he could never win.

3. Shot of Steve pulling up garage door 8:12:54-?

He ran his campaign on a shoestring out of his garage

4. Wide crowd shot of Stockman volunteers in training 4:06:24-?

with an army of dedicated volunteers

5. Shot (TBD) of Jack Brooks on the House floor

against Jack Brooks, a powerful Democrat who had served in the House for 42 years,

6. Map of 9th District

occupying a Congressional seat that had been held by Democrats for 150 years.

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7. C-Span shot of Steve speaking on House floor 83-99 of 7/29/95 Floor coverage

But Steve Stockman's commitment to smaller government

8. Shot of Steve interacting with family at picnic 5:12:37-?

and the values that made this country great

9. Shot of smiling, victorious Steve at lectern 4:13:20-?

enabled him to pull off one of the most stunning upset victories of the November 1994 elections

10. Shot of Gephardt handing gavel to Gingrich from NRCC Contract with America Celebration 139-142

to join the new Republican Majority in Congress.

11. Gingrich Interview

[Unscripted. Gingrich speaks of how incredible it was that Steve beat Brooks, what an asset Steve has been in pushing through the Contract with America, and how he needs Steve back for another term to continue pushing the conservative agenda.]

12. Shot of Steve working at desk 7:14:51-?

VO Narrator: When he arrived in Washington, Steve Stockman began working tirelessly to serve the people who elected him.

13. C-Span shot of Steve speaking on House floor.

Immediately, he gained a reputation as a man unafraid to take a stand for his beliefs.

Footage of Steve's one-minute speech: an impassioned plea to eliminate wasteful government spending, lower taxes to spur greater productivity and prosperity, and get the government off the backs of American citizens.

14. Shot of Stockman interview from 2:30:50-2:31:24

"Before I came to Congress, I worked as an accountant and I became very familiar with the meaning of the dollar and how much that means and what it meant to save a dollar. Part of that is because I grew up in a not very wealthy family. Money was something to be valued. It was something to be earned and held on to. And so as I go through Congress and look at the way we operate, I try to see that every dollar that we use efficiently."

15. Flash to white, fade up to Stockman interview 2:36:16-2:36:32

"When I think of this country and our national anthem, I get choked up. I love this country. And it's corny somebody says to

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be patriotic, but I'm corny. I love this country.

16. Shot of Steve on McNeil Lehrer 964-970

VO Narrator: Steve Stockman rose to the defense of his country when he spoke out strongly against the Mexican bailout.

McNeil Lehrer anchorwoman: "Now our debate on the merits of aiding Mexico . . . arguing against the bailout, Congressman Steve Stockman."

17. Still photo of Janet Reno

VO Narrator: And Steve Stockman's uncompromising stand on gun control drew the fury of Washington liberals.

Reno: "_____TBD_____"

CG: Attorney General Janet Reno

18. Footage of Sarah Brady denouncing Stockman

Brady: "_____TBD_____"

CG: Sarah Brady, President, Handgun Control

19. Steve greeting/hugging people at picnic 6:21:50-?

But as Washington liberals scorned Steve Stockman, he earned the respect and admiration of the people of the 9th district because

20. Steve kissing kids 6:22:04-?

he cares about families and the future of our children

21. Steve talking with hardhats 5:29:53-?

he's fought hard to protect jobs in the petrochemical industry,

22. Steve with kid at NASA park 8:17:22-?

he's resisted every attempt to reduce funding for NASA because he believes space exploration holds great hope for future generations,

23. Steve with police officer by squad car 7:12:05-?

and he's taken a tough stance on law and order.

24. Steve holding up "Promises Made, Promises Kept" T-shirt 4:02:12-?

Above all, Steve Stockman has kept his promises. He fought

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for and passed

CG:

- o A $500 per child tax credit
- o Repeal of the Social Security Income tax increase
- o Cuts in Congressional pensions
- o The balanced budget amendment
- o A bill to reduce regulatory burdens

a $500 per child tax credit, repeal of the Social Security Income tax increase, cuts in Congressional pensions, the balanced budget amendment, and a bill to reduce regulatory burdens.

25. Shot of Steve on phone 7:25:43-?

VO Narrator: Now, facing reelection, Steve Stockman is in the biggest fight of his political life. Powerful Washington Democrats have vowed to pull out all the stops to defeat him and win back the Congressional seat they held for 150 years.

26. Shot of newspaper headline:

"Dems' top target Rep. Stockman rides an uneasy horse in Texas"

27. Stockman Interview 3:11:01-3:11:51

"We're the number one targeted race in the country by the liberal democrats. Those Democrats have already sent Al Gore down here to raise funds. They sent the chairman of the Congressional committee down here. They are targeting this race. The Democrats want this seat back. It's equivalent, what we did was equivalent to sticking our finger in the apple of their eye. This district was heavily unionized, heavily Democrat and we won it on core Republican values. And the Democrats are trying to steal it away and steal it back, and we need help. I need the help now. I can't wait."

28. Shot of Martin Frost at "Take Back the 9th Rally 5:23-29: 36-32
CG: Home video

Last August, Martin Frost, the ultra-liberal Democrat from Dallas, and the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee traveled into the 9th District to host a "Take Back the 9th Rally" in Galveston.

Martin Frost: "This is going to be one of the top priority districts in the entire Democratic Party. . . . We are going to put the maximum resources the party is permitted to put into this district."

29. Shot of smiling Stockman shaking hands and talking to shop owner 6:01:40

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VO Narrator: Steve Stockman needs your help to fight off the Democrats' challenge and win reelection so he can continue fighting to:

CG:

- o Reform welfare system
- o Overhaul immigration policy
- o Cut red tape
- o Reduce government's burden on business
- o Promote pro-life and family-friendly legislation
- o Abolish the current tax system

Reform the welfare system, overhaul immigration policy, cut red tape, reduce government's burden on business, promote pro-life and family-friendly legislation, and abolish the current tax system.

30. Shot of Stockman interview 3:01:50-3:02:23

"If we keep control of the House, we are going to eliminate the IRS. I think it is the right thing to do. and I think it is something that is long overdue. They are invasive and crooked and you do not have any rights."

31. Woman Interview #4 -- 1:13:43-1:13:49

"He's an honest politician and they are few and far between. Look at his record. It speaks for itself."

32. Woman Interview #2 -- 1:08:13-1:08:22

"He has really solid values, a very strong core. Maybe that's what makes him different because that is very hard to find today."

33. Woman Interview #1 -- 1:02:43-1:03-01

"He's just like a cork. You push him down and he pops up. You've got to be that way if you're going to be successful in politics. You just can't be overwhelmed by negative press and things like that. He just keeps coming back."

34. Shot of Stockman walking out of church with Patti

VO Narrator: Steve Stockman draws strength and his tenacity to win from his deep faith in God,

35. Shot of Stockman with Patti looking at miniature hot air balloons 2:18:00-?

a strong relationship with his wife, Patti,

36. Shot of Stockman shaking hands with friends 6:25:20-?

and the warm and caring friendships of the people of the 9th

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District.

37. Woman Interview #2 -- 1:06:26-1:06:34

"When he comes into his district, he makes an effort to get with people and he wants to get to know his constituency and I really appreciate that."

38. Man Interview #1 -- 1:03:44-1:03:59

"He's for the values that make this country what it is for the past 200 something years. I'd like to have all of them like him up there in Washington."

39. Man Interview #1 -- 1:05:11-1:05:21

"It all comes back to trust. I just think that you can trust him and he's the kind of person we'd like to have where he is."

40. Man Interview #4 -- 1:12:19-1:12:40

"I just hope that the people don't lose patience. They have to realize we can't turn around overnight what damage has been done in 40 years. So just stick in there and they will see more improvement to go with the ones they have seen up to this point this year."

41. Shot of Stockman interview 2:34:52-2:35-43

"In 1994, we defeated Jack Brooks, and my wife always teases me that I use the word we. It's true. It was a we effort. We had a huge community of people to help us, 2,000 people came to our home. We ran it out of our house. It was only 1,400 square feet. in fact, we had to move into our garage. People would bring food over. It was just a great time and great atmosphere. We were like family. And so when I talk about our campaign, I always refer to it as we because it really was a community effort for a good cause. We're so blessed to have such good friends. We really love all the people who were with us, and they are still with us.

42. Flash to white. Fade up on Stockman interview 03:08:58-03:09:11

"Now is the time to do it. Now is the time as we approach over the hill, it's so easy to say, well we did great in '94. We're done. We did our job. We need to be ever vigilant and ever persistent because the other side is raising funds, the other side is out raising money, the other side is out attacking us. We need our side -- the side that wants less government, less interference, lower taxes, better families -- that's what we need on our side. We just need people to stand with us.

43. Shot of Steve and Patti walking into campaign event 4:05:36-?

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VO Narrator: Steve Stockman needs your immediate financial support to get his message our to the 9th Congressional district. Your contribution today will help

44. Shot (TBD) of someone handing out brochures door to door

Print and distribute campaign literature

45. Shot (TBD) of Steve on camera for tv commercial

Produce radio and television commercials

46. Shot (TBD) of someone putting Stockman for Congress bumper sticker on car

And even produce bumper stickers that will be seen by thousands of voters.

47. Shot of Steve and Patti walking on beach 7:06:00-?

VO Narrator: Please support Steve Stockman for Congress, a man who makes promises, and keeps them.

48. Shot of Dick Armey

The Democrats have vowed to pour as much as $2 million into the winning back the 9th District Congressional seat.

This is much more than is normally spent on a Congressional race. And it shows the Democrats' commitment to beating Steve Stockman.

That's why your support is so critical, especially in the early days of the campaign. To win reelection and help the Republican Party maintain a majority in Congress, Steve must raise at least as much as the Democrats, if not more. And he must start now.

I am doing everything possible to help Steve rejoin me in Congress in 1996. But I can't do it alone, and neither can Steve. Please join me in helping my colleague win this critical race for Congress.

I urge you to send your contribution today. Thank you.

49. CG: Please send your generous contribution to

Steve Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

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STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 5/29/96

Pages: 3

To: Chris Cupit

Fax Phone: 713-996-8638

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Invoices.

Chris, I am transmitting to you two invoices, one for the next mailing and one for our last project. Since the original artwork was revised after the film work had been approved, we incurred additional design charges, priority shipping charges to hit the drop date, and film changes to letterhead, premium insert, and printed letter. Also, we performed data base merge/purge to get four files down to one single file. Total costs for revised artwork, priority shipping, and data base charges were $1,667.75.

Please include payment of this invoice with your next 10,0000 unit mailing. You may use my FedEx account number of 1584-6987-1 to overnight your check delivery.

Chris, thank you for your attention to this matter.

FAXED 5/29/96

200 S. VINE AVE. - MARSHFIELD, WI 54449 - (715) 389-2672 - FAX (715) 389-1324

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attached are the invoices to verify the extra charges on Stockman.

ARTWORK

NPN ITEMS (A)
NDS ITEMS (F)
DONA COHAN ITEMS (A)

DATA BASE CHARGES

NDS ITEMS (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

SHIPPING + HANDLING

FED EX 98.50
UPS $131.00

Additional Expenses today (received 4-26-96)

NDS Sent Disk (mail List) back to Stockman per CHRIS Request. FED EX $9.75

FED EX Sent 100 BRE's to Cherry Communications FED EX ON their request 19.75

TOTAL $29.50

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INVOICE

TO: Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 S. Vine Ave.
Marshfield, WI 54449
PHONE: 715-389-2672
ATTN.: Stephen

DATE: 4-25-96
INVOICE NO.: 9622
P.O. NO.: Verbal
JOB NO.: STK 01

DESCRIPTION:

Project: Steve Stockman for Congress

Subject: Final Invoice

ARTWORK	
Design & Produce OCE, Dick Armey Lift Note & Premium Insert provided by Dona Cohan	$ 213.25
Prepare Films, Letterhead Artwork & Redo Film due to changes in Premium Insert(Armey & Gingrich Book Title Errors)	$ 350.00
Film Changes to printed letter(Corrections to text in reference to Premium/Contributions offer)	$ 225.00
SHIPPING & HANDLING	$ 229.50
FEDEX & UPS Charges for Project (Send Film, Video Masters, Mailing Disks & Printed Materials to Printer &/or Duplicator plus customer Sign-Offs of Proofs)	
DATA BASE CHARGES	$ 650.00
Merge 4 Mail List Files to 1 Single File to Include: Formating, Layouts, Split Fields, Delete Records with No Names w/Addresses & Determine Standard Personation between files.	
TOTAL INVOICE	$1,667.75
Extra Fed Ex Charges Received 4-26-96	29.50
	#169725

TERMS: DEPOSIT_____ BALANCE DUE_____

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ona Cohan Design
200 West Lime Ave.
Unit E
Monrovia, CA 91016

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE NO.
02/25/96	1018

BILL TO

Jerry Fish
Spirit of America
540 Timberline Drive
South Sioux City, NE 68776

PROJECT

Campaign Material

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Design and Produce Outer Envelope, Lift Note, and Insert	185.00T
1 Fed-Ex final Disks to Printer	12.00T
Sales Tax	16.25
Total	$213.25

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NPN
National Printers Network

Invoice

DATE	INVOICE #
3/19/96	13010

BILL TO:

The Sprit Of America
Jerry Fish
540 Timber Lane Drive
South Sioux City, NE 68776

P.O. NUMBER	TERMS	PROJECT
	Net 30	12001 Steve Stockman fo

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
12,000	14 X 11 Letter "Steve Stockman For Congress"	0.0695	834.00T
12,000	Dick Army Lift Note	0.04834	580.08T
12,000	Premium Offer	0.04834	580.08T
12,000	OCE 3-7/8 X 7	0.048	576.00T
12,000	BRE 6-3/4	0.02795	335.40T
(A)	Film, Artwork, Proofs, (For Re doing letter)	350.00	350.00T
	~~Sales Tax~~	~~4.125%~~	~~134.29~~
	NEGATIVE Sales Tax # 6450679		

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Thank you for your business.

TOTAL $3,389.85

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DATA SERVICES of Chicago, Inc.
Breaking through tomorrow's barriers
534 Congress Circle North
Roselle, Illinois 60172

Invoice # 030106196

Invoice Date 3/29/96

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Total Due $3,657.64

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA GROUP
Jerry Fish
540 Timber Lane Drive
South Sioux City, NE 68776

INVOICE

JOB NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER	SALESPERSON	TERMS
SAG-00781		Thomas	Net 30 Days

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	COST/UNIT		MINIMUM	EXTENSION
PROJECT: STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS					
(A) Format and convert data files = 5 files 1@ $100.00 min & 4 @ $50.00 min	1	$300.00	Ea	$100.00	$300.00
(B) Create layouts for 4 files	2	$75.00	/hr	$0.00	$150.00
(C) Format 4 files to a standard layout	1	$100.00	/flat	$0.00	$100.00
(D) Run personator program to split city & state into separate fields	1	$50.00	/flat	$0.00	$50.00
Upper/Lower case & append source code	10380	$1.00	/M	$100.00	$100.00
BMC sort (append BMC codes & sort)	10380	$1.00	/M	$125.00	$125.00
(E) Delete records with no names	10380	$0.50	/M	$50.00	$50.00
Set-up 2 pages (1 & 4)	1	$500.00	/flat	$500.00	$500.00
Scan/digitize signature	1	$150.00	/flat	$150.00	$150.00
Set-up 2 page camera ready (2 & 3)	1	$200.00	/flat	$200.00	$200.00
(F) Changes to text on 2/14/96 & 3/1/96 and reproduce sign-offs	3	$75.00	/hr	$75.00	$225.00
Laser letter = 10,369 records + 125 samples	10494	$75.00	/M	$250.00	$787.05
Fold & slit to nest 14 x 11 to 3.625 x 6.5	10494	$14.50	/M	$150.00	$152.16
Fold Dick Armey Lift Note	10494	$7.50	/M	$100.00	$100.00
Fold Premium Offer	10494	$7.50	/M	$100.00	$100.00
Insert letter, 2 notes & bre into window	10494	$24.00	/M	$200.00	$251.86
Affix live stamp	10365	$18.00	/M	$75.00	$186.57
Postage for 10,369 - 4 pulled records at .10 = $1,037.00. Received postage check # 2462 for $1,038.00	1	($1.00)	Ea	($1.00)	($1.00)

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Invoice Date 3/29/96

Total Due $3,657.64

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA GROUP
Jerry Fish
540 Timber Lane Drive
South Sioux City, NE 68776

INVOICE

JOB NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER	SALESPERSON	TERMS
SAG-00781		Thomas	Net 30 Days

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	COST/UNIT		MINIMUM	EXTENSION
PROJECT: STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS					
Federal Express sign-off 3/20 = $9.75 & UPS to Magnetech 24 boxes on 3/28 = $117.00 & UPS on 3/29 samples to Spirit of America = $3.90	1	$131.00	Ea	$0.00	$131.00

Thank you for your business. If there are any questions about this invoice or the project, please contact Kathy Savieo at (708) 893-8233. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

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534 Congress Circle North
Roselle, Illinois 60172

Invoice # 040113496

Invoice Date 4/23/96

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Total Due $9.75

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA GROUP
Jerry Fish
540 Timber Lane Drive
South Sioux City, NE 68776

INVOICE

JOB NUMBER	PURCHASE ORDER	SALESPERSON	TERMS
SAG-01195		Thomas	Net 30 Days

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	COST/UNIT	MINIMUM	EXTENSION
PROJECT: STEVE STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS				
Federal express overnight the original diskette with the 5 files	1	$9.75 Ea	$0.00	$9.75

Thank you for your business. If there are any questions about this invoice or the project, please contact Kathy Savieo at (708) 893-8233. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

Return of mail list Disk
to Chris

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CONFIDENTIALITY ADVISEMENT

Since this information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission, the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C., Section 437g(a)(12)(A) apply. This section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation. You are advised that no such consent has been given in this case.

Stephen Clause
(Signature)

11/6/96
(Date)

Stephen Clause
(Print Full Name)

1/16/60
(Date of Birth)

398-72-6464
(Social Security Number)

715-389-9622
(Telephone Number)

200 S. Vine Ave, Marshfield WI 54449
(Address including Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

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FAX MESSAGE

DATE: 5-6-96 TO: Stephen

PAGES: 2 FROM: Jerry

Attached is an analysis of an additional 6000 units for Steve Stockman for Congress.

Our costs for the printing will go up $.139 ea. for this smaller quantity. The duplication costs remain the same.

I have not received a commitment for a May 20th Completion date as of this P.M.

Talk w/you tomorrow about our weekly meeting. Looking forward to it.!!

Jerry

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SPIRIT OF AMERICA ASSOCIATES GROUP 540 Timberline Drive, South Sioux City, NE 68776 (402) 494-3995 FAX (402) 494-3976

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FAX MESSAGE

DATE: 5-7-96 TO: Stephen

PAGES: 1 FROM: Jenny Fish

Schedule for Steve Stockman Additional order of 6000 units

Printing + Personalization completed by 5-17-96 + Shipped to Duplicator.

Duplication Completed on any of following dates 5-20 to 5-23.

Schedule based on following:

- Need order today 5-7-96
- Need mail List by Friday 5-10-96.

Every day will delay order by each day delayed

Will also make correction on Typo on Billboard Face Label "Of 1994" to "of 1994"

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CLIENT: STEVE STOCKMAN for Congress

Listed below is our costs for producing a 6000 unit additional order.

	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Tape + Replication	$.6750	$4050.00
3 Color Face Label	$.0550	330.00
Insert Labor + Final Sort	$.0400	240.00
Printing		
Letter, Production Personalization, Sort & USPS Reports	.3520	2113.01
BRE's	.0547	328.44
Dick Armey Left Note	.0662	397.15
Premium offer insert	.0662	397.15
OCE's	.1040	624.00
Postage	.3172	1903.20
TOTAL (1)	$1.7305	$10,382.95

(1) Mark-Up for Clone, SPA & Wall Investment fees included.

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PREFERRED LISTS @ DIVISION OF CCA

~ ~ ~17M New Names JUST ADDED in MARCH '96 !!!
~ ~ ~49M have been added in the LAST 6 MONTHS
~ ~ ~INCREDIBLY NEW - just 6 months on the market!

DONORS TO ECONOMIC CONSERVATIVE CAUSES

Universe: 63.3M **$125/M**

Donors to Economic Conservative Causes is a conservative donor masterfile that you do want to schedule into your winter mailings. Most are 0-6 month donors. This list is not capped, so many are high dollar donors to economic conservative Republican causes such as tax, budget, welfare, medicare, and social security reform.

Maildates for this list of donors to various economic issues are going fast, so call now to reserve your maildate.

Call Rhonda Bell at (703) 931-8000 for counts or clearances.

Some of the successful continuations in the last 6 months are Forbes for President, National Republican Congressional Committee, National Republican Senatorial Committee, Republican National Committee, U.S. English.

SELECTIONS/PRICING

STATE/SCF/ZIP: $3.50/M KEYCODING: $2.50/M P.S. LABELS: $6.00/M
MAGNETIC TAPE: $25 NON-RETURNABLE 9T/1600 bpi; 9T/6250 bpi ECONO396

5201 Leesburg Pike • Suite 1007 • Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3203
Telephone (703) 931-8000 FAX (703) 931-3800

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Congressman Steve Stockman

March 25, 1996

Name
Address
City, State Zip

Dear Name,

You and I have made great gains in changing Congress through hard work and a conservative belief that a smaller, less intrusive government is good for America.

While we have made these gains, you and I have watched as the liberal media and Bill Clinton have misinformed the public and misrepresented our actions.

Everything from school lunches to Medicare to the flat tax have been lied about.

In order to stop Bill Clinton and return the Government to the people, we must get the truth out.

And we must keep our Republican majority.

The Democrats need only to take back 14 seats in the House of Representatives to regain control.

Dick Gephardt would be Speaker...David Bonior would be Majority Leader...

That's why Speaker Newt Gigrich and Majority Leader Dick Armey ask you to take the next step and view a specially prepared video which you will receive in just a few days.

Sincerely,

Steve Stockman
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

P.S. Your specially prepared video will arrive in the mail in a few short days; please give it your immediate attention.

Not printed at taxpayer expense

TOTAL P.01

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Bill Bradley

the SPIRIT of AMERICA

FAX MESSAGE

DATE: March 6, 1996

TO: CHRIS

FROM: JERRY FISH

NO. PAGES: Cover Page + ____

This is confirmation that you are adding 300 units to complete file 4 mailing list, which makes a total address list of 10,300 video units to be mailed.

You have also requested 100 units to be sent UPS Ground for campaign business, etc.. Please notify of address you wish to have the additional 100 units sent.

The additional cost for these units is as follows:

300 units @ $ 1.89 ea.	$ 567.00
200 units @ $ 1.57 ea. ($1.89 less $.32 Postage)	$ ~~157.00~~ 314.00
TOTAL ADDED TO ORDER	$ ~~724.00~~ 881.00

This additional cost will be invoiced by Stephen Glouse & Associates.

Thanks So Much,

Jerry

Jerry Fish

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THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA GROUP 540 Timberline Dr. South Sioux City, NE 68776 (402)494-3996 Fax (402)494-3976

STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 3/18/96

Pages: 2

To: Congressman Steve Stockman

Fax Phone:

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Additional tapes.

I am transmitting to you an invoice for 80 additional tapes to complete your file four mailing. My initial report indicated you were mailing 300 videos over our contracted amount, however, a subsequent report showed 380 and is the final count on the list. Please submit to Patty for payment at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your help on this matter, Stephen.

200 S. VINE AVE. - MARSHFIELD, WI 54449 - (715) 389-2672 - FAX (715) 389-1324

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STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 3/15/96

Pages: 6

To: Congressman Steve Stockman

Fax Phone: [redacted]

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Announcement and close phone call script, invoice for additional tapes and unpaid travel.

Good morning, Steve, I am transmitting to you the announcement and close phone call scripts you requested last week. Remember, it's absolutely critical the communication stream phases take place in there proper order and timing. Call me if you have any questions. Your video mailing is due to drop the end of next week. Also, I am including two invoices, one for a past due travel and the other for extras tapes needed to complete your file four mailing. Please submit to Patty for payment. There will be no charges for the phone scripts, I am donating that portion of my professional services to the campaign. On behalf of Ellen and I, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

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STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date: 2/6/96

Pages: 3

To: Congressman Steve Stockman

Fax Phone:

From: Stephen Clouse

Subject: Final billing for video fund raiser.

I am transmitting to you the final invoices due before we mail your video fund raising program. You will notice some additional charges for the printed pieces for the mailing. In our contract, we had not allowed for the lift note, premium offer, and window envelope needed to hold the additional materials. Other than that, all charges are consistent with our contract and prior communications. If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Stephen.

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Subject: Congressman Stockman Video
Cost Estimate

Per MAGNETECH or Sterling Quote	T-10, G-Zero Blank, Affix Label, Shrink	$.676	
	3 Color Label (Includes Set up Charges)	.057	
	OCE Laydown	.030	
	Final Sort	.010	
Per NDS Quote	Personalized Letter	.241	
	BRE	.029	
	Lift Note (PrinterFold - Ivory)	.083	Extra Cost for adding Lift Note Premium & Stuffed Envelope
	Premium Office Sheet (PrinterFold - Blue)	.061	
	OCE (Print OCE, Stuff & Stamp)	.092	
	TOTAL	$1.279	

Postage: 4.5 oz wt. MIN $.265
MAX $.317

Final Cost w/Postage MIN. $1.544
MAX $1.596

2-6-96

NATIONAL DATA SERVICES of Chicago, Inc.

Quotation

To:	Jerry Fish Spirit of America Group	Date: Time:	February 6, 1996 8:46 AM
		Contact:	Duane Thomas
Re:	Steve Stockman Mailing	Phone: Fax:	708-668-2790 708-668-4001

Project Overview: Provide printing, personalization, and inserting for mailing by video duplicator.

We are pleased to offer the following services:

	Quantity	Flat / Min.	$ / m	Total
Printing				
BRE, #6-3/4, reg., 24# white wove, face printed 1/0 black from USPS BRE positive	10,000			$291.18
OCE, 3-7/8 x 7", 24#, white wove, window, printed 1/0 PMS 294	10,000			500.06
LETTER, 14x11, 60# white offset, printed 2/1 PMS 294 & black with perf 3.5" up from bottom on left half only	10,000			433.17
LIFT NOTE, 6x9, 60# ivory stock, printed 2/0 PMS 216 and black	10,000			726.04
PREMIUM OFFER, 6x9-3/4, 60# lt. blue, printed 2/0 PMS 294 and black	10,000			503.29
Miscellaneous Freight	lot			135.00
Total Printing				$2588.74

11,000 ORDERED

10,107 RECORDS + SAMPLES NEEDED

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Subject: Congressman Stockman Video
Cost Estimate

Per MAGNETOCH or Sterling Quote	T-10, G-Zero Blank, Affix Label, Shrink	$ .676
	3 Color Label (Includes Set up Charges)	.057
	OCE Lay down	.030
	Final Sort	.010
Per NDS Quote	Personalized Letter	.241
	BRE	.029
	Lift Note (PrinterFold - Ivory)	.083
	Premium Office Sheet (PrinterFold - Blue)	.061
	OCE (Print OCE, Stuff + Stamp)	.092
	TOTAL	$ 1.279

Extra Cost for adding Lift Note Premium + Stuffed Envelope

Postage: 4.5 oz wt. MIN $ .265
MAX $ .317

Final Cost w/Postage MIN. $ 1.544
MAX $ 1.596

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Personalization

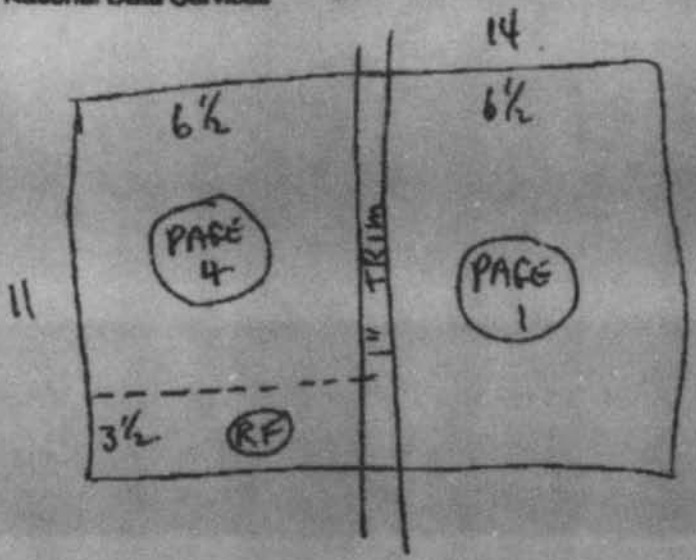
Format and convert disk file	10,000	$100 min.	$1.00	$100.00
Presort files (as bulk video mailer), including reports, bag tags, and 3602	10,000	125 min	1.00	125.00
Set-up 2 pages (1&4) letter and RD	1	500 flat		500.00
Scan/digitize signature (Stockman)	1	150 flat		150.00
Set-up 2 pages camera ready (2&3)	1	200 flat		200.00
Laser LETTER, 14x11, simplex, 60# offset	10,000	250 min.	75.00	750.00
Fold and slit to nest, 14x11 to 3.625x6.5 finished, keep version/sequence	10,000	150 min.	14.50	150.00
Fold Dick Armey LIFT NOTE	10,000	100 min.	7.50	100.00
Fold PREMIUM OFFER	10,000	100 min.	7.50	100.00
Insert 4 to 3.875x7 window OCE	10,000	200 min.	24.00	240.00
Affix live stamp (non-profit)	10,000	75 min.	18.00	180.00
Transportation to _____	?			*
Total Production	**10,000**			**$2595.00**

Notes --
- Please note that the length of the OCE has to be 7" in length to accomdate the 6.5" letter and inserts. There must be a 0.50" total clearance in the length.
- Above is for one version and with the back (pages 2 & 3) being pre printed. We will set up for signoff and preprint.
- A firm schedule will be set now that file is in (10,107 records) and printing can be ordered.
- (*) Optional items not extended. Please add as required.
- See attached page for media/format specifications and general guidelines.

If there are any questions, please call. Thank you for your consideration.

Duane Thomas

Duane Thomas
National Data Services



SAME LETTER LAYOUT AS "NET"

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STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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Friday, December 22, 1995

Congressman Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Steve,

I wanted to follow up with you on your direct mail video program.

Yesterday, Tim Kersten faxed a final copy for the direct mail/video kit. Please review and advise. Pay close attention to the premium levels and their descriptions. We will craft the video premium script from this text.

In addition, we agreed on the following video changes.

1. Keep the photo of Jack Brooks.

2. Show other liberals. However, your office will acquire the photos.

3. Cut the visual of Steve hugging guy, no problem. By the way, Steve, why were you hugging that guy?

4. Spruce up the list of accomplishments to add a little more visual interest.

5. Caption Martin Frost quotes and add extra quote. Approximate production budget to reedit Frost quote $450.

6. Cut the word pro-life from script. That does not present a problem unless the voice over cannot be spliced. If we can't splice it we may need to re-record the audio to get a match. Approximate production budget to re-cut audio $300.

7. Show bumper stickers, literature, and the making of a commercial. No problem here.

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8. Production budget for adding premiums.

Pre-production	$100.00
Scripting	$175.00
Planning	$75.00
Shoot	$734.38
Graphics	$00.00
Animation	$00.00
Edit; Offline/Online	$1,203.12
Talent	$206.25
Audio/Music	$220.00
Shipping	$55.00
Tape Stock	$82.00
Total Premium Budget	$2,850.75

9. Payment terms for additional production are as follows:

   40% to initiate production.
   40% at edit stage.
   20% at completion.

10. The lists we'll be mailing to. It's critical that we roll out to a list of direct mail responders. Most political lists are compiled from those who give through events, personal solicitations, and direct mail. So this area will have a significant impact on your fundraising projects outcome.

11. Finally, I would like to set a new mail date with you. However, we shouldn't proceed until the video is approved. At your earliest possible convenience, send us a payment for the additional production.

If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Thank you, Steve, for letting us be of service to you on this project. Hope you and Patty have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Stephen Clouse
President

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643 SURREY LANE - SIOUX CITY, IA - 51106
(712) 274 - 0623 FAX (712) 274 - 0628

Video Production Estimate

Prepared for Stephen Clouse

Production Budget Summary

Pre-Production		$100.00
Scripting		$175.00
Planning		$75.00
Shoot		$734.38
Graphics		$0.00
Animation/SFX		$0.00
Edit; Offline/Online		$1,956.25
Talent		$206.25
Audio/Music		$220.00
Shipping/Phone/Misc. Expenses		$55.00
Tape/Film Stock		$82.00
	Total	$3,603.88
	+/-10% Contingiency	$360.39

This estimate was prepared in good faith and will remain in effect only for a period of 30 days.
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The Payment Schedule

40%	$1,441.55	To initiate production
40%	$1,441.55	At SFX/Edit Stage
20%	$720.78	At Completion
+	$360.39	*At Completion only if required

Stockman Incentive Addon revised 1/8/96

Pre-Production	Hour	Day	
Producer	1	0	$100.00
0		0	$0.00
	1	0	$100.00

Scripting	Hrs	Days	
Producer/Writer; Concept		0	$0.00
Producer/Writer; 1st Draft	2	0	$140.00
Producer/Writer; Changes	0.5		$35.00
0			$0.00
0			$0.00
0			$0.00
	2.5	0	$175.00

Planning	Hrs	Days	
Producer; Shoot	0.25		$25.00
Producer; Graphics	0.25		$25.00
Producer; Animation/SFX	0		$0.00
Producer; Edit/Post	0.25		$25.00
	0.75	0	$75.00

Shoot	Hrs	Days	
Producer	0	0.5	$500.00
Producer; Related Travel		0	$0.00
Camera Equipment		0.5	$234.38
Equipment; Related Travel			$0.00
0		0	$0.00
Sub-Contractor; Related travel		0	$0.00
Freelance Crew			$0.00
Freelance Crew			$0.00
Catering	0		$0.00
	0	1	$734.38

Shoot Extras			
Grip/Lighting truck			$0.00
WARDROBE			$0.00
0			$0.00
			$0.00

Graphics	Hrs	Days	
Producer	0		$0.00
Computer	0		$0.00
0			$0.00
Supplies			$0.00
	0	0	$0.00

Animation/SFX	Hrs	Days	
Producer		0	$0.00
Computer		0	$0.00
0			$0.00
Supplies			$0.00
	0	0	$0.00

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Edit; Offline/Online	Hrs	Days		
Producer; Logging/Digitizing	1	0	$100.00	
Equipment; Logging/Digitizing	1	0	$93.75	
Producer; Edit/Post		0.5	$500.00	
Equipment; Edit/Post		0.5	$937.50	
Producer; Render/Final Master	2	0	$200.00	
Equipment; Render/Final Master	2	0	$125.00	Includes dubbing 2 VHS copies
0		0	$0.00	
	6	1	$1,956.25	

Talent	Qty		
On Camera	0		$0.00
On Camera			$0.00
On Camera			$0.00
Voice Over	1		$187.50
Voice Over			$0.00
Voice Over			$0.00
Agent Fees			$18.75
	1	0	$206.25

Audio			
Producer	1		$100.00
Library Music	1		$75.00
Custom Music			
Studio/Equipment	1		$45.00
Phone Patch Studio	0		$0.00
	3	0	$220.00

Misc. Expenses			
Food/Lodging			$0.00
Mileage	0	0.3	$0.00
Gas			$0.00
Phone			$5.00
Shipping			$50.00
Supplies			$0.00
	0	0	$55.00

Tape Stock			
Beta SP(shoot)	1		$45.00
Beta SP(master)	0		$0.00
VHS	2		$18.00
Multitrack Audio	1		$2.00
DAT(audio)	1		$17.00
DAT(video data storage)	0		$0.00
	5	0	$82.00

Production Total	$3,603.88

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Original type

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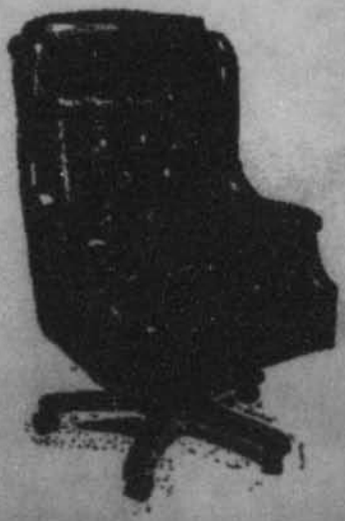

They owned it for 150 years before losing it in the biggest upset of 1994. Now they've vowed to take it back so they can give their failed ideas another try.

You can stop them. Learn how, inside.

Current type

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Scripting		$175.00
Planning		$75.00
Shoot		$734.38
Graphics		$0.00
Animation/SFX		$0.00
Edit; Offline/Online		$1,203.12
Talent		$206.25
Audio/Music		$220.00
Shipping/Phone/Misc. Expenses		$55.00
Tape/Film Stock		$82.00
	Total	$2,850.75
	+/-10% Contingiency	$285.07

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The Payment Schedule

40%	$1,140.30	To initiate production
40%	$1,140.30	At SFX/Edit Stage
20%	$570.15	At Completion
+	$285.07	*At Completion only if required

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Pre-Production	Hour	Day	
Producer	1	0	$100.00
0		0	$0.00
	1	0	$100.00

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Producer/Writer; 1st Draft	2	0	$140.00
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0			$0.00
0			$0.00
0			$0.00
	2.5	0	$175.00

Planning	Hrs	Days	
Producer; Shoot	0.25		$25.00
Producer; Graphics	0.25		$25.00
Producer; Animation/SFX	0		$0.00
Producer; Edit/Post	0.25		$25.00
	0.75	0	$75.00

Shoot	Hrs	Days	
Producer	0	0.5	$500.00
Producer; Related Travel		0	$0.00
Camera Equipment		0.5	$234.38
Equipment; Related Travel			$0.00
0		0	$0.00
Sub-Contractor; Related travel		0	$0.00
Freelance Crew			$0.00
Freelance Crew			$0.00
Catering	0		$0.00
	0	1	$734.38

Shoot Extras			
Grip/Lighting truck			$0.00
WARDROBE			$0.00
0			$0.00
			$0.00

Graphics	Hrs	Days	
Producer	0		$0.00
Computer	0		$0.00
0			$0.00
Supplies			$0.00
	0	0	$0.00

Animation/SFX	Hrs	Days	
Producer		0	$0.00
Computer		0	$0.00
0			$0.00
Supplies			$0.00
	0	0	$0.00

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Edit; Offline/Online	Hrs	Days		
Producer; Logging/Digitizing		0	$0.00	
Equipment; Logging/Digitizing	0.5	0	$46.88	
Producer; Edit/Post		0.5	$500.00	
Equipment; Edit/Post	3	0	$562.50	
Producer; Render/Final Master		0	$0.00	
Equipment; Render/Final Master	1.5	0	$93.75	Includes dubbing 2 VHS copies
0		0	$0.00	
	5	0.5	$1,203.12	

Talent	Qty		
On Camera	0		$0.00
On Camera			$0.00
On Camera			$0.00
Voice Over	1		$187.50
Voice Over			$0.00
Voice Over			$0.00
Agent Fees			$18.75
	1	0	$206.25

Audio			
Producer	1		$100.00
Library Music	1		$75.00
Custom Music			
Studio/Equipment	1		$45.00
Phone Patch Studio	0		$0.00
	3	0	$220.00

Misc. Expenses			
Food/Lodging			$0.00
Mileage	0	0.3	$0.00
Gas			$0.00
Phone			$5.00
Shipping			$50.00
Supplies			$0.00
	0	0	$55.00

Tape Stock			
Beta SP(shoot)	1		$45.00
Beta SP(master)	0		$0.00
VHS	2		$18.00
Multitrack Audio	1		$2.00
DAT(audio)	1		$17.00
DAT(video data storage)	0		$0.00
	5	0	$82.00

Production Total	$2,850.75

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MEMO

WALL to WALL PRODUCTIONS
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To: Stephen Clouse

From: Greg Wall

cc: Jerry Fish

Date: 12/13/95

Subject: Regarding Stockman Changes

As regards item #1: Using footage from the television spot would entail the use of copyrighted material. This is something that we cannot do. In addition, I feel the image of a grumpy, old man shaking his finger at someone paints a pretty good picture. And that's already in the video with him fading into the distance. What better illustration could there be.
Item #2: Showing other liberals would improve the scope somewhat. However, the only real way to accomplish this would be to purchase the rights just as we did for the Jack Brooks photo. That would run in the area of $250 to $300 per photo, adding a cost of approximately $1400 to $1500 to the project. I just don't think it is a worth while expenditure.
Item #3: Cutting out the visual of Steve hugging a man is not a problem and would be considered part of normal changes.
Item #4: We can also spruce up the lists of accomplishments in some way to add a little more visual interest. This would also be considered to be normal changes.
Item #5: When showing Martin Frost we can caption what he is saying if you really think it is neccessary. It would probably take roughly an hour or so to accomplish that task. That represents an additional $250-$300 as that was not part of the original script. Regardless, it can be done.
Item #6: Adding the extra Frost quote can also be done if you feel it is neccessary. Again it would probably take an hour or so to find the clip and wrestle it into the master time line. It might require a little more if we were to add the captions as well. So that would add another $250 - $450 to make those changes.
Item #7: If we're just talking about visually removing the words "Pro-Life", that does not represent a major problem. However, if you're talking about changing the voice over as well, that would be a big problem unless we are lucky enough to be able to splice it together out of what we already have. But if we can't splice it, there would be a drastic difference in tone and pitch and would require re-recording that small piece and trying to stick it in. It would be virtually impossible to get a match. And it would add another $250 to $300 for talent and studio charges.
Item #8: We will show bumper stickers, literature and the making of a commercial as well as just saying it. You already know however, that I don't feel that it is crucial at this point. It is at the close and is not really the main motivator. We will just be adding a little more time to the total length.

If we were to make all of the changes listed above it would add between $2100 and $2600 to the final cost. Of course adding the sports incentive on the end would be additional as well following the budget that I faxed yesterday. Everything listed on this page is priced "a la carte". If all of the editing items were to be approved there might be some small savings by making them all at once. The only thing that doesn't fall into that category is the photos in Item #2. There is no economy of scale on photos.

Hope this clarifies things. --- Greg

Tim Kersten
1908 Timber Lane
Wausau, WI 54403
(715) 842-2333
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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Stephen

FROM: Tim

NUMBER OF PAGES: 8

DATE: 1/4/96

SUBJECT: Stockman

MESSAGE: Here's is FINAL Stockman copy as approved by him on 1/4/96. I have also emailed this to you for you to forward on to Jerry Fish or whoever is handling production.

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Congressman Dick Armey
Republican Majority Leader

Dear Friend,

I believe the 1996 elections will be an even greater watershed event than the 1994 elections which swept Republicans to a Congressional majority.

Can Republicans maintain control of Congress?

If not, we will have squandered the greatest opportunity ever to roll back liberalism.

Which is why I urge you in the strongest possible terms to support Steve Stockman. He is the Democrats' target. They want him to be the first to fall in November 1996 . . . with dozens of his Republican colleagues close behind.

I do not intend to let this happen.

Steve Stockman needs your immediate and generous support. Winning reelection will be much tougher than his 1994 victory. Steve needs you to help him build his campaign war chest and fend off a relentless attack by Washington liberals who want his seat back in Democrat hands.

Please send the most generous contribution you can afford today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dick Armey
Republican Majority Leader

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In Appreciation of Your Support of Congressman Steve Stockman

We have some special gifts we want you to have as our thanks for supporting Stockman for Congress.

When you give $2,000 . . . you will receive a matted and framed, numbered, limited edition copy of the historic "Contract with America" autographed by Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Dick Armey. One of these historic documents was recently auctioned for a price of $15,000. In addition, you will receive autographed copies of both Changing America by Newt Gingrich and The Flat Tax by Dick Armey. (Please designate multiple campaigns or spouse/other contributor on the reply form.)

When you give $1,000 . . . you will receive an autographed copy of The Flat Tax by Dick Armey, plus an autographed football by Hall of Fame quarterback and Member of Congress Steve Largent.

When you give $750 . . . you will receive a matted and framed limited edition, autographed photo of the historic "1995 Swearing-in Day" with the Republican Majority, and an autographed copy of The Flat Tax by Dick Armey.

When you give $500 . . . you will receive a matted and framed limited edition, autographed photo of the historic "1995 Swearing-in Day" with the Republican Majority.

When you give $250 . . . you will receive a matted and framed $2 bill, which shows our Founding Father's signing the Constitution -- a beautiful keepsake reminder of what Republican values are all about. The matte will be autographed by Congressman Stockman.

When you give $200 . . . you will receive a U.S. Congressional coffee mug with the Congressional seal and a signed certificate of appreciation.

Please join Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Dick Armey in support of Congressman Steve Stockman. Send your most generous contribution today because as the liberals have pointed out, as the 9th District goes, so goes the nation. Please act *now!*

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PACKAGE ELEMENT: LETTER

Steve Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135 o Webster, TX 77598

Mr. John Sample
123 Any Street
Apartment 123
Anytown, Texas 12345

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Dear Mr. Jones,

I urgently need your help to fend off an all-out attack from some *very angry* Washington liberals.

That is why I am sending you this letter and the enclosed video. I'll tell you what's on the video in a minute. I promise you won't want to miss watching it.

But first let me introduce myself.

My name is Steve Stockman. I serve Texas' 9th District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Perhaps you have heard about me. In November 1994 I won my seat in Congress by defeating 42-year incumbent liberal Democrat Jack Brooks.

What's more, by winning, I took away a House seat the Democrats had held for 150 years!

And now they have vowed to take it back!

That is why I am writing you. I urgently need your help as a loyal Republican to stand up against this massive effort to defeat me.

The Democrats have vowed to spend as much as it takes -- even up to $2 MILLION -- to win back my seat.

What's more, the national leadership of the Democrat Party has targeted me as the #1 Republican they want to defeat in 1996.

In fact, the Democrats are so serious that they actually sent Vice President Al Gore to Houston last April to whip up local Democrats against me.

And then this past August, Democrats held another rally at which the ultra-liberal House Democrat Martin Frost from Dallas came into my district to denounce me!

Even if I raise as much or more money than the Democrats, I will be in the fight of my life to keep

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this House seat in Republican hands.

Please help me win reelection by sending a $50, $100, $250, $500, $1,000 or larger contribution to me today.

You see, last election I literally ran my entire campaign out of the garage of my house.

I was blessed with an army of more than 2,000 volunteers who went door-to-door, got out the vote, and helped me beat my opponent.

It was David vs. Goliath -- and Goliath lost again!

But that was 1994. A second election is always tougher than the first. This one will be even harder because liberal Democrats are fighting mad. They are raising huge sums to defeat me -- not only because they want to take back the seat they held for 150 years . . .

. . . but also because they abhor my values and the fact that I kept my promise to roll back decades of failed liberal policies.

On critical national issues:

I want to reform welfare, overhaul immigration policy, cut red tape, reduce government's burden on business, and promote family-friendly legislation.

What's worse for the liberals, I am anti-tax.

I need your help to win reelection so I can work with my colleagues in the House to abolish the current tax system. The Internal Revenue Service is out of control, incompetent, and unable to manage its own affairs.

It is high time to outlaw the government-approved theft of your money by the IRS!

Please help me return to Congress. It took liberals 50 years to get America into the mess it's in. My Republican colleagues and I cannot undo the damage in just two years.

I must win reelection this year so I can stay in the fight and win more victories for you and other hard-working American taxpayers.

But I can't win unless I have the money to mount a campaign to defeat the huge, well-funded Democrat

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machine that wants to roll right over me.

Do you want the Democrats to take back my seat?

Do you want to see the Democrats regain the lock on power they held for 40 years in the U.S. House? Our margin of control is slim.

Do you want higher taxes, more government interference in your daily life, and a return to the utterly bankrupt liberal policies of the past?

I don't either! So, I urge you to do two things now:

1. Take nine minutes immediately to view the enclosed videotape. You will meet me, my wife Patti, and learn more about what I will accomplish in my second term.

Plus, you will see what my opponents say about me -- for instance, never-before-seen footage from a Democrat Party event where a noted liberal boasted that they would defeat me.

You'll also see me speaking on the House floor and on the McNeil Lehrer News Hour where I argued against using your tax dollars without Congressional approval to bail out Mexico. Plus, you'll hear what people in my district say about my first term in office. Then,

2. As soon as you finish watching the video, please take out your checkbook and write your contribution for $50, $100, $250, $500, $1,000 or even more so I can print and distribute campaign literature, put ads on radio and TV, and even make bumper stickers.

Then mail your check in the envelope provided. Please don't delay! I am the liberal Democrats' #1 target. They've pulled out the stops, and are raising money hand over fist, to defeat me.

I must have your help to raise an equal amount or more to get my pro-family, anti-tax message out across the Ninth District -- and WIN!

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Steve Stockman
Member of Congress

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P.S. In appreciation of your support of my campaign, you will receive one of the special gifts described in the enclosed flyer. Please mail your check today. And be sure to watch the video and pass it on to others. Thank you.

- - - - - - - detach and mail with your contribution - - - - - - -

MY PERSONAL REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN STEVE STOCKMAN

[ ]Yes, Steve! You can count on me to help you win reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives. Enclosed is my contribution of:

[ ]$1,000 [ ]$500 [ ]$750 [ ]$250
[ ]$100 [ ]$50 [ ]Other $_____

Charge my [ ]MC [ ]Visa [ ]AMEX Card #_____
Exp. Date_____Signature_____

[ ]I've watched your video and I'll do my best to pass it on to friends so they can support your reelection.
[ ]Send my special thank you gift described in the enclosed flyer.
[ ]I do not wish to receive a thank you gift.

Mr. John Sample
123 Any Street
Apartment 123
Anytown, Texas 12345

Important!

The Federal Election Commission requires this information.

Your occupation Home Phone
(If self-employed write "self employed." If retired or homemaker, please indicate.)
Name of employer_____

Make checks payable to:
Friends of Steve Stockman o P.O. Box 57135 o Webster, TX 77598
Working for you...keeping his promises.

Contributions are not tax deductible. Corporate contributions cannot be accepted. Not printed at government expense. Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.

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PACKAGE ELEMENT: Reply Envelope

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Steve Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

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Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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- Fax Cover Sheet -

Date:	12/22/95
Pages:	3
To:	Congressman Steve Stockman
Fax Phone:	[redacted]
From:	Stephen Clouse
Subject:	Video changes, direct mail letter, lists, and new mail date.

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Steckman CHANGES

1. Use footage from television commercial we gave you in black and white while showing Brooks. Use copyrighted footage

2. Instead of showing Sarah Brady, show pictures of President, Hillary, Rep. Schumer, Joycelyn Elders, and Jesse Jackson

EOB 3. Cut out the part where Steve is hugging a guy

4. Instead of seeing whole list at once, show one item at a time and have it fill the whole screen, if you think this is okay.

5. When showing Martin Frost, caption what he is saying.

6. Include quote of Frost saying, "As this election goes, so goes he nation."

EOB 7. Cut out words "Pro-Life", but leave in "Pro-Family.

8. Show bumper stickers, litereature and the making of the radio ad. Do not just say that this is where the contribution will go.

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Post-it® Fax Note 7671	Date	# of pages ▶ 1
To Steve	From Stephen	
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Tim Kersten
1908 Timber Lane
Wausau, WI 54403

FAX (715) 842-3970

Post-it® Fax Note 7671	Date 12/21/95	# of pages ▶ 1
To Jerry	From Stephen	
Co./Dept.	Co.	
Phone #	Phone #	
Fax #	Fax #	

TO: Stephen Clouse

FROM: Tim Kersten

NUMBER OF PAGES: 8,

DATE: 12/21/95

SUBJECT: Final Stockman Copy

MESSAGE:

Stephen, here is final copy for Stockman.

I have made all of the changes they requested. I have also polished and tightened the new copy for the insert which lists the premiums.

I called Stockman's office this morning at about 8:00 to get clarification on the premiums. Steve was unavailable. I told the secretary I was calling for Stephen Clouse. There was not a flicker of recognition. She asked how to spell your name. Not exactly the warm welcome I had hoped for. She said Steve would call me back. Right. That's what they have said every time I have called.

Anyway, this is my last day in the office until January 2. The hours are ticking away. I'm running out of time waiting for Stockman to return the numerous calls and faxes I have sent him.

So, I have emailed you this copy. I assume you will have better luck getting Steve to respond to you.

My suggestion: we should just move ahead and get this copy in production, present Stockman with a final proof, tell him to read everything over one last time, sign off on it immediately, then we're done.

Thanks.

Tim

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STEPHEN CLOUSE & ASSOCIATES

Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Corey Birenbaum for Steve Stockman

FROM: Stephen Clouse

NUMBER OF PAGES: 8, including this sheet

DATE: 12/21/95

SUBJECT: Final Copy

MESSAGE: Please review this final copy for the direct mail/video kit and call me at your earliest convenience with your approval. Thank you.

Stephen Clouse

Stephen —
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Perhaps you have heard about me. In November 1994 I won my seat in Congress by defeating 42-year incumbent liberal Democrat Jack Brooks.

What's more, by winning, I took away a House seat the Democrats had held for 150 years!

And now they have vowed to take it back!

That is why I am writing you. I urgently need your help as a loyal Republican to stand up against this massive effort to defeat me.

The Democrats have vowed to spend as much as it takes -- even up to $2 MILLION -- to win back my seat.

What's more, the national leadership of the Democrat Party has targeted me as the #1 Republican they want to defeat in 1996.

In fact, the Democrats are so serious that they sent Vice President Al Gore to Houston last April to whip up local Democrats against me.

And then this past August, Democrats held *another* rally at

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which the ultra-liberal House Democrat Martin Frost from Dallas came into my district to denounce me!

Even if I raise as much or more money than the Democrats, I will be in the fight of my life to keep this House seat in Republican hands.

Please help me win reelection by sending a $25, $50, $75, $100, $500 or larger contribution to me today.

You see, last election I literally ran my entire campaign out of the garage of my house.

I was blessed with an army of more than 2,000 volunteers who went door-to-door, got out the vote, and helped me beat my opponent.

It was David vs. Goliath -- and Goliath lost again!

But that was 1994. A second election is always tougher than the first. This one will be even harder because liberal Democrats are fighting mad. They are raising huge sums to defeat me -- not only because they want to take back the seat they held for 150 years . . .

. . . but also because they abhor my values and the fact that I kept my promise to roll back decades of failed liberal policies.

For instance, on critical local issues:

I am for sustaining America's space program which is so critical to jobs in the Houston area.

I am against Clinton exporting petrochemical industry jobs overseas. Beaumont and Galveston need jobs. But Democrats want to close down our oil refineries and cut NASA, which would ruin our local economy.

I've fought this insanity every step of the way, and I will continue to fight for what's right for the people of the 9th District when I am reelected.

And on critical national issues:

I want to reform welfare, overhaul immigration policy, cut red tape, reduce government's burden on business, and promote family-friendly legislation.

What's worse for the liberals, I am anti-tax.

I need your help to win reelection so I can work with my colleagues in the House to abolish the current tax system. The

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Internal Revenue Service is out of control, incompetent, and unable to manage its own affairs.

It is high time to outlaw the government-approved theft of your money by the IRS!

Please help me return to Congress. It took liberals 50 years to get America into the mess it's in. My Republican colleagues and I cannot undo the damage in just two years.

I must win reelection this year so I can stay in the fight and win more victories for you and other hard-working American taxpayers.

But I can't win unless I have the money to mount a campaign to defeat the huge, well-funded Democrat machine that wants to roll right over me.

Do you want the Democrats to take back my seat?

Do you want to see the Democrats regain the lock on power they held for 40 years in the U.S. House? Our margin of control is slim.

Do you want higher taxes, more government interference in your daily life, and a return to the utterly bankrupt liberal policies of the past?

I don't either! So, I urge you two things NOW:

1. Take nine minutes immediately to view the enclosed videotape. You will meet me, my wife Patti, and learn more about what I will accomplish in my second term.

Plus, you will see what my opponents say about me -- for instance, never-before-seen footage from a Democrat Party event where a noted liberal boasted that they would defeat me.

You'll also see me speaking on the House floor and on the McNeil Lehrer News Hour where I argued against using your tax dollars without Congressional approval to bail out Mexico. Plus, you'll hear what people in my district say about my first term in office. Then,

2. As soon as you finish watching the video, please take out your checkbook and write your contribution for $25, $50, $75, $100, $500 or even more so I can print and distribute campaign literature, put ads on radio and TV, and even make bumper stickers.

Then mail your check in the envelope provided. Please don't delay! I am the liberal Democrats' #1 target. They've pulled out the stops, and are raising money hand over fist, to defeat me.

I must have your help to raise an equal amount or more to

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get my pro-family, anti-tax message out across the Ninth District -- and WIN!

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Steve Stockman
Member of Congress

P.S. In appreciation of your support of my campaign, you will receive one of the special gifts described in the enclosed flyer. Please mail your check today. And be sure to watch the video and pass it on to others. Thank you.

- - - - - - - - detach and mail with your contribution - - - - - - - -

MY PERSONAL REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN STEVE STOCKMAN

[ ]Yes, Steve! You can count on me to help you win reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives. Enclosed is my contribution of:

[ ]$1,000 [ ]$500 [ ]$250 [ ]$100 [ ]$75 [ ]$50 [ ]$25 $_____

Charge my [ ]MC [ ]Visa [ ]AMEX Card #_____
Exp. Date_____Signature_____

[ ] I've watched your video and I'll do my best to pass it on to friends so they can support your reelection.
[ ]Send my special thank you gift described in the enclosed flyer.
[ ]I do not wish to receive a thank you gift.

Mr. John Sample
123 Any Street
Apartment 123
Anytown, Texas 12345

Important!

The Federal Election Commission requires this information.

Your occupation_____ Home Phone_____
(If self-employed write "self employed." If retired or homemaker, please indicate.)
Name of employer_____

Make checks payable to:
Stockman for Congress o P.O. Box 57135 o Webster, TX 77598
Working for you...keeping his promises.

Contributions are not tax deductible. Corporate contributions cannot be accepted. Not printed at government expense. Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.

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In Appreciation of Your Support of Congressman Steve Stockman

We have some special gifts we want you to have as our thanks for supporting Stockman for Congress.

When you give $2,000 . . . you will receive a matted and framed, numbered, limited edition copy of the historic "Contract with America" autographed by Speaker Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Dick Armey. One of these historic documents was recently auctioned for a price of $15,000. In addition, you will receive autographed copies of both Changing America by Newt Gingrich and The Flat Tax by Dick Armey. (Please designate multiple campaigns or spouse/other contributor on the reply form.)

When you give $1,000 . . . you will receive an unframed copy of the "Contract with America" autographed by Dick Armey and Steve Stockman, and an autographed copy of The Flat Tax by Dick Armey.

When you give $750 . . . you will receive a matted and framed limited edition, autographed photo of the historic "1995 Swearing-in Day" with the Republican Majority, and an autographed copy of The Flat Tax by Dick Armey.

When you give $500 . . . you will receive a matted and framed limited edition, autographed photo of the historic "1995 Swearing-in Day" with the Republican Majority.

When you give $250 . . . you will receive a matted and framed $2 bill, which shows our Founding Father's signing the Constitution -- a beautiful keepsake reminder of what Republican values are all about. The matte will be autographed by Congressman Stockman.

When you give $200 . . . you will receive a U.S. Congressional coffee mug with the Congressional seal and a signed certificate of appreciation.

Please join Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Majority Leader Dick Armey in support of Steve Stockman. Send your most generous contribution today because as the liberals have pointed out, as the 9th District goes, so goes the nation. ***Please act now!***

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Congressman Dick Armey
Republican Majority Leader

Dear Friend,

I believe the 1996 elections will be an even greater watershed event than the 1994 elections which swept Republicans to a Congressional majority.

Can Republicans maintain control of Congress?

If not, we will have squandered the greatest opportunity ever to roll back liberalism.

Which is why I urge you in the strongest possible terms to support Steve Stockman. He is the Democrats' target. They want him to be the first to fall in November 1996 . . . with dozens of his Republican colleagues close behind.

I do not intend to let this happen.

Steve Stockman needs your immediate and generous support. Winning reelection will be much tougher than his 1994 victory. Steve needs you to help him build his campaign war chest and fend off a relentless attack by Washington liberals who want his seat back in Democrat hands.

Please send the most generous contribution you can afford today. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dick Armey
Republican Majority Leader

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PACKAGE ELEMENT: Reply Envelope

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Steve Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598

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Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

FAX MEMO

TO: Cory Birenbaum

FROM: Stephen Clouse

NUMBER OF PAGES: 3

DATE: 12/15/95

SUBJECT: Direct mail video

MESSAGE:

Cory, there is a discrepancy between the list of benefits provided by your office to be offered in our direct mail video package, and the actual items your office provided for videotaping.

Specifically, we have a Steve Largent-autographed football as one of the benefits, but it is not included on the attached list.

Could you please call Tim Kersten at 715-842-2333 (or fax him at 715-842-3870) to clarify:

1. Is the Steve Largent football, indeed, one of the benefits?

2. If so, what contribution amount is required for a donor to receive the football?

3. For copy purposes, what is the tie-in between a contribution to Congressman Stockman's campaign and this autographed football?

We must resolve these questions immediately so we can make the final direct mail copy changes and shoot additional footage of the donor benefits for inclusion in the video.

Thank you for giving your attention to this matter so we can keep this project on schedule.

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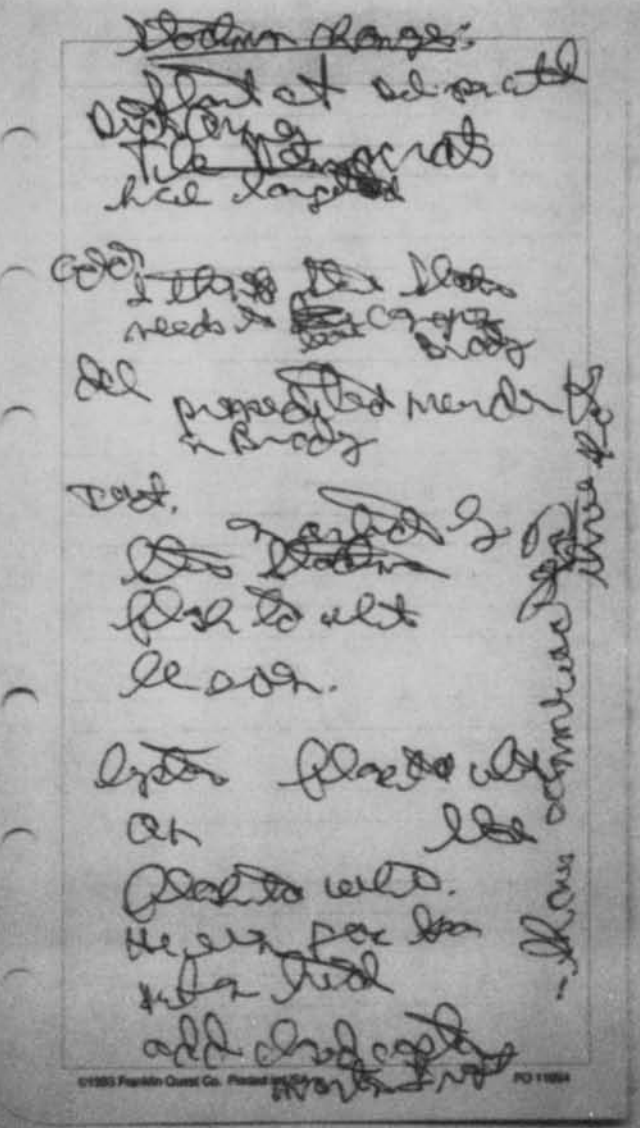

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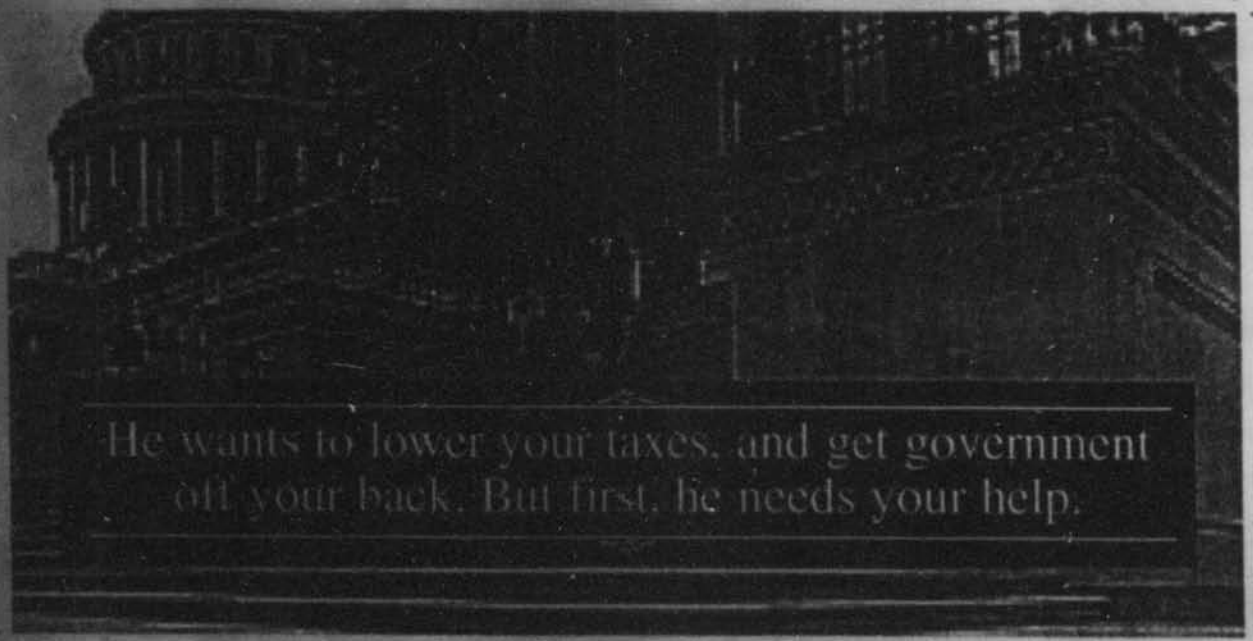

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They owned it for 150 years before losing it in the biggest upset of 1994. Now they've vowed to take it back so they can give their failed ideas another try.

You can stop them. Learn how, inside...

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Targeted Marketing — Communication Consultants

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August 10, 1995

Congressman Steve Stockman
417 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Steve,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present this proposal to provide consultation, creative and video production services for a video direct mail fundraising program for Stockman for Congress.

We have used multiple media fundraising with video to raise as much as $1.1 million for trade associations, nonprofits, candidates, and political organizations in Wisconsin and Washington, D.C. Based on successes like these, we believe that our new, low dollar video fundraising program provides a highly effective means of raising significant sums from previous contributors and prospects. Your program will:

1. Provide a way to motivate giving by breaking through the clutter of other advertising messages by using three media: direct mail, telemarketing and video. A study conducted by Baylor University found that dimensional packages such as those containing videos are 300% more likely to be opened.

2. Give the big picture of why you need the recipient's help by presenting the candidate in a dramatic and compelling way.

3. Save time by allowing you to deliver your message in multiple locations simultaneously.

Stephen Clouse & Associates will represent the individuals and suppliers necessary to create and execute your mailing program. As the owner of Stephen Clouse & Associates, I will manage all aspects of the project from start to finish, and will be your primary contact.

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OUTLINE OF THE VIDEO DIRECT MAIL PROGRAM

1. Video/Print Kit

Kit Components:

- Four-page, 7 x 11 personalized letter with Stockman for Congress return address.
- Two color billboard face label.
- VHS video cassette. Duplicated in EP mode. (10 minutes).
- Reply form.
- Return envelope.
  Bulk postage.
- Shrink wrapped.

Objective:

- To persuade the prospect to give at the requested dollar level.

Strategies:

- The video and related materials must motivate the recipient by:
  - -- Describe the urgency of supporting Congressman Steve Stockman in his re-election efforts.
  - -- Explain how Congressman Stockman is in the cross hairs of the national Democratic Party.
  - -- Stress the impact Congressman Steve Stockman is having on the public policy debates of our time.
  - -- Invite the donor to send a contribution immediately to help the Stockman for Congress campaign buy the literature, yard signs, billboards, radio, and television time.

Tone and Manner:

- The letter, video and supporting materials will communicate exclusivity in both tone and content.

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KEY ISSUES

1. We need to determine, with you, a launch date for the program. We require eight weeks to complete our portion of the project.

2. We must discuss and agree upon copy platform and copy points to be included in the letter and video.

3. We must identify who will receive this mailing. We recommend mailing to Texas lists. In addition, we must identify which recipients will receive a followup phone call from Congressman Steve Stockman.

4. We must discuss and agree upon the offer structure. We recommend tailoring the gift request to the donor's previous giving level and the prosect's giving potential.

PROPOSED FEES AND PAYMENT

Professional fees for producing a multiple media fundraising program are as follows:

1.	Consultation and overall project management. Includes on-site and telephone consultation. Receipts for travel expenses will be submitted as they occur.	$5,500
2.	Creative services (includes overall project creative direction, on-site and telephone creative consultation, copywriting for the print and video). Receipts for travel expenses will be submitted as they occur.	$8,300
3.	Production services (includes up to four days of on-location videotaping, sound track production, narrator, up to three days of non-linear video editing, up to two days of post-production video editing, tapes, and equipment). Receipts for travel expenses will be submitted as they occur. All footage obtained becomes the sole property of Steve Stockman for Congress.	$26,900

4.	Consultation for video production. Receipts for travel expenses will be submitted as they occur.	$4,600
5.	10,000, 10 minute high speed extended play VHS duplications, two-color billboard face label, four page personalized letter, response device, reply envelope, bulk postage, and shrink wrapped @ $1.65 ea.	$16,500
	TOTAL	$61,800

One third of the total fee ($20,600.00) is due upon acceptance of this proposal, and before work begins. One third of the total fee ($20,600.00) is due upon approval of the creative services for the copywriting of the letter and video portion. The balance ($20,600.00) is due in full upon approval of the completed video, before duplicated videotapes are released for mailing. These fees are for the first mailing of 10,000 prospects. If, based on the success of the first mailing, it is decided to mail to additional names, Stockman for Congress agrees to use Stephen Clouse & Associates as the exclusive supplier for all video duplication and execution services pertaining to direct mail video fundraising. Prices for these services and components will remain fixed at $1.65 per piece until we reach quantities of 100,000 units.

Your signature on this proposal indicates acceptance. Please return one copy to my attention and retain the other for your records.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this proposal. I would be honored to work with you on your re-election effort.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen Clouse,
President
Stephen Clouse & Associates

President
Title

8/10/95
Date

Cong. Steve Stockman

Congressman
Title

8/11/95
Date

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701 Douglas Street
Sioux City, Iowa 51102

INVOICE

Stephen Clouse & Associates
200 S. Vine Avenue
Marshfield, WI 54449

INVOICE NO. 04137
DATE SEPTEMBER 14, 1995

	CURRENT BILLING
JOB SCA -0006 AV-Congressman Stockman shoot (received check #3115 9/8/95)	
Deposit	7,000.00
TOTAL	7,000.00

Net 10 days. Thank you.

$7,000.00

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PACKAGE ELEMENT: BILLBOARD LABEL

[Photo of Steve Stockman]

What do you do when you're the Democrats' #1 target?

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PACKAGE ELEMENT: LETTER

Steve Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135 o Webster, TX 77598

Mr. John Sample
123 Any Street
Apartment 123
Anytown, Texas 12345

Mail Permit Goes Here

Dear Mr. Jones,

I urgently need your help to fend off an all-out attack from some *very angry* Washington liberals.

That is why I am sending you this letter and the enclosed video. I'll tell you what's on the video in a minute. I promise you won't want to miss watching it.

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Normally, I would not declare my intention to seek

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reelection and start mailing letters like this until early next year. However, I have no choice but to announce now my intention to run again for Congress in 1996!

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Member of Congress

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STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS
VIDEO FUND RAISING PROGRAM
TENTATIVE PRODUCTION SCHEDULE*

Weeks 1&2 (August 28 - September 8) Write direct mail and video treatment. Present direct mail and video treatment. Write first copy draft of direct mail and video production script and shot list. Present first copy draft of direct mail and video production script and shot list. Review and re-write. Write second and third drafts if necessary. Arrange all printing. Prepare camera-ready mechanical. Identify on-camera talent.

Week 3 (September 11 - September 15) Present revised direct mail and video production script and shot list with post-production detail to Congressman Steve Stockman for approval of package. Graphics must be in the studio. Finalize list selection. Video pre-production planning and scheduling.

Weeks 4-6 (September 18 - October 6) On-location videotaping with host and other on-camera talent. Shoot in Washington and in district. Soundtrack in the studio and begin editing of the video. Begin production of mailing.

Week 7 (October 9 - October 13) Congressman Steve Stockman receives dub, and consults for changes. Re-edit for changes and send Master tape out for duplication.

Week 8 (October 16 - October 20) Deliver 10,000 duplicated tapes for production and execution of mailing.

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1.	Video kit mails	Day 1-11/3
4.	Follow-up phone calls(Steve)	Day 14-11/17-24
5.	Follow-up affirmation.	One day after call
6.	Billing reminder	Day 30-

*This schedule is dependent upon talent availability and quick turn around and approval of the direct mail, telemarketing, and video production script and shot list.

10/31 Drop
11/6-7
11/9 Drop
11/13-30

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Timothy P. Kersten

DIRECT RESPONSE MARKETING

MEMO

TO: Stephen Clouse
cc: Jeff Van Fleet
FROM: Tim Kersten
RE: Steve Stockman Video
DATE: 9/21/95

We agreed that Steve Stockman will deliver a one-minute speech on the House floor which we will pick up off C-Span and insert in shot #13 of the video.

Steve's speech should be an impassioned plea to eliminate wasteful government spending, lower taxes to spur greater productivity and prosperity, and get the government off the backs of American citizens.

Secondly, Stephen, you stated that you have several additional outstanding headlines regarding the Democrats' plan to defeat Steve Stockman. We will use these headlines in the video at shot #26.

Finally, we discussed the problem caused by including credit card information on the reply form. This added information, plus the FEC-required language will substantially increase the size of the reply form. Based on my experience, adding credit card information will not lift response. But eliminating sales copy to include the credit card information could reduce response.

Therefore, I recommend eliminating the credit card information from the reply form. I will seek Jeff Van Fleet's approval.

I will forward final revised copy of the direct mail letter and video script to you, Jeff Van Fleet and Jerry Fish.

Thank you.

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Steve Stockman for Congress
Video Script
(Final for-approval draft 9/16/95)

1. Slow push on Dick Armey in office setting
CG: Dick Armey, House Majority Leader

Thank you for taking a few minutes to watch this brief video about my ~~colleague~~ friend, Congressman Steve Stockman.

There are two reasons I'm doing everything I can to help Steve win reelection in 1996.

First, because Steve Stockman is one of the brightest young members of the House. I need him back next term as part of the Republican Majority so we can continue working for meaningful change. We have lot on our agenda, and I need Steve's help to get the job done.

Let me tell you the second reason I'm working for Steve's reelection.

The Democrats' have made Steve Stockman their number one target for defeat next November. As House Majority Leader, I don't intend to sit by and let the Democrats roll out their big guns and take down one of my ~~colleagues~~ friends.

Steve Stockman is doing a great job representing the 9th Congressional District. He's making a difference for Texas and our country. Please watch this video for the next few minutes to see why you should support his reelection campaign.

2. Shot (TBD) of Steve campaigning

VO Narrator: When Steve Stockman ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, the experts said he could never win.

3. Shot of Steve pulling up garage door 8:12:54-?

He ran his campaign on a shoestring out of his garage

4. Wide crowd shot of Stockman volunteers in training 4:06:24-?

with an army of dedicated volunteers

5. Shot (TBD) of Jack Brooks on the House floor

against Jack Brooks, a powerful Democrat who had served in the House for 42 years,

6. Map of 9th District

occupying a Congressional seat that had been held by Democrats for 150 years.

7. C-Span shot of Steve speaking on House floor 83-99 of 7/29/95 Floor coverage

But Steve Stockman's commitment to smaller government

8. Shot of Steve interacting with family at picnic 5:12:37-?

and the values that made this country great

9. Shot of smiling, victorious Steve at lectern 4:13:20-?

enabled him to pull off one of the most stunning upset victories of the November 1994 elections

10. Shot of Gephardt handing gavel to Gingrich from NRCC Contract with America Celebration 139-142

to join the new Republican Majority in Congress.

11. Gingrich Interview

[Unscripted. Gingrich speaks of how incredible it was that Steve beat Brooks, what an asset Steve has been in pushing through the Contract with America, and how he needs Steve back for another term to continue pushing the conservative agenda.]

12. Shot of Steve working at desk 7:14:51-?

VO Narrator: When he arrived in Washington, Steve Stockman began working tirelessly to serve the people who elected him.

13. C-Span shot of Steve on speaking on floor of house from 7/28/95 floor coverage 172-181

Immediately, he gained a reputation as a man unafraid to take a stand for his beliefs.

Stockman: "But do you know what they are saying? "We want to kill the dream for the next generation so they cannot stand up here a generation from now and say, 'I remember the space station, I remember how it thrilled me.' They want to rob that. We are going to rob the next generation of that."

14. Shot of Stockman interview from 2:30:50-2:31:24

"Before I came to Congress, I worked as an accountant and I became very familiar with the meaning of the dollar and how much that means and what it meant to save a dollar. Part of that is because I grew up in a not very wealthy family. Money was something to be valued. It was something to be earned and held on to. And so as I go through Congress and look at the way we operate, I try to see that every dollar that we use efficiently."

15. Flash to white, fade up to Stockman interview 2:36:16-2:36:32

"When I think of this country and our national anthem, i get choked up. I love this country. And it's corny somebody says to be patriotic, but I'm corny. I love this country.

16. Shot of Steve on McNeil Lehrer 964-970

VO Narrator: Steve Stockman rose to the defense of his country when he spoke out strongly against the Mexican bailout.

McNeil Lehrer anchorwoman: "Now our debate on the merits of aiding Mexico . . . arguing against the bailout, Congressman Steve Stockman."

17. Footage (TBD) of Janet Reno denouncing Stockman

VO Narrator: And Steve Stockman's uncompromising stand on gun control drew the fury of Washington liberals.

Reno: "_____TBD_____"

CG: Attorney General Janet Reno

18. Footage of Sarah Brady denouncing Stockman

Brady: "_____TBD_____"

CG: Sarah Brady, President, Handgun Control

19. Steve greeting/hugging people at picnic 6:21:50-?

But as Washington liberals scorned Steve Stockman, he earned the respect and admiration of the people of the 9th district because

20. Steve kissing kids 6:22:04-?

he cares about families and the future of our children

21. Steve talking with hardhats 5:29:53-?

he's fought hard to protect jobs in the petrochemical industry,

22. Steve with kid at NASA park 8:17:22-?

he's resisted every attempt to reduce funding for NASA because he believes space exploration holds great hope for future generations,

23. Steve with police officer by squad car 7:12:05-?

and he's taken a tough stance on law and order.

24. Steve holding up "Promises Made, Promises Kept" T-shirt 4:02:12-?

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Above all, Steve Stockman has kept his promises. He has fought and won

CG:

- o A $500 per child tax credit
- o Repeal of the Social Security Income tax
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25. Shot of Steve on phone 7:25:43-?

VO Narrator: Now, facing reelection, Steve Stockman is in the biggest fight of his political life. Powerful Washington Democrats have vowed to pull out all the stops to defeat him and win back the Congressional seat they held for 150 years.

26. Shot of newspaper headline:

"Dems' top target Rep. Stockman rides an uneasy horse in Texas"

27. Stockman Interview 3:11:01-3:11:51

"We're the number one targeted race in the country by the liberal democrats. Those Democrats have already sent Al Gore down here to raise funds. They sent the chairman of the Congressional committee down here. They are targeting this race. The Democrats want this seat back. It's equivalent, what we did was equivalent to sticking our finger in the apple of their eye. This district was heavily unionized, heavily Democrat and we won it on core Republican values. And the Democrats are trying to steal it away and steal it back, and we need help. I need the help now. I can't wait."

28. Shot of Martin Frost at "Take Back the 9th Rally 5:23-29; 36-32
CG: Home video

Last August, Martin Frost, the ultra-liberal Democrat from Dallas, and the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee traveled into the 9th District to host a "Take Back the 9th Rally" in Galveston.

Martin Frost: "This is going to be one of the top priority districts in the entire Democratic Party. . . . We are going to put the maximum resources the party is permitted to put into this district."

29. Shot of smiling Stockman shaking hands and talking to shop

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owner 6:01:40

VO Narrator: Steve Stockman needs your help to fight off the Democrats' challenge and win reelection so he can continue fighting to:

CG:

- ~~Preserve funding for NASA~~
- ~~Stop the Clinton administration's attempt to destroy petrochemical jobs in the 9th District.~~
- ~~Ease~~ the government burden on business and family
- ~~Eliminate the IRS~~

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30. Shot of Stockman interview 3:01:50-3:02:23

"If we keep control of the House, we are going to eliminate the IRS. I think it is the right thing to do. and I think it is something that is long overdue. ~~They are invasive and crooked and you do not have any rights.~~"

31. Woman Interview #4 -- 1:13:43-1:13:49

"He's an honest politician and they are few and far between. Look at his record. It speaks for itself."

32. Woman Interview #2 -- 1:08:13-1:08:22

"He has really solid values, a very strong core. Maybe that's what makes him different because that is very hard to find today."

33. Woman Interview #1 -- 1:02:43-1:03-01

"He's just like a cork. You push him down and he pops up. You've got to be that way if you're going to be successful in politics. You just can't be overwhelmed by negative press and things like that. He just keeps coming back."

34. Shot (TBD) of Stockman praying

VO Narrator: Steve Stockman draws strength and his tenacity to win from his deep faith in God,

35. Shot of Stockman with Patti looking at miniature hot air balloons 2:18:00-?

a strong relationship with his wife, Patti,

36. Shot of Stockman shaking hands with friends 6:25:20-?

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and the warm and caring friendships of the people of the 9th District.

37. Woman Interview #2 -- 1:06:26-1:06:34

"When he comes into his district, he makes an effort to get with people and he wants to get to know his constituency and I really appreciate that."

38. Man Interview #1 -- 1:03:44-1:03:59

"He's for the values that make this country what it is for the past 200 something years. I'd like to have all of them like him up there in Washington."

39. Man Interview #1 -- 1:05:11-1:05:21

"It all comes back to trust. I just think that you can trust him and he's the kind of person we'd like to have where he is."

40. Man Interview #4 -- 1:12:19-1:12:40

"I just hope that the people don't lose patience. They have to realize we can't turn around overnight what damage has been done in 40 years. So just stick in there and they will see more improvement to go with the ones they have seen up to this point this year."

41. Shot of Stockman interview 2:34:52-2:35-43

"In 1994, we defeated Jack Brooks, and my wife always teases me that I use the word we. It's true. It was a we effort. We had a huge community of people to help us, 2,000 people came to our home. We ran it out of our house. It was only 1,400 square feet. in fact, we had to move into our garage. People would bring food over. It was just a great time and great atmosphere. We were like family. And so when I talk about our campaign, I always refer to it as we because it really was a community effort for a good cause. We're so blessed to have such good friends. We really love all the people who were with us, and they are still with us.

42. Flash to white. Fade up on Stockman interview 03:08:58-03:09:11

"Now is the time to do it. Now is the time as we approach over the hill, it's so easy to say, well we did great in '94. We're done. We did our job. We need to be ever vigilant and ever persistent because the other side is raising funds, the other side is out raising money, the other side is out attacking us. We need our side -- the side that wants less government, less interference, lower taxes, better families -- that's what we need on our side. We just need people to stand with us.

43. Shot of Steve and Patti walking into campaign event 4:05:36-?

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VO Narrator: Steve Stockman needs your immediate financial support to get his message out to the 9th Congressional district. Your contribution today will help

44. Shot (TBD) of someone handing out brochures door to door

Print and distribute campaign literature

45. Shot (TBD) of Steve on camera for tv commercial

Produce radio and television commercials

46. Shot (TBD) of someone putting Stockman for Congress bumper sticker on car

And even produce bumper stickers that will be seen by thousands of voters.

47. Shot of Steve and Patti walking on beach 7:06:00-?

VO Narrator: Please support Steve Stockman for Congress, a man who makes promises, and keeps them.

48. Shot of Dick Armey

The Democrats have vowed to pour as much as $2 million into ~~the~~ winning back the 9th District Congressional seat.

This is much more than is normally spent on a Congressional race. And it shows the Democrats' commitment to beating Steve Stockman.

That's why your support is so critical, especially in the early days of the campaign. To win reelection and help the Republican Party maintain a majority in Congress, Steve must raise at least as much as the Democrats, if not more. And he must start now.

I am doing everything possible to help Steve rejoin me in Congress in 1996. But I can't do it alone, and neither can Steve. Please join me in helping my colleague win this critical race for Congress.

I urge you to send your contribution today. Thank you.

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Yes! Steve - Do we need F.E. info re: employer + giving limits?

Congressman Dick Armey
House Majority Leader

Dear Friend,

I believe the 1996 elections will be an even greater watershed event than the 1994 elections which swept Republicans to a Congressional majority.

Can Republicans maintain control of Congress?

If not, we will have squandered the greatest opportunity ever to roll back liberalism.

Which is why I urge you in the strongest possible terms to support Steve Stockman. He is the Democrats' #1 prize. They want him to be the first to fall in November 1996 . . . with dozens of his Republican colleagues close behind.

I do not intend to let this happen.

Steve Stockman needs your immediate and generous support. Winning reelection will be much tougher than his 1994 victory. Steve needs you to help him build his campaign war chest and fend off a relentless attack by Washington liberals who want his seat back in Democrat hands.

Please send the most generous contribution you can afford today. Thank you.

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO: Jerry Fish & Stephen Clouse
FROM: Tim Kersten (TK)
NUMBER OF PAGES:
DATE: 9/18/95
SUBJECT: Copy and visual ideas for Stockman face label
MESSAGE: Greetings. What do you think of these?

Idea #1

[Full-color, full-bleed, medium close-up mood photo of Steve's empty chair in the House.]

They owned it for 150 years before
losing it in the biggest upset of 1994.
Now they've vowed to take it back so they
can give their failed ideas another try.
You can stop them. Learn how, inside . . .

Idea #2

(Photo of friendly, smiling Steve Stockman talking with one or two other people. The photo should be cropped so Steve's face is toward the camera and he is the obvious focal point.)

#2a

Why Washington liberals want to
put this man out of a job, and
what you can do to stop them.

#2b

He wants to lower your taxes,
and get government off your back.
But first, he needs your help.

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Introducing the Democrats'
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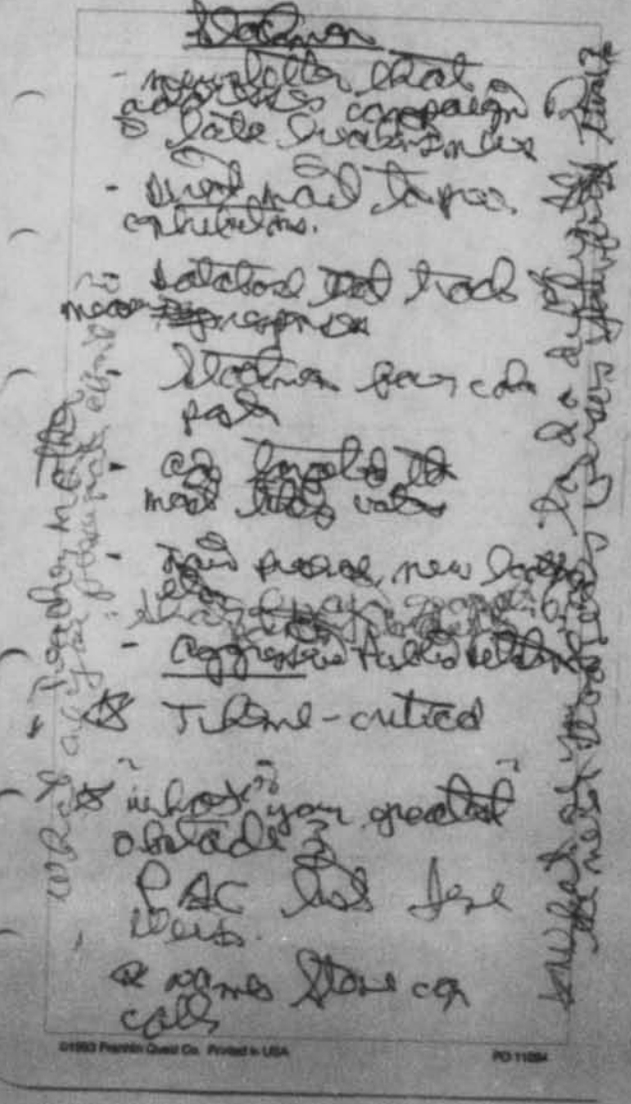

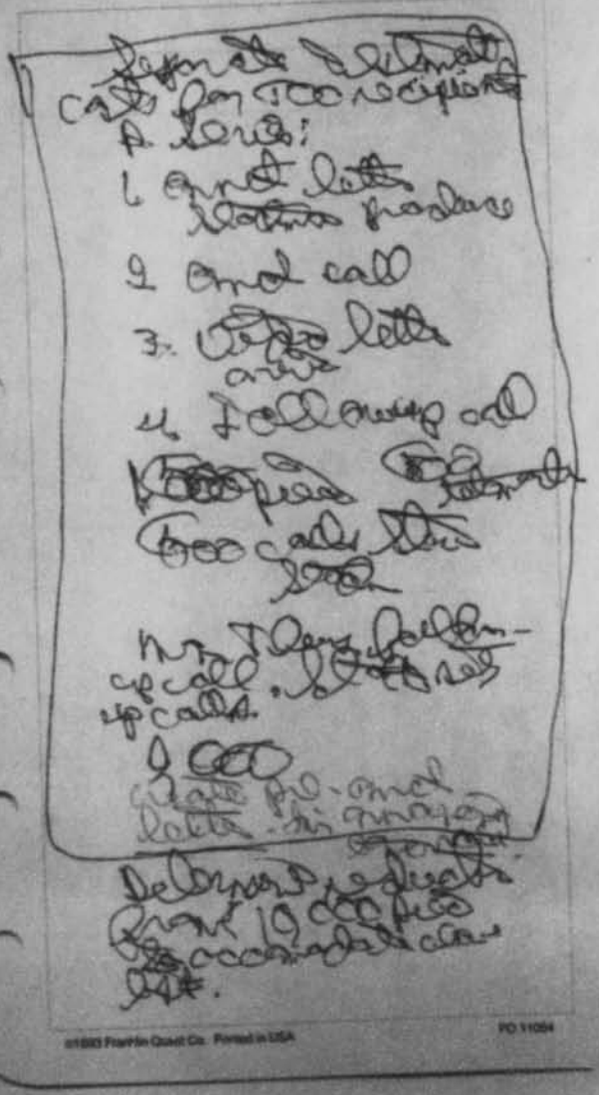

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Steve Stockman for Congress
Meeting Discussion Items
August 26, 1995

1. Audience selection

   a. Identify source of names
   b. Who are our most ideal prospects and why?
   c. Identify giving potential of recipients
   d. How ideologically motivated are these prospects?

2. Offer development and positioning

   a. Establish goal
   b. Develop a giving table based on point 1b above
   c. Discuss donor benefits
   d. Discuss offer language

3. Message development

   a. Why is Steve Stockman running for reelection?
   b. What campaign opportunity will the donor help Steve Stockman for Congress meet?
   c. What are the main issues, concerns and priorities for Steve's campaign?
   d. What hot buttons or power words spark positive responses?
   e. How much is your race going to cost, and why?
   f. What are your primary fundraising strategies?
   g. Why should someone vote for you and not your opponent?
   h. How much money have you raised for your reelection bid?
   i. What do donors say that pleases them most about supporting Steve Stockman?
   j. What evidence of Steve's effectiveness do we have?
   k. What felt needs are satisfied by donors supporting Steve Stockman?
   l. Identify primary copy points and donor motivation.
   m. What happens if Steve Stockman is unable to meet the campaign goal?
   n. What is Steve's vision for the future?
   o. Key figure endorsements/favorable press.

p - what are you most passionate about
q - what are your goals for the next two years versus the previous two years.
- video shot of his past & future
r - what is your greatest obstacle?
- video shot with wife & kids
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Steve Stockman for Congress
Video Script

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CG: Dick Armey, House Majority Leader

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Let me tell you the second reason I'm working for Steve's reelection.

The Democrats' have made Steve Stockman their number one target for defeat next November. As House Majority Leader, I don't intend to sit by and let the Democrats roll out their big guns and take down one of my colleagues.

Steve Stockman is doing a great job representing the 9th Congressional District. He's making a difference for Texas and our country. Please watch this video for the next few minutes to see why you should support his reelection campaign.

2. Shot (TBD) of Steve campaigning

VO Narrator: When Steve Stockman ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, the experts said he could never win.

3. Shot of Steve pulling up garage door 8:12:54-?

He ran his campaign on a shoestring out of his garage

4. Shot of Jeff Van Fleet at desk/computer 8:00:35:00-?
with an army of dedicated volunteers

5. Shot (TBD) of Jack Brooks on the House floor

against Jack Brooks, a powerful Democrat who had served in the House for 42 years,

6. Map of 9th District

occupying a Congressional seat that had been held by Democrats for 150 years.

7. C-Span shot of Steve speaking on House floor 83-99 of 7/29/95

Floor coverage

But Steve Stockman's commitment to smaller government

8. Shot of Steve interacting with family at picnic 5:12:37-?

and the values that made this country great

9. Shot of smiling, victorious Steve at lectern 4:13:20-?

enabled him to pull off one of the most stunning upset victories of the November 1994 elections

10. Shot of Gephardt handing gavel to Gingrich from NRCC Contract with America Celebration 139-142

to join the new Republican Majority in Congress.

11. Gingrich Interview

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14. Shot of Stockman interview from 2:30:50-2:31:24

"Before I came to Congress, I worked as an accountant and I became very familiar with the meaning of the dollar and how much that means and what it meant to save a dollar. Part of that is because I grew up in a not very wealthy family. Money was something to be valued. It was something to be earned and held on to. And so as I go through Congress and look at the way we operate, I try to see that every dollar that we use efficiently."

15. Flash to white, fade up to Stockman interview 2:36:16-2:36:32

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26. Shot of newspaper headline:

"Dems' top target Rep. Stockman rides an uneasy horse in Texas"

27. Stockman Interview 3:11:01-3:11:51

"We're the number one targeted race in the country by the liberal democrats. Those Democrats have already sent Al Gore down here to raise funds. They sent the chairman of the Congressional committee down here. They are targeting this race. The Democrats want this seat back. It's equivalent, what we did was equivalent to sticking our finger in the apple of their eye. This district was heavily unionized, heavily Democrat and we won it on core Republican values. And the Democrats are trying to steal it away and steal it back, and we need help. I need the help now. I can't wait."

28. Shot of Martin Frost at "Take Back the 9th Rally 5:23-29; 36-32
CG: Home video

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34. Shot (TBD) of Stockman praying

VO Narrator: Steve Stockman draws strength and his tenacity to win from his deep faith in God,

35. Shot of Stockman with Patti looking at miniature hot air balloons 2:18:00-?

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41. Shot of Stockman interview 2:34:52-2:35-43

"In 1994, we defeated Jack Brooks, and my wife always teases me that I use the word we. It's true. It was a we effort. We had a huge community of people to help us, 2,000 people came to our home. We ran it out of our house. It was only 1,400 square feet. in fact, we had to move into our garage. People would bring food over. It was just a great time and great atmosphere. We were like family. And so when I talk about our campaign, I always refer to it as we because it really was a community effort for a good cause. We're so blessed to have such good friends. We really love all the people who were with us, and they are still with us.

42. Flash to white. Fade up on Stockman interview 03:08:58-03:09:11

"Now is the time to do it. Now is the time as we approach over the hill, it's so easy to say, well we did great in '94. We're done. We did our job. We need to be ever vigilant and ever persistent because the other side is raising funds, the other side is out raising money, the other side is out attacking us. We need our side -- the side that wants less government, less interference, lower taxes, better families -- that's what we need on our side. We just need people to stand with us.

43. Shot of Steve and Patti walking into campaign event 4:05:36-?

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47. Shot of Steve and Patti walking on beach 7:06:00-?

VO Narrator: Please support Steve Stockman for Congress, a man who makes promises, and keeps them.

48. Shot of Dick Armey

As Steve told you, the Democrats have vowed to pour as much as $2 million into the winning back the 9th District Congressional seat.

This is much more than is normally spent on a Congressional race. And it shows the Democrats' commitment to beating Steve Stockman.

That's why your support is so critical, especially in the early days of the campaign. To win reelection and help the Republican Party maintain a majority in Congress, Steve must raise at least as much as the Democrats, if not more. And he must start now.

I am doing everything possible to help Steve rejoin me in Congress in 1996. But I can't do it alone, and neither can Steve. Please join me in helping my colleague win this critical race for Congress.

I urge you to send your contribution today. Thank you.

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Video Script

(Opening with personalization)

Slow push on Dick Armey in office setting
CG: Dick Armey, House Majority Leader

Thank you for taking a few minutes to watch this brief video about my colleague, Representative Steve Stockman.

There are two reasons I'm doing everything I can to help Steve win reelection in 1996.

First, because Steve Stockman is one of the brightest young members of the House. We need him back next term so the Republicans can stay in the majority and continue working for change. We have lot on our agenda, and I need Steve's help to get the job done.

Let me tell you the second reason I'm working for Steve's reelection.

The Democrats' have made Steve Stockman their number one target for defeat next November. As House Majority Leader, I don't intend to sit by and let the Democrats roll out their big guns and take down one of my colleagues.

Steve Stockman needs your help, too. He's doing a great job representing the 9th district, He's an important member of the House. And he's making a difference for our country. Please watch for the next few minutes to see why you should support his reelection campaign.

Shot of Steve campaigning
VO: Narrator

When Steve Stockman ran for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, the experts said he could never win.

Shot of Steve pulling up garage door

He ran his campaign on a shoestring out of his garage

Shot of Jeff Van Fleet at desk/computer

with an army of dedicated volunteers

Shot of Jack Brooks on the House floor

against a powerful Democrat who had served in the House for 42 years,

Map of 9th District

occupying a Congressional seat that had been held by

Democrats for 150 years.

C-Span shot of Steve speaking on House floor

But Steve Stockman's commitment to smaller government

Shot of Steve interacting with family at picnic

and the values that made this country great

Shot of smiling, victorious Steve at lectern

enabled him to pull off one of the most stunning upset victories of the November 1994 elections

Shot of Gephardt handing gavel to Gingrich

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Steve Stockman for Congress
Meeting Summary
August 24, 1995

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	List Name	Quantity
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c.	Tom Delay's list	
d.	G.W. Bush's list	5,500
e.	Republican Party of Texas $1,000 donors	400
f.	NRCC donors from 9th & adjoining districts	
g.	National Rifle Association	
h.	Gun Owners of America	
i.	Gene Fountaineu's list	
j.	Beverly LaHaye's list	
k.	Phillips Publishing lists	

Action needed: list counts and confirmation of availability
Person responsible: Jeff Van Fleet
Date needed: ASAP

2. Fundraising target: $1,000,000 minimum

3. Available video footage:

a. Janet Reno attacking Steve Stockman
b. Sarah Brady attacking Steve Stockman
c. Steve on Good Morning America re: gun control
d. Steve on McNeil Lehrer re: Mexico bailout
e. Steve on C-Span
f. Paul Weyrich's commentary on Steve's race

Action needed: obtain footage & send to Stephen Clouse
Person responsible: Jeff Van Fleet
Date needed: ASAP

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a. News articles from Texas papers re: Steve's '94 win

Action needed: obtain clippings & send to Tim Kersten
Person responsible: Jeff Van Fleet
Date needed: ASAP

5. Need Steve's speeches in print or audio form

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6. Primary message points & positioning

a. National & district message: Pro-family, pro-prayer in school, pro-gun ownership, anti-tax

b. District message: sustain NASA funding and stop dismantling petrochemical industry and exporting jobs

c. Evangelical, conservative

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Tape 1

Interview #1 of people at marina - 1:01:00:00

Interview #2 of people at marina - 1:06:14:00

Interview #3 of people at marina - 1:08:29:00

Interview #4 of people at marina - 1:11:02:00

Interview #5 of family at marina - 1:14:10:00

Ballunar event exterior WS 2:02:12:00

Ballunar dark crowd shots 2:03:30:18

Ballunar general balloon shots out in field 2:04:45:00

Tape 2

Stockman & Wife walking in crowd - 2:13:08:00

Stockman & Wife looking at crafts - 2:15:38:00

Stockman Interview part #1 - 2:20:27:08

Tape 3

Stockman Interview part #2 (entire tape)

Tape 4

Volunteer's meeting lobby general shots - 4:00:36:00

Stockman holding up T-shirt - 4:02:12:00

More general shots in lobby - 4:03:03:00

Stockman walks into volunteer recognition banquet area to applause 4:05:36:00

General audience and speaker shots - 4:06:24:00

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Tape 5

Continue general crowd/speaker shots at volunteer recognition banquet 5:00:18:00

Round table discussion with Stockman and volunteers - 5:13:15:00

Meeting with construction workers, general exterior shots - 5:27:11:00

Tape 6

Stockman meeting with store owners in stores - 6:05:07:00

Stockman walking down crowded street - 6:04:34:00

General establishing shots or street area - 6:05:07:00

Stockman talking and walking with person on crowded street - 6:06:35:00

General shots of Stockman at family BBQ part #1 - 6:11:30:00

Tape 7

Continue general shots at family BBQ shots - 7:00:30:00

Kids/parents/Stockman playing around swing set - 7:02:41:00

More general shots at family BBQ - 7:05:48:00

Stockman & wife walking on beach - 7:06:26:00

Stockman talking with policeman in squad car - 7:12:05:00

Working in office front shot - 7:14:38:00

Walking through office - 7:14:38:00

Overhead shot looking down at desk in office - 7:18:28:00

On phone - 7:25:43:00

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Date: 8/25/95

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Steve, these are appx. but should come close - from the Great American Donors -

Thanks John

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Subject: Production schedule for video fund raising program.

I am transmitting to you the document we discussed for planning and scheduling purposes. Presently it is based on a mailing of 10,000 pieces, however, if we segment and mail our high dollar program to a select number of recipients, we will need to adjust downward our mass mailing. I recommend we meet and agree on this issue, after we have nailed down our lists. By the way, your Beaumont lead should provide us with a highly effective list. I do have one question. Is his contributor list political or social? It will make a big difference. If you need further information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Give my regards to Steve. SDC.

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DC Lawmakers Rolling in Dough

WASHINGTON - Led by an aggressive freshman class, the new Republican-controlled House is eclipsing all records in raising campaign cash and proving the adage that money follows power.

Overall, House members of both parties raised $43.8 million through the first 6 months of this year, the beginning of a 2-year election cycle, according to the Federal Election Commission.

That represented a 38 % increase over the comparable period in 1993, when incumbents raised $31.5 million, and was the highest total in the 20 years records have been kept.

The increase is attributable to industrious money raising by Republicans, who raked in $27.5 million as they retired debts from last year's campaign and built political bank accounts to defend their majority in 1996. That is more than twice what they raised as a minority.

"Fund raising in general is a lot easier" now that the GOP has taken over, said Dan Morgan, who raises money for about 40 House Republicans including Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas. "People are returning my calls, saying, 'Let me find the money to do that."'

Comparing raising money for Armey when he was a mid-level leader in the minority with now, when he ranks No. 2 to Speaker Newt Gingrich, Morgan said, "It's like night and day."

"Among some PAC groups, there's been a sense of panic because they had invested so much in Democrats," said Steven Stockmeyer, a Republican who runs an association of business political action committees. "Now they are playing catch-up, unashamedly. That's one reason you're seeing the big numbers."

Still, the person leading the fund-raising list was a Democrat, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who amassed $1.2 million in the first half of the year. That figure included a $250,000 transfer from another committee. Gingrich was second, collecting nearly $885,000.

In all, 36 of the top 50 money-raisers were Republicans. Two years ago, when Democrats controlled the House, just 15 of the top 50 came from the GOP.

It was not veterans, however, but freshman lawmakers who accounted for most of the increase. The average GOP freshman raised $142,000 in the first 6 months after being elected, compared with just under $78,000 for the average freshman

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Stephen - Good news!

← Should we send our Stockman package to PACs?

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Democrat. Ten first-termers, all Republicans, made the top 50 list.

In fact, a few first-term Republicans who won assignment to powerful committees found they could ask for--and get--$1000 per ticket to a PAC fund-raising event. That amount used to be commanded only by committee chairmen and leadership figures.

"It raised a few eyebrows in the PAC community," Stockmeyer said. "You wonder where this ends."

Among freshmen asking $1000 per event were Reps. John Ensign (R-Nev.) a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, and Daniel Frisa (R-N.Y.) a Commerce Committee member.

Among Ensign's $1000 givers were the National Restaurant Association, which has pushed for higher tax deductibility of business meals; Boyd Gaming, which like other gambling companies wants to avoid higher gambling taxes; and the American Chiropractic Association, which hopes to avoid getting nicked by GOP Medicare cuts.

Frisa collected similar contributions from tobacco companies, which are regulated by his committee; cable television, and cellular, local and long-distance telephone companies, all affected by a massive rewrite of telecommunications law the panel produced; and health care, insurance and securities interests, all of which depend on the Commerce Committee.

"Obviously with a Republican majority you've got a 2-fer situation," said Stockmeyer of his business PAC clients. "You can not only support those in power, but you also can support those you agree with."

GOP fund-raising experts said the aggressive level of activity this year comes in part from Gingrich and his top lieutenants, who, like the Democrats before them, have sought to turn their majority status into fund-raising advantage.

The National Republican Congressional Committee earlier this year put together a friends and enemies list, showing how PACs split their giving between the parties. Leadership officials also have used their clout to encourage interest groups to help freshmen retire debt.

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Good morning, John, I am transmitting to you the list of zip codes from Congressman Steve Stockman's district. Please review and advise on the quantity and quality of lists available. By the way, Stockman is very conservative. Also, thanks for your help on the NET project.

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List of Zip Codes in the District

Houston	77044 (part)
Houston	77058
Houston	77062
Anahuac	77514
Santa Fe	77510
Santa Fe	77517
Alvin	77511
Bacliff	77518
Baytown	77520
Baytown	77521
Dickinson	77539
Friendswood	77546
Friendswood	77549
Galveston	77550
Galveston	77551
Galveston	77552
Galveston	77554
Hankamer	77560
Hitchcock	77563
Kemah	77565
La Marque	77568
League City	77573
League City	77574
Liberty	77575
Mont Belvieu	77580
Seabrook	77586
S. Houston	77587
Texas City	77590
Texas City	77591
Texas City	77592
Wallisville	77597
Webster	77598
China	77613
Gilchrist	77617
Groves	77619
Hamshire	77622
High Island	77623
Nederland	77627
Nome	77629
Port Arthur	77640
Port Arthur	77641
Port Arthur	77642
Port Arthur	77643
Port Bolivar	77650
Port Neches	77651
Sabine Pass	77655
Stowell	77661
Winnie	77665
Beaumont	77701
Beaumont	77702
Beaumont	77703
Beaumont	77705
Beaumont	77706
Beaumont	77707
Beaumont	77708
Beaumont	77713
Beaumont	77720
Beaumont	77726
Crosby	77532
Huffman	
Humble	77396
NO Sour Lake	
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Friday Night:	5-7:00	Dinner Duke's at Watergate
	7-8:30	Ballunar Liftoff, Space Center Houston
	9:30 til ?	Scout out the Video site
Saturday	6:30-9:30	Video planning and recording.
	10:00-11:00	Beginning of the Stockman Family Reunion/Steve to speak first. (Topic: Capturing the Vision)
	11-5:15	Various other speakers/topics
	5:30-7:30	"Take Back the Ninth" with Martin Frost
	6-8:00	Stockman Family Fiesta
Sunday	1:30-4	Feedback and Breakout

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Stockman for Congress
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, Texas 77598

Fax Cover Sheet

DATE:	August 22, 1995	**TIME:**	5:59 PM
TO:	Stephen Clouse	**PHONE:**	
		FAX:	
FROM:	Jeff Van Fleet	**PHONE:**	
		FAX:	
RE:	Zip Codes and Weekend Schedule		

Number of pages including cover sheet: 3

Stephen,

Steve was really pumped about the list.

Sorry I couldn't get back with you earlier.

I've already sent the schedule over to Jerry Fish. Call 713-996-6900 tomorrow for details and maps.

Jeff

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MUR-3847

March 14, 1997

CARYN L ZIMMERMAN
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
999 E STREET N W
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

Re: Records of Jeff Van Fleet
Bank of America File No 97-005812

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Bank of America Texas was served with a subpoena on February 25, 1997 requesting records maintained in the name of Jeff Van Fleet.

We are currently compiling the requested documents, however, in order to complete our research, we are requesting an extension until April 7, 1997 at which time our record production will be completed.

Thank you for your patience in this matter. If you need further assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Legal Research Department at 1-800-625-2632 Option 4.

Sincerely,

Camille Johnson

Camille Johnson
Legal Research Specialist

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March 18, 1997
By fax to (202) 219-3923

Caryn L. Zimmerman, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

We represent two committee respondents and their treasurers in the above-referenced MUR: Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer; and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer.

Copies of the appropriate designation of counsel forms are enclosed. Kent Adams, Esquire, who was designated counsel for the above respondents, is withdrawing as counsel in the pending MUR, and we understand that documents confirming that fact are being sent to you.

We understand that FEC information/document requests have been issued to the respondents, and that the responses appear to be due on March 20, 1997. On behalf of the above-named respondents, we respectfully request an extension of time of thirty (30) days within which responses to those requests may be submitted. If you agree, the responses would be submitted on or before April 21, 1997.

We are certain you can understand the obvious need for us to make this request. The respondents have been trying for some time now to arrange for new representation in this MUR, and we have recently been able to confirm our ability to represent them. There is a significant amount of work to be done in our reviewing this matter, and it will require substantial time and effort.

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In addition, we are aware that the FEC has issued other information/document requests (seeking very similar information/documents) from four individuals (Chris Cupit, Jason Posey, Patti Miller, and Tina Hatch) and one entity (Political Won Stop), in connection with their involvement with Stockman for Congress and/or Friends of Steve Stockman. We would ask that time within which responses from the four individuals and one entity referenced above are due also be extended to April 21, 1997, assuming that any are due prior to that date.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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cc: Stockman for Congress
Friends of Steve Stockman
Kent M. Adams, Esquire

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

MUR 3847

NAME OF COUNSEL: William J. Olson; John S. Miles

FIRM: William J. Olson, P.C.

ADDRESS: 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070

McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

TELEPHONE: (703) 356-5070

FAX: (703) 356-5085

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

3/18/97
Date

Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: HOME( )

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

3/18/97
Date

John Hart
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE: HOME( )

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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

March 20, 1997

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Re: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Olson:

This is in response to your letter dated March 18, 1997, requesting an extension of thirty days, or until April 21, 1997, to respond on behalf of your above-referenced clients, to the Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers issued by the Federal Election Commission on February 14, 1997. Your letter also requests that the response time for subpoenas and orders issued to Chris Cupit, Jason Posey, Patti Miller (Martin), Tina Hatch, and Political Won Stop also be extended to April 21, 1996.

In order for this Office to entertain the latter request, we must receive a statement from each of the individuals and Political Won Stop designating you as their counsel. Moreover, in light of previous delays in this matter, consideration of both of the requested extensions of time is conditioned upon this Office's receipt of a written representation that your clients intend to comply fully with the subpoenas and orders, as well as written assurance that Chris Cupit and Jason Posey will be available to be deposed by this Office during the latter part of May, 1997, and that Stephen E. Stockman will likewise be available for such purpose in June, 1997. Upon receipt of the required designations and representations, this Office will address the requests. Further, we advise you that, aside from these requests, if granted, this Office will not grant any additional request for an extension of time in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon

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CARYN L ZIMMERMAN
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
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MUR 3847

Re: Records of Jeff Van Fleet
Bank of America File Number 97-005812

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed please find photocopies of documents assembled in response to the above referenced Subpoena.

Thank you for your patience in this matter. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Legal Research Department at 1-800-625-2632 option #4.

Sincerely,

Camille Johnson

Camille Johnson
Legal Research Specialist

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BUSINESS RECORDS AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Camille Johnson who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

My name is Camille Johnson I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

I am the acting custodian of the records of BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A.. Attached hereto are 42 pages of records from BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. These said 42 pages of the records are kept by BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. in the regular course of business, and it was the course of business of BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. for an employee or representative of BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. with the knowledge of the act, event, condition, opinion, or diagnosis, recorded to make the record or to transmit information thereof to be included in such record; and the record was made at or near the time or reasonably soon thereafter. The records attached hereto are the original or exact duplicates of the original.

Camille Johnson
Affiant - Camille Johnson

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 18th day of March, 1997.

Patsy Whiteside
Notary Public in and for
Dallas County, Texas

10/25/99
My commission expires

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March 25, 1997
By fax to (202) 219-3923
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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

We have received your response to our request for an extension in the above matter which we made due to our having only recently been retained by the respondent committees. I am troubled by the tone of your response.

Our clients have no desire to delay this MUR, as you apparently believe. Your recent requests for information and documents relate to a new "reason to believe" finding that was made by the Commission in July, 1996, and appears to be unrelated to the original complaint dated December, 1993. The interrogatories and document requests were received last month and were quite extensive. Upon receiving them, our clients promptly attempted to find new counsel and decided to retain our firm. We have asked you for what we consider to be a reasonable extension, to have time to become familiar with the files and help prepare appropriate responses to your inquiries.

The fact that our letter sought a similar extension of time for individuals and an entity also receiving requests from you for information and documents regarding this new allegation was forwarded to you merely as a favor to them and in the interest of facilitating their responses. So far as we know, these witnesses were never before contacted by the FEC in this matter, and it is unreasonable for them to be treated as though they had been obstructionist. Since these persons are not respondents in this matter, but only witnesses, designation of counsel by them would seem unnecessary. In view of your demand that these witnesses file

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formal statements of designations of counsel, we will recommend to them that they forward their own requests for extensions of time directly to your office.

As to the several conditions you have placed upon granting us more time, we do not understand what problem you are trying to solve. Compliance by our clients with subpoenas and orders is not in doubt, and it is at least unnecessarily confrontational to demand "representations" by us guaranteeing such compliance. On the other hand, if by "full compliance" you mean something other than responding in accordance with our advice as counsel, we would need to know what you mean. As to the scheduling of depositions generally, we find it unusual your office would be talking about (and insisting upon) scheduling depositions before you have even received and reviewed responses to your discovery requests, with respect to a new matter. Again, however, we intend to make every attempt to work with you on discovery matters, and at present we are aware of no particular problem with the time frames you propose.

In this regard, we are concerned that the interjection of this new and unrelated allegation will slow down the resolution of the original matter that is already over three years old. Accordingly, it would appear that a severance of the new finding from MUR 3847 would be wise, so that the new matter can proceed with discovery and the old matter can be resolved. We would ask for your office to join with us in seeking such a severance. Once severance occurs and we have a chance to complete our review of the facts that are available to us, we would like to explore with you the resolution of the older issue. Please note that severing these matters would not affect our intention to respond to your requests for information and documents within the time period which we have suggested. If you choose not to join us in seeking severence, we would intend to file our own motion with the Commission to that effect later in the week.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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cc: Stockman for Congress
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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March 28, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Olson:

This responds to your letter dated March 18, 1997, requesting until April 21, 1997 to respond to the Commission's subpoenas and orders in this matter. As we discussed during our telephone conversation yesterday, this Office appreciates your expressed intention to cooperate in the investigation of this matter and indeed looks forward to resolving the matter as smoothly and expeditiously as possible. This Office has therefore granted the requested extension of time for your clients.

This Office has also granted the extension of time that you requested on behalf of Chris Cupit, Jason Posey, Patti Martin, Tina Hatch, and Political Won Stop. In the future, however, this Office will communicate directly with these individuals unless and until we receive a statement from them designating you as their counsel.

Accordingly, responses to the Commission's subpoenas and orders must be received in this Office by the close of business on April 21, 1997. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me on (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

cc: Chris Cupit
Jason Posey
Patti Martin
Tina Hatch
Political Won Stop

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First Bank Mainland
P.O. Box 67
La Marque, TX 77568

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RE: MUR 3847

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is a Certificate of Compliance with the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, issued in connection with the Subpoena and Order sent to your financial institution on February 19, 1997, seeking the financial records for account number 0000187807 held in the name of Tim Frankovich (dba Southeast Texas Statesman).

If you have any questions, please contact me or Tracey Ligon at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

Caryn L. Zimmerman
Attorney

Enclosure
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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT

TO: First Bank Mainland
P.O. Box 67
La Marque, TX 77568

FROM: Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 3847

I hereby certify, pursuant to Section 1103(b) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, 12 U.S.C. § 3403(b), that the provisions of the Act have been complied with as to the Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers forwarded to you in the above-captioned matter, responses to which are being ordered pursuant to 12 U.S.C. §§ 3402 and 3405.

Sincerely,

3-5-97
Date

Caryn L. Zimmerman
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April 21, 1997
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Tracey L. Ligon, Esquire
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Enclosed are the following responses to the FEC's latest discovery requests in the above – referenced matter:

1. Response of Patti Martin, dated 4/18/97, and Attachment A thereto; and

2. Response of Tina Hatch, dated 4/18/97, and Attachment A thereto.

Also enclosed are the Designations of Counsel by Ms. Martin and Ms. Hatch, naming our firm as their counsel for purposes of this matter.

As I informed you in our telephone conversation earlier today, these seven sets of discovery have required significant time to respond to; the other five witnesses are on the verge of finalizing their responses, and we hope to have them to you within two days (but certainly by Friday, April 25 at the outside). We do not anticipate needing to seek any further extensions of time with respect to this discovery, and we want to thank you again for your cooperation. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of) MUR 3847

RESPONSE OF PATTI MARTIN TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

Patti Martin responds to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to her in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission, as follows:

1. *List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.*

RESPONSE:

I attended Clear Creek High School, League City, Texas, and graduated in 1959.

2. *List and describe your professional background beginning after high school graduation through the present.*

RESPONSE:

Aside from wife, mother, and homemaker, my background includes twenty years of work, including laboratory, x-ray, and general office work, in the medical field between 1959-1992, as follows:

Galveston County Hospital (3 years)
Bayshore Hospital, Pasadena, Texas (5 years)
Clear Creek Clinic, Clear Creek, Texas (12 years)

In 1992, I joined the Stockman campaign as a volunter and have worked there since, either as a volunteer or for compensation, except for 1995, when I worked in Congressman Stockman's Congressional office in Washington, D.C.

3. *List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1990 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

No formal training.

4. *For each time period listed in a-e below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally,*

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including any bookkeeping, check writing, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional Information.

a. January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992
b. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
c. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
d. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995
e. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

RESPONSE:

a. January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992 — volunteer work, such as addressing envelopes, helping distribute campaign literature, and the like

b. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993 — volunteer work, filing, entering dictation in the computer

c. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994 — volunteer work, general office duties, including bookkeeping, preparing deposits, and the like

d. January 1, 1995- December 31, 1995 — volunteer work, including miscellaneous work for the Stockmans on my own time, general office duties, including bookkeeping, check writing, preparing deposits, and the like; and at the Washington, D.C., office of Congressman Stockman, scheduler and office manager.

e. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996 — volunteer work as in prior year, general office duties, including bookkeeping, check writing, preparing deposits, and the like.

5. *For each year from 1992 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman, personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.*

RESPONSE:

1992 — volunteer
1993 — volunteer

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1995 — paid (on Congressional staff and later by campaign committee for campaign work)
1996 — paid

Copies of the pertinent Forms W-2 and 1099 in my possession are attached as Exhibit A.

6. *For each year from 1992 through 1996, state whether you participated in any way in the preparation of Friends of Steve Stockman's campaign disclosure reports filed with the Federal Election Commission. If so, specify each report that you prepared or helped to prepare, and describe exactly what you did to prepare each report. For your information, preparation of the report includes, but is not limited to; determining the dates and amounts of contributions received during the reporting period, determining the dates, amounts and types of disbursements made during the reporting period, gathering any documentation necessary to prepare the report, preparing responses to Requests for Additional Information received from the Federal Election Commission, and preparing amendments to reports previously filed.*

RESPONSE:

I do not recall assisting on any particular report. In general, any assistance I would provide would be in the nature of verifying check amounts, looking up records, and the like.

7. *With regard to activities of the Stockman campaign during 1996:*

   a. *Describe the process by which the campaign made disbursements;*
   b. *Identify each person who wrote checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign during 1996, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;*
   c. *Identify each person who signed checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign in 1996, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;*
   d. *Identify each person who exercised decision-making authority with regard to when bills were paid, or whose authority was required for checks over a certain amount to be written in 1996.*
   e. *State whether, or under what circumstances, Steve Stockman's approval was sought prior to a check being written in 1996.*

RESPONSE:

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a.-c. Disbursements were made by checks prepared by me and signed by Mr. Stockman (or with his signature stamp).

d. Mr. Stockman

e. I was authorized to use the signature stamp on checks paying routine bills. For any other items, I would check with Mr. Stockman.

8. *Identify each bank account through which the Stockman campaign has operated from January 1, 1992 through the present, including the name on each account (Friends of Steve Stockman, Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress, Stockman '94, Steve Stockman, etc.), the account number of each account, and the name and address of the financial institution in which each account is held. State also whether you have, or have ever had, the authority to sign checks on any of these accounts. For your information, an "account through which the Stockman campaign has operated" includes any account into which checks intended to support Steve Stockman's election or re-election to U.S. Congress were deposited, or on which checks were written to pay for any campaign-related expense.*

RESPONSE:

The only account which I am aware is Mr. Stockman's account at Johnson Space Craft Credit Union Box 58346, Houston, TX 77258. The name on the checks regarding that account was changed from Stockman for Congress to Friends of Stockman at some point..

9. *With regard to a disbursement of $1,500 to Stephen Clouse & Associates represented by check number 3206, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1:*

a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
b. Identify the person who signed this check;
c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
d. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
e. Identify the video production referenced on the memo line of check number 3206 and produce a copy of that video and a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Stephen Clouse & Associates requesting the payment made through this check;
f. Identify the report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission.

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RESPONSE:

a.-c. Although I do not specifically recollect this matter, the handwritting is mine, and the check was signed with Mr. Stockman's signature stamp.

d. I do not remember; it was probably mailed.

e. I do not have these items.

f. I do not know.

10. *With regard to a disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3304, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2:*

a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
b. Identify the person who signed this check;
c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
d. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
e. Identify Political Won Stop, including its officers employees, and agents, and state whether Political Won Stop employs independent contractors or sub-contractors;
f. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop was paid $4,000 by the Stockman campaign on February 12, 1996, and provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Political Won Stop requesting the payment made through this check;

RESPONSE:

a.-c. Although I do not specifically recollect this matter, the handwriting is mine, but the signature is blocked out.

d. I do not recall, but would assume that the check would have been hand delivered or mailed.

e. I do not know the specifics, but only that Political Won Stop is the name of the consulting company run by Mr. Cupit and Mr. Posey.

f. My understanding is that Political Won Stop provided consulting and services in connection with the campaign. I do not have the documents you requested.

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11. *With regard to a disbursement of $24,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3309, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 3:*

a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
b. Identify the person who signed this check;
c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
d. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
e. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop was paid $24,000 by the Stockman campaign on February 15, 1996, and provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Political Won Stop requesting the payment made through this check;
f. Regarding the memo line of check number 3309 which states "consulting --FR Clouse Video," identify and provide a copy of the video referred to, and identify the ultimate recipient of these funds.

RESPONSE:

a.-c. Although I do not specifically recollect this matter, the handwriting is mine, but the signature is blocked out.

d. I do not recall, but would assume that the check would have been hand delivered or mailed.

e. I do not know. I do not have the documents you requested.

f. I do not know the answer to these questions, and I do not have the video you requested.

12. *With regard to a disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3390, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 4:*

a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on this check;
b. Identify the person who signed this check;
c. Identify any person who approved writing this check;
d. Identify the person who endorsed this check for deposit and describe the manner in which this check was deposited;
e. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;

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f. *Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop was paid $5,000 by the Stockman campaign on March 22, 1996, and provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Political Won Stop requesting the payment made through this check.*

RESPONSE:

a.-c. Although I do not specifically recollect this matter, the handwriting is mine, but the signature is blocked out.

d. I do not recall, but would assume that the check would have been hand delivered or mailed.

e. I do not know. I do not have the documents you requested.

f. I do not know the answer to these questions, and I do not have the video you requested.

13. *With regard to disbursements made on JSC Federal Credit Union account number 453960 and listed at a - s below, provide answers to questions i-vi, below:*

a. *A disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3304*

b. *A disbursement of $2,150 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3321*

c. *A disbursement of $4,500 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3315*

d. *A disbursement of $4,500 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3332*

e. *A disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3335*

f. *A disbursement of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3375*

g. *A disbursement of $22,500 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3379*

h. *A disbursement of $4,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3413*

i. *A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3450*

j. *A disbursement of $ 10,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3463*

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k. A disbursement of $8,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3514

l. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3522

m. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3525

n. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3564

o. A disbursement of $ 14,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3609

p. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3545

q. A disbursement of $25,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3629

r. A disbursement of $5,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3687

s. A disbursement of $3,000 to Political Won Stop represented by check number 3695

Identify the person whose handwriting appears on each check;

ii. Identify the person who signed each check;

iii. Identify any person who approved writing each check;

iv. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;

v. Identify the person who endorsed each check for deposit and describe the manner in which each check was deposited;

vi. Identify the items or services provided to the Stockman campaign by Political Won Stop in exchange for which Political Won Stop received these payments.

RESPONSE:

a.-s. I do not know. None of these checks were submitted to me by you for identification. Assuming they were written as you allege, by the Stockman campaign to Political Won Stop in 1996, my answers presumably would be similar to those provided above with respect to other checks.

14. *State whether Stephen Clouse & Associates provided any items or services to the Stockman campaign after January 1, 1996. If so, identify those items or services and specify the dates on which they were provided and the amount that was charged.*

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RESPONSE:

I do not know.

15. *State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

No

16. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

Copies of the relevant Forms W-2 and 1099 in my possession, referred to in my Response #5 above, are attached as Exhibit A.

17. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

John S. Miles, Esquire
William J. Olson, P.C.
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, VA 22102

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

DATE: 4-18-97

Patti Martin
PATTI MARTIN

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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EXHIBIT A

TO

RESPONSE OF PATTI MARTIN TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

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MUR 3847

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FIRM: William J. Olson, P.C.

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TELEPHONE: (703) 356-5070

FAX: (703) 356-5085

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

7-12-97
Date

Patti Martin
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: PATTI MARTIN

ADDRESS: 1904 Victoria Court

League City Tx 77573

TELEPHONE: HOME

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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RESPONSE OF TINA HATCH TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Tina Hatch responds to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to her in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission, as follows:

1. *List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.*

RESPONSE:

Mayfield Secondary School - London England
South Thomas College, London, England
The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Secretarial Studies Certificate
The Royal Society of Arts Examinations Board - Secretarial Skills
Pitman Examinations Institute - Shorthand Certificate

2. *List and describe your employment history beginning after high school graduation through the present.*

RESPONSE:

Grace Christian School 11/95- present
Clear Lake City, Texas

Registrar
Keeping student records up to date. Interviewing prospective students. PR for school, registering students for the upcoming school year. Correspondence regarding students records. Reception duties, setting schedules for students and class schedules. Coordinating any special events.

Receptionist/Secretary to the Administrator
Dealing with students inquiries regarding the school, answering the telephone, selling lunch tickets, typing correspondence for the administrator.

Campaign Office of Congressman Steve Stockman 08/94-10/95
Friendswood, Texas

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Office Manager
Responsible for the day to day running of the campaign office. Keeping financial data. reviewing and answering correspondence. Coordinating events (i.e. fundraising, conferences). Dealing with the general public and media. Working on computer databases.

Secretarial back-up (volunteer)
Assisted the Office Manager in her duties. Many of the same duties as described above but on a volunteer basis.

Lymington Hospital 03/82-12/82
Hampshire, England

Receptionist\Records Clerk (Part-time)
Dealt with incoming patients in emergency dept. Responsible for all record keeping.

School of Nursing (Part-time)
Kept records of nurses in training. Kept track of grades and qualifications of nursing students.

Bechtel Great Britain Limited 06/80-11/81
Contracts Department
London, England

Executive Secretary
Kept Project and Department Files. Took dictation in both shorthand and audio. Developed filing system for Contracts Department. Coordinated activities of other clerical staff.

Phillips Industries 07/79-05/80
Property Management Department
London, England

Personal Secretary
Assisted both Department Manager and two (2) brokers. Shorthand dictation. Involvement with property evaluations. Word Processor training and use.

3. *List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1990 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

None

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4. *For each time period listed in a-d below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally, including any bookkeeping, check writing, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional Information.*

a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
c. January 1. 1995 - December 31, 1995
d. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

RESPONSE:

a. None

b. Collected and deposited mail, assisted with campaign mail-outs, paid campaign bills. Prepared checks received for deposit. Deposited checks into campaign account. Made copies of checks. Typed letters of thanks for contributions to the campaign. Assisted with coordinating fundraising events.

c. General office duties, collected and deposited mail, assisted with campaign mail-outs, paid campaign bills. Prepared checks received for deposit. Deposited checks into campaign account. Made copies of checks. Typed letters of thanks for contributions to the campaign. Assisted with coordinating any fundraising events.

d. None.

5. *For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman, personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.*

RESPONSE:

I was a volunteer in 1994, and a paid employee of the campaign in 1995. My gross earnings from the campaign were $11,287.00. Copies of my forms W-2 and 1099 are attached as Exhibit A.

6. *For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you participated in any way in the preparation of Friends of Steve Stockman's campaign disclosure reports filed with*

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the Federal Election Commission. If so, specify each report that you prepared or helped to prepare, and describe exactly what you did to prepare each report. For your information, preparation of the report includes, but is not limited to, determining the dates and amounts of contributions received during: the reporting period, determining the dates, amounts and types of disbursements made during the reporting period, gathering any documentation necessary to prepare the report, preparing responses to Requests for Additional Information received from the Federal Election Commission, and preparing amendments to reports previously filed.

RESPONSE:

No, to the best of my knowledge. I may have assisted by carrying out general office duties (confirming check amounts, etc.) but do not recall anything specific.

6. *With regard to activities of the Stockman campaign during 1995:*

   a. *Describe the process by which the campaign made disbursements;*
   b. *Identify each person who wrote checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign during 1995, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;*
   c. *Identify each person who signed checks for the payment of liabilities or costs incurred by the campaign in 1995, including the full name, most recent business and residence addresses and telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person identified;*
   d. *Identify each person who exercised decision-making authority with regard to when bills were paid, or whose authority was required for checks over a certain amount to be written in 1995;*
   e. *State whether, or under what circumstances, Steve Stockman's approval was sought prior to a check being written in 1995.*

RESPONSE:

a. Ordinarily, upon receipt of campaign bills, I wrote checks in payment and applied Mr. Stockman's signature stamp. I would then arrange to meet or deliver the check. If the bill was sizeable, or if I had any questions about whether it should be paid, I would check with Mr. Stockman.

b. To the best of my knowledge, during the time I was with the campaign, I wrote the checks for the campaign. I have no knowledge about who else (if anyone) wrote checks during 1995.

c. Steve Stockman (personally or by signature stamp).

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d. See answer to subpart a, above.

e. See answer to subpart a, above.

7. *Identify each bank account through which the Stockman campaign has operated from January 1, 1993 through the present, including the name on each account (Friends of Steve Stockman. Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress, Stockman '94, Steve Stockman, etc.), the account number of each account, and the name and address of the financial institution in which each account is held. State also whether you have, or have ever had, the authority to sign checks on any of these accounts. For your information, an "account through which the Stockman campaign has operated" includes any account into which checks intended to support Steve Stockman's election or re-election to U.S. Congress were deposited, or on which checks were written to pay for any campaign-related expense.*

RESPONSE:

I do not recall. To the best of my knowledge, the account I wrote checks on was the campaign account, and the copies of checks attached to your questions refer to that account.

8. *With regard to the copies of checks which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1-4:*

a. Identify the person whose handwriting appears on each check;
b. Identify the person who signed each check;
c. Identify any person who approved writing each check;
d. Provide a copy of any invoice or billing statement received from Stephen Clouse & Associates requesting the payment made through each check;
e. Describe the process by which these checks were delivered including the address to which they were mailed or the identity of each person to whom they were delivered;
f. Explain the meaning or reference of the numbers appearing on the memo lines of the checks attached as Exhibits 2-4.

RESPONSE:

a. It was my handwriting.

b. As the signatures on the exhibits you sent to me are blocked out, I am unable to answer this question.

c. I cannot recall, but assume that Mr. Stockman did if such approval was required.

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d. I do not have any such documents.

e. As this took place over one year ago, I cannot remember how and to whom each check was written or mailed to.

f. I cannot remember why these were written.

9. *State whether Stephen Clouse & Associates provided any items or services to the Stockman campaign after January 1996.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know. I did not work for the campaign after 1995.

11. *State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

No.

12. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

Copies of my forms W-2 and 1099 for 1995, referred to in Response 5, above, are attached as Exhibit A.

13. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

John S. Miles, Esquire
William J. Olson, PC
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

DATE: 4-15-97 Tina J. Hatch
TINA HATCH

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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EXHIBIT A

TO

RESPONSE OF TINA HATCH TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

4-18-97
Date

Tina S. Hatch
Signature

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TX 77573

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Following up on our letter of April 21, 1997 to you, we are enclosing the following responses to the FEC's latest discovery requests in the above-referenced matter:

1. Response of Chris Cupit, dated 4/23/97, Attachment A thereto, and Designation of Counsel form;

2. Response of Jason Posey, dated 4/23/97, and Designation of Counsel form;

3. Response of Political Won Stop, dated 4/23/97, Attachments A-G thereto, and Designation of Counsel form;

4. Response of Steve Stockman and Stockman for Congress, dated 4/23/87; and

5. Response of John Hart and Friends of Steve Stockman, dated 4/23/97, and Attachment A thereto.

Designation of Counsel forms were previously submitted by the respondents, Mr. Stockman, Stockman for Congress (and Steve Stockman, as Treasurer), and Friends of Steve Stockman (and John Hart, as Treasurer).

We have also interposed objections to your discovery requests, with respect to their relevance in many cases as well as their breadth, and a copy of our objections is enclosed. The responses are submitted without waiving those objections.

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This completes the responses to the latest discovery propounded by the FEC of which we are aware. Many, many hours were spent attempting to respond to the FEC's numerous questions in this matter, and producing the hundreds of pages of attachments that accompany those responses. Although a few questions could not be completely answered and certain documents could not be located at this time, we believe that the answers and documents that you now have should respond fully to the FEC's apparent concern in this matter, and we would hope that the resolution process will not be delayed.

As discussed, this MUR has been pending for some time now, and we would like to work with you to move toward its conclusion. We look forward to hearing from you.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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OBJECTIONS OF POLITICAL WON STOP, CHRIS CUPIT, JASON POSEY, STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS, STEVE STOCKMAN, FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN, AND JOHN HART TO INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Political Won Stop, Chris Cupit, Jason Posey, Stockman for Congress, Steve Stockman, personally and as treasurer of Stockman for Congress, Friends of Steve Stockman, and John Hart as treasurer of Friends of Steve Stockman, hereby object to certain interrogatories and requests for production of documents propounded to them by the Federal Election Commission in the above matter on February 13, 1997, for the following reasons:

1. Many of the interrogatories and requests for documents are duplicative, redundant, and unnecessarily burdensome, and have caused those responding to them to do much unnecessary work. For example, three of the five sets of interrogatories in question seek details regarding "ultimate payees or ultimate recipients" of 29 checks. *See* Interrogatory #18 to Political Won Stop; Interrogatory #25 to Chris Cupit; Interrogatory #26 to Jason Posey. The same issue arose with respect to document production. The discovery requests to Stockman for Congress and Friends of Steve Stockman, which are very extensive, are identical in many respects, despite the fact that Stockman for Congress has not been an active committee since the 1990 election cycle. Ultimately, since the persons responding to these interrogatories attempted to furnish reasonable answers, methods of research and response were arrived at to reduce unnecessary and duplicative work where possible. Nevertheless, much unnecessary work was spent to arrive at such methods, and the mere volume of these interrogatories added to the burden of responding.

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2. Many of the interrogatories are overly broad, and seek information that is not relevant with respect to the matter under review. For example, the following question was asked of Political Won Stop, Chris Cupit, and Jason Posey:

> Identify all principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop who have communicated with all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman Campaign regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman Campaign.

The converse of the very same question was asked of Stockman for Congress and Friends of Steve Stockman and their treasurers. As another example, several of the questions would require production of a host of documents, including organizational documents, virtually all business and accounting records imaginable, copies of bills for telephone service, and additional documents as well. Telephone bills themselves account for thousand and thousands of pages, and, although sample bills are being provided, those samples alone (for just a few months) encompass more than 3,000 pages. These requests are unduly broad, unreasonable, and objectionable. Surely, this kind of discovery is not warranted by the allegations of this MUR. At best, those questions are impossibly broad and redundant. In addition, they seek a depth of information that should not be necessary, and is thus irrelevant, in view of the fairly narrow issues outlined in the Factual and Legal Analysis that was submitted to support the Commission's reason to believe finding.

3. Many other of the interrogatories and document requests fall in to the same category as those described above. For example, despite prior knowledge that the paper registering Political Won Stop in Texas described it as a "proprietorship," the discovery requests scatter questions seeking redundant information from the various respondents. There are numerous questions

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about whether Political Won Stop received "any item of value" from the Stockman campaign, despite prior knowledge about Political Won Stop's role in the campaign, and the fact that it operated for the Stockman campaign out of the Stockman campaign headquarters. There are numerous requests for Political Won Stop documents which are unduly broad and unjustified under the circumstances of this MUR, and it is objectionable for all of the reasons stated above.

4. Much of the information sought relates to confidential and proprietary business information of Political Won Stop and its proprietors, which is not relevant to any reasonable inquiry herein. Nevertheless, without waiving these objections, a good faith effort was made to be responsive to the questions asked.

5. Political Won Stop, Mr. Cupit, Mr. Posey, and the respondents have attempted to comply with the discovery requests within reason, and have done so without waiving these objections to those requests. Not all information and documents could be located, and not all information and documents have been furnished. On the other hand, the respondents have made a substantial and good-faith effort to be responsive, and they have furnished as much information as they reasonably could under the circumstances of this matter. As already mentioned, this has been done without waiving the above objections to the discovery requests in issue.

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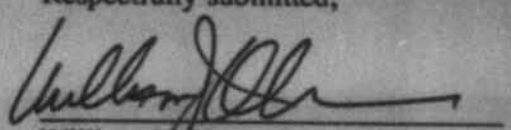
Respectfully submitted,



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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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RESPONSE OF POLITICAL WON STOP TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Political Won Stop responds to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to it in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission, as follows:

1. *Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop (PWS) came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

Chris Cupit decided to start a political consulting company, and established a sole proprietorship in the Spring of 1995. In December of 1995, Jason Posey joined Mr. Cupit and they formed a partnership known as Political Won Stop.

2. *Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.*

RESPONSE:

PWS was created to become a consulting company, specializing in political campaigns.

3. *Describe the legal business form of Political Won Stop (i.e. corporation, partnership, proprietorship) and the date on which Political Won Stop came to exist under such form.*

RESPONSE:

See answer to #1 above; see Attachment C.

4. *Identify the address, including telephone and fax numbers, of all locations from which Political Won Stop has physically operated its business from January 1, 1995 to date. For each address, provide copies of Political Won Stop's lease or deed, and produce canceled checks (both sides) reflecting payments for rent or mortgage. If Political Won Stop does not own or rent its operating space, state who owns or rents the space occupied by Political Won Stop, and provide copies of all documents memorializing this arrangement.*

RESPONSE:

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Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

457 Bay Area Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598
(281) 286-0461

16516 Sealark
Houston, TX 77062

(281) 461-9240	(281) 461-9261
(281) 461-9262	(281) 461-9241
(281) 461-9260	(281) 461-9243
(281) 461-9641	(281) 461-9248
(281) 461-9642	(281) 461-9250
(281) 461-9643	(281) 461-9253
(281) 461-9644	(281) 461-9254
(281) 461-9645	(281) 461-9255
(281) 461-9646	(281) 461-9256
(281) 461-8448	(281) 461-9257

Political Won Stop is a service company. Being a service company, we operate on site, at the customer's request. For example, PWS manages the Stockman campaign and, in addition to the above addresses, has operated out of Stockman campaign headquarters.

Relevant documentation is enclosed as Attachment A.

5. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, identify all owners, officers, agents, principals, managers, employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop including any subcontractors or independent contractors. Include the full names, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and present occupation or positions of all persons identified, and state the salary wage, or other remuneration paid by Political Won Stop to each individual.*

Chris Cupit

P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289
General Partner / Co-owner

Jason Posey

P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289
General Partner / Co-owner

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John Hart
Direct Mail coordinator

3301 Hughes Lane #93
Dickinson, TX 77539
$1,500 per month plus expenses

Mark Jennes
Phone bank coordinator

5508 Tanglebriar
Dickinson, TX 77539
$750 per month plus expenses

Chris Perkins
Intern
PO Box 27282
Abilene, TX 79699

$2,200 plus expenses (summer)

Booker Stalworth
Graphic Artist

Pittsburgh, PA 15213
$4,000 plus expenses (summer)

David Potter
Intern
210 N. Ditheridge St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
$2,100 plus expenses (summer)

Bob Bruner
Intern
749 W. Avon
Freeport, IL 61032
$1,200 per month plus expenses

Rosemary Amabile
Telemarketer

2458 Heritage Bend Drive
Webster, TX 77598

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$5.50 per hour

Albert Anderson
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1606 Milam
LaMarque, TX 77568
$5.30 per hour

Susane Baker
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$5.00 per hour

Ashli Barber
Telemarketer

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2004 Saber Court
League City, TX 77573
$5.05 per hour

Cristina Black

Telemarketer
930 Redway
Houston, TX 77062
$5.13 per hour

Michael Brown

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Telemarketer

214 Pine Shadows
Houston, TX
$5.00 per hour

Mathew Bulot
Telemarketer

4124 Ross
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.00 per hour

Marla Carter
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 872
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.10 per hour

Alan Coburn
Telemarketer

5017 Ash Court
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

Grace Daley
Telemarketer

4603 Edgemore
Arcadia, TX 77517
$5.25 per hour

Dane Dison
Telemarketer

939 Reseda Drive
Houston, TX 77062
$5.15 per hour

Josh Duncan
Telemarketer

2004 Saber Court

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League City, TX 77573
$5.05 per hour

Christian Dunn
Telemarketer

2525 St. Christopher
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Krista English
Telemarketer

12302 Palmcraft
Houston, TX
$5.00 per hour

Ruth Ann Forbes
Telemarketer

600 E. Medical Center Blvd.
Webster, TX 77598
$5.00 per hour

Elizabeth Garcia
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 832
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.00 per hour

Gabriel Garcia
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 832
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.20 per hour

Joel Garcia
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 832
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.20 per hour

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Paul Garcia
Telemarketer
4806 Redfish Reef
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.00 per hour

Delores Gardner
Telemarketer

1107 N. Nottingham
League City, TX 77573
$5.08 per hour

Jim Gardner
Telemarketer

1107 N. Nottingham
League City, TX 77573
$5.08 per hour

Alisha Golden
Telemarketer
$5.00 per hour

Jane Gray
Telemarketer

9950 Hinds
Houston, TX 77034
$5.13 per hour

Rachel Harris
Telemarketer

5322 Kingsmill
Friendswood, TX 77546
$5.05 per hour

Aaron Hermes
Telemarketer

15731 Thunderbay
Houston, TX 77062
$5.10 per hour

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Paul Hines
Telemarketer

3411 Garth Road
Baytown, TX 77521
$5.00 per hour

Betty Holmes
Telemarketer

4214 Darby
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

David Hough
Telemarketer

16201 Buccaneer
Houston, TX 77062
$5.00 per hour

Theo Johnson
Telemarketer

102 Greenshire
League City, TX 77573
$5.20 per hour

Denise Kelley
Telemarketer
$5.00 per hour

Ryan Kelley
Telemarketer

118 Byron
League City, TX 77573
$5.08 per hour

Nancy Lemmon
Telemarketer

9826 Mango
Houston, TX 77075
$5.13 per hour

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Dianna Loper
Telemarketer

4710 36th Street
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

Jesse Loudermilk
Telemarketer

2809 Bluebonnet
Kemah, TX 77565
$5.10 per hour

Mike Markham
Telemarketer

1923 Abilene
League City, TX 77573
$5.10 per hour

Richard Martin
Telemarketer

4713 E. 37th Street
Dickinson, TX 77359
$5.13 per hour

Vanessa Mason
Telemarketer

2204 Golden Sails Drive
League City, TX 77573
$5.10 per hour

Angela McCall
Telemarketer

2213 Butler Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546
$5.05 per hour

Jane McCall
Telemarketer

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$5.00 per hour

Paul McCall
Telemarketer

2213 Butler Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546
$5.00 per hour

Raquel McCall
Telemarketer

2213 Butler Drive
Friendswood, TX 77546
$5.00 per hour

Ed Meador
Telemarketer

5529 Thornwood Circle
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

Lydia Measner
Telemarketer

218 Blue Castle
$5.00 per hour

Liz Miles
Telemarketer

206 Coreyell Court
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Janice Miller
Telemarketer

1225 10th St N.
Santa Fe, TX 77510
$5.00 per hour

Joshua Miller
Telemarketer

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1225 10th St N.
Santa Fe, TX 77510
$5.00 per hour

Katie Mittendorf
Telemarketer

707 El Dorado Blvd.
Houston, TX 77062
$5.05 per hour

Lucas Moeller
Telemarketer

2015 Knollwood
Kemah, TX 77565
$5.00 per hour

Gwendolyn Muniz
Telemarketer

2501 Chancelorsville
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Vanessa Muniz
Telemarketer

2501 Chancelorsville
League City, TX 77573
$5.10 per hour

Raleigh Murbach
Telemarketer

13530 FM 1464
Houston, TX 77469
$5.10 per hour

Ellen Murphy
Telemarketer

710 W. Castlewood
Friendswood, TX 77546

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$5.00 per hour

Josh Napoli
Telemarketer

4908 23 St. East
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

Jason Payne
Telemarketer
$5.00 per hour

Jayne Phillips
Telemarketer

13622 Sagebluff
Houston, TX 77089
$5.10 per hour

Abbi Pina
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 832
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.00 per hour

Yaclira Salinas
Telemarketer

207 W. Williams
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Larry Schumacher, Jr.
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 435
LaMarque, TX 77568
$5.25 per hour

Lawrence Schumacher, Sr.
Telemarketer

102 S. Noble Road

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Texas City, TX 77591
$5.15 per hour

Joanne Sevick
Telemarketer

18711 Egret Bay Blvd.
Houston, TX 77058
$5.05 per hour

Sherry Sexton
Telemarketer

2008 Jenkins
Pasadena, TX 77506
$5.00 per hour

Daniel Shannon
Telemarketer

903 West Galveston
League City, TX 77573
$5.05 per hour

Clif Shumaker
Telemarketer
$5.10 per hour

Emma Smith
Telemarketer

6720 Ave. O
Santa Fe, TX 77510
$5.15 per hour

Martie Smith
Telemarketer

311 Chelsea Lane
Friendswood, TX 77546
$5.05 per hour

Michael Spradley
Telemarketer

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19402 Sun Trail Court
Humble, TX 77346
$5.00 per hour

Marylou Terrell
Telemarketer

2025 Catamaran Drive
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Helen Thompson
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 336
Santa Fe, TX 77517
$5.00 per hour

Lynn Thompson
Telemarketer

413 Forest Hills Drive
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Tim Thornpson
Telemarketer

P.O. Box 336
Santa Fe, TX 77517
$5.15 per hour

Jason Trahan
Telemarketer

3007 Woodland
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

Jeremy Trahan
Telemarketer

3007 Woodland
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.00 per hour

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Delores Villareal
Telemarketer

414 Jackson Ave.
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.00 per hour

Estella Villareal
Telemarketer

414 Jackson Ave.
Bacliff, TX 77518
$5.00 per hour

Lisa Warthen
Telemarketer

308 Virginia Lane
Friendswood, TX 77546
$5.15 per hour

Lori Webb
Telemarketer

2205 Castle Bay Drive
League City, TX 77573
$5.05 per hour

Ellis Williamson
Telemarketer

805 12th Street
Galveston, TX 77550
$5.00 per hour

Stacy Wingate
Telemarketer

1906 Beaumont
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Caleb Wright
Telemarketer

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400 Vance
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

David Wright
Telemarketer

421 Foley Road
Crosby, TX 77532
$5.00 per hour

Josh Wright
Telemarketer

400 Vance
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Gabriel Ybarra
Telemarketer

217 Water Oak Drive
League City, TX 77573
$5.00 per hour

Jennifer Zeek
Telemarketer

902 Rosewood
Dickinson, TX 77539
$5.10 per hour

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6. *Describe any changes that took place in the ownership or control of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

See Response to #1 above.

7. *Identify all clients of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present, including a description of all services provided by Political Won Stop to each such client, and a total amount of payments received from each such client.*

RESPONSE:

In addition to what is listed below, PWS provided other services to other clients, whose records have not yet been located.

Friends of Steve Stockman Committee Campaign Services; see Response to question 15.	$470,000
Cactus Cagle for Civil District Judge Campaign Services; Yard Signs, Fliers	$1,206.00
Diane Hensley for State Representative Campaign Services; Bumper Stickers, Yard Signs, Strategy	$316.07
Jeff Van Fleet for State Representative Campaign Services; Yard Signs, Bumper Stickers	$585.00
Monroe Kreutzer for Sheriff Campaign Services; Bumper Stickers	$261.00
Re-elect Tommy Frankovich for Mayor Campaign Services; Yard signs	$310.00
Karla Rogers for 163rd District Judge Campaign Services; Bumper Stickers	$240.00
Nick Saleme for Constable Campaign Services; Yard Signs	$742.00
Doug Wood Campaign Services; Bumper Stickers	$1,025.00
Stan Smith Campaign Services; Bumper Stickers	$225.00
Judge Joseph Halbach Re-election Campaign Services; Printing, Literature distribution	$350.00
John Donovan for Judge Campaign Services; Printing, Literature distribution	$350.00
Dave Wood for City Council Campaign Services; Yard Signs	$395
Harvey Brown for Judge Campaign Services; Printing, Literature distribution	$350

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8. *Identify all sources of start-up funds, revenue, income and operating funds Political Won Stop has received since its inception.*

RESPONSE:

No start-up funds. Copies of checks to PWS are attached hereto as Attachment B.

9. *State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1995. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.*

RESPONSE:

In 1995, Chris Cupit earned a profit of $3,779.

10. *State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1996. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.*

RESPONSE:

In 1996 PWS generated a profit which cannot yet be estimated.

11. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all articles of incorporation; partnership agreements; business and accounting records listing receipts and disbursements; account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities; tax returns filed by Political Won Stop or through which Political Won Stop's income is or has been reported to the Internal Revenue Service; copies of bills for telephone or fax line service; and all documents, contracts or other agreements describing or explaining how profits earned by Political Won Stop are to be distributed.*

RESPONSE:

See Attachments A and B. A copy of the PWS ownership filing is attached as Attachment C. PWS' 1996 tax return has not yet been prepared. Copies of bills for telephone services are attached as Attachment D.

12. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Political Won Stop, or through which Political Won Stop conducts its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.*

RESPONSE:

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See Attachment B (canceled checks). Copies of bank statements are attached as Attachment E.

13. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.*

RESPONSE:

Mr. Stockman asked Chris Cupit if he would work for Mr. Stockman's re-election campaign, as a consultant. The time was in the Spring of 1995. At the end of 1995, when PWS had been formed as a partnership, PWS was hired by the Stockman campaign on a commission / fee basis. Mr. Stockman and Mr. Cupit were involved in the negotiation.

14. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

No written agreement.

15. *Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.*

RESPONSE:

In 1995, Mr. Cupit performed a variety of campaign functions as a consultant for the Stockman campaign. In 1996, Political Won Stop essentially managed the campaign, and focused most of its efforts in the areas of fundraising and list management. It is virtually impossible to detail each item or service provided by Political Won Stop because Political Won Stop provided comprehensive campaign management services. Political Won Stop's compensation was based on the following: 15% of certain billings, plus a flat fee (stipend for principal consultants). The expenses on which Political Won Stop's commission was based, as reflected in the various invoices attached hereto as Attachment, relate to the services provided by Political Won Stop. Copies of Political Won Stop's checks in payment of such expenses are attached hereto as Att. B.

16. *For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item service.*

RESPONSE:

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This question does not make sense. You are probably referring to a response to another question, but it is unclear as to which. If you are referring to Question 15, see copies of checks that are enclosed as Attachment B.

17. *Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.*

RESPONSE:

In addition to the Attachments already mentioned above, copies of various documents referring to PWS or its services are attached as Attachment F.

18. *For each of the payments made to Political Won Stop by the Stockman campaign and listed below at a -cc, identify each individual or entity who was an ultimate payee or ultimate recipient of any portion of the payment. For each individual or entity identified, list the amount of each payment that they received:*

a. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on August 9, 1995.
b. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
c. A payment of $3,293.01 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
d. A payment of $633.71 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
e. A payment of $2,700.00 to Political Won Stop on January 12, 1996.
f. A payment of $1,500 to Political Won Stop on January 4, 1996.
g. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on February 12, 1996.
h. A payment of $4,820 to Political Won Stop on February 2, 1996.
I. A payment of $24,000 to Political Won Stop on February 15, 1996.
j. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on March 22, 1996.
k. A payment of $2,150 to Political Won Stop on February 22, 1996.
l. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 20, 1996.
m. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 27, 1996.
n. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on March 1, 1996.
o. A payment of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop on March 15, 1996.
p. A payment of $22,500 to Political Won Stop on March 19, 1996.
q. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on April 1, 1996.
r. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on April 10, 1996.
s. A payment of $10,000 to Political Won Stop on April 16, 1996.
t. A payment of $8,000 to Political Won Stop on April 30, 1996.
u. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 2, 1996.
v. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 6, 1996.
w. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 17, 1996.
x. A payment of $14,000 to Political Won Stop on May 28, 1996.
y. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 14, 1996.
z. A payment of $25,000 to Political Won Stop on June 3, 1996.
aa. A payment of $3,000 to Political Won Stop on June 14, 1996.

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bb. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on June 25, 1996.
cc. Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996.

RESPONSE:

a. No such payment.

b. No such payment.

c. No such payment.

d. No such payment.

e. No such payment.

f. No such payment.

g.

The Ken Group	$86.49
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$139.76
Armadillo Press	$525.00
John Hart	$95.00
IRS	$433.00
Federal Express	$15.50
Post Master	$500.00
New Mexico Power	$66.29
GTE	$71.99
State Farm Insurance	$91.63
Ken Yowell	$97.43
Office Max	$395.22
Office Max	$201.76
Office Depot	$296.20
Office Max	$140.47
Office Max	$83.51
Stephen Clouse & Assoc.	$760.75

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Nation Bank Of Texas	$73.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
Chris Cupit	$250.00
Art Print Signs	$183.49
The Ken Group	$3,563.51

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	Stephen Clouse & Assoc.	$24,000.00
j.		
	Chris Cupit	$875.39
	Cherry Communications Co.	$3,000.00
	Joe Highland	$250.00
	Stephen Clouse & Assoc.	$151.20
	Chris Cupit	$723.41
k.		
	Chris Cupit	$969.13
	Ken Smith Printing	$1,180.87
l.		
	Office Max	$150.55
	Kinkos	$27.06
	Doug Lord	$80.00
	Young Conservatives Of Texas	$55.00
	Jason Posey	$1,000.00
	Kinkos	$16.78
	Marvin Wright	$975.00
	Jason Posey	$500.00
	Cherry Communications Co.	$1,170.00
	Yanlee List Marketing	$420.00
	Best Western	$74.74
	Chris Cupit	$30.87
m.		
	Freedom List Corp.	$1,090.00
	Ken Smith Printing	$25.58
	Shelby / Blaseg Inc.	$955.00
	Accounting Systems Automation	$737.50
	Jeff Van Fleet	$1,000.00
	Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$691.92
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	Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$833.78
	Eagle Publications	$176.70
	Amy Pozzi	$1,100.00
	Federal Express	$15.50
	Stephen Clouse & Assoc.	$1,430.83
	Federal Express	$12.50
	Accounting Systems Automation	$430.69
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Accounting Systems Automation	$306.81
Federal Express	$22.00
Jason Posey	$500.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$1,251.37
Federal Express	$12.50
Nation Bank Of Texas	$55.00
Post Master	$2,955.01

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Post Master	$50.00
Post Master	$244.99
National Conversion Sys., Inc. / The Ken Group	$20,000.00
Office Max	$36.11
Minuteman Press	$898.00
Minuteman Press	$133.85
Post Master	$400.00
Computize	$81.19
Office Max	$106.25
Marvin Wright	$425.00
Chris Cupit	$124.61

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Chris Cupit	$276.59
Accounting Systems Automation	$400.00
Freedom List Corp.	$2,845.00
Jason Posey	$478.41

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Jason Posey	$21.59
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
State Farm Insurance	$122.90
Frank Francis	$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	$42.00
Repeater Communications, Inc.	$98.24
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$352.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$225.50
Anchor Printing	$72.93
Acta Investigations, Inc.	$600.00
Gale Bob	$600.00
Repeater Communications, Inc.	$600.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$230.43
Federal Express	$34.41

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s.

Federal Express	$1.59
National Conversion Sys., Inc.	$9,250.00
Frank Francis	$155.00
Frank Francis	$112.00
Conservative Chronicle	$42.00
Repeater Communications, Inc.	$36.47
Concerned Women Of America	$402.94

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Concerned Women Of America	$97.06
Van Natta's Silk Screening	$875.16
John Hart	$146.14
Shelby / Blaseg Inc.	$900.00
Reber/Thomas Marketing Inc	$1,000.00
Catherine Yost	$374.95
Federal Express	$31.00
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
Cherry Communications Co.	$2,825.69

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Cherry Communications Co.	$1,248.79
Frank Francis	$1,000.00
Tracey Smith	$362.50
Marvin Wright	$1,344.00
Minuteman Press	$881.48
Shelby / Blaseg Inc.	$163.23

v.

Shelby / Blaseg Inc.	$842.85
Federal Express	$11.50
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$132.58
Preferred List	$338.75
Repeater Communications, Inc.	$36.47
Federal Express	$12.50
Nation Bank Of Texas	$3.00
Allied Signs Co.	$1,552.27
Shelby / Blaseg Inc.	$1,607.51
Ignacio Andrade	$200.00
The Huckster Company	$44.50
Don Pickard	$218.07

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International Mailing Sys. Inc	$40.20
Miscellaneous	$216.50
Ignacio Andrade	$350.00
Miscellaneous	$100.35
Miscellaneous	$287.89
Miscellaneous	$590.38
Jack Stockman	$750.00
Miscellaneous	$202.34
Preferred List	$390.00
Ignacio Andrade	$500.00
Marvin Wright	$310.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
Miscellaneous	$500.00
Chris Cupit	$12.34

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National Conversion Sys., Inc. / The Ken Group	$12,337.39
Chris Cupit	$987.66
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$330.00
Stephen Clouse & Assoc.	$344.95

y.

The Huckster Company	$50.23
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$132.58
Miscellaneous	$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	$1,066.73
Miscellaneous	$1,547.70
Federal Express	$13.50
John Mills	$600.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$276.96
Booker Industries	$270.63
International Mailing Sys. Inc	$41.67

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Stephen Clouse & Assoc.	$1,322.80
New Frontation Communication	$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	$299.82
Post Master	$29.00
Ignacio Andrade	$800.00
Charles Ford & Associates	$3,500.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$18.37
Chris Cupit	$250.00

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Jason Posey	$125.00
IRS	$1,878.00
Marvin Wright	$400.00
Miscellaneous	$25.00
Miscellaneous	$72.80
Miscellaneous	$343.26
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$368.23
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$145.00
Miscellaneous	$278.50
Miscellaneous	$104.00
Miscellaneous	$56.82
Bob Potts	$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	$94.00
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$143.55
Van Natta's Silk Screening	$881.59
Jason Posey	$750.00
Miscellaneous	$121.72
Mcrei Consulting	$4,000.00
The Link Letter	$600.00
Marvin Wright	$1,037.50
Anchor Printing	$42.90
Chris Perkins	$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	$357.25
Booker Industries	$1,500.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$204.89

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Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$770.11
Miscellaneous	$431.72
Miscellaneous	$50.95
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$68.55
Mark Jennes	$500.00
Miscellaneous	$18.00
Herge, Sparks & Christopher	$900.00
Chris Cupit	$260.67

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Chris Cupit	$739.33
Dennis C. Potter	$500.00
Anchor Printing	$64.35
Paper Chase	$74.69
Picture This Production	$3,621.63

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cc.

Picture This Production	$378.37
Anchor Printing	$34.32
Paper Chase	$103.11
Marvin Wright	$520.00
Chris Cupit	$35.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$228.80
Chris Cupit	$33.57
Marvin Wright	$1,580.00
Chris Cupit	$16.39
Chris Cupit	$30.00
Chris Cupit	$119.61
Post Master	$476.30
Miscellaneous	$100.00
Miscellaneous	$48.58
Miscellaneous	$232.05
Miscellaneous	$100.00
Office Max	$481.81
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$71.29
Chris Perkins	$12.50
Chris Cupit	$22.50
Accounting Systems Automation	$700.00
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
Miscellaneous	$186.75
IRS	$402.00
Post Master	$325.74
Miscellaneous	$70.02
Paper Chase	$448.16
Miscellaneous	$53.82
Miscellaneous	$179.42
Miscellaneous	$100.00
Miscellaneous	$37.82
Miscellaneous	$531.63
Internal Revenue Service	$161.55
Mark Jennes	$200.00
Dennis C. Potter	$33.00
Chris Cupit	$60.00
John Hart	$50.00
Charles Ford & Associates Inc	$3,500.00
Marvin Wright	$725.00
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
Miscellaneous	$182.94

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Stouse Printing	$9.56
Paper Chase	$76.32
Bob Brunner	$2,000.00
Mark Jennes	$600.00
Miscellaneous	$207.30
Chris Cupit	$24.85
Booker Industries	$2,500.00
John Hart	$1,500.00
David Potter	$2,100.00
Miscellaneous	$17.00
Chris Cupit	$44.00
Stouse Printing	$135.00
Chris Perkins	$15.13
Stouse Printing	$3.42
Linda Falkenstein	$300.00
Minuteman Press	$1,523.51
National Response List Mkt Inc	$350.00
Chris Cupit	$500.00
Tracey Sanborn	$200.00
Tracey Sanborn	$45.99
Chris Cupit	$17.35
Chris Perkins	$125.00
Tracey Sanborn	$170.89
Tracey Sanborn	$85.00
Tracey Sanborn	$85.00
Tracey Sanborn	$182.45
Tracey Sanborn	$200.00
Tracey Sanborn	$100.00
Freedom List Corp.	$4,919.14
Stouse Printing	$8.55
Jason Posey	$477.54
John Hart	$259.82
Chris Perkins	$1,200.00
Mark Jennes	$100.00
Chris Cupit	$72.00
Tracey Sanborn	$267.70
Tracey Sanborn	$200.00
Marvin Wright	$1,175.00
IRS	$2,506.00
Mike Sheehan	$200.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
The Luntz Research Companies	$4,500.00

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David Potter	$69.65
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
John Hart	$500.00
Chris Cupit	$340.20
Anchor Printing	$200.56
Chris Cupit	$21.04
Federal Express	$31.00
Tracey Sanborn	$760.31
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
Tracey Sanborn	$500.00
John Hart	$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	$100.00
Mark Jennes	$1,027.76
Marvin Wright	$530.00
Stouse Printing	$5,227.80
Tracey Sanborn	$125.00
Tracey Sanborn	$100.00
Tracey Sanborn	$97.56
Tracey Sanborn	$80.00
Tracey Sanborn	$120.00
Chuck Dean	$1,000.00
John Hart	$210.25
John Hart	$39.25
Tracey Sanborn	$143.30
Tracey Sanborn	$52.88
Tracey Sanborn	$100.00
Commercial Plastics & Supply C	$238.50
Mark Jennes	$300.00
Stouse Printing	$392.08
Sea Lark Centers	$2,000.00
Mike Sheehan	$100.00
Houston Lighting & Power	$250.00
Stouse Printing	$135.00
Tracey Sanborn	$539.86
Tracey Sanborn	$145.58
Tracey Sanborn	$161.41
Tracey Sanborn	$288.54
Tracey Sanborn	$225.11
Mark Jennes	$250.00
Hooks Insurance	$944.55
Federal Express	$41.75
John Hart	$1,000.00
Stouse Printing	$310.38
Miscellaneous	$54.61

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Tracey Sanborn	$396.31
Tracey Sanborn	$300.00
Tracey Sanborn	$220.00
Tracey Sanborn	$200.00
Tracey Sanborn	$600.00
Tracey Sanborn	$200.50
Tracey Sanborn	$100.00
Allied Signs Co.	$571.00
Jason Posey	$750.00
Chris Cupit	$1,000.00
John Hart	$223.86
John Hart	$1,700.00
Stouse Printing	$787.82
Rt Nielsen Co.	$3,489.25
International Mailing Sys. Inc	$2,200.00
Mark Jennes	$1,002.00
Frank, Woodfill, Lucas	$500.00
Marvin Wright	$795.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$8.55
Joe Barrett	$1,000.00
The Washington Times	$2,100.00
Miscellaneous	$300.00
Stouse Sign & Decal Inc.	$85.00
Marvin Wright	$645.00
Albert Anderson	$100.00
Angela Mccall	$77.50
Emma Smith	$197.50
Gabriel Ybarra	$105.00
Helen Thompson	$132.50
Jane Gray	$100.00
Paul Mccall	$17.50
Jayne Phillips	$50.00
Jennifer Zeek	$123.75
Jesse Laudermilk	$150.00
Jim Gardner	$100.00
Joanne Sevick	$80.00
Josh Bergeron	$50.00
Josh Duncan	$190.00
Katie Mittenclarf	$167.50
Larry Schumacher	$47.50
Lawrence Schumacher	$32.50

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Lori Webb	$20.00
Lucas Moeller	$157.50
Lynn Thompson	$25.00
Marla Carter	$60.00
Martie Smith	$20.00
Matthew Bulot	$145.00
Mike Markham	$160.00
Nancy Lemmon	$100.00
Paul Hines	$151.25
Rachel Harris	$65.00
Raleigh Murbach	$60.00
Raquel Mccall	$60.00
Richard Martin	$202.50
Rosemary Amabile	$105.66
Stacy Wingate	$160.00
Vanessa Mason	$105.00
Vanessa Muniz	$150.00
Yadira Salinas	$130.00
Ryan Kelley	$142.50
Sherry Serton	$46.25
Jim Thompson	$37.50
Steve Damioni	$150.00
Cliff Shcumaker	$130.00
I.R.S.	$391.80

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19. *Identify Jason Posey, including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.*

RESPONSE:

Jason Posey
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

20. *Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:*
a. The date Jason Posey first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
b. Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign;
c. A description of all duties or services Jason Posey has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Jason Posey, including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;

e. The current title and salary held by Jason Posey and a description of his current duties;
f. The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between duties;
g. The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

RESPONSE:

a. December 1995 - January 1996.

b. Consultant (through PWS).

c. Consultant.

d. None.

e. Consultant; Mr. Posey is paid by PWS.

f. I do not understand the question.

g. Prior December 1995, none. After December 1995, 40-60 ordinarily.

21. *Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.*

RESPONSE:

Chris Cupit
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

22. *Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:*
a. The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;
b. Each position or title that Chris Cupit has held with the Stockman campaign;
c. A description of all duties or services Chris Cupit has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;
d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Chris Cupit including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;
e. The current title and salary held by Chris Cupit and a description of his current duties;

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f. The number of hours per week Chris Cupit has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

RESPONSE:

a. Summer 1994.

b. Volunteer; consultant.

c. Please refer to Chris Cupit's Response (#16) to the identical question you asked him.

d. Please refer to Chris Cupit's Response (#3) to the identical question you asked him.

e. Consultant; Mr. Cupit is paid by PWS.

f. 40-60, ordinarily.

23. *Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.*

RESPONSE:

15% Commission = $8470.50
$4,000 bonus
$211.50 for services.

24. *State whether Political Won Stop has ever received any item of value from Steve Stockman or the Stockman campaign, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

RESPONSE:

Political Won Stop was engaged by the Stockman campaign, and received, or is owed, payments as reflected in the FEC reports. Political Won Stop also used Stockman campaign offices and equipment in connection with its consulting work for the Stockman campaign.

25. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop who have communicated with employees, agents, or volunteers of the Stockman campaign*

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regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman Campaign.

RESPONSE:

In general, such communications would have involved Chris Cupit or Jason Posey.

26. *For the period January 1, 1995 to date, state whether Political Won Stop has made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to Stephen E. Stockman, Patti Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, or to any account or trust held in the name of any of these persons or entities or for their benefit. If so, please indicate the date, amount, and purpose of any such payment and produce all documents reflecting any such payment.*

RESPONSE:

Political Won Stop retained Mr. Stockman after the election in December 1996, and paid him $2,000 for marketing / business development work. A copy of the check is enclosed with other checks as Attachment B.

27. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

Copies of the pertinent documents consisting of checks, bank statements, invoices and other business documents, are attached as Attachments B - F.

28. *Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

Stephen Clouse and Associates was hired to produce and distribute a fund raising video for Friends of Steve Stockman. There were numerous contacts between Mr. Clouse and Mr. Cupit, and some of these contacts included Mr. Stockman.

29. *Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

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RESPONSE:

The Ken Group was hired to produce and distribute fund raising letters for Friends of Steve Stockman. There were numerous contacts between the KEN Group and Mr. Cupit, and some of these included Mr. Stockman. Mr. Posey also had conversations / contact with the KEN Group.

30. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and Stephen Clouse & Associates and/or Stephen Clouse individually. Documents include, but are not limited to , invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principles, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

Copies of the pertinent documents consisting of checks, bank statements, invoices and other business documents, are attached as Attachments B - F.

31. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the KEN Group and/or Pat Kenny individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group and Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

Copies of the pertinent documents consisting of checks, bank statements, invoices and other business documents, are attached as Attachments B - F.

32. *List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

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RESPONSE:

Except for the Stockman campaign, and persons / entities, such as Political Won Stop working for the Stockman campaign, I do not know.

33. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

All such documents are attached hereto as Attachments A - F.

34. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of these responses to interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

John S. Miles, Esquire
William J. Olson, PC
8180 Greensboro, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102

I discussed your questions with Jason Posey, Mr. Stockman and others, but Mr. Miles is the only person who assisted in preparing this Response (except for clerical work).

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATE: 4/23/97

POLITICAL WON STOP

Chris Cupit

by CHRIS CUPIT, GENERAL PARTNER

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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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FIRM: William J. Olson, P.C.

ADDRESS: 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

TELEPHONE: (703) 356-5070

FAX: (703) 356-5085

The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

4/18/97
Date

Political Won Stop
by Chris Cugini, general Partner
Signature

RESPONDENT'S NAME: Political Won Stop

ADDRESS: PO Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

TELEPHONE: HOME( )

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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RESPONSE OF JASON POSEY TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Jason Posey responds to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to him in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission, as follows:

1. *List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.*

RESPONSE:

Okolona High School Okolona, MS - one class in accounting	1990
Itawamba Community College Itawamba, MS - major Political Science	1992
University of Mississippi Oxford, MS - BA Degree, Political Science	1994

2. *List and describe your employment history beginning after high school graduation through the present.*

RESPONSE:

Wilson Club during the summers while in college	1990-1994
Furniture Plant during the school year	1990-1994
Finance/ Fundraising Intern - The Leadership Institute	Spring 1995
National Defense Council Foundation Intern	Summer 1995
Political Won Stop	1996 - Present

3. *List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1992 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

Leadership Institute Youth Leadership School	Philadelphia, PA
Leadership Institute Campaign Management School	Washington, DC
Leadership Institute Public Relations School	Washington, DC
Leadership Institute Fundraising School	Washington, DC
Leadership Institute Publications School	Washington, DC
Leadership Institute Activist School	Houston, TX

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4. *Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

I joined Chris Cupit in December 1995/ January 1996 as his business partner, and we formed Political Won Stop (PWS) as a partnership.

5. *Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.*

RESPONSE:

PWS was created to become a viable business, specializing in political / campaign consulting.

6. *Describe the legal business form of Political Won Stop (i.e. corporation, partnership, proprietorship) and the date on which Political Won Stop came to exist under such form.*

RESPONSE:

See answer to #4 above.

7. *Identify the address, including telephone and fax numbers, of all locations from which Political Won Stop has physically operated its business from January 1, 1995 to date. For each address, provide copies of Political Won Stop's lease or deed, and produce canceled checks (both sides) reflecting payments for rent or mortgage. If Political Won Stop does not own or rent its operating space, state who owns or rents the space occupied by Political Won Stop, and provide copies of all documents memorializing this arrangement.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#4) that you have asked PWS. I have answered several of your questions this way, where the questions you have asked me and PWS are identical, because, as a partner of PWS, I assisted in preparing the PWS response.

8. *For period from January 1, 1995 to date, identify all owners, officers, agents, principals, managers, employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop including any subcontractors or independent contractors. Include the full names, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and present occupation or positions of all persons identified, and state the salary, wage, or other remuneration paid by Political Won Stop to each individual.*

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RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#5) that you have asked PWS.

9. *Describe any changes that took place in the ownership or control of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

See answer to #4 above.

10. *Identify all clients of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present, including a description of all services provided by Political Won Stop to each such client, and a total amount of payments received from each such client.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#7) that you have asked PWS.

11. *Identify all sources of start-up funds, revenue, income and operating funds Political Won Stop has received since its inception.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#8) that you have asked PWS.

12. *State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1995. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.*

RESPONSE:

I did not become part of Political Won Stop until January 1996.

13. *State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1996. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#10) that you have asked PWS.

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14. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all articles of incorporation; partnership agreements; business and accounting records listing receipts and disbursements; account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities; tax returns filed by Political Won Stop or through which Political Won Stop's income is or has been reported to the Internal Revenue Service; copies of bills for telephone or fax line service; and all documents, contracts or other agreements describing or explaining how profits earned by Political Won Stop are to be distributed.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#11) that you have asked PWS.

15. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Political Won Stop, or through which Political Won Stop conducts its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#12) that you have asked PWS.

16. *For each time period listed in a-d below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally, including any bookkeeping, check writing, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional information.*

a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
c. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995
d. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1995

RESPONSE:

a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993 --- none
b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994 --- none
c. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995 --- none
d. January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1995 --- Direct mail, processing of mail (and related campaign tasks (through PWS).

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17. *For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman, personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.*

RESPONSE:

1996 to present - Paid Consultant. No tax forms; the accountant is still balancing the books.

18. *State whether you are currently employed by, or volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

Currently I am paid consultant (Political Won Stop).

19. *Identify all current or past supervisors under whom you have worked or volunteered in the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I have worked in conjunction with Friends of Steve Stockman and Chris Cupit.

20. *With regard to a newspaper article published in The Hill on May 15, 1996, and attached hereto as Exhibit 1, in which you are quoted as stating "You'd have to talk to someone other than me about that. I take care of some things for him but it's just volunteer." Provide the following information:*
    a. *Identify any individual to whom you would direct someone making inquiries about Political Won Stop;*
    b. *Specify what you meant when you stated that there were "some things" you "take care of" for Rep. Stockman;*
    c. *State your understanding of the word "volunteer" as used in the quote attributed to you.*

RESPONSE:

a. Chris Cupit (as well as myself).
b. I do not recall making that statement.
c. I do not recall making that statement.

21. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.*

RESPONSE:

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This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#13) that you have asked PWS.

22. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#14) that you have asked PWS.

23. *Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location, and amount paid.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#15) that you have asked PWS.

24. *For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#16) that you have asked PWS.

25. *Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to the billing and payment.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#17) that you have asked PWS.

26. *For each of the payments made to Political Won Stop by the Stockman campaign and listed below at a-cc, identify each individual or entity who was an ultimate payee or ultimate recipient of any portion of the payment. For each individual or entity identified, list the amount of each payment that they received:*

a. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on August 9, 1995.
b. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
c. A payment of $3293.01 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
d. A payment of $633.71 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.

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e. *A payment of $2700 to Political Won Stop on January 12, 1996.*
f. *A payment of $1500 to Political Won Stop on January 4, 1996.*
g. *A payment of $4000 to Political Won Stop on February 12, 1996.*
h. *A payment of $4820 to Political Won Stop on February 2, 1996.*
I. *A payment of $24,000 to Political Won Stop on February 15, 1996.*
j. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on March 22, 1996.*
k. *A payment of $2150 to Political Won Stop on February 22, 1996.*
l. *A payment of $4500 to Political Won Stop on February 20, 1996.*
m. *A payment of $4500 to Political Won Stop on February 27, 1996.*
n. *A payment of $4000 to Political Won Stop on March 1, 1996.*
o. *A payment of $5102.69 to Political Won Stop on March 15, 1996.*
p. *A payment of $22,500 to Political Won Stop on March 19, 1996.*
q. *A payment of $4000 to Political Won Stop on April 1, 1996.*
r. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on April 10, 1996.*
s. *A payment of $10,000 to Political Won Stop on April 16, 1996.*
t. *A payment of $8000 to Political Won Stop on April 30, 1996.*
u. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on May 2, 1996.*
v. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on May 6, 1996.*
w. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on May 17, 1996.*
x. *A payment of $14,000 to Political Won Stop on May 28, 1996.*
y. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on May 14, 1996.*
z. *A payment of $25,000 to Political Won Stop on June 3, 1996.*
aa. *A payment of $3000 to Political Won Stop on June 14, 1996.*
bb. *A payment of $5000 to Political Won Stop on June 25, 1996.*
cc. *Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#18) that you have asked PWS.

27. *Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#23) that you have asked PWS.

28. *State whether Political Won Stop, has ever received any item of value from Steve Stockman or the Stockman campaign, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

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RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#24) that you have asked PWS.

29. *Identify all principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop who have communicated with all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#25) that you have asked PWS.

30. *For the period January 1, 1995 to date, please state whether you have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to Stephen E. Stockman, Patti Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, or to any account or trust held in the name of these persons or entities or for their benefit. If so, please indicate the date, amount, and purpose of any such payment, and produce all documents reflecting any such payment.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#26) that you have asked PWS.

31. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between you and the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#27) that you have asked PWS.

32. *Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in , or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

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This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#28) that you have asked PWS.

33. *Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#29) that you have asked PWS.

34. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and Stephen Clouse & Associates and/or Stephen Clouse individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors of independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#30) that you have asked PWS.

35. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the KEN Group and/or Pat Kenny individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group and Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#31) that you have asked PWS.

36. *List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has*

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contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#32) that you have asked PWS.

37. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

All such documents are being provided by others as mentioned above.

38. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

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William J. Olson, P.C.
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McLean, Virginia 22102

Chris Cupit
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

I discussed your questions with others, but Mr. Miles and Mr. Cupit are the only persons who assisted in preparing this response (except for clerical work).

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATE: 4/23/97

JASON POSEY

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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RESPONSE OF CHRIS CUPIT TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Chris Cupit responds to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to him in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission, as follows:

1. *List and describe your educational background beginning with high school. Include any financial or accounting training you have received.*

RESPONSE:

Graduated from Port Neches-Groves High School, May 1988.
Graduated from Lamar University-Beaumont, May 1993 with a Bachelor's Business Administration-Marketing. In the course of completing my degree I was required to take both Accounting and Finance classes.
Completed Graduate-level business course (Lamar University, 1994).

2. *List and describe your employment history beginning after high school graduation through the present.*

RESPONSE:

Summer 1988-Spring 1989	Safeway Food Stores, Inc.
Summer 1989	Austin Industries
Summers 1990, 91, 92	J. T. Hitt Masonry
1993-1995	Sherwin-Williams Paint
1995-Present	Campaign consulting work (including Political Won Stop)

3. *List and describe any training you have received in political campaigning or grassroots campaigning from 1992 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

Leadership Institute Campaign Management School	Washington, DC
Leadership Institute Youth Coordination. School	Austin, TX
Leadership Institute Journalism School	Washington, DC
Leadership Institute Grass-Roots Activist School	Austin, TX
Leadership Institute Fundraising School	Washington, DC
RNC Campaign Management College	Washington, DC

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Leadership Institute Candidate Development. School Washington, DC

4. *Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

I decided to start a political consulting company. In December of 1995, Jason Posey joined me and we formed a partnership which we named as Political Won Stop (PWS).

5. *Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.*

RESPONSE:

PWS was created to become a viable business, specializing in political / campaign consulting.

6. *Describe the legal business form of Political Won Stop (i.e. corporation, partnership, proprietorship) and the date on which Political Won Stop came to exist under such form.*

RESPONSE:

See answer to #4 above.

7. *Identify the address, including telephone and fax numbers, of all locations from which Political Won Stop has physically operated its business from January 1, 1995 to date. For each address, provide copies of Political Won Stop's lease or deed, and produce canceled checks (both sides) reflecting payments for rent or mortgage. If Political Won Stop does not own or rent its operating space, state who owns or rents the space occupied by Political Won Stop, and provide copies of all documents memorializing this arrangement.*

RESPONSE:

Since I have provided the PWS Response to your questions, I have simply referred to that response in the case of identical questions. This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#4) that you have asked of PWS.

8. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, identify all owners, officers, agents, principals, managers, employees, volunteers, or other members of Political Won Stop including any subcontractors or independent contractors. Include the full names, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and present occupation or positions of all persons identified, and state the salary, wage, or other remuneration paid by Political Won Stop to each individual.*

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RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#5) that you have asked of PWS.

9. *Describe any changes that took place in the ownership or control of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present.*

RESPONSE:

See answer to #4 above.

10. *Identify all clients of Political Won Stop from January 1, 1995 through the present, including a description of all services provided by Political Won Stop to each such client, and a total amount of payments received from each such client.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#7) that you have asked of PWS.

11. *Identify all sources of start-up funds, revenue, income and operating funds Political Won Stop has received since its inception.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#8) that you have asked of PWS.

12. *State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1995. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#9) that you have asked of PWS.

13. *State whether Political Won Stop generated a profit in 1996. If so, state the amount of profit earned, to whom such profits were distributed, and in what proportion.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#10) that you have asked of PWS.

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14. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all articles of incorporation; partnership agreements; business and accounting records listing receipts and disbursements; account ledgers detailing assets and liabilities; tax returns filed by Political Won Stop or through which Political Won Stop's income is or has been reported to the Internal Revenue Service; copies of bills for telephone or fax line service; and all documents, contracts or other agreements describing or explaining how profits earned by Political Won Stop are to be distributed.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#11) that you have asked of PWS.

15. *For the period from January 1, 1995 to date, produce all bank records, including, but not limited to, bank statements, canceled checks (both sides), deposit records, and any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any other records evidencing the bank transactions for any and all accounts held by or for the benefit of Political Won Stop, or through which Political Won Stop conducts its business, regardless of the name in which the account(s) is/are held.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#12) that you have asked of PWS.

16. *For each time period listed in a-d below, describe in detail the exact nature of the services you performed for the Stockman campaign or for Steve Stockman, personally, including any bookkeeping, check writing, preparation of campaign deposits, preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail responses, preparation of solicitations for contributions, or preparation of Federal Election Commission disclosure reports or responses to Requests for Additional Information.*

a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993
b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994
c. January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995
d. January 1, 1996 - December 1, 1996

RESPONSE:

a. January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993 --- none
b. January 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994 --- volunteer work (stuffed / distributed literature, miscellaneous activities)
c. January 1, 1995 - approximately March 1995 --- none

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April 1995 - December 31, 1995 --- Campaign consulting, including preparation of direct mail, processing of direct mail, event co-ordination, and other campaign-related work.

d. January 1, 1996 - December 1, 1996 --- All of the above, as well as management of voter and fund raising resources, list management, campaign management, etc.

17. *For each year from 1993 through 1996, state whether you were a paid employee or a volunteer of the Stockman campaign or of Steve Stockman , personally. If you received any salary or other remuneration, state your gross annual earnings for each year, and produce copies of all tax forms you received from the Stockman campaign or Steve Stockman (including any W-2 or 1090 forms) for each year.*

RESPONSE:

1994-Volunteer.
1995-Paid consultant ($5,500).
1996-Paid consultant (Accountant is still working on tax forms).
See Attachment A.

18. *State whether you are currently employed by, or a volunteer of, the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

My consulting firm (PWS) has been engaged by the Stockman campaign.

19. *Identify all current or past supervisors under whom you have worked or volunteered in the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I have worked in conjunction with Friends of Steve Stockman, and always considered Steve Stockman as the ultimate authority for such work. Although I do not recall specific examples, there could be other supervisors on particular projects. I do no recall any such projects at this time.

20. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#13) that you have asked of PWS.

21. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

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RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#14) that you have asked of PWS.

22. *Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#15) that you have asked of PWS.

23. *For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#16) that you have asked of PWS.

24. *Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#17) that you have asked of PWS.

25. *For each of the payments made to Political Won Stop by the Stockman campaign and listed below at a-cc, identify each individual or entity who was an ultimate payee or ultimate recipient of any portion of the payment. For each individual or entity identified, list the amount of each payment that they received:*

a. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on August 9, 1995.
b. A payment of $20,600 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
c. A payment of $3,293.01 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
d. A payment of $633.71 to Political Won Stop on October 20, 1995.
e. A payment of $2,700 to Political Won Stop on January 12, 1996.
f. A payment of $1,500 to Political Won Stop on January 4, 1996.
g. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on February 12, 1996.
h. A payment of $4,820 to Political Won Stop on February 2, 1996.
I. A payment of $24,000 to Political Won Stop on February 15, 1996.

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j. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on March 22, 1996.
k. A payment of $2,150 to Political Won Stop on February 22, 1996.
l. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 20, 1996.
m. A payment of $4,500 to Political Won Stop on February 27, 1996.
n. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on March 1, 1996.
o. A payment of $5,102.69 to Political Won Stop on March 15, 1996.
p. A payment of $22,500 to Political Won Stop on March 19, 1996.
q. A payment of $4,000 to Political Won Stop on April 1, 1996.
r. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on April 10, 1996.
s. A payment of $10,000 to Political Won Stop on April 16, 1996.
t. A payment of $8,000 to Political Won Stop on April 30, 1996.
u. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 2, 1996.
v. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 6, 1996.
w. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 17, 1996.
x. A payment of $14,000 to Political Won Stop on May 28, 1996.
y. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on May 14, 1996.
z. A payment of $25,000 to Political Won Stop on June 3, 1996.
aa. A payment of $3,000 to Political Won Stop on June 14, 1996.
bb. A payment of $5,000 to Political Won Stop on June 25, 1996.
cc. Payments of $91,000 between June 30 and September 30, 1996.

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#18) that you have asked of PWS.

26. *Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#23) that you have asked of PWS.

27. *State whether Political Won Stop, has ever received any item of value from Steve Stockman or the Stockman campaign, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#24) that you have asked of PWS.

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28. *Identify all principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop who have communicated with all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop on behalf of the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#25) that you have asked of PWS.

29. *For the period January 1, 1995 to date, please state whether you have made any payments transfers of funds, or contributions to Stephen E. Stockman, Patti Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman, or Stockman for Congress, or to any account or trust held in the name of these persons or entities or for their benefit. If so, please indicate the date, amount, and purpose of any such payment, and produce all documents reflecting any such payment.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#26) that you have asked of PWS.

30. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer to relate to the relationship between you and the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#27) that you have asked of PWS.

31. *Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#28) that you have asked of PWS.

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32. *Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#29) that you have asked of PWS.

33. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and Stephen Clouse & Associates and/or Stephen Clouse individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#30) that you have asked of PWS.

34. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between Political Won Stop and the KEN Group and/or Pat Kenny individually. Documents include, but are not limited to, invoices or bills for items or services provided; copies of direct mail solicitations (written or video); checks representing payments; and correspondence with, and notes or memoranda of communications between or among, any principals, agents, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group and Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#31) that you have asked of PWS.

35. *List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

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RESPONSE:

This information is being provided by PWS in answer to an identical question (#32) that you have asked of PWS.

36. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, all documents referring or related to your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

All such documents are attached hereto or with the response of PWS.

37. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of your responses to these interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

John S. Miles, Esquire
William J. Olson, P.C.
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McLean, Virginia 22102

I discussed your questions with others, but Mr. Miles is the only person who assisted in preparing this response (except for clerical work).

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATE: April 23, 1997

Chris Cupit
CHRIS CUPIT

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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EXHIBIT A

TO

RESPONSE OF CHRIS CUPIT TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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RESPONSE OF STEVE STOCKMAN AND STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Steve Stockman and Stockman for Congress respond to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to them in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission, as follows:

1. *Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

This is primarily a question for Political Won Stop ("PWS"). It is my understanding that PWS was originally established by Chris Cupit. I am not aware of any role of the Stockman campaign, except as indicated in answer to #3, below.

2. *Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.*

RESPONSE:

This is primarily a question for PWS. It is my understanding that PWS was to be a consulting company specializing in political matters.

3. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.*

RESPONSE:

Chris Cupit wanted to form a consulting company, and I agreed to hire him for the campaign in the spring of 1995. In late 1995, Jason Posey joined Chris and they formed PWS as a partnership.

4. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I am not aware of any such written agreement.

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5. *Identify each item provided to and / or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know all of the details. PWS did substantial work for my campaign, and the reports filed by Friends of Steve Stockman with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC"), should reflect the appropriate payments from the campaign committee to PWS.

6. *For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.*

RESPONSE:

Chris Cupit and Jason Posey acted on behalf of PWS, and hired others to assist them. PWS should be able to provide information about who they paid.

7. *Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bills, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any such documents are being provided by PWS.

8. *Identify Jason Posey, including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.*

RESPONSE:

Jason Posey
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

9. *Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:*

   a. *The date Jason Posey first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;*
   b. *Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign*
   c. *A description of all duties or services Jason Posey has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;*

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d. *A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Jason Posey, including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;*

e. *The current title and salary held by Jason Posey and a description of his current duties;*

f. *The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.*

RESPONSE:

a.-c. I believe Jason's participation in the campaign has always been through PWS, essentially since early 1996. I am not aware of any other positions or title he might have had.

d. I do not know.

e. He works for Political Won Stop.

f. I do not know.

10. *Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.*

RESPONSE:

Chris Cupit
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289-0333

11. *Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:*

a. *The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;*

b. *Each position or title that Chris Cupit has held with the Stockman campaign;*

c. *A description of all duties or services Chris Cupit has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;*

d. *A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Chris Cupit including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;*

e. *The current title and salary held by Chris Cupit and a description of his current duties;*

f. *The number of hours per week Chris Cupit has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.*

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RESPONSE:

a. I believe Chris first volunteered in 1994. He was first retained in the Spring of 1995.
b. To the best of my knowledge, Chris has served the Stockman campaign both as a volunteer and as a consultant. I am not aware of any titles.
c. Volunteer work and consulting work. I do not recall the details prior to 1996. From 1996 to the present, through PWS, he has helped to manage my campaign committee.
d. I do not know.
e. PWS serves the campaign as consultant (management), for a fee consisting of monthly stipends plus a commission of 15% on certain expenses.
f. I do not know.

12. *Attached as Exhibit 1 are copies of reports filed by Friends of Steve Stockman with the Commission indicating disbursements to Political Won Stop from August 1, 1995 to the present. For each such disbursement to Political Won Stop:*

a. List by check number, including the date and amount, each check written by the Stockman campaign to Political Won Stop in payment for the reported disbursements;
b. Identify the ultimate recipient of each such disbursement, if other than Political Won Stop.

RESPONSE:

a. It is my understanding that all such checks have been provided to you.
b. I do not know, and I understand that such information is being furnished to you by Political Won Stop.

13. *Describe the nature or underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April Quarterly and July Quarterly Reports.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that this money represents a debt to Political Won Stop for services rendered pursuant to the fee agreement mentioned above.

14. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop and its subcontractors or independent contractors on behalf of the committee.*

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RESPONSE:

Myself, and perhaps others. All volunteers, employees, or members of the campaign theoretically could have had such communications.

15. *State whether the Stockman campaign has ever provided any item of value to Political Won Stop, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

RESPONSE:

I am not aware of anything given to PWS that was not owed to PWS. In support of their efforts for my campaign, they no doubt used campaign equipment and space.

16. *For the period January 1, 1995 to date, state whether Political Won Stop, Chris Cupit, and / or Jason Posey have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to the Stockman campaign. If so, indicate the precise Friends of Steve Stockman report, schedule and page on which these payments are reported, and produce any documents reflecting these payments.*

RESPONSE:

I do not believe so.

17. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, including, but not limited to, correspondence and notes or memoranda of communications, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and each of the following:*

a. Political Won Stop
b. Chris Cupit
c. Jason Posey

RESPONSE:

The relationship is described above in response to question 11. I have no such documents in my possession. It is my understanding that any such documents will be provided by PWS.

18. *Provide the following information with regard to the financial operations of Stockman for Congress:*

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a. *Identify each federally chartered depository institution at which Stockman for Congress has held an account, or at which an account has been established through which Stockman for Congress has conducted financial transactions, between January 1, 1992 and the present, and indicate each and every account number and the date on which each account was opened;*

b. *State the precise name in which each account is held, and identify each person who has signatory authority on each account;*

c. *State the name that appears printed on checks for each account, and provide a copy of a check for each account;*

d. *State whether the name on each account has ever been changed. If so, provide all previous names for each account;*

e. *For each account identify the person to whom, and address to which, monthly statements are mailed;*

f. *Identify the person(s) with the greatest amount of knowledge regarding transactions conducted on each account.*

RESPONSE:

a. None. The Stockman campaign account at Johnson Federal Credit Union is Acct. # 0060453960. I believe the account was opened approximately in March 1992.

b. The Stockman campaign account is in my name, and I have signatory authority.

c. Friends of Stockman. A copy of a check has already been provided to you by Mr. Hart, as Treasurer.

d. The name printed on checks drawn on the campaign account was changed from Stockman for Congress to Friends of Stockman; however, the account remains the same.

e. Steve Stockman, P.O. Box 57135, Webster, TX 77598

f. Patti Martin

19. *For each Stockman for Congress report filed between January 1, 1993 and the present, provide answers to questions a-h, below:*

a. *Identify each person who participated in preparing this report, including each person's full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person;*

b. *For each person identified, identify exactly which schedules and pages of the report they prepared;*

c. *For each person identified, indicate whether that person has had any training in general accounting or finance, or in campaign finance, including any campaign*

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training sessions, Federal Election Commission training sessions, or other related seminars, and describe such training;

d. *Identify each person who received, processed, or handled back-up documentation for this report, including, but not limited to, contribution checks, receipts for disbursements, and checks written on any of the accounts identified in Question 18;*

e. *Identify each person who reviewed or revised the report prior to filing the report with the Federal Election Commission;*

f. *Identify each person who participated in preparing an amendment to this report, including any person who reviewed any request for additional information received from the Federal Election Commission, any person who actually prepared the amendment, and any person who reviewed the amendment prior to filing, and describe exactly what each person did to prepare the amendment;*

g. *State whether Stockman for Congress has made multiple expenditures to a single recipient which were reported as single disbursements in this report, and identify each such recipient.*

RESPONSE:

Preamble: Stockman for Congress is inactive and has been inactive since before 1993, and all of the reports you refer to are virtually identical. With that background, my answers are as follows:

a. Myself

b. All

c. Training in accounting (school and professional experience.)

d.-f. Myself

g. None, to the best of my knowledge.

20. *For each disbursement reported in the 1994 12 Day Pre-Election Report filed by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed in a-f below, describe the items or services the recipient provided to Friends of Steve Stockman resulting in the reported reimbursement. Provide copies of receipts representing the items or services for which this person was reimbursed by the disbursement(s):*

a. *Second disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $900 disbursement to Patti Martin;*

b. *Seventh disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $290 disbursement to Ken Clark:*

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c. *First disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $360 disbursement to Tammy Breaux;*
d. *Sixth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $450 disbursement to John Hart;*
e. *Eighth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $200 disbursement to Jeff Van Fleet;*
f. *Ninth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $200 disbursement to Tim Frankovich.*

RESPONSE:

I do not recollect. In an effort to find the information you seek, I contacted the persons who received these payments, which were related to my campaign.

a. Ms. Martin believes it was a reimbursement for housekeeping expenses.
b. Mr. Clark cannot recall.
c. Ms. Breaux believes it is for a booth rental at the Southeast Texas fair.
d. Mr. Hart cannot remember.
e. Mr. Van Fleet believes it was reimbursement for travel expenses such as gas.
f Mr. Frankovich does not remember.

21. *For each credit card account held by Stockman for Congress between January 1, 1993 and the present, list the card sponsor (Mastercard, Visa, etc.,), the name of the issuing bank or company, and the account number.*

RESPONSE:

To the best of my knowledge, there are none.

22. *With regard to the disbursements reported by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed at a-d below, provide answers to questions i-iv, below:*

a. *Disbursements to American Express Optima for $922.66 on April 30, 1994, for campaign travel expenses;*
b. *Disbursements to Choice for $673.49 on April 30, 1994, for campaign expenditures;*
c. *Disbursements to Chevy Chase Mastercard for $200 on May 20, 1994, for campaign equipment;*
d. *Disbursements to Chemical Visa for $200 on June 9 and June 20 of 1994, for campaign expenditures;*

I. Identify the issuing bank, and the account number of each credit card indicated;
ii. Identify the person in whose name each credit card account is held;
iii.State whether disbursements were made to each bank issuing the credit card indicated above by the Stockman campaign which were not reported to the Commission during 1994 and, if so, list and describe each such disbursement;

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iv. Identify the goods or services purchased for the Stockman campaign represented by each disbursement listed above, and provide a copy of the credit card receipts which reflect the goods or services purchased.

RESPONSE:

i.-ii. The issuing banks, account numbers and holders, are as follows: Patti and Steve Stockman hold the accounts (a). American Express Centurion Account (b). Choice of Citibank, SD, (c). Chevy Chase Bank of Maryland (d). Chemical Bank of New York

iii. I am not aware of any not reported.

iv. I do not recall, and the requested receipts have not yet been located. We have written the card companies requesting reports for the relevant dates.

23. *Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of a December 1993 account statement for JSC Federal Credit union account number 453960. The statement reflects a check deposited into the account from the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $2,600. State:*

a. The purpose of this payment
b. The identity of the payee
c. The report, schedule, page, and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission
d. How these funds were used, or planned to be used, by Friends of Steve Stockman.

RESPONSE:

a-d. I do not know.

24. *With regard to contributions received by the Stockman campaign from the National Republican Congressional Committee in 1994, state the date and amount of each contribution, and the report, schedule, page, and date on which it was reported to the Commission.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know. I believe the reports filed with the FEC reflect all such payments.

25. *With regard to "The Chronicle of Our Times," a 1994 Stockman campaign communication, state:*

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a. The amount paid for printing the communication;
b. The report, schedule, page, and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission;
c. The number of copies of the communication that were printed;
d. The method of distribution.

RESPONSE:

My understanding is as follows:

a. $1890.00 (Texas City Sun)
b. April 15, 1994 Quarterly Report; Disbursements (Schedule B), page 1 (April 12, 1994).
c. 30,000
d. Thrown.

26. *With regard to the 1994 Stockman campaign office in LaMarque, Texas:*

a. Identify the location of this office including the street and mailing addresses;
b. Identify the dates on which the Stockman campaign occupied this office;
c. State the amount of rent paid weekly, monthly, or annually for this office;
d. Describe how the Stockman campaign came to occupy this office;
e. Describe the type of building in which the office was located (office building, commercial strip mall, residence, etc.), and describe any other businesses, organizations, or enterprises operating out of or located in the building;
f. State whether this office was the same office at 2510 Cedar St., Suite 102 in LaMarque, occupied by Tim Frankovich and / or the Southeast Texas Statesman;
g. Provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement for this property during the time that it was occupied by the Stockman campaign.

RESPONSE:

a. 2510 Cedar, Suite 101 LaMarque, Texas

b. For part of 1993-4; this office was only used in a minor way by the campaign. Until summer 1994, no one occupied the office and it was used for storage.

c. In exchange for painting and repairs, we were allowed to use the building initially for storage. We also paid $100 for the rental to Mr. Jones, who I believe is the owner.

d. I believe that this space was used for sign construction and occasional meetings during the summer of 1994, and that the campaign did not use it at all after November 1994.

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e. It is an office building.

f. This appears to be a different suite as well as a different time period.

g. To the best of my recollection, there was no written agreement, and none has been found.

27. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Stephen Clouse & Associates, including the individuals involved in that decision.*

RESPONSE:

PWS recommended Mr. Clouse, and he was contacted.

28. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Stephen Clouse & Associates and Friends of Steve Stockman.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any relevant documentation is being provided by PWS in answer to your identical question to PWS in this matter.

29. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and Stephen Clouse & Associates, or Stephen Clouse individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any relevant documentation is being provided by PWS in answer to your identical question to PWS in this matter.

30. *Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations prepared for the Stockman campaign by Stephen Clouse & Associates.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any relevant documentation is being provided by PWS in answer to your identical question to PWS in this matter.

31. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent*

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contractors of Stephen Clouse & Associates regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Stephen Clouse & Associates on behalf of the Stockman Campaign.

RESPONSE:

I did, and PWS did. I am not certain who else may have.

32. *Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse & Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

PWS, through its principals and others, worked with the Clouse company to raise funds for the Stockman campaign.

33. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman Campaign came to retain the KEN Group and / or Pat Kenny, including the individuals involved in that decision.*

RESPONSE:

I do not recall.

34. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between the KEN Group or Pat Kenny, and the Stockman Campaign.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any relevant documentation is being provided by PWS in answer to your identical question to PWS in this matter.

35. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and the KEN Group or Pat Kenny individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any relevant documentation is being provided by PWS in answer to your identical question to PWS in this matter.

36. *Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations or communications prepared for the Stockman Campaign by the KEN Group or Pat Kenny.*

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RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any such items are being provided by PWS in answer to your identical question to PWS in this matter.

37. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by the KEN Group on behalf of the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I do not recollect. I assume that PWS would have made such communications.

38. *Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

PWS, through its principals and others, worked with the KEN Group to raise funds for the Stockman campaign.

39. *List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

RESPONSE:

This is my residence and campaign headquarters. I am not aware of furnishing anyone the items you mentioned except in connection with helping my campaign, such as phones, computers, etc. for PWS operating out of such headquarters.

40. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your response to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

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Such documents, as detailed to above, are being provided by others.

41. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of these responses to interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

John S. Miles, Esquire,
William J. Olson, P.C.
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102

Chris Cupit
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

I discussed your questions with others, but Mr. Miles and Mr. Cupit are the only persons who assisted in preparing this response (except for clerical work).

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the ~~foregoing~~ is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATE: 23 April 97

STEVE STOCKMAN,
Personally and as Treasurer of
Stockman for Congress

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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RESPONSE OF FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN AND JOHN HART AS TREASURER
TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart as Treasurer responds to the interrogatories and document requests propounded to them in the above matter by the Federal Election Commission as follows:

1. *Describe in detail how and when Political Won Stop came to exist, including the individuals involved and the role of any members of the Stockman campaign in the decision to establish Political Won Stop.*

RESPONSE:

This is a question for Political Won Stop ("PWS"). I do not know.

2. *Describe the purpose(s) for which Political Won Stop was created.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

3. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Political Won Stop, including all individuals involved in the negotiation.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

4. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I am not aware of any such written agreement.

5. *Identify each item provided to and/or service performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign, including the date, location and amount paid.*

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RESPONSE:

To the best of my knowledge, Political Won Stop provided general consulting services. Reports filed by Friends of Steve Stockman with the Federal Election Commission should reflect the appropriate payments from the campaign committee to PWS.

6. *For each item or service identified in response to Question 5, provide the identity of all individuals or businesses, including principals, employees, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop, who actually provided the item or service.*

RESPONSE:

PWS hired others, including the undersigned to assist them. PWS should be able to provide information about who they paid.

7. *Provide copies of any and all documents relating to services performed by Political Won Stop for the Stockman campaign including, but not limited to, invoices, bill, or other requests for payment, and any documents referring or related to the billing and payment.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any such documents are being provided by PWS.

8. *Identify Jason Posey, including his full name, most recent business addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.*

RESPONSE:

Jason Posey
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

9. *Describe Jason Posey's role in the Stockman campaign, including:*

   a. *The date Jason Posey first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;*

   b. *Each position or title that Jason Posey has held with the Stockman campaign;*

   c. *A description of all duties or services Jason Posey has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;*

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d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Jason Posey, including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;

e. The current title and salary held by Jason Posey and a description of his current duties;

f. The number of hours per week Jason Posey has typically has been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

RESPONSE:

a. I do not know.

b. To the best of my knowledge, Jason Posey has only served as a consultant to the Stockman campaign.

c. I do not know all of this information. See answer to part (b) above.

d-f. I do not know.

10. *Identify Chris Cupit including his full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and his present occupation or position.*

RESPONSE:

Chris Cupit
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

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11. *Describe Chris Cupit's role in the Stockman campaign, including:*

a. The date Chris Cupit first volunteered or was retained by the Stockman campaign;

b. Each position or title that Chris Cupit has held with the Stockman campaign;

c. A description of all duties or services Chris Cupit has performed for the Stockman campaign from January 1, 1994 to the present;

d. A list of all political training provided by the Stockman campaign to Chris Cupit including campaign schools or seminars or FEC training, and when such training was provided;

e. The current title and salary held by Chris Cupit and a description of his current duties;

f. The number of hours per week Chris Cupit has typically been present in the Stockman campaign office at 2402 Whitman Way in Friendswood, Texas between August 1, 1995 and the present.

RESPONSE:

a. I do not know.

b. To the best of my knowledge, Chris Cupit has served the Stockman campaign as a volunteer and as a consultant. I am not aware of any titles.

c. I do not know all of this information. See answer to part (b) above.

d-f. I do not know.

12. *Attached as Exhibit 1 are copies of reports filed by Friends of Steve Stockman with the Commission indicating disbursements to Political Won Stop from August 1, 1995 to the present. For each such disbursement to Political Won Stop:*

a. List by check number, including the date and amount, each check written by the Stockman campaign to Political Won Stop in payment for the reported disbursements;

b. Identify the ultimate recipient of each such disbursement, if other than Political Won Stop.

RESPONSE:

a. It is my understanding that all such checks have been provided to you.

b. I do not know, and I understand that all such information is being furnished to you by Political Won Stop.

13. *Describe the nature of underlying purpose or reason for the $12,682 debt owed to Political Won Stop which was listed on Friends of Steve Stockman's 1996 April quarterly and July quarterly reports.*

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that this amount represents a debt to Political Won Stop for services rendered.

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14. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principals, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of Political Won Stop regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Political Won Stop and its subcontractors or independent contractors on behalf of the committee.*

RESPONSE:
All volunteers, employees, or members of the campaign theoretically could have had such communications.

15. *State whether the Stockman campaign has ever provided any item of value to Political Won Stop, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, facsimile machine, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

RESPONSE:

I am not aware of anything actually given to PWS that was not owed to PWS.

16. *For the period January 1, 1995 to date, state whether Political Won Stop, Chris Cupit, and/or Jason Posey have made any payments, transfers of funds, or contributions to the Stockman campaign. If so, indicate the precise report, schedule and page on which these payments are reported, and produce any documents reflecting these payments.*

RESPONSE:

I am not aware of any.

17. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, including, but not limited to, correspondence and notes or memoranda of communications, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and each of the following:*

a. Political Won Stop

b. Chris Cupit

c. Jason Posey

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding that any such documents will be provided by Political Won Stop.

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18. *Provide the following information with regard to the financial operations the Friends of Steve Stockman:*

a. Identify each federally chartered depository institution at which Friends of Steve Stockman has held an account, or at which an account has been established through which Friends of Steve Stockman has conducted financial transactions, between January 1, 1992 and the present, and indicate each and every account number and the date on which account was opened;

b. State the precise name in which each account is held, and identify each person who has signatory authority on each account;

c. State the name that appears printed on checks for each account, and provide a copy of a check for each account;

d. State whether the name on each account has ever been changed. If so, provide all previous names for each account;

e. For each account identify the person to whom, and address to which, monthly statements are mailed;

f. Identify the person(s) with the greatest amount of knowledge regarding transactions conducted on each account.

RESPONSE:

a. JSC Federal Credit Union, Acct. # 0060453960. I do not know precisely when it was opened.

b. I am not certain. Mr. Stockman has signatory authority

c. Friends of Stockman. The FEC already has copies of checks. See Att. A.

d. Not since 1994. I do not have any knowledge regarding the accounts held prior to the first FEC reporting period of 1994.

e. Steve Stockman, P.O. Box 57135, Webster, TX 77598

f. Patti Martin

19. *For each Friends of Steve Stockman disclosure report listed in a-o, provide answers to questions i-vii, below:*

a. 1993 Year-End Report: (7/1/93 - 12/31/93)

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b. *1994 12 Day Pre-Primary Report: (1/1/94 - 2/16/94)*
c. *1994 April Quarterly Report: (2/17/94 - 3/31/94)*
d. *1994 July Quarterly Report: (4/1/94 -6/30/94)*
e. *1994 October Quarterly Report: (7/1/94 - 9/30/94)*
f. *1994 12 Day General Election Report: (10/1/94 - 10/19/94)*
g. *1994 30 Day Post General Election Report: (10/20/94 - 12/1/94)*
h. *1994 Year End Report: (12/2/94 - 12/31/94)*
i. *1995 Mid-Year Report: (1/1/95 - 6/30/95)*
j. *1995 Year End Report: (7/1/95 - 12/31/95)*
k. *1996 Pre-Primary Election Report (1/1/96 - 2/21/96)*
l. *1996 April Quarterly Report (2/22/96 - 3/31/96)*
m. *1996 July Quarterly Report (4/1/96 - 6/30/96)*
n. *1996 October Quarterly Report*
o. *1996 Pre-general Election Report (Special Open Primary)*

i. *Identify each person who participated in preparing this report, including each person's full name, most recent business and residence addresses, telephone numbers, and the present occupation or position of each person;*

ii. *For each person identified, identify exactly which schedules and pages of the report they prepared;*

iii. *For each person identified, indicate whether that person has had any training in general accounting or finance, or in campaign finance, including any campaign training sessions, Federal Election Commission training sessions, or other related seminars, and describe such training;*

iv. *Identify each person who received, processed or handled back-up documentation for this report, including, but not limited to, contribution checks, receipts for disbursements, and checks written on any of the accounts identified in Question 18;*

v. *Identify each person who reviewed or revised the report prior to filing the report with the Federal Election Commission;*

vi. *Identify each person who participated in preparing an amendment to this report, including any person who reviewed any request for additional information received from the Federal Election Commission, any person who actually prepared back-up documentation for the amendment, any person who actually prepared the amendment, and any person who reviewed the amendment prior to filing, and describe exactly what each person did to prepare the amendment;*

vii. *State whether Friends of Steve Stockman has made multiple expenditures to a single recipient which were reported as single disbursements in this report, and identify each such recipient.*

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RESPONSE:

a.-o. Although I signed these reports as treasurer, I did not usually prepare them, and I have not studied them in preparing these general answers. With that background, my specific answers are as follows:

i. To the best of my knowledge and recollection, Rabih Zeidan, CPA, prepared most campaign reports. I would have helped to the extent that I could, but ordinarily would just review and sign the reports. I do not know who else may have helped.

ii.-vi. I do not know.

20. *For each disbursement reported in the 1994 12 Day Pre-General Election Report filed by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed in a-f below, describe the items or services the recipient provided to the Stockman campaign resulting in the reported reimbursement. Provide copies of receipts representing the items or services for which this person was reimbursed by the disbursement(s):*

a. Second disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, a $900 disbursement to Patti Martin;

b. Seventh disbursement on page 1 of Schedule B, of $290 disbursement to Ken Clark;

c. First disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $360 disbursement to Tammy Breaux;

d. Sixth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $450 disbursement to John Hart;

e. Eighth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $200 disbursement to Jeff Van Fleet;

f. Ninth disbursement on page 2 of Schedule B, a $500 disbursement to Tim Frankovich.

RESPONSE:

a.-f. I do not know. Please see the response of Mr. Stockman to the identical question you asked him.

21. *For each credit card account held by Friends of Steve Stockman between January 1, 1993 and the present, list the card sponsor (Mastercard, Visa, etc.), the name of the issuing bank or company, and the account number.*

RESPONSE:

To the best of my knowledge, there are no credit cards issued to Friends of Steve Stockman.

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22. *With regard to the disbursements reported by Friends of Steve Stockman and listed at a-d below, provide answers to questions i-iv, below:*

a. Disbursements to American Express Optima for $922.66 on April 30, 1994, for campaign travel expenses;
b. Disbursements to Choice for $673.49 on April 30, 1994, for campaign expenditures;
c. Disbursements to Chevy Chase Mastercard for $200 on May 20, 1994, for campaign equipment;
d. Disbursements to Chemical Visa for $200 on June 9 and June 20 of 1994, for campaign expenditures;

i. Identify the issuing bank, and the account number of each credit card indicated;
ii. Identify the person in whose name each credit card account is held;
iii. State whether disbursements were made to each bank issuing the credit card indicated above by the Stockman campaign which were not reported to the Commission during 1994 and, if so, list and describe each such disbursement;
iv. Identify the goods or services purchased for the Stockman campaign represented by each disbursement listed above, and provide a copy of the credit card receipts which reflect the goods or services purchased.

RESPONSE:

a.-d. I do not know.

i. I do not know. The issuing bank appears to be the disbursee. I do not have the account numbers.

ii. The above mentioned credit cards belong to Steve and Patti Stockman.

iii. I do not know. To the best of my knowledge, the reports on file are correct.

iv. I do not recall, and the requested receipts have not yet been located. I will continue to look for them.

23. *Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is a copy of a December 1993 account statement for JSC Federal Credit Union account number 453960. The statement reflects a check deposited into the account from the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $2600. State:*

a. The purpose of this payment
b. The identity of the payee
c. The report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission
d. How these funds were used, or planned to be used, by Friends of Steve Stockman.

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RESPONSE:

a-d. I do not know.

24. *With regard to contributions received by the Stockman campaign from the National Republican Congressional Committee in 1994, state the date and amount of each contribution, and the report, schedule, page, and date on which it was reported to the Commission.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

25. *With regard to "The Chronicle of Our Times," a 1994 Stockman campaign communication, state:*

a. *The amount paid for printing and communication;*
b. *The report, schedule, page and date on which this payment was reported to the Commission;*
c. *The number of copies of the communication that were printed;*
d. *The method of distribution.*

RESPONSE:

/I do not recall. Please see the response of Mr. Stockman to the identical question you asked him.

26. *With regard to the 1994 Stockman campaign office in LaMarque, Texas:*

a. *Identify the location of this office including the street and mailing address;*
b. *Identify the dates on which the Stockman campaign occupied this office;*
c. *State the amount of rent paid weekly, monthly, or annually for this office;*
d. *Describe how the Stockman campaign came to occupy this office;*
e. *Describe the type of building in which the office was located (office building, commercial strip mall, residence, etc.) and describe any other businesses, organizations, or enterprises operating out of or located in the building;*
f. *State whether this office was the same office at 2510 Cedar St. Suite 102 in LaMarque. occupied by Tim Frankovich and/or the Southeast Texas Statesman;*
g. *Provide a copy of the lease or rental agreement for this property during the time that it was occupied by the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

a. 2510 Cedar St. Suite 101, La Marque, TX

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b.-d. I do not know. It is my understanding that this information is being furnished to you by Mr. Stockman in response to identical questions you have asked him in this manner.

e. It is an office building.

f. To the best of my knowledge, no.

g. No such knowledge of any lease agreement.

27. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman campaign came to retain Stephen Clouse and Associates, including the individuals involved in that decision.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

28. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Friends of Steve Stockman.*

RESPONSE:

I have no such agreement, but understand that any such agreement will be provided to you by Mr. Stockman or Political Won Stop in response to your identical questions to them in this matter.

29. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer or relate to the relationship between the Stockman Campaign and Stephen Clouse and Associates, or Stephen Clouse individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.*

RESPONSE:

I have no such documents, and understand that any such documents will be provided to you by Mr. Stockman or Political Won Stop in response to your identical questions to them in this matter.

30. *Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations prepared for the Stockman campaign by Stephen Clouse and Associates.*

RESPONSE:

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I have no such documents, and understand that any such items will be provided to you by Mr. Stockman or Political Won Stop in response to your identical question to them in this matter.

31. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principles, employees, agents, subcontractors, or independent contractors of Stephen Clouse and Associates regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by Stephen Clouse and Associates on behalf of the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

32. *Describe in detail the relationship between Stephen Clouse and Associates and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

33. *Describe in detail how and when the Stockman Campaign came to retain the KEN Group and / or Pat Kenny, including the individuals involved in that decision.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

34. *Provide any written agreement describing or construing the relationship between the KEN Group or Pat Kenny, and the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I have no such agreements.

35. *Produce all documents in your possession, custody or control that were produced, created or dated from January 1, 1995 to date, that in any way refer to the relationship between the Stockman campaign and the KEN Group or Pat Kenny individually, including, but not limited to, invoices or bills for services, checks representing payments, correspondence, and notes or memoranda of communications.*

RESPONSE:

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I have no such documents, but understand that any such documents will be provided by Mr. Stockman or PWS in response to an identical question you have asked of them.

36. *Produce originals or copies of all video or written solicitations or communications prepared for the Stockman campaign by the KEN Group or Pat Kenny.*

RESPONSE:

I have no such items, but understand that any such items will be provided by Mr. Stockman or PWS in response to an identical question you have asked of them.

37. *Identify all employees, volunteers, or other members of the Stockman campaign who have communicated with principles, employees, agents, subcontractors or independent contractors of the KEN Group regarding the nature or extent of duties to be performed by the KEN Group on behalf of the Stockman campaign.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

38. *Describe in detail the relationship between the KEN Group and Political Won Stop, including all contacts which any member of the Stockman campaign observed, participated in, or is aware of.*

RESPONSE:

I do not know.

39. *List by name and describe the purpose of all business entities, and social, non-profit or other organizations located, meeting or otherwise conducting business or activities at 2402 Whitman Way, Friendswood, Texas from the period January 1, 1995 to date. For each such entity or organization, state whether Steve Stockman or the committee has contributed any item of value to that entity, including, but not limited to, use of a telephone number, mailbox, post office box, office or other operating space, computer or other office equipment, postage, or reduced rental fees. If yes, indicate the item(s) provided, their actual or approximate value, and the date(s) each was provided.*

RESPONSE:

To the best of my knowledge, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stockman reside at that address, and the Stockman campaign has used that address as a campaign office.

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40. *Provide copies of all documents referred to in your responses to the above interrogatories, and all documents used to prepare your responses to the above interrogatories.*

RESPONSE:

See Attachment A.

41. *Identify each individual who assisted in the preparation of these responses to interrogatories and requests for the production of documents.*

RESPONSE:

John S. Miles, Esquire,
William J. Olson, P.C.
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102

Chris Cupit
Political Won Stop
P.O. Box 890333
Houston, TX 77289

I discussed your questions with others, but Mr. Miles and Mr. Cupit are the only persons who assisted in preparing this response (except for clerical work).

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATE: 4-23-97

JOHN HART,
Personally and as Treasurer of
Friends of Steve Stockman

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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ATTACHMENT A

TO

RESPONSE OF JOHN HART TO
INTERROGATORIES AND REQUESTS FOR DOCUMENTS

SAMPLE CAMPAIGN CHECK

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FRIENDS OF STOCKMAN

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 5, 1997

William J. Olson, Esquire
William J. Olson, P.C.
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Olson:

As you are aware, on June 22, 1995, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that your clients in the above-referenced matter violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b) and 441a(f), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). On June 6, 1996, the Commission additionally found reason to believe that your clients violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a), and on July 16, 1996, found reason to believe that your clients violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A).

Pursuant to its investigation of this matter, the Commission has issued the attached subpoenas requiring your clients to appear and give sworn testimony which will assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory duty of supervising compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

Pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 111.14, a witness summoned by the Commission shall be paid $40.00, plus mileage. Subsequent to their deposition, your clients will each be sent a check for the witness fee and mileage.

Within two days of your receipt of this notification, please confirm the scheduled appearances with me at (202) 219-3690. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

Enclosures:
Subpoena to Patti Martin
Subpoena to Stephen E. Stockman

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
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SUBPOENA

TO: Patti Martin
c/o William J. Olson, Esquire
William J. Olson, P.C.
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby subpoenas you to appear for deposition with regard to MUR 3847. Notice is hereby given that the deposition is to be taken on Wednesday, June 18, 1997, on the 6th floor of the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing each day thereafter as necessary.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C., on this 5th day of June, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 3847
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SUBPOENA

TO: Stephen E. Stockman
c/o William J. Olson, Esquire
William J. Olson, P.C.
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McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437d(a)(3), and in furtherance of its investigation in the above-captioned matter, the Federal Election Commission hereby subpoenas you to appear for deposition with regard to MUR 3847. Notice is hereby given that the deposition is to be taken on Thursday, June 26, 1997, on the 6th floor of the Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20463, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing each day thereafter as necessary.

WHEREFORE, the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission has hereunto set his hand in Washington, D.C., on this 5th day of June, 1997.

For the Commission,

John Warren McGarry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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June 13, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

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William J. Olson, P.C.
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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Olson:

This responds to your letter dated June 11, 1997, wherein you proposed alternative dates for the depositions of Patti Martin[1] (dates proposed: July 14-18, 21-23, 28-31) and Stephen E. Stockman (dates proposed: August 6-7, 11-15, 19-21). We are unable to accommodate your requests as it would mean yet another significant delay in this matter.

As you are probably aware, the Commission's investigation of this matter has been hampered on numerous occasions as a result of the uncooperativeness of certain respondents. Specifically, prior to your being retained as their counsel, the respondents repeatedly sought extensions of time in which to file responses to the Commission's discovery requests. When finally provided, the responses demonstrated the respondents' complete lack of cooperation with the Commission. Consequently, the Commission was forced to file suit against the respondents to compel them to respond fully to its discovery requests. Causing further significant delay, the respondents brought an action against the Commission alleging undue delay despite their own attempts to cause delay in this matter. Ultimately, on August 27, 1996, the Court granted the Commission's Motion for Summary Judgment in that action. In light of this history, this Office cannot allow any further delay of this matter by the respondents.

Indeed, in a letter dated March 20, 1997, this Office expressed to you its frustration with the delays in this matter and provided advance notice of our intent to depose Mr. Stockman this month. In that letter, this Office, anticipating the same uncooperativeness, conditioned its approval of your request for an extension of time to respond to the Commission's Subpoena to Produce Documents and Order to Submit Written Answers on receipt of assurance that Mr. Stockman would be available for a deposition this month. On March 25, 1997, you responded that you were aware of no particular problems with Mr. Stockman's availability during this period.

[1] Patti Martin is not a respondent in this matter. She is considered a non-respondent witness.

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In light of all of the foregoing considerations, we are unable to agree to put the depositions off until the dates in mid-late July and August that you have proposed. However, in an effort to provide some flexibility to you and the deponents, we offer the following dates as alternatives. Under the circumstances, if the deponents are truly unable to appear on the scheduled dates, we must insist that Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman appear for their depositions on any one of the following date combinations:

* Patti Martin - June 23, 1997, and Stephen E. Stockman - June 26, 1997
* Patti Martin - June 23, 25, 26, or 27, 1997, and Stephen E. Stockman - July 2 or 3, 1997.

The deposition of Ms. Martin will probably last only a few hours, five is probably at the outside. Mr. Stockman's deposition will probably last longer; however, we assure you that we will make every effort to complete each deposition within one workday. Regarding the substance of the impending depositions, I can only advise you that each of the depositions could potentially cover any information relevant to the Commission's reason to believe findings.

The Commission will pay the costs of airfare, hotel accommodations, and related ground transportation for Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman. Airline tickets will be wired to an airport near them, and hotel accommodations will be arranged by the Commission at the Marriott Hotel here in Washington, D.C. prior to their arrival. In addition, as stated in my previous letter, Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman will each receive a $40.00 witness fee. I will forward specific information regarding these arrangements to you shortly after the deposition dates are confirmed.

With respect to your request for copies of the depositions taken in this matter, I advise you as follows. Due to the confidential nature of the Commission's investigations, copies of our deposition transcripts are not permitted. However, a deponent and/or the deponent's counsel may review and sign the transcript of the deponent's deposition at either the office of the court reporter or this office within thirty days of the date of the deposition. The thirty-day period, the specific purpose of which is to provide the deponent an opportunity to correct typographical errors, has elapsed with respect to all of the depositions taken to date. While this Office would ordinarily not permit inspection of any deposition transcript under such circumstances, in light of your relatively recent retention as counsel in this matter, we will permit you to review the deposition transcript of your client, John Hart, here at the Commission next week. You may not, however, review the transcripts of deponents whom you do not represent.

Please contact me on (202) 219-3690 to confirm the dates of the depositions. Unless I hear from you by the close of business today, we will expect to depose Ms. Martin on June 18, 1997, and Mr. Stockman on June 26, 1997, as scheduled.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon

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June 11, 1997
By fax to (202) 219-3923

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Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

I am following up on our conversations of last Thursday and yesterday about our request to sever and resolve the two aspects of the MUR. You advised us that you would not support severance because you were in the final phase of investigating the entire MUR and that with two more depositions the matter could be ready for possible settlement within a matter of two months.

On Monday, June 9, we received your undated letter enclosing deposition subpoenas for Patti Martin (scheduled for June 18, 1997) and Stephen E. Stockman (scheduled for June 26, 1997). Confirming my previous advice by telephone to you, those dates are virtually impossible because of conflicts they present (in the form of already-planned vacations and business meetings) for us and/or the witnesses. For example, I had previously advised you that my vacation was next week when the Stockman deposition is scheduled. You asked for a response within two days.

Your letter is somewhat confusing, in that it could be read to imply that the FEC has made a reason to believe finding against Patti Martin, and that Patti Martin is our client. We assisted Ms. Martin, as you know, in responding to the interrogatories and document requests you previously sent to her, and represented her with respect to seeking an extension of time to file a response, but she is not the subject, as far as we know, of any reason to believe finding made by the FEC. Please let us know if we are incorrect.

With respect to payment for attending the depositions, it is our understanding that, since both witnesses would come from states that are distant, and they would be flying to

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Washington, D.C., for the depositions, the FEC would also reimburse them for any necessary lodging, as well as for the actual charges of their flight and reasonable ground transportation costs. Please let us know how you would propose to handle the payments, and alert us to any restrictions on the method or amount of reimbursement.

Although the depositions are regarding the Commission's reason to believe findings, as set out in your letter, it would be very helpful if you could give us some additional direction with respect to the intended subject matter areas and proposed length of the depositions. This is of particular concern with respect to Ms. Martin, who has only been asked a relatively few questions with respect to the FEC's latest round of inquiries.

We would also request copies of any depositions you have previously taken in this matter. A representative of the Stockman campaign attended certain of these depositions, but for some reason was told a copy could not be obtained. We would like to remedy this.

We have tracked down Patti Martin who is in Florida for much of the time, and spent time with both witnesses searching for dates on which everyone would be free, and we would propose the following alternative dates for your consideration:

For Patti Martin: July 14-18; 21-23; 28-31

For Stephen E. Stockman: August 6-7; 11-15; 19-21.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if any of these alternative dates are available, and, if so, which are most acceptable to you.

We look forward to hearing from you. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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June 17, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

William J. Olson
William J. Olson, P.C.
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McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Olson:

It is clear from your letter of June 13, 1997, and our contemporaneous telephone conversation that I need to clarify this Office's actions with respect to the scheduling of the depositions of Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman. We are certainly not looking to start a "war," as you implied. It is our sincerest desire to work cordially with you to achieve an expeditious resolution of this matter. As you noted, to this point, we have worked together in a courteous and cooperative manner to that end. My letter of June 13, 1997 and this Office's underlying actions were in no way intended to be a departure from that.

As I explained in that letter, this Office's insistence that the deponents either appear on dates on which their depositions were scheduled or select among various alternatives was based on the history of delays in this matter. I, in no way, attributed any prior delay to you or your period of representation. As I have expressed to you, this Office appreciates your cooperativeness in this matter. The fact remains, however, that the alternative deposition dates that you proposed would mean a two-month delay. Due to the age of this case and the history of delays, this Office just cannot bear that kind of additional delay. Indeed, we attempted to avoid this very contingency by notifying you in advance of our intent to depose Mr. Stockman in June.

Also, there appears to be some animosity stemming from the fact that Ms. Martin's deposition was scheduled during the week that you advised me that you would be on vacation. It is hard to understand the source of the animosity under the circumstances. As a courtesy, I telephoned you on June 5, 1997 to advise you, inter alia, that the Commission would soon be issuing a subpoena for Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman to appear for depositions, and to share the targeted dates for those depositions. While you stated that you would be on vacation during the week that we wished to depose Ms. Martin, you also advised me that your co-counsel was familiar with the matter and could possibly be present at Ms. Martin's deposition, and you agreed to advise me of his availability as well as that of the deponents as soon as possible. That conversation, coupled with our advance notice that Mr. Stockman's deposition would occur in

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June, evinced no reason to believe that the targeted dates would be so problematic. In light of the fast-approaching dates, I believed it necessary to mail the subpoenas even prior to confirmation of the dates. This is not uncommon. The dates are often later adjusted by a few days to accommodate the deponents. This is exactly what we have offered in this matter. Indeed, in this case, we have offered several date combinations for the deponents to choose from. I hope this clarifies that this Office is trying to accommodate you and the respondents; however, at the same time, we are trying very hard to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

Finally, it is not completely clear, in light of our telephone conversation what your response is regarding the deponents' availability on the alternative dates offered. Your letter states that your understanding is that July 14 would be the earliest date that Ms. Martin would be available. However, it is my understanding from our telephone conversation that your Office would attempt to contact Ms. Martin to ascertain her availability on the alternative dates. Please provide me with a definitive answer with regard to the deponents' availability on the alternative date combinations offered by this Office as soon as possible. Please note that Ms. Martin could be flown from Florida to Washington, D.C. for the deposition and back to Florida within the same day, if she desires.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

We have just received your reply of today to our recent letter where we earnestly tried to set up a workable deposition schedule in the above matter, and we are incredulous at the tone of this reply, as well as the lack of any reason for the hostility expressed by the General Counsel's Office in this matter.

Let us say at the outset that neither we nor our clients are attempting to delay this matter in the slightest. In fact, we are opposed to any unreasonable delay. Attempting to find dates to fly witnesses across country for your convenience to be deposed which are somewhat later than you suggested, however, should not be considered unreasonable delay. On the other hand, our client said nothing even after waiting eight months for the FEC to issue dozens of interrogatories and document requests to several different witnesses with a 30-day response time.

As we thought you recognized — for our telephone conversations up until now have been courteous and professional on both sides — we have done everything within our power from the time of our entry into this matter to *expedite the resolution of this MUR.* After laboring intensely for several weeks to respond to the FEC's voluminous discovery requests — issued not only to the respondents, but also to several other witnesses — we urged you to consider severing the two issues in this MUR involving our clients, since one was very old (and presumably in a posture for resolution) and you may not have had an opportunity to

analyze the results of your discovery on the more recent issue (June 1996), your office finally decided that both issues could soon be capable of resolution if two more depositions could be taken. We welcomed that response, for we want to see the matter resolved. Indeed, you will recall that *we contacted you in May* asking for progress in this matter, and were understanding when you said that you had not had a chance to review our responses. Not until June did you call me to discuss the proposed depositions and deposition dates, and I told you that I would be going on vacation during the week of June 16. For your office to respond by scheduling a deposition for the very week that you had been advised that I would be out of town on vacation, and now accuse us of delay by seeking alternative deposition dates, is unfortunate.

In any event, our client would like nothing better than to move forward to resolve this matter. Without going into an item-by-item rebuttal regarding the alleged "uncooperativeness of certain respondents," as stated in your letter — which will be both rebutted and countered by instances of your office's actions herein if this matter cannot be resolved — we would simply say that the respondents undoubtedly have been attempting to protect their rights, upon advice of counsel, to the best of their ability. With respect to the period following our entry into the matter, moreover, from March of this year to the present, the respondents have made tremendous efforts, at great cost and sacrifice, to cooperate with your discovery and to move this matter along. Indeed, after receiving the respondents' voluminous discovery responses, you *thanked* me for these efforts and the completeness of our responses.

Upon receiving your written deposition requests, we *immediately* set about to contact the proposed deponents and obtain dates for their availability. The primary difficulty was the schedule of Ms. Martin, who was in the process of going on vacation and traveling between Texas and Florida on important family matters, when we tracked her down. Since Ms. Martin (who is only a witness in this case and not a respondent) told us she was simply not available for a few weeks, (we understand that July 14 would be the earliest reasonable date in view of her schedule) the deposition timetable that you sent us simply would not work.

We had no idea that you would take the position you have taken regarding the urgency of the depositions, and did not know how many days you intended the depositions to run. Thus, the dates we gave you were the dates that we thought could best accommodate overlapping times, etc. Now that we have your estimates, it would probably be possible to schedule both depositions for completion in July. If we could arrive at a date for Ms. Martin's deposition in mid-July, we could schedule Mr. Stockman's deposition shortly thereafter.

We appreciate the information you have provided, and will accept your offer to review the deposition transcript of John Hart, although we would ask you to extend the period of examination to the next two weeks. As to your rules not permitting copies of deposition transcripts, please advise us where those rules can be found, and upon what legal authority they are based.

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Hopefully, this matter can be resolved collegially. My own experience is that counsel should discuss deposition dates prior to issuing formal notices and making demands on parties and witnesses. If your office sincerely wants to resolve this matter soon, as you have told me, you could not have a more receptive opponent than the respondents. Please be assured that we want to move forward at the earliest reasonable time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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cc: Stockman for Congress
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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June 25, 1997

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

John S. Miles, Esquire
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McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Miles:

This confirms the travel arrangements for your client, Patti Martin, to appear for a deposition at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 1997, at 999 E. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, please sign in at the guard's desk, take an elevator to the sixth floor, and ask for me at the receptionist desk.

Ms. Martin's airline tickets will be available for pick-up at the Continental Airlines counter at the Houston Intercontinental Airport. Her itinerary is as follows:

June 25	Depart	Houston, Texas	5:35 p.m.	Flight #538
	Arrive	Wash. Nat'l Airport	9:31 p.m.	
June 26	Depart	Wash. Nat'l Airport	5:20 p.m.	Flight #545
	Arrive	Houston, Texas	7:24 p.m.	

Hotel accommodations for one night, Wednesday, June 25, 1997, have been made for Ms. Martin at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th St., NW, Washington, D.C. The hotel accommodations as well as taxis, meals and incidental expenses will be paid for by the Commission. Aside from the flight and hotel expenses, which have already been paid, all other expenses will be paid for by reimbursement upon Ms. Martin's submission of the enclosed claim form with receipts, up to the government per diem.

If you need assistance at any time, please contact me, Abigail Shaine, or Lisa Mack on (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

This will confirm the information you have given us verbally earlier today regarding the refusal of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") to allow respondents and their counsel to obtain copies of their deposition transcripts in pending MURs. We originally asked you, in our letter of June 11, 1997, for copies of depositions, including the transcript of the deposition of our client, John Hart, that had been taken in the above-referenced MUR prior to our entry as counsel in this matter.

Our understanding, based upon the information you provided verbally to Mr. Miles of our office today, is that your office allows note-taking at such depositions, but does not permit copies of transcripts to be ordered by respondents or their counsel. Furthermore, we understand that, although your office sometimes permits counsel to examine deposition transcripts (*e.g.*, you allowed Mr. Miles to examine the transcript of Mr. Hart's deposition of 8/7/96 in your offices today), no note-taking is allowed at the time of examination.

You told Mr. Miles that this "deposition policy" is not set forth in any regulation, policy statement, or other writing, but is simply an unwritten policy that is as old as the FEC itself. You said that the policy was based upon the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C., section 437g. Although you were not more specific, we assume you mean the provisions set forth at 2 U.S.C. sections 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A). You stated that you were unaware that this "deposition policy" had ever been the subject of any administrative or court decision (either upholding the policy or refusing to apply it). The policy would appear,

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therefore, to be nothing more than one of the General Counsel's Office, and as far as we can tell it is not even based on any action by the Commission.

As Mr. Miles replied in his conversation with you today, the policy referred to above represents a serious, unfair, and we believe illegal impediment to the legal representation of respondents in general, including the respondents in this matter. We believe that this policy cannot reasonably be justified on the theory that it is necessary to effect the purposes of section 437g. If a pending MUR is to remain confidential, both the FEC and the respondents would be bound not to reveal the details, just as they are presently in many cases, and deposition transcripts would simply be part of the confidential material. We are not aware of any rationale whatsoever that would permit the FEC to have sole dominion, control, and access to deposition transcripts, and the FEC has not provided us with any rationale. At the very least, such a policy/practice creates a tremendous and unfair impediment to counsel for respondents, which is detrimental to the rights of individuals and entities against whom the FEC is proceeding.

This is a serious matter. In the pending MUR, we have tentatively agreed with you on a deposition schedule that contemplates Ms. Patti Martin being deposed tomorrow and Mr. Stephen Stockman to be deposed next Wednesday, July 2, 1997. Despite the handicap the "deposition policy" has imposed on us, we are willing to go forward with the Martin deposition as scheduled, and hopefully the General Counsel's Office will revisit and revise the current "deposition policy" so that we could later receive copies of the transcripts of the Martin deposition and the Hart deposition.

We respectfully request, however, that you provide us with (a) a complete statement of the "deposition policy" or, if our description of it as set forth above is accurate, a statement that our description is correct; and (b) an agreement that the policy will be waived in this case, particularly as to any deposition of Mr. Stockman.

It is our hope, of course, that this MUR can be speedily concluded following the depositions of Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman. Nevertheless, we want to resolve the deposition transcript question prior to any deposition of Mr. Stockman.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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June 30, 1997

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Miles:

This confirms the travel arrangements for your client, Stephen E. Stockman, to appear for a deposition at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 1997, at 999 E. Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, please sign in at the guard's desk, take an elevator to the sixth floor, and ask for me at the receptionist desk.

Mr. Stockman's airline tickets will be available for pick-up at the Continental Airlines counter at the Houston Intercontinental Airport. His itinerary is as follows:

June 30	Depart	Houston, Texas	8:15 a.m.	Flight #532
	Arrive	Wash. Nat'l Airport	12:11 p.m.	
July 3	Depart	Wash. Nat'l Airport	9:05 a.m.	Flight #115
	Arrive	Houston, Texas	11:05 a.m.	

Hotel accommodations for two nights, Tuesday and Wednesday, July 1- 2, 1997, have been made for Mr. Stockman at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th St., NW, Washington, D.C. The confirmation number for the hotel accommodations is 8436734. Please note that Mr. Stockman will need to arrange his lodging for Monday, June 30. In addition, the Commission will not cover any expenses incurred on this additional day. The Commission will, however, reimburse Mr. Stockman for incidental expenses incurred on Tuesday and Wednesday upon submission of the enclosed travel voucher form with receipts, up to the government per diem.

If you need assistance at any time, please contact me or Lisa Mack on (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Your office informed us that arrangements could be made for Mr. Steven Stockman and Ms. Patti Martin to review their depositions, which have now been transcribed in the above-referenced matter.

Mr. Stockman would like to review his deposition as close as possible to his residence in Friendswood, Texas, if that can be arranged.

We renew our objections to the FEC's discovery procedures, particularly as they relate to depositions. In addition to all of the arguments we have advanced previously, we want to stress that the FEC's rules with respect to depositions deprives respondents of the effective assistance of counsel. It is virtually impossible for Mr. Stockman to have the advice of counsel in reviewing his deposition, and this is severe prejudice that could be avoided easily if the FEC would modify its rules on examining depositions. We find it extraordinary that a party cannot have a copy of the transcript of his own deposition, cannot review it with counsel, and cannot even review it in the privacy of his own office or home. Accordingly, Mr. Stockman's current request to review his deposition is not a waiver of any of his objections to these discovery procedures.

Ms. Patti Martin was also deposed, but is not a respondent. She does not waive signature, and on her behalf we object to her being deprived of the opportunity of reviewing the transcript of her deposition with counsel. The respondents also object to such deprivation. Nevertheless, Ms. Martin will not be reviewing her deposition transcript unless we, as counsel, are provided a copy and permitted to assist her with her review.

Please contact us at your earliest convenience to discuss the possible arrangements. Obviously, if the FEC changes its position and is willing to provide us with copies of the

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depositions, so that Ms. Martin and Mr. Stockman could effectively consult with us, we would be appreciative.

We look forward to hearing from you. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Counsel:

Now that the discovery you requested has been completed, the next step that we had discussed was pursuing a resolution of the case.

Of the named respondents, we represent former Congressman Stockman, his former (1990) campaign committee (Stockman for Congress) of which he is treasurer, and his campaign committee during the post-1990 election cycles, Friends of Steve Stockman, including John Hart as treasurer. The allegations forming the basis for the reason to believe findings made by the Commission have been extensively explored through discovery, and we hope you will agree that the respondents have made substantial efforts to comply with the Commission's requests.

We believe that pre-probable cause conciliation would be especially appropriate in this matter. The matters have been under review for several years now, and are relatively uncomplicated. Although we have not been privy to certain of the information your office has obtained — and we continue to believe that the Commission's policy on depositions is unfair and without legal justification — you have stated that after two additional depositions (now taken) that the case would be at a juncture that is suitable for resolution. It is this representation that helped persuade us to respond to the discovery you sought, including the depositions, without even seeking a ruling on the objections we raised. From the respondents'

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standpoint, this matter has consumed tremendous time, energy, and resources, and the respondents would like to work toward its end.

Accordingly, if our request has not been made formally in the past, we would like to request pre-probable cause conciliation. We believe that a meeting to discuss pre-probable cause conciliation would be in order, and we request such a meeting with you at your earliest convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Counsel:

We appreciate your interest in attempting pre-probable cause conciliation in this matter. Per our discussion today, we can enter into pre-probable cause conciliation negotiations provided your clients agree to waive the application of any statute of limitations that might apply in this matter. An agreement is attached. If your clients agree to this condition, please immediately return the signed agreement via fax with original by mail.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon

Attachment
Waiver agreement

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Counsel:

This is a follow-up to my letter dated August 8, 1997 wherein I advised that this Office could enter into pre-probable cause conciliation negotiations in the above-referenced matter provided your clients agree to waive the application of any statute of limitations that might apply. To date, we have not received a response in this regard.

As we discussed, this Office must either work toward conciliating this matter in pre-probable cause negotiations or move on to the probable cause phase of the proceedings. Your clients' decision regarding waiver of the statute of limitations will determine how this Office will proceed in this matter. Because this Office cannot bear any additional delay in this matter, it is imperative that we receive a response regarding your clients' decision immediately.

Please be advised that in the event that your clients decide not to waive the statute of limitations, this Office will proceed to complete the General Counsel's Brief recommending that the Commission find probable cause to believe that the respondents violated provisions of the law. Please note that the probable cause brief in this matter is not far from completion. Once the brief is mailed, pre-probable cause conciliation will not be available.

In light of the above considerations, we must have a response from your clients by the close of business today. If your clients agree to waive the statute of limitations, please return the signed agreement via fax with original by mail.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Olson:

Your letter of August 13, 1997, and our contemporaneous telephone conversation evince what appear to be significant misunderstandings of both this Office's procedure and our previous communications. With this, I hope to clarify these misunderstandings and to clearly state how this Office is presently proceeding in this matter.

Let me start with the misunderstanding stemming from our prior conversations. Contrary to your assertion, I did not tell you at any time that if the depositions took place, I would have a settlement proposal for you this month. Rather, I told you, consistent with my position throughout my handling of this matter, that the depositions would likely conclude our investigation and within a couple of months following the depositions, the matter would be in a posture for resolution. This matter is indeed presently in a posture for resolution.

One method of resolving this matter is through pre-probable cause conciliation. However, as I thought you understood, pre-probable cause conciliation is a discretionary option for the Commission in attempting resolution of its cases. The Commission does not enter into pre-probable cause negotiations as a matter of course. In this matter, as is often the case, absent a request for pre-probable cause conciliation, this Office proceeds to the probable cause stage of the proceedings, which entails preparation of a brief recommending that the Commission find probable cause to believe that the respondents have violated the law.

Prior to receiving your request for pre-probable cause conciliation, we were proceeding in that manner and were, in fact, not very far from completing the brief. We were, however, pleased to receive your request, as I told you, inasmuch as pre-probable cause negotiations could expedite the resolution of this matter. However, as we discussed during our August 8 meeting, due to the age of this case, pre-probable cause negotiations in this matter must be predicated upon your clients waiving any applicable statute of limitations for the limited period of time during which the negotiations would take place (which we predicted could last ninety days). To do otherwise would jeopardize the Commission's ability to fully pursue this matter should pre-probable cause negotiations fail.

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The concerns you have raised regarding waiving the statute of limitations in order to engage in pre-probable cause conciliation suggest that there may also be some misunderstanding with respect to the potential impact of executing the waiver. For the Commission, the waiver is simply a way of protecting its ability to fully pursue this matter in the event that pre-probable cause negotiations fail. For your clients, the waiver has no potentially harmful impact. To the contrary, it is a mechanism that would allow the Commission to engage in pre-probable cause conciliation, which could potentially lead to an expedited settlement of this matter on terms and conditions more desirable to your clients than would likely be available after probable cause has been found when more time and resources have been invested into the matter. In the event that pre-probable cause negotiations failed, your clients would simply resume their current position.

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I hope this allays any concerns regarding the limited waiver of the statute of limitations needed in order for the Commission to engage in pre-probable cause negotiations. Surely you can understand the Commission's need to protect its ability to fully pursue this matter, particularly in light of the amount of time that has already been invested and the history of delays that occurred prior to your period of representation. Again, this Office is willing to be flexible in our consideration of the matter in the event that your clients opt to sign the waiver. However, in the absence of the signed waiver of the statute of limitations, this Office has now resumed preparation of the probable cause brief and is moving toward the probable cause stage of the proceedings. As I stated previously, once the brief is mailed to you, pre-probable cause conciliation will not be available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

We received the letter you faxed to us earlier this afternoon (approximately 2:45 p.m.) saying you *must* have a response from our clients regarding your demand that our clients agree "to waive the application of any statute of limitations" in the above matter, in accordance with the terms of your letter dated August 8, 1997.

Your letter does not expressly state that pre-probable cause would not be available to them unless our clients waive their rights, but it seems to imply that that might be the case.

We think, with all due respect, that your office should reconsider its actions in this matter. First of all, it is not possible for our clients to make the decision you request by close of business today. This morning was the first notice we have had that you required an *immediate* decision, and our clients will need additional time. The decision you are requiring them to make requires some explanation and deliberation, and it is unfair to press them so urgently at this point, particularly in light of the circumstances of this matter. Actually, you have not given us a single, persuasive reason why a waiver would even be necessary at this particular point in time.

You will recall you told me previously that if depositions took place as they did, you should have a settlement proposal for us this month, and that was the primary reason for Patti Martin and Steve Stockman working so hard, at some personal sacrifice, with this office to arrange their depositions for late June and early July. Indeed, we worked extremely hard to arrange to respond to the voluminous discovery you requested earlier this year, in anticipation

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that this matter could be resolvable in the context of pre-probable cause conciliation. Yet, following the Martin/Stockman depositions, we did not hear from your office at all with respect to a proposal. Instead, *we* finally initiated a pre-probable conciliation request in early August. It was at the meeting with you and Ms. Shaine of your office, on August 7, 1997, that we learned for the first time that you would condition exploring pre-probable cause conciliation on our clients executing a waiver of any applicable statute of limitations. Furthermore, you not only did not have any kind of settlement proposal in mind, you could not even give us a ball-park range of proposed conditions/sanctions.

In your letter of today, you indicate that your probable cause brief is not far from completion. This is the first we have heard of that. If the probable cause brief is not far from completion, why the urgency about the statute of limitations waiver? Furthermore, if you are that far along in the case, why did you not so indicate over the last few months, instead of leading us to believe that you would have a settlement proposal for us in August?

Following the meeting with you last week, we communicated with our clients, and we have sent them a copy of the waiver you requested we sign. It has not been possible since then to discuss the matter with them, and no decision has yet been made. Your action of today, demanding that our clients make their decision by close of business today, is unreasonable and unfair. No decision can be made today.

We hope that you and your office will reconsider your demand that our clients agree today with your waiver demand, realize that it is unreasonable, and reverse your position.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Chairman McGarry:

On behalf of certain respondents in the above-referenced matter, MUR 3847, we request pre-probable conciliation.

We represent respondents Stephen E. Stockman, who ran for the nomination or as the candidate of the Republican Party in Texas' 9th Congressional District in 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996, Mr. Stockman's 1990 campaign committee (Stockman for Congress and Steve Stockman, as Treasurer), and Mr. Stockman's successor campaign committee (Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as Treasurer). The allegations in MUR 3847 involve the 1994 and 1996 election cycles.

We have been dealing with the General Counsel's Office of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC"), and are submitting that request directly to you and the other FEC Commissioners for the reasons set out below.

BACKGROUND

We became involved as counsel only recently, in mid-March of this year, and have worked diligently since then, in cooperation with the FEC General Counsel's Office, to put this matter into a settlement posture. Virtually all of our efforts have been to assist in responding to voluminous and time-consuming discovery issued by the General Counsel's Office, including interrogatory requests, document production requests, and depositions. It has been our understanding from the start that the primary objective in moving so quickly on discovery — and we have complied with discovery in certain instances where we might otherwise have sought rulings with respect to objections we had raised, in the belief that a

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serious settlement proposal would be imminent — would be to put this matter into a settlement posture, and we were led by the General Counsel's Office to believe that a settlement proposal would be forthcoming this month.

Through recent exchanges with the General Counsel's Office, it became apparent that pre-probable cause conciliation would occur in August only if a proposal were submitted by the respondents. We have been told that the General Counsel's Office would welcome such a step from us, although we were advised that the Commission would insist on an extension of the statute of limitations. As you will see from the attachment, we would offer such an extension if the Commission agreed to go forward with pre-probable cause conciliation and determined that such an extension was necessary.

PROPOSED CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

We are attempting to arrive at a reasonable and expeditious settlement of this matter, which we have been told is the goal of the FEC as well. As explained above, we are requesting the Commission directly to consider pre-probable cause conciliation, and we have submitted a proposed Conciliation Agreement (Attachment A). As explained below, we see no basis for further action against Mr. Stockman personally or against his previous (1990) campaign committee, and believe that the matter should be dismissed as to those respondents. The more recent campaign committee is the appropriate entity and is willing to resolve the matter with a conciliation agreement.

The facts of this matter are relatively uncomplicated. We have summarized below the Reason to Believe ("RTB") Findings of which we are aware, with our thoughts on a possible fair resolution.

REASON TO BELIEVE FINDINGS 1, 2, AND 3 (6/22/95) - three alleged statutory violations

1. VIOLATION OF 2 U.S.C. SEC. 434(b) - Contents of Reports

As revealed in the RTB findings accompanying the FEC letters of June 26, 1995, (there are three such letters, one addressed to Stockman for Congress and its treasurer (Stockman), another addressed to Friends of Steve Stockman and its treasurer (Hart), and the third addressed to Steve Stockman personally), this has to do with the allegation that the Stockman Campaign failed to report all contributions received as required by section 434(b)(2). The entire allegation rests on the proposition that the respondents failed to report in-kind contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and Jeff Van Fleet. Those in-kind contributions presumably would consist of the cost/value of newspaper space constituting advertising concerning the Stockman campaign published in the Southeast Texas Times during the first nine months of 1993.

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This allegation (as well as the related allegation concerning section 441a(f), discussed below), **depends entirely** on the argument that the media exemption does not apply, which itself depends upon the theory that the Southeast Texas Times was owned or controlled by Stockman and/or one of his committees. It **also depends entirely** on the argument that ownership and control of the Southeast Texas Times (which were solely in the name of Jeff Van Fleet) was shared by Steve Stockman and/or the Stockman campaign ("one or both of Stockman's committees," RTB analysis, p. 6), and that the conservative publication was used "to promote Stockman's campaign events and his candidacy" (RTB anal., p.10).

There is evidence, including the testimony of Mr. Stockman himself, that Mr. Stockman assisted one of his friends who established the Southeast Texas Times ("SETT"). At his deposition, Mr. Stockman testified that Jeff Van Fleet and his wife lived with the Stockmans for part of 1993, and that during this time the SETT was started, and Mr. Van Fleet was allowed to use the Stockman home as a base of operations, including use of equipment. It is Mr. Stockman's testimony, however, that this was done as a friend, to help Mr. Van Fleet develop a business as a source of livelihood. The testimony is that this was done to help establish a viable newspaper, and not to promote any candidacy of Mr. Stockman. During the time in question, Mr. Stockman was not a declared candidate for Congress, and Mr. Stockman maintains that he was not a candidate until he so declared, in January of 1994. In fact, the newspaper ceased publishing long before that time.

We believe that the RTB findings are shaky on a number of grounds, including the following:

1. The *Southeast Texas Times* was a legitimate newspaper, begun as a business venture, and was not owned or controlled by Mr. Stockman. As the FEC General Counsel's Office is aware, the **media exemption would apply** to all stories and mention of Mr. Stockman, who in our view is not mentioned a disproportionate or unusual amount in the issues we have seen. Obviously, if the media exemption applies, the entire allegation must be dismissed.

2. Mr. Stockman was not a candidate until 1994, and the SETT stopped publishing in September 1993. **Since there was no Stockman campaign in 1993, there was no contribution by the newspaper, even assuming the media exemption would not apply.** We are aware of the FEC attorneys' argument that Mr. Stockman may have subjectively decided to become a candidate in 1993 before he declared, but we would submit that this is a strained and circular argument on their part.

3. Even assuming the media exemption would not apply, and even assuming Mr. Stockman was a candidate prior to the Fall of 1993 (when the newspaper folded), any contribution by the newspaper to the Stockman campaign would be **de minimis**.

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4. Even if a violation was imputed under these facts, the sanction should not be severe. Our research into this matter thus far has revealed only one reported MUR on this issue where a fine resulted (MUR 2268), and the conduct there appeared to be much more clear-cut and extensive than in this case. All other MURs raising this issue, as we understand it, were dismissed or resulted in no adverse action. *See, e.g.*, MUR 3615, MUR 3605, and MUR 3366.

2. VIOLATION OF 2 U.S.C. SEC. 441a(f) — Knowingly accept any contribution or make any expenditure in violation of the FECA.

As set forth in the same Reason to Believe letter of June 26, 1995, the section 441a(f) allegation in sum and substance depends upon the same facts as the 434(b)(2) allegation discussed above. It follows that if the campaign committee failed to report a particular contribution, it obviously would have accepted the contribution. The point here is that the same facts and legal issues that control the outcome of the section 434(b) issue, discussed above, would be relevant for the disposition of the section 441(f) issue as well.

3. VIOLATION OF 2 U.S.C. SEC. 441d(a) — Failure to include disclaimer on newspaper ad/notice

This Reason to Believe finding was made only with respect to one alleged advertisement, and only against Stockman for Congress and its treasurer, Stephen Stockman. The ad appeared in the April B, 1993, edition of Southeast Texas Times (p. 3), and states in part: "Garage Sale....Proceeds to benefit 'Stockman for Congress' To Donate items or to get directions. Call Dee...." (Stockman for Congress was the name of the 1990 Stockman principal committee whose only activity would have been fundraising for debt liquidation.)

REASON TO BELIEVE FINDING 4 AND 5 (6/6/96) — two alleged statutory violations

4. VIOLATION OF 2 U.S.C. SEC. 434(b) — failure to report
5. VIOLATION OF 2 U.S.C. SEC. 441a(f) — acceptance of excessive contributions

The Reason to Believe findings underlying the FEC attorneys' letter of June 13, 1996 are based upon the theory that Mr. Stockman may have owned or controlled a newspaper known as the Southeast Texas Statesman that began to be published in Texas' 9th Congressional District in 1995 by persons associated with the previous Stockman campaign. The theory is similar to that already discussed above with respect to the 1993 publication, Southeast Texas Times. Indeed, the FEC attorneys have contended that the Statesman was apparently the successor to the Times.

On the theory that this 1995 publication was owned or controlled by Congressman Stockman, and also that there was not balanced coverage, it was alleged that the press

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exemption does not appear to apply and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer, accepted unreported excessive contributions in violation of sections 441a(f) and 434 (b). There was also a Reason to Believe finding against Congressman Stockman personally, on the same theory as that set forth above, (*i.e.*, that Mr. Stockman may have accepted contributions from the Southeast Texas Statesman in violation of section 441a(f)).

We are unaware of any credible evidence linking Mr. Stockman or the Stockman campaign to the Southeast Texas Statesman. Certainly, Mr. Stockman has denied unequivocally having anything to do with the Southeast Texas Statesman, and we believe not only that other witnesses would support Mr. Stockman on this, but also that there is the absence of any objective evidence linking the Stockman campaign to the Southeast Texas Statesman. The FEC attorneys have alleged in deposition that there is evidence from an unidentified witness that the 1995 newspaper was Mr. Stockman's idea. Even if that were true, we submit, it would not be enough to support the allegations of a violation. In truth, neither Mr. Stockman nor his campaign had anything to do with the Southeast Texas Statesman.

REASON TO BELIEVE FINDING 6 (7/16/96) — one alleged statutory violation

6. VIOLATION OF 2 U.S.C. SEC. 434(b)(5)(A)

The Reason to Believe findings set forth in the FEC attorneys' letter of July 17, 1996, are against Friends of Steve Stockman and its treasurer, John Hart, on the theory that the committee failed to accurately report its expenditures during the 1996 campaign. This allegation proceeds on the theory that payments by the committee to its political campaign consultant, Political Won Stop, were improperly reported on the FEC reports filed by the committee (a) because Political Won Stop had no valid, independent existence, and (b) even if Political Won Stop was a valid payee, the purpose of the payments was not set forth with sufficient particularity.

This issue has been thoroughly discovered by the FEC attorneys. We believe that they are ready to abandon any contention that Political Won Stop is not a valid, independent entity, and that it operated as a consultant for the Stockman campaign. The FEC attorneys may still argue that the committee has failed to meet the standards for reporting consulting payments discussed in Advisory Opinion 1983-25, although it is difficult for us to appreciate any such argument.

CONCLUSION

We believe that the above presents a fair summary of the existing allegations.

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We understand that the 1990 Stockman campaign committee, Stockman for Congress, was not operative after the 1990 election cycle, and has continued to exist only because of a debt that it has not been able to liquidate. Although the generic slogan "Stockman for Congress" may have been used after 1990, we would submit that the only campaign committee in issue for purposes of this MUR should be "Friends of Steve Stockman."

As to the allegations against Mr. Stockman personally, they should be dismissed. As we understand it, cases determining personal liability of the candidate are rare. MUR 2268 is a good example of a situation where even though the candidate himself was personally involved, it was his campaign committee and the radio station owned by the candidate which paid civil penalties. The facts in this case do not warrant proceeding against Mr. Stockman personally.

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Even if there is the possibility of the running of a statute of limitation on one matter as mentioned above, we have never had explained the need for a waiver of the statute of limitations such as the General Counsel's Office submitted, nor do we understand precisely how it would operate. It would appear that the waiver suggested by the General Counsel's Office would not be reasonable, at least in this case, and we have drafted what we consider is a more reasonable document (Attachment B). If a brief extension is required in order for pre-probable cause conciliation to go forward, and the Commission wishes to resolve this matter, our clients would agree to execute such a document.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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Enclosures

cc: Tracey L. Ligon, Esquire
Abigail A. Shaine, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman	)	
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Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	
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Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
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Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times	)	
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Tim Frankovich, Southeast Texas Statesman	)	
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Citizens for Honesty in Government	)	
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. BACKGROUND

This matter[1] was initiated by a signed sworn complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") by Stephen M. Clifford on December 27, 1993. On June 22, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman and his campaign committees -- Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer -- violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting excessive contributions in the form

[1] While this matter involves six respondents, as reflected in the captain herein, this report focuses only on three of them -- Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer -- inasmuch as these respondents are represented by the same counsel and have initiated the issue at hand, see discussion, infra.

of advertisements, announcements, and news coverage; that both committees violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by failing to report the contributions; and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, also violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a disclaimer on an advertisement.

On June 6, 1996, the Commission additionally found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a proper disclaimer on campaign communications. Subsequently, on July 16, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A) by failing to adequately itemize payments to a political consulting firm. The Office of the General Counsel has conducted an investigation into this matter pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

II. ISSUE AT HAND

On August 25, 1997, certain of the respondents submitted to the Commission a request to enter into pre-probable cause negotiations, along with a proposed conciliation agreement. Based on the age of this case and the current procedural posture of the matter, discussed, infra, this Office recommends that the Commission deny the respondents' request.

Initially, we note that prior to submitting the instant request to the Commission, the respondents submitted, on July 31, a request for pre-probable cause conciliation to this Office. In fact, on August 8, staff from this Office met with counsel to discuss the prospect of entering into pre-probable cause negotiations. During that meeting, this Office advised the respondents that because this matter involves activity that commenced

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in February of 1993, this Office was making every effort to ensure that this matter is ripe for litigation by early 1998 to avoid statute of limitations issues. For that reason, this Office further advised counsel that pre-probable cause negotiations must be predicated upon the respondents waiving the statute of limitations for the limited period of time during which the negotiations would take place. This Office also indicated that the probable cause brief was well underway and that once the brief was mailed, the opportunity for pre-probable cause conciliation was over.

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In light of the uncertainty of ultimate success even if the Commission approved the request for pre-probable cause conciliation, and because the respondents could subsequently decide against executing the waiver of the statute of limitations once they

understand the terms of settlement that the Commission is likely to require, this Office recommends that the Commission deny the respondents' request for pre-probable cause conciliation. Proceeding otherwise would potentially jeopardize the Commission's ability to fully pursue this matter. Should the Commission decide to approve this recommendation, the probable cause brief will be mailed to the respondents shortly thereafter.

III. RECOMMENDATION

1. Deny the respondents' request for pre-probable cause conciliation.

9/5/97
Date

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Staff Assigned: Tracey L. Ligon

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/BONNIE ROSS
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11, 1997

SUBJECT: MUR 3847 - GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission on **Wednesday, September 10, 1997**.

Objection(s) have been received from the Commissioner(s) as indicated by the name(s) checked below:

Commissioner Aikens	_
Commissioner Elliott	_
Commissioner McDonald	_
Commissioner McGarry	_
Commissioner Thomas	XXX

This matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for **Tuesday, September 16, 1997**.

Please notify us who will represent your Division before the Commission on this matter.

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Steven E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer;	)	MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Tim Frankovich, Southeast Texas Statesman;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government.	)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on September 12, 1997, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to deny the respondents' request for pre-probable cause conciliation, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated September 9, 1997.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

9-12-97
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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September 15, 1997

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Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Olson:

Based on a complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission on December 27, 1993, and information supplied by the respondents in this matter, the Commission, on June 22, 1995, found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman and his campaign committees, Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f); that both committees violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b); and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, also violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

On June 6, 1996, the Commission additionally found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). Subsequently, on July 16, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A). Based on these findings, the Commission instituted an investigation of this matter.

On August 25, 1997, you submitted a request to enter into conciliation negotiations prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. The Commission has considered your request and on September 12, 1997, determined to decline to enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. After considering all the evidence available to the Commission, the Office of the General Counsel is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that violations have occurred.

The Commission may or may not approve the General Counsel's recommendation. Submitted for your review is a brief stating the position of the General Counsel on the legal and factual issues of the case. Within 15 days of your receipt of this notice, you may file with the

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Secretary of the Commission a brief (ten copies if possible) stating your position on the issues and replying to the brief of the General Counsel. (Three copies of such brief should also be forwarded to the Office of the General Counsel, if possible.) The General Counsel's brief and any brief which you may submit will be considered by the Commission before proceeding to a vote of whether there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

If you are unable to file a responsive brief within 15 days, you may submit a written request for an extension of time. All requests for extensions of time must be submitted in writing five days prior to the due date, and good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

A finding of probable cause to believe requires that the Office of the General Counsel attempt for a period of not less than 30, but not more than 90 days, to settle this matter through a conciliation agreement.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tracey L. Ligon, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690. During the week of September 15, 1997, you may also contact Abigail Shaine as Ms. Ligon will be out of the office that week.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble by AAS

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman	)	
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Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	
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Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S BRIEF

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This matter was initiated by a signed sworn complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") by Stephen M. Clifford on December 27, 1993. On June 22, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman and his campaign committees -- Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer -- violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting excessive contributions in the form of advertisements, announcements, and news coverage; that both committees violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by failing to report the contributions; and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, also violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a disclaimer on an advertisement.

On June 6, 1996, the Commission additionally found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a proper disclaimer on campaign communications. Subsequently, on

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July 16, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A) by failing to adequately itemize payments to a political consulting firm. The Office of the General Counsel has conducted an investigation pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

In this brief, the General Counsel sets forth the factual and legal issues in this matter, and his recommendation regarding whether there is probable cause to believe that such violations occurred. See 11 C.F.R. § 111.16 (a).

II. INTRODUCTION

This matter involves various violations of the Act that primarily arise from four relatively discrete areas of activity. The violations can be grouped as follows: 1) violations stemming from the relationship between Stephen E. Stockman/his campaign committee(s) and two newspaper publications; 2) violations involving the failure to include proper disclaimers on communications; 3) reporting violations stemming from the relationship of the Stockman campaign committee with a political consulting firm; and 4) various additional reporting violations. These four areas will be analyzed in turn.

III. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

A. Applicable Law Respecting Violations Stemming from Publications

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Under the Act, the term contribution includes, inter alia, expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, his authorized political committees, or their

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agents, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate, his authorized committees or their agents. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B). However, the Act and regulations exempt costs associated with the production of news stories, commentaries, or editorials, distributed through newspapers and other periodical publications, from the definition of a contribution and expenditure, as long as the media entity is not owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). This provision of the Act and regulations is commonly referred to as the "media exemption."

Section 431(9)(B)(i) identifies only "broadcasting station[s], newspaper[s], magazine[s], or other periodical publication[s]" as press entities entitled to the exemption, however. To determine, on an individual basis, whether a particular medium of communication fits one of these descriptions, the Commission has applied the definitions of "broadcaster," "newspaper," and "magazine or other periodical publication" offered in its Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. § 110.13, to the medium in question. See, e.g., MURs 2277 and 2567. According to the Explanation and Justification,

> [t]he term 'bona fide' newspaper is intended to mean a publication of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals (usually daily or weekly) and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of news and editorial opinion to the general public. Only newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising would be considered 'bona fide'.

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If the press entity is one which ordinarily would be entitled to the press exemption, the next inquiry is whether the entity is owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. Where it is so owned or controlled, the media exemption does not apply. In such instances, the only disbursements which will not be considered a contribution to the candidate or committee are those for news stories:

> which represent ... bona fide news account[s] communicated in a publication of general circulation ... and which [are] part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area.

11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). Significantly, however, due to the candidate's involvement in the media entity, "[a]ny campaign-related content within a particular edition would render **expenses of publishing that edition** a campaign expenditure" (emphasis added). See Advisory Opinion 1990-5.

In Advisory Opinion 1990-5, the Commission set forth factors relevant to the determination of whether the content of a communication is campaign-related. The newsletter in that Opinion was controlled and financed by the candidate but contained no express advocacy or solicitations for contributions. The Commission nevertheless held that any edition of the newsletter would be deemed to be "campaign-related" and thus for the purpose of influencing the candidate's election if: "(1) direct or indirect reference is made to the candidacy, campaign or qualifications for public office of [the candidate or his or her] opponent"; or (2) reference is made "to [the candidate's] views on public policy issues, or those of [the candidate's] opponent, or [to any] issues raised in the campaign"; or (3) distribution of the newsletter is expanded ... in any manner that ... indicates [its] utilization as a campaign communication." *Id.*

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Political committees under the Act must file periodic reports of their receipts and disbursements. 2 U.S.C. § 434. The Act requires political committees to identify through itemization the persons or entities which have made contributions or received expenditures in the aggregate amount or value in excess of $200 within the calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(6)(A). Itemization requires providing the name and address of each such person or entity together with the date and amount of any such contributions or disbursements. The purpose of each such disbursement must also be provided. 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(a)(4)(i) and 104.3(b)(4)(i).

B. Facts and Analysis of Violations Stemming from Publications

The pivotal inquiry in this matter is whether the Southeast Texas Times and the subsequent Southeast Texas Statesman, publications that were distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas, were owned or controlled by Stephen E. Stockman and/or his campaign committee(s). The evidence of record establishes the following respecting the central players in this matter, which is presented initially to highlight the relationships among these players, and to provide context for examination of the issue at hand.

1. Overview of Central Players and Relationships Among Them

Stephen E. Stockman was a candidate for the House of Representatives from the 9th Congressional District of Texas in 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996. Stockman served one term in Congress following his successful 1994 campaign.[1] Stockman for Congress was

[1] In 1990, Stockman received forty-one percent (41%) of the vote in the Primary Election; Stephen M. Clifford, the complainant herein, unsuccessfully opposed Stockman in the primary. Stockman

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Stockman's principal campaign committee during his 1990 campaign.[2] Respondents assert that Friends of Steve Stockman was the official name of Stockman's principal campaign committee for his 1992, 1994, and 1996 campaigns.[3]

Steve Stockman used his home as his main campaign headquarters during the 1993-1994 election cycle. By way of his home/campaign headquarters, Stockman provided the site of the production[4] of the Southeast Texas Times, which was distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas from February through November of 1993, and contained, inter alia, advertising and articles that promoted Stockman's campaign and candidacy. The newspaper was produced in Stockman's home throughout its existence.

While various individuals performed Stockman campaign activities, Steve Stockman was the brains behind his 1994 campaign. He often expressed what he wanted done, and others carried out the tasks. The core of individuals on whom Stockman relied in this regard were Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, and Ken Clark.

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subsequently lost in a runoff election, having received thirty-nine percent (39%) of the vote. In 1992, Stockman ran unopposed in the primary election, and lost the general election with forty-three percent (43%) of the vote. In 1994, Stockman defeated Jack Brooks in the general election, receiving fifty-two percent (52%) of the vote. Stockman was defeated in the general election in 1996.

[2] The respondents have stated that the Stockman for Congress committee was defunct after 1990. That committee has reported having no financial activity since that time, but has not terminated as it is still carrying debt from the 1990 election cycle.

[3] The committee names "Stockman for Congress" and "Friends of Steve Stockman" have been used interchangeably in many contexts from 1991 - 1996, and both committees operated out of the same bank account, thus making unclear which committee is acting in any specific situation. Consequently, as noted throughout this brief, this Office is prepared to make alternative probable cause recommendations with respect to activity involving the Stockman campaign committee, pending clarification of the roles of the committees. In addition, in light of the uncertainty surrounding the identity of the acting committee, herein the committees shall generally be referred to as "the Stockman committee."

[4] Herein, "production" of the newspapers refers to exchanging ideas, writing articles, newspaper layout, etc., most everything short of printing the newspapers, which was done at the Texas City Sun, in League City, Texas.

Jeff Van Fleet, a close Stockman friend, who had worked on Stockman's previous campaigns in 1990 and 1992, served as the Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Times. At the inception of the Southeast Texas Times, Van Fleet lived in Stockman's home, where Stockman provided him with everything he needed to start the newspaper, all free of charge. Around May of 1993, Stockman "got him a job" at the same company where Stockman was employed; thereafter, the two commuted to work together. Throughout the existence of the Southeast Texas Times, i.e., from February - November, 1993, Stockman and Van Fleet had daily contact, and frequently organized and hosted Stockman campaign events together. During that time, Van Fleet became increasingly active in the Stockman campaign as a whole. In or around August of 1993, when he no longer had sufficient time to play such an active role in the production of the newspaper, Van Fleet recruited Tim Frankovich, bringing him into Stockman's home/campaign headquarters, to take over the brunt of the production responsibilities of the Southeast Texas Times (Van Fleet's role with the Times then evolved to that of overseer). Indeed in 1994, Van Fleet served the Stockman campaign directly by helping to produce tabloid, newspaper-like campaign literature similar in style and content to the Southeast Texas Times.[5] After his successful 1994 campaign, Stockman hired Van Fleet to serve as a Legislative Assistant in his Washington, D.C. Congressional Office.

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[5] During the course of the investigation, this Office obtained six issues of such communications, which all contain articles and advertisements that promote Stockman's candidacy. The communications are designed to look like newspapers and were produced and distributed by the Stockman committee in 1994. The issues obtained by this Office are entitled the "Republican Voice," "Houston Post," "Black Observer," "America First," "County Clarion," and "Chronicle of Our Times."

Following the demise of the Times, Frankovich, like Van Fleet, served the Stockman campaign directly in 1994 by helping to produce tabloid newspaper-like campaign literature. Following Stockman's successful 1994 campaign, at Stockman's request, Frankovich started the Southeast Texas Statesman, which was distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas between January and May 1995, and contained, inter alia, advertising and articles that promoted Stockman's candidacy.

Ken Clark effectively served as Stockman's campaign manager during the 1993-1994 election cycle. Previously, Clark had served as, inter alia, a volunteer coordinator for Stockman's 1992 campaign. During the life of the Southeast Texas Times, he simultaneously contributed to the newspaper and the Stockman campaign by frequently placing announcements seeking volunteers for the Stockman campaign in the Southeast Texas Times. Clark also placed several advertisements in the Southeast Texas Times.

Like Van Fleet, Frankovich, and Clark, many other individuals, including John Hart, the treasurer of Stockman's campaign committee, James Rogers, Dennis Hayes, Dan Norton, Matthew Bulot, and Denise Frankovich worked on one or both of the newspapers (writing articles, proofing, distribution, etc.) and also worked on Stockman's 1994 campaign. Many of these individuals had also worked on Stockman's previous campaign(s).

2. Analysis: The Southeast Texas Times

The evidence of record reflects that the Southeast Texas Times was jointly controlled by Stockman and his campaign committee(s). The campaign committee(s)' control manifested itself both financially and through Van Fleet and other campaign

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personnel and volunteers who also worked for the Times. The evidence indicates that the purpose of the activity was to publish a local, conservative newspaper, and to use the newspaper to promote Stockman's candidacy. The evidence reflects that Stockman had a substantial amount of personal involvement with and control over the Southeast Texas Times during the newspaper's infancy and throughout its existence. In addition, the evidence reflects an inextricable relationship between the Southeast Texas Times and the Stockman campaign committee, making inevitable the conclusion that the newspaper was also controlled by the Stockman committee.

The relationship between Stockman and Van Fleet, the alleged owner of the Southeast Texas Times,[6] began in 1990. Van Fleet first met Stockman in 1990 at a fundraiser during Stockman's campaign for the Republican primary election in the 9th Congressional District of Texas, and worked on Stockman's 1990 campaign commencing at the end of the 1990 primary election and throughout the primary runoff. Subsequently, after graduating from college in August of 1992, Van Fleet worked on Stockman's 1992 campaign.

Following Stockman's unsuccessful campaign in November of 1992, Van Fleet and other people that worked on the Stockman campaign were sitting around "telling war stories about the campaign," when the idea to start the Southeast Texas Times was broached. Van Fleet alleges that he could neither recall who broached the subject of starting the newspaper nor who, other than himself and his wife, was present at the

[6] Jeff Van Fleet is listed as the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times on a Certificate of Ownership for an Unincorporated Business or Profession filed in Galveston County, Texas.

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gathering, but explained that "it was aggravating because the media would never cover us."

This evidence reflects that the idea to start the Southeast Texas Times was borne of a perceived need for media coverage of the Stockman campaign. And although Van Fleet could not recall who broached the subject of starting a newspaper at the gathering of Stockman campaign workers, and specifically could not recall whether Stockman was present at the gathering, Stockman was significantly involved in the creation and operation of the newspaper. While the respondents assert that Van Fleet was the sole owner of the Southeast Texas Times, the evidence clearly reflects that Stockman indeed possessed a substantial amount of control over the newspaper.

Specifically, in November of 1992, both Van Fleet and his wife were unemployed and living with his parents in Vidor, Texas, when they decided to move to Houston, where Van Fleet planned to start a newspaper and his wife planned to find a teaching job. The evidence reflects that no later than early January, 1993, Van Fleet and his wife moved into Stockman's home, which also served as Stockman's campaign headquarters during the 1994 election cycle, where they lived free of charge for anywhere from a few weeks to several months.[7] There, Stockman provided to Van Fleet, free of charge,

[7] There is some inconsistency in the record regarding the length of time that Van Fleet and his wife lived in the Stockman home, i.e., Van Fleet averred that he lived there for only a few weeks commencing in January 1993; Stockman, on the other hand, averred that Van Fleet and his wife lived at his house for several months, and agreed that they may have lived there from January - March, 1993. The record as a whole, however, indicates that the period of time during which Van Fleet lived in the Stockman home may actually have been five months, i.e., Stockman asserted that Van Fleet moved out of the Stockman home at or around the time that Van Fleet found a job, which, according to Van Fleet, occurred in May, 1993. The conclusion that Van Fleet moved out of the Stockman home in May 1993 appears to be additionally supported by Van Fleet's identification of May 1993 as the last time that he used Stockman's home telephone.

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everything that Van Fleet needed to start a newspaper, including use of a computer, a facsimile machine, a telephone, and workspace for Van Fleet and others to work on the newspaper. Significantly, the record reflects that even after Van Fleet moved out, the Southeast Texas Times continued to be produced in the Stockman home throughout its existence. In addition, in early January 1993, Stockman went out himself and acquired a post office box specifically for Van Fleet's use in connection with the Southeast Texas Times.[8]

The record contains a substantial amount of additional evidence reflecting Stockman's significant personal involvement with the Southeast Texas Times. For example, the record reflects that Stockman provided ideas, advice and verbal and moral support for the Southeast Texas Times, and that he personally recruited people to work on the newspaper.

In addition, in July 1993, Stockman distributed a letter addressed to "Concerned American[s]," in which he reflects that "Twenty-six months ago [May 1991]," many joined him in his close but unsuccessful effort to defeat then-incumbent Jack Brooks in his 1992 campaign. Stockman then announces that "In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for [the] U.S. House of Representatives and I need your help." Stockman goes on to solicit signatures for a ballot petition, as well as campaign contributions and volunteers. In addition, Stockman specifically requests that the reader

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[8] Notably, the record reflects that during the period of the Southeast Texas Time's inception in January 1993, Van Fleet acquired a P.O. Box for his personal use. The fact that Van Fleet did not simply use this post office box for the newspaper's communications or himself acquire a second post office box for use in connection with the newspaper, but instead operated the newspaper out of a post office box acquired by Stockman, supports the conclusion that Stockman, in fact, actually controlled the Southeast Texas Times.

fill out and return an attached form entitled "Conservative Action Network."[9] Specifically, Stockman states:

> With your participation, we can defeat Jack Brooks. Now is the time to unite and organize.
>
> Organization is a very real and effective way to impact change. Filling out the Conservative Action Network sheet will take only ten minutes but will prepare both of us for a real and dramatic understanding of your goals and level of commitment.

Stockman closes the letter with a handwritten message urging readers to "Join with me now to complete the job we began last year."

The Conservative Action Network form attached to Stockman's letter seeks general information about the reader, and instructs readers to place a check by the campaign activities of interest to them. Among the activities listed is helping with the Southeast Texas Times, by subscribing to the newspaper, selling subscriptions, writing articles, distributing the newspaper, providing the names of individuals who may want to advertise in the newspaper, and/or making financial donations to the newspaper. The return address on the form is P.O. Box 57135, Webster, Texas 77598, which is Stockman's personal and campaign committee address. This Stockman letter/package is

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[9] Although Stockman avers that he is unsure whether the form soliciting support for the Southeast Texas Times, which bore the heading Conservative Action Network, was the actual form that was mailed along with his letter to "Concerned American," Van Fleet, commenting specifically on the form soliciting support for the Southeast Texas Times, stated:

> The Conservative Action Network is only the name of the form. **This form was enclosed in a letter that Stockman sent to his supporters.** (emphasis added). I have used this form at functions that I have attended. He paid for the printing of the forms that he used and I paid to print the forms that I used.

significant in several respects. In addition to reflecting the substantial personal involvement of Stockman in the operation of the Southeast Texas Times and the extreme interrelation between the Stockman campaign and the newspaper, as discussed, infra, it also clearly illustrates the fact that Stockman had made the decision to become a candidate and was indeed campaigning during the existence of the Southeast Texas Times.

The record also contains direct evidence that Stockman himself provided financial support to the Southeast Texas Times. Specifically, the investigation into this matter has produced a copy of a check from the Southeast Texas Times dated December 20, 1993 (the month following the newspaper's termination), in the amount of $2600 made payable to Steve Stockman. The check is signed by Jeff Van Fleet and "Repayment of loan" is written in the memo portion.[10]

The record also contains evidence that the Stockman committee paid Jeff Van Fleet $1260 on September 21, 1992, for a purpose reported as "consulting." The record contains varying accounts of the purpose of this payment. Testimony reflects that the payment was not for consulting, but was instead reimbursement from Stockman for billboards that Van Fleet purchased for the Stockman campaign. The record also contains the assertion from the same witness, that the payment was for Van Fleet's services as an advertising agent to place advertising in a local newspaper. Other testimony suggests that, in 1992, when the $1260 check was written, Jeff Van Fleet lived over an hour and a

[10] According to the records of the Stockman campaign's bank depository, the check was deposited into the Stockman account and subsequently returned due to insufficient funds.

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half away and did very little for the Stockman campaign. The conflicting accounts raise the specter that the payment may actually have been seed money for the Southeast Texas Times, which could explain, in part, the $2600 payment from the Southeast Texas Times to Stockman in "Repayment of loan," discussed supra.[11]

As for evidence of control, Stockman certainly had control over his own home and any activity that he permitted to occur within it and indeed facilitated, which would include the production of the Southeast Texas Times, see discussion supra. Moreover, inasmuch as Stockman personally acquired the Southeast Texas Times' post office box and maintained the box in his own name, Stockman also had control over access to the newspaper's business communications. In addition, this Office has obtained the bank records of the Southeast Texas Times, which held its depository at the Bank of America in Texas. The records reveal that the bank statements of the Southeast Texas Times were mailed directly to Stockman's home address (not to the Southeast Texas Times' P.O. Box) throughout the existence of the newspaper, i.e., from February - November 1993, and beyond, despite the fact that Van Fleet apparently moved out of the Stockman home in May 1993. Notably, the newspaper's bank records reflect that the very first bank statement (covering activity in January 1993) was mailed to the newspaper's post office box at 190 B2 Gulf Freeway Suite 115, League City, Texas, but that subsequent

[11] In addition, the Stockman committee's disclosure reports as well as their bank records, reflect that the committee made a $400 payment to the Southeast Texas Times on September 7, 1993, for "newspaper ads." However, none of the nine issues of the Southeast Texas Times contain advertisements that include disclaimers indicating that they were paid for by the Stockman committee. Moreover, Jeff Van Fleet has no recollection of the committee having ever paid for any advertising in the Southeast Texas Times.

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statements were mailed to Stockman's home address; which change would provide Stockman a more convenient form of access to the newspaper's bank records.

As stated previously, the evidence additionally reflects an inextricable relationship between the Southeast Texas Times and the Stockman committee, making inevitable the conclusion that the newspaper was also controlled by the Stockman committee. The evidence indeed reflects that the Stockman campaign committee and the Southeast Texas Times were, to a large extent, one in the same. The two shared the same operating space -- Stockman's home, and shared much of the same staff, most significantly, Jeff Van Fleet, the so-called owner of the newspaper.

The evidence reflects that Van Fleet was integrally involved with Stockman's campaign and candidacy during the life of the Southeast Texas Times. For example, the record reveals that during the existence of the Southeast Texas Times, Stockman and Van Fleet organized "Rush Parties," at which attendees, inter alia, watched the previous two weeks of the "Rush Limbaugh Show" on videotape. Van Fleet routinely publicized these parties in the Upcoming Community Events section of the Southeast Texas Times, advising in the March 1993 issue that the reader "[c]all Jeff or Steve at 713/996-6900" (which referred to Jeff Van Fleet and Steve Stockman, and Stockman's home telephone number) with respect to the parties.

In addition to the announcements in the Southeast Texas Times, Stockman promoted the "Rush Parties" by mailing personal invitations to individuals in the form of postcard announcements. Significantly, each postcard announced "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress," (emphasis added), listed the place, date, and time of the

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event, and provided the telephone number (713) 996-6900 (Stockman's home telephone number) for invitees to call for more information. The fact that the campaign slogan Stockman for Congress was used, clearly reveals that the Rush parties were, in fact, Stockman campaign events.

Regarding how these Stockman campaign events were organized, Van Fleet averred:

> I don't guess there was really any kind of formal organization. We said, hey, we are going to have one. I think it worked out where we figured we could watch about two hours of Rush I think every two weeks. We would record about two weeks of shows. I think Dan Norton (who wrote stories for the Southeast Texas Times and worked on Stockman's 1992 and 1994 campaigns) recorded the shows. When I knew we were having one, I put it in the newspaper. That was my part of it.

Van Fleet further averred that during "several" of these Rush parties, he had attendees, many of whom were Stockman campaign workers and supporters, roll copies of the Southeast Texas Times, stuff them into plastic bags, and assist in the distribution of the newspapers. Specifically, in response to queries regarding how the Southeast Texas Times was distributed and who distributed them, Van Fleet averred:

> Several issues I did at the Rush Parties. I would bring them to the Rush Parties. We had a good group of people there already, 60 or 120 people, sitting around anyway just watching Rush after they ate.
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> I put a stack of papers in front of everybody and said roll these as you watch Rush. After it was over, they took a garbage bag home and threw it through their neighborhood on the way home.

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This activity illustrates that Van Fleet, Dan Norton, and other Stockman campaign workers were simultaneously working for the Southeast Texas Times and the Stockman campaign.

The record contains additional evidence that further illustrates Van Fleet's very active and simultaneous role in both the Stockman campaign and the Southeast Texas Times. Specifically, Van Fleet was asked about an article that appeared in the May 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times. The article is entitled "Kay Bailey Hutchison Wins Local Endorsement," and contains, in the center, a picture of Stockman with Ms. Hutchison. The article states, inter alia:

> Steve Stockman, the Republican U.S. Congressional candidate who narrowly lost to 41-year incumbent Jack Brooks, released a statement regarding the Krueger Hutchison run-off in which he officially gave his support to Kay Bailey Hutchison. The statement was read before a small and enthusiastic crowd of Hutchison supporters.
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> "Why am I voting for Kay Bailey Hutchison for U.S. Senate," Stockman asked the crowd "Because I want a senator who better represents Texans ...."

Van Fleet initially stated that he was not present when Stockman made the endorsement. However, upon further questioning regarding the event, he averred:

> I don't recall there being a big hoopla. Probably when I said Stockman asked the crowd, I probably kind of threw that in there. We were very, how do I say, loose with our techniques, I guess, when I wrote some of the articles and stuff.... When saying Stockman asked the crowd, there may not have been a crowd there. There may have been two or three people sitting around and he told those guys. It may have been at work when we were sitting there at a lunch break and he told all the guys. That may have been the crowd.

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.... That was probably just some of the guys sitting around the table that we worked with.

The record reflects that Stockman provided Van Fleet with the photograph of Stockman and Ms. Hutchinson. Significantly, consistent with Van Fleet's later version of the incident, the record reflects that in May of 1993, when the article was written and published in the Southeast Texas Times, both Stockman and Van Fleet were working night shifts for the same company from about 5 o'clock in the evening to four o'clock in the morning, in an office building located in Houston, Texas. During that time, the two commuted to work together, and often spent lunch breaks together.

In contrast to Van Fleet's account, however, Stockman recalled that the event was a "press conference," that there were ten or twenty people in attendance at the event and more than one photographer, and that the event was held in the afternoon at a specific location that he did not identify as his place of employment. He claimed to be unable to recall whether Van Fleet was present at the event. Van Fleet's conflicting accounts -- i.e., initially that he was not present at the event; then that the endorsement may have occurred "at work when we were sitting there at a lunch break and he told all the guys," raise questions regarding whether there was a crowd at all or whether the story was completely contrived by Stockman and Van Fleet; Stockman's recollection of the event amplifies the incredulity. Most significantly, however, this activity further reflects Van Fleet's intense involvement with Stockman's campaign. Rather than independently covering actual events, this activity reflects that Van Fleet worked very closely with

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Stockman in creating an illusive event, and simply used the Southeast Texas Times to publicize the event, and thereby promote Stockman's campaign.[12]

In addition, as previously discussed, in July 1993, Stockman mailed a letter to his supporters seeking support for his 1994 campaign, specifically seeking volunteers to help with, inter alia, the Southeast Texas Times. This further reflects that the Southeast Texas Times was not an activity independent from the Stockman campaign, but simply a component of the overall Stockman campaign effort, that was carried out by Stockman campaign workers at Stockman's campaign headquarters. Consequently, there is probable cause to believe that the Stockman committee controlled the Southeast Texas Times.

Given the dramatic inconsistencies in the respondents' assertions, and the conflicts in those assertions with the evidence of record, discussed, infra, the respondents' assertions that neither Stockman nor his campaign committee owned or controlled the Southeast Texas Times are unreliable. Specifically, Stockman initially identified "the help that [he] offered and [Van Fleet] accepted" as providing Van Fleet with the names of others who might want to help him start a publication and allowing Van Fleet the use of his telephone number "on a very temporal basis." Similarly, in response to the question of whether he had ever contributed any item of value, including but not limited to, use of a telephone number, use of a mailbox, use of a post office box, office or other operating

[12] The record reflects, in further evidence of Van Fleet's intimate involvement with the Stockman campaign during the life the Southeast Texas Times, that Van Fleet often wrote checks on behalf of the campaign on the Stockman committee's account.

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space, use of a computer or other office equipment to the Southeast Texas Times, Stockman averred:

> I let Jeff Van Fleet borrow a post office box for one month, in early 1993, and he had the use of my home phone for 2-3 months in early 1993.

However, during the course of the investigation, this Office discovered that Stockman made a far greater contribution to the Southeast Texas Times than he initially revealed. As discussed, supra, Stockman provided everything that Jeff Van Fleet needed to start a newspaper. Further, contrary to the implication of Stockman's response that he let Van Fleet "borrow a post office box for one month in early 1993," i.e., that at some earlier time Stockman acquired and used a post office box for his own purposes and then simply allowed Van Fleet to use the already existing post office box for just one month, in early 1993, during the period of the newspaper's inception, Stockman went out and acquired a post office box specifically for Van Fleet's use; and Van Fleet used that post office box for business communications of the Southeast Texas Times throughout the existence of the newspaper, i.e., from February - November, 1993.

Also, the record contains conflicting statements from Van Fleet with respect to whether Stockman provided input regarding the content of the Southeast Texas Times. Specifically, on July 9, 1996, Van Fleet conceded that "Stockman provided advice, ideas, and verbal and moral support for the Southeast Texas Times." However, Van Fleet subsequently averred on August 14, 1996 as follows:

> Q: Did Stockman see this paper [the first issue of the Southeast Texas Times - February 1993] before it was actually printed and circulated?
> A: I don't recall. I don't know.
> Q: Did he ever see any articles in this paper or any other

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paper before the paper was printed and circulated?
A: Like I said, I have no personal knowledge of that. I don't know.
Q: When you were in his home working at the computer, did he ever look over your shoulder?
A: I don't recall. I don't know.
Q: Did he ever inquire about what you were working on?
A: I don't recall.
Q: Did he ever suggest story ideas?
A: No. Not that I can remember.

Similarly, Stockman claimed to have no recollection of ever providing ideas for the newspaper.

The record also contains conflicts in the evidence and the respondents' assertions regarding whether Stockman provided financial support to the Southeast Texas Times. Both Stockman and Van Fleet have consistently denied that Stockman ever made a financial contribution to the Southeast Texas Times. However, as discussed previously, the investigation has produced a $2600 check from the Southeast Texas Times to Steve Stockman in "Repayment of loan." Both Stockman and Van Fleet claimed to have absolutely no knowledge of the existence or purpose of this payment.

Further, in addition to the illusive "press conference," discussed supra, the record reflects that the names of many of the individuals listed on the masthead of the Southeast Texas Times were included only to make the newspaper look like a more significant endeavor than it was by lengthening the list of staffers. For example, Olin Meadows, IV, who is listed as Vice President for Circulation of the Southeast Texas Times, is actually the young nephew of Stockman whose name was included, in part, to humor the boy by allowing him to see his name in print. In addition, Monroe Davis, who is represented as

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being in charge of Distribution on the masthead of the Southeast Texas Times, never even existed. Specifically, the record contains the following testimony:

> Q: Who is Monroe Davis?
> A: He doesn't exist.
> Q: Could you explain that to me?
> A: Sure. He doesn't exist. We just put his name on there. It's a growing paper. We just added it on there.
> Q: Was he a child like Olin Meadows?
> A: No. He wasn't even that.
> Q: Completely made up?
> A: Yes.

In sum, the totality of the evidence of record reflects that Stockman and his campaign committee(s) jointly controlled the Southeast Texas Times. The respondents' assertions to the contrary are unreliable.

Finally, throughout this matter, the respondents have consistently argued that in 1993, when the Southeast Texas Times was produced, Stockman was not a candidate, and that, consequently, the Southeast Texas Times could not have been owned or controlled by a candidate. Thus, they argue, the media exemption applied to the Southeast Texas Times, and, therefore, costs associated with the production of the newspaper would be exempted from the definition of contribution and expenditure.

Contrary to the respondents' argument, however, the media exemption does not apply to the Southeast Texas Times regardless of Stockman's candidate status during its existence inasmuch as the Stockman committee controlled the newspaper. This fact, alone, precludes application of the media exemption. See 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). Moreover, the record establishes that Stockman did, in fact and law, become a candidate under the FECA no later than May of 1993.

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Under the Act and regulations, an individual is deemed to be a candidate at such time that he or she receives contributions aggregating in excess of $5,000 or makes expenditures in excess of $5,000. 2 U.S.C. § 431(2); 11 C.F.R. § 100.3. Here, the Stockman committee's combined reported contributions plus the unreported contributions received from Jeff Van Fleet via the Southeast Texas Times reflect that Stockman crossed the $5,000 candidate threshold no later than May 1993. ($1,285 of reported contributions through May 1993 + $4,668.04 of unreported contributions from the Southeast Texas Times through May, 1993, based on bank records reflecting newspaper's monthly disbursements, totals $5,953.40).[13] Thus, by May of 1993, the media exemption was inapplicable to the Southeast Texas Times for the additional reason that it was controlled by a candidate. At that time, expenditures by the Southeast Texas Times should have been reported as contributions to Stockman's candidacy.

3. Analysis: Southeast Texas Statesman

The evidence of record respecting the Southeast Texas Statesman indicates that the newspaper was simply a successor to the Southeast Texas Times, that was likewise controlled by Stockman and his campaign committee. The Southeast Texas Statesman contained numerous similarities to the Southeast Texas Times, and the two newspapers had overlapping staff and connections to Stockman and to the Stockman committee.

Specifically, the evidence reflects that Tim Frankovich, who previously served as the Managing Editor of the Southeast Texas Times, and worked full-time on Stockman's

[13] On the disclosure reports filed by "Friends of Steve Stockman," the general election box is checked off with respect to each of the committee's 1993 receipts.

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1994 campaign, started the Southeast Texas Statesman in January 1995, following Stockman's successful 1994 campaign. Significantly, as discussed infra, Stockman proposed the idea that Frankovich start the newspaper. In addition, John Hart, who has served as the treasurer of the "Friends of Steve Stockman" committee from 1993 through the present, also served as the Marketing officer of the Southeast Texas Statesman.[14]

The Southeast Texas Statesman and the Southeast Texas Times were almost identical in appearance, contained many of the same graphics, and included features such as an "issue survey" and a "community bulletin board." The record reflects that Van Fleet provided to Frankovich the computer that was used to produce the Southeast Texas Statesman and retrieved the computer upon the newspaper's dissolution. In addition, evidence of record reflects that the printing costs of the Southeast Texas Statesman were paid for with checks for the Southeast Texas Times, indicating that the two publications used the same checking account as a source of funds. As noted previously, evidence of record reflects that the bank statements of the Southeast Texas Times were mailed directly to Stockman's home during the existence of the Southeast Texas Times and beyond. Furthermore, the investigation has revealed that the Southeast Texas Statesman was produced in the same office, located in La Margue, Texas, that served as one of Stockman's campaign headquarters.

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[14] Two other names, Olin Meadows, IV, and Monroe Davis, that were listed as working for the Southeast Texas Statesman, also appeared on the masthead of the Southeast Texas Times. As discussed previously, however, these names, which are those of Stockman's then seven-year-old nephew, and a make-believe person, respectively, were listed on both newspapers to make the newspapers appear to be more substantial endeavors.

Moreover, the respondents' conflicting averments regarding the genesis of the Southeast Texas Statesman reflects that there is indeed a connection between the Southeast Texas Statesman and Stockman, and that the respondents' assertions to the contrary are unreliable. Specifically, Stockman averred that he does not recall ever speaking to Tim Frankovich about the Southeast Texas Statesman. He further averred that he first became aware that the Southeast Texas Statesman would be produced when he was in Washington, D.C., presumably either serving in Congress or about to be sworn into the 104th Congress. Specifically, Stockman averred that he "got the word [of the newspaper's existence] from somebody, and I don't remember who, ... and I didn't approve." He explained that he did not approve of the idea of anyone producing the subsequent newspaper because of concern that the complainant may file another complaint against him. In stark contrast to Stockman's assertions, however, Tim Frankovich averred that, in fact, Stockman proposed the idea that he produce the Southeast Texas Statesman. With detailed specificity, Frankovich asserted that one day in November after the 1994 election, he reported to "work" at Stockman's campaign headquarters and Stockman wanted to meet with him. Frankovich stated that in their meeting, he and Stockman discussed what Frankovich would do since the election was over; he further averred that Stockman then proposed that he start the subsequent newspaper.

4. Conclusions

Based on the foregoing analysis, there is probable cause to believe that Stockman and his campaign committee(s) controlled both the Southeast Texas Times and the

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Southeast Texas Statesman. Consequently, the media exemption does not apply to either newspaper.[15] Each of the nine issues of the Southeast Texas Times published in 1993, and each of the five issues of the Southeast Texas Statesman published in 1995, contained campaign-related content. Specifically, each issue of the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman contains articles addressing issues raised by Stockman in his 1994 and prior campaigns, articles regarding the qualifications of Jack Brooks, Stockman's opponent in the 1994 election, or Stockman's views on public policy issues. In addition, both newspapers were distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas, where Stockman campaigned. Consequently, expenses associated with publishing all issues of both publications constitute campaign expenditures. See Advisory Opinion 1990-5.

The bank records of the Southeast Texas Times reflect that expenditures by the newspaper during its existence totaled $14,336.09. Evidence of record reflects that expenditures by the Southeast Texas Statesman during its 5-month existence totaled $9,409.83. Neither the Southeast Texas Times nor the Southeast Texas Statesman engaged in any business other than producing the campaign-related newspapers at issue.

Based on the foregoing analysis, this Office is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f) and 434(b) by knowingly accepting

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[15] Even if the Southeast Texas Times was not owned or controlled by Stockman or his campaign committee(s), it would not qualify for the media exemption, which applies only to "bona fide" newspapers which ordinarily derive their revenues from subscriptions or advertising. In contrast to such entities, the evidence reflects that the Southeast Texas Times received financial contributions from Stockman and the Stockman campaign committee, see discussion, supra.

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$13,336.09 of excessive in-kind contributions from Jeff Van Fleet d/b/a the Southeast Texas Times, and $8,409.83 of such contributions from Tim Frankovich d/b/a the Southeast Texas Statesman, and by failing to report them. Alternatively, this Office is prepared to recommend that there is probable cause to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, so violated these provisions of the Act.

Inasmuch as the evidence reflects that Stockman was personally involved with and controlled the newspapers, this Office is also prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman, in his personal capacity, also violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), by knowingly accepting contributions from Jeff Van Fleet d/b/a Southeast Texas Times and Tim Frankovich d/b/a Southeast Texas Statesman in excess of the limits set forth in Section 441a(a).[16]

In addition, inasmuch as the evidence reflects that Stockman became a candidate for the 1994 election for the U.S. Congress in May of 1993, more than 15 days prior to filing a Statement of Candidacy, which was not filed until January 28, 1994, this Office is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1).

C. Applicable Law Respecting Disclaimer Issues

The Act requires that whenever any person pays for a communication which either expressly advocates the election or defeat of a particularly identified candidate, or

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[16] In similar matters, the Commission has held candidates liable for FECA violations where the evidence indicates that the candidate was personally involved in the activity out of which the violation arose. See MUR 3650 (Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar found to have violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) where she personally arranged for loan out of which violations arose); see also MURs 2655 and 2292.

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solicits any contribution, through any newspaper or other type of general public political advertising, the communication must clearly state who paid for, and who authorized the communication. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). A communication will be considered to contain express advocacy where magic words such as "vote for" and "support" are used, or campaign slogans appear which "in context can have no other reasonable meaning than to urge the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates," for example "Clinton/Gore" or "Dole '96." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(a).[17] The Commission's regulations also require that a disclaimer appear and be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner to give the reader adequate notice of the identity of the persons who paid for and authorized the communication. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1).

D. Facts and Analysis Respecting Disclaimer Issues

This Office has obtained a 1994 Stockman campaign communication entitled "Chronicle of Our Times," which is formatted to resemble a newspaper. The "Chronicle of Our Times" consists of articles on Stockman, Stockman endorsements, and photographs. According to the masthead of the communication, it was distributed in the fall of 1994. The "Chronicle" contains multiple examples of express advocacy, including

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[17] The Commission has additionally codified its position that a communication will be considered to contain express advocacy when "taken as a whole and with limited reference to external events ... [the communication] could only be interpreted by a reasonable person as containing advocacy of the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates because (1) the electoral portion of the communication is unmistakable, unambiguous, and suggestive of only one meaning, *and* (2) reasonable minds could not differ as to whether it encourages actions to elect or defeat candidates or encourages some other kind of action." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b). The U.S. District Court of Maine has held that 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(b) is invalid. Maine Right to Life Committee, Inc. v. FEC, 914 F. Supp. 8 (D. Me. 1996). That opinion was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Mains Right to Life Committee, Inc. v. FEC, 98 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. (Me.) 1996); Petition for Certiorari Filed, 65 USLW 3783 (May 14, 1997).

the statements: "Even if you vote Straight Ticket ... Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress;" "Our Future Our Choice, Vote Stockman;" and "Now More Than Ever, Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress."

While the "Chronicle" contains a disclaimer on the twelfth and final page stating that the communication was "Paid for by the National Republican Congressional Committee, Authorized by Friends of Steve Stockman," the record in this matter indicates that the National Republican Congressional Committee ("NRCC") did not pay for the "Chronicle." The NRCC reported making various in-kind contributions to Friends of Steve Stockman in 1994, as well as additional expenditures made on behalf of Friends of Steve Stockman. However, the majority of contributions and expenditures from the NRCC to the committee consisted of production costs for television advertisements, satellite transmission costs, and broadcast costs for television advertisements. While the NRCC did report an "in-house mailing" resulting in a contribution of approximately $100 to the committee in August 1994, this contribution does not appear to have been for the production and distribution of the "Chronicle" or for a paid advertisement appearing in the "Chronicle." Instead, the record indicates that the Stockman committee simply reproduced a flyer produced for the NRCC in-house mailing and attached it to the back of the "Chronicle." Thus, the disclaimer at the bottom of the twelfth page of the "Chronicle" is inaccurate, as the record indicates that both the page and the publication were paid for by the Stockman committee.

In addition, as the "Chronicle" is political advertising containing express advocacy, it should contain a disclaimer indicating that the entire communication was

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paid for by the Stockman committee. However, no disclaimer other than the inaccurate one on page twelve of the communication, appears within the "Chronicle." Inasmuch as the evidence of record indicates that the NRCC did not pay for the "Chronicle of Our Times," and the "Chronicle" contains no disclaimer indicating that it was, in fact, paid for by the Stockman committee, this Office is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to provide a clear and accurate disclaimer indicating who paid for and authorized the communication. Alternatively, this Office is prepared to recommend that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, so violated this provision of the Act.

In addition, an advertisement soliciting contributions for Stockman's campaign committee, "Stockman for Congress," and bearing no disclaimer, was published in the April B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. The advertisement states, in part: "Garage Sale To benefit 'Stockman for Congress'.... To Donate items or to volunteer call Dee...." Inasmuch as the advertisement solicits contributions for Stockman's campaign through advertising to the general public, yet bears no disclaimer, and the Stockman committee owned and controlled the Southeast Texas Times, see discussion supra, this Office is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a disclaimer on the advertisement. Alternatively, this Office is prepared to recommend that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, so violated this provision of the Act.

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E. Facts Surrounding Relationship Between Stockman Committee and Political Consulting Firm

On May 15, 1996, The Hill published an article that raised questions concerning the relationship between the Stockman campaign committee, then congressman Stockman, and Political Won Stop (PWS). The article reported that the Stockman committee had made payments totaling $126,000 to Political Won Stop, a political consulting firm that was operating out of Stockman's home. The article reported that, when contacted at the Stockman home, one of the principals of the firm described himself as a Stockman campaign volunteer. Finally, according to the article, employees at the National Republican Campaign Committee, and the political director of the Texas State Republican Party, had not heard of the firm.

On June 12, 1996, The Hill published a second article about then Representative Stockman and Political Won Stop, which pointed out numerous perceived inconsistencies in the relationship between the firm and the Stockman committee, and within the firm itself. The article noted, inter alia, that although Stockman's press secretary claimed that most of the payments to Political Won Stop went to pay campaign expenses, including postage, according to the Stockman campaign's reports filed with the Commission, nearly $125,000 was paid to the firm in six payments, all for "consulting fees," "consulting services" or "fundraising services."

Based on these news articles, the Commission opened an investigation into this matter. In responses to interrogatories, PWS and/or its principals, Chris Cupit and Jason

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Posey, provided the following information regarding the relationship between Steve Stockman/the Stockman campaign committee and Political Won Stop. In the spring of 1995, Mr. Stockman asked Chris Cupit, who had previously worked as a volunteer for Stockman's successful 1994 campaign, if he would work for Stockman's re-election campaign, as a consultant. Consequently, in 1995, Cupit performed a variety of campaign functions as a consultant for the Stockman campaign. In December of 1995, Chris Cupit and Jason Posey joined in partnership, forming Political Won Stop, a consulting firm registered as a proprietorship in the Brazoria County, Texas, Clerk's Office. Shortly thereafter, the Stockman committee hired PWS on a commission/fee basis. There was no written contract construing the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman committee. However, PWS's compensation was to be 15% of certain billings, plus a flat fee (stipend for principal consultants); according to PWS, this informal agreement resulted from negotiations between Stockman and Cupit.

In 1996, Political Won Stop essentially managed the Stockman campaign, focusing most of its efforts in the areas of fundraising and list management. As a service company, PWS claims it operates on site at the customer's request, and accordingly used Stockman's campaign headquarters and equipment in connection with its consulting work for the Stockman campaign. Cupit and Posey ordinarily spent from 40 to 60 hours per week in the Stockman campaign office (located in Stockman's home) performing related services. PWS employed several individuals that worked on Stockman's previous campaigns. During the course of the relationship, the Stockman committee paid PWS approximately $470,000, which the firm, in turn, used to pay, inter alia, its principals,

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employees, and third party vendors to carry out services for the campaign.[18] The Stockman committee reported the purpose of virtually all of its payments to PWS as "consulting," "consulting fees," "consulting services," or "fundraising services."

F. Legal Framework

The Act requires that political committees file periodic reports with the Commission which disclose the name and address of each person to whom expenditures aggregating more than $200 within the calendar year are made by the reporting committee to meet a candidate or committee operating expense, together with the date, amount, and purpose of each such operating expenditure. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A). Commission regulations elaborate on this requirement, explaining that "purpose" means a brief statement or description of why the disbursement was made. 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Examples of statements or descriptions which meet the requirements include phrases such as "dinner expenses, media, salary, polling, travel, party fees, phone banks, travel expenses, travel expense reimbursement, miscellaneous, outside services, get-out-the-vote and voter registration." Id.

In Advisory Opinion 1983-25, the Commission determined that payments to a media consulting firm by a campaign committee could properly be reported as such, with no further itemization detailing the ultimate payee, so long as an adequate description of the underlying purpose of each expenditure to the consultants was reported. In reaching this conclusion, however, the Commission noted several significant factors, including the

[18] While PWS provided services to other clients during its relationship with the Stockman campaign, PWS' relationship with the other clients, that were state and local campaigns, appears to have been dramatically less significant than its relationship with the Stockman committee, as indicated by the amount of payments received from the clients during the same time period, which ranged from $350 to $1,206.

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fact that the consulting firm was a corporation, with a legal existence separate and distinct from the operation of the committee, and the fact that the firm's principals did not hold any staff position with the committee. The Commission also noted that the campaign committee had conducted arm's length negotiations with the firm and planned to enter a formal contract. It was on the basis of these findings that the Commission determined to view the consulting firm as a vendor of services to the committee and permitted payments to it to be reported as expenditures with no further itemization of the ultimate payees in connection with services provided by the consulting firm to the committee under the terms of the contract.

G. Discussion

In this case, the relationship between the Stockman committee and Political Won Stop fails to meet any of the criteria upon which the Commission relied in permitting the less detailed type of reporting in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. In contrast to the situation proposed in that advisory opinion, here the identity of PWS appears to be virtually indistinguishable from that of the Stockman committee. Rather than existing as an independent legal entity, as corporate status confers upon a business, Political Won Stop conducts itself as a "proprietorship" which, under Texas law, is considered merely an "assumed name," conferring neither the legal rights nor responsibilities that corporate status confers. The fact that PWS operated out of the Stockman campaign headquarters, utilized the campaign's facilities, and employed Stockman campaign workers, inter alia, further entangles the identity of the campaign and the firm. Moreover, there was no formal contract between the committee and PWS.

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In addition, the evidence of record reflects that during the Stockman campaign's relationship with PWS, Chris Cupit, a principal of the firm, held himself out to the public as holding a staff position within the Stockman campaign, rather than as a representative of PWS. Specifically, in 1996, during the period of the PWS relationship with the Stockman committee, Chris Cupit was listed on the Texas Republican Party's internet web site as the Stockman campaign's contact person. Further evidence of Cupit's position within the Stockman campaign was discovered during interviews that this Office conducted with individuals that provided services to the Stockman committee. One such individual was Stephen Clouse of Stephen Clouse and Associates, a political consulting firm in Wisconsin.

On November 22, 1996, Mr. Clouse provided an affidavit describing the relationship between his firm, PWS, and the Stockman committee to the best of his knowledge. According to his affidavit, in August 1995, Mr. Clouse entered into a contract with Mr. Stockman to complete a video fundraising package for the Stockman committee. The contract included writing the script, filming and editing the video, preparing literature to accompany the video, copying and packaging the final product, and mailing the complete solicitation to addressees on a list provided by the Stockman committee. The video was produced in the Fall and early Winter of 1995, and first mailed in April 1996. Mr. Clouse confirmed that checks written to his firm from the Stockman committee represent payments associated with the contract.[19]

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[19] A review of monthly statements and canceled checks on the bank account out of which the Stockman committee operates revealed that several disbursements that the committee reported making to Political Won Stop between August 1995 and January 1996 were actually made to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Stockman averred that these payments were inadvertently misreported as a result of a

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In his affidavit, Mr. Clouse states that his contractual obligations were solely to Mr. Stockman and his campaign committee. While preparing the fundraising package, Mr. Clouse dealt primarily with Jeff Fisher, the former congressman's chief of staff, and Jeff Van Fleet. He avers that he first began dealing with Chris Cupit, one of the principals in Political Won Stop, in December 1995, as he was completing the video. At that time, Cupit identified himself to Mr. Clouse as Stockman's campaign manager. Mr. Clouse has known Mr. Cupit solely in that capacity. Mr. Clouse has never met Jason Posey, the other principal of Political Won Stop, but has spoken with him by telephone. In his affidavit and in his interview with the Commission investigator, Mr. Clouse stated that the first and only time he ever heard of Political Won Stop was in mid-1996, when his firm received a $20,000 check from Political Won Stop in payment for an additional mailing of the Stockman fundraising package in June 1996. Mr. Clouse states that he never sent Political Won Stop an invoice for any services, and indicated that he does not know, nor did he ever ask, why Political Won Stop made that payment on behalf of the Stockman committee. Further, he never heard Political Won Stop mentioned by Mr. Stockman or any member of his campaign. Pat Kenny, another political consultant who provided services to the Stockman campaign committee and who was interviewed by a Commission investigator, stated that he, too, had never heard of Political Won Stop, and

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misunderstanding among his campaign staff. Subsequent to the Commission's investigation into this matter, the Committee amended its reports to reflect that the disbursements were actually made to Stephen Clause & Associates.

that when he called the campaign office in Texas, Chris Cupit usually answered the telephone.

Based on the foregoing, we conclude that the relationship between the Stockman committee and Political Won Stop does not meet the criteria for the less detailed type of reporting allowed by the Commission in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. Consequently, the Committee was required to itemize the expenditures made by Political Won Stop to others.

Even if the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman committee was such that detailed itemization was not required, the Stockman committee's reporting of its disbursements to Political Won Stop is still inadequate. Virtually all of such disbursements have been reported only as "fundraising services," "consulting," or "consulting services" despite the Commission's requirement that a more specific description of the purpose of each disbursement from a committee to its consulting firm be reported. 2 U.S.C. § 434b(5)(A); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Accordingly, this Office is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A) by failing to itemize Political Won Stop's payments to its ultimate payees and by failing to adequately describe the purpose of its expenditures to Political Won Stop. Alternatively, this Office is prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated this provision of the Act on the same basis, or violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by failing to report the activity altogether.

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H. Other Reporting Issues

The investigation in this matter has also disclosed what appear to be substantial additional irregularities in the Stockman committee's reporting practices. First, bank records indicate that "Friends of Steve Stockman," the designated principal campaign committee, has been operating exclusively out of an account held in the name of Stockman for Congress, an allegedly defunct affiliated committee.[20] Deposit records indicate that contribution checks made out variously to "Friends of Steve Stockman," "Stockman for Congress," "Stockman '94" and "Elect Stockman" are all deposited into the principal campaign committee account. In addition, for several years subsequent to 1990, when the Stockman for Congress committee allegedly became inactive, checks drawn on Stockman's principal campaign committee's account bore the name Stockman for Congress. The discrepancy between the name under which the campaign reports its activity, i.e., Friends of Steve Stockman, and the name on the campaign's bank account, i.e., Stockman for Congress, makes it unclear which committee is actually funding and controlling the Stockman campaign and which committee, therefore, should be reporting the financial activity, and placing its name on the campaign's disclaimers.

Second, the investigation has revealed numerous inaccuracies and inconsistencies in the reports filed by the Stockman committee. For example, a comparison of the

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[20] Since 1992, this Committee has reported no receipts or disbursements, but continues to carry a disputed debt from the 1990 election cycle.

committees' reports with their bank records has revealed many unreported disbursements, including a $3,867.27 disbursement to Jolly Printing in December 1993, a $2,200 disbursement to John Hart, the committee's treasurer, in January 1994, a $2,400 disbursement to Stouse Signs in October 1994, an $8,000 disbursement to Pat Kenny - Ken Group, a political consultant, in January 1996, and a $700 disbursement in April 1995 to Rabih Zeidan, an individual who apparently performed the actual preparation of the committee's reports. The record additionally reflects that the Stockman committee failed to report approximately $2,800 in direct contributions from the National Republican Congressional Committee.

In addition, as discussed, supra, disclosure reports for the "Friends of Steve Stockman" committee reflect a $1,260 payment made to Jeff Van Fleet on September 21, 1992, for a purpose listed as "consulting." The record reflects, however, that the purpose of this payment was misreported. The committee's disclosure reports additionally reflect that the Stockman committee paid Van Fleet $1,000 on January 26, 1995 and $1,500 on May 31, 1995, for a purpose listed as "payment of debt;" these, too, were misreported inasmuch as the record reveals that there was no actual debt owed to Van Fleet.

Finally, a comparison of one of the reports filed by "Friends of Steve Stockman" reports with the Stockman committee's bank records for the same period indicates that the committee has been cumulating all disbursements to a vendor within a reporting period, and that the committee has not been reporting any disbursement under $200, regardless of the aggregate amount disbursed to the person within the calendar year. These reporting irregularities provide additional bases for the conclusion that there is

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probable cause to believe that the Stockman committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b). See Applicable Law, Section III.A., supra.

IV. GENERAL COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

2. Find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1).

3. Find probable cause to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a).

4. Find probable cause to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a).

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

I am writing in response to your letter of September 15, 1997. During your absense last week, we attempted to reach Abigail Shaine, Esquire, to obtain an extension, who returned our call, but we never spoke.

John Miles who is taking the lead on this case from our office has been on vacation since prior to the 15th, the day we received your brief. He is returning tomorrow and I have been meeting litigation deadlines, so it is necessary for us to request an extension of time to file our response to the General Counsel's brief. The 20 day extension mentioned in your letter should be adequate. This would move the deadline for our response from September 30 to October 20, 1997. We would ask for this extension so that we may respond properly to your detailed 40 page filing.

Additionally, in so far as the General Counsel's brief is based on the results of depositions taken by the FEC, we formally request copies of all depositions taken so they can be reviewed in preparing our response. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Olson:

This is in response to your letter dated September 22, 1997, which we received yesterday, requesting an extension of twenty days, until October 20, 1997, to respond to the brief of the General Counsel. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, the response is due by the close of business on October 20, 1997.

At this point in the proceedings, you may purchase a copy of the transcripts of the depositions taken in this matter from the respective court reporting firms that prepared the transcripts. These firms are as follows:

Depositions of John Hart & Tim Frankovich
A&A Court Reporters
1201 Louisiana, Suite 3434
Houston, Texas
(713) 651-9532

Deposition of Jeff Van Fleet
Miller Reporting Company
(202) 546-6666

Depositions of Steve Stockman and Patti Martin
BETA Reporting
910 17th Street, N.W.
Suite 200
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(800) 522-2382 or (202) 638-2400

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Lisa Mack at (202) 219-3690.

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Dear Ms. Ligon:

We have looked into the prospect of obtaining copies of the deposition transcripts that you said would be made available to us in the above-referenced matter. We have learned that obtaining our own copies of these depositions from the reporting firms retained by the FEC would cost thousands of dollars.

In view of the tremendous expense associated with obtaining our own copies of all five depositions at this stage of the proceedings, we would ask for the FEC to allow us access to its copy of the deposition transcripts. We would like to come in during one or two days during the week of October 6th.

Also, we would appreciate receiving copies of the balance of the discovery conducted in this MUR, including the answers to the interrogatories and documents furnished by other respondents and witnesses.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: MUR 3847
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John Hart, as Treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Olson:

This is in response to your letter dated September 25, 1997, wherein you requested access to the deposition transcripts in this matter, and expressed a desire to come in to the Commission during the week of October 6, 1997, for this purpose. In addition, you stated that your firm would appreciate receiving copies of the balance of the discovery conducted in this matter, including the answers to interrogatories and documents furnished by respondents and witnesses who are not represented by you as counsel.

During the week of October 6, 1997, you may come in to the Commission and read the transcripts of the depositions taken in this matter here in the Office of the General Counsel subject, however, to room availability. Please contact Lisa Mack of this Office as soon as possible to schedule your reading of the transcripts.

Enclosed with this mailing are copies of responses to interrogatories and document requests provided by other respondents and witnesses.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Counsel:

This is to advise you of a correction in the General Counsel's Brief in this matter. It has come to my attention that the amount of expenditures by the Southeast Texas Statesman, as reflected on page 26 of the brief, i.e., $9,409.83, is inaccurate. The correct figure for the amount of expenditures by the Statesman, as reflected in the newspaper's bank records and the evidence as a whole, is at least $3,200.00. The amount of excessive in-kind contributions from Tim Frankovich d/b/a the Southeast Texas Statesman is, accordingly, at least $2,200.00, not $8,409.83, as reflected on page 27 of the brief.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

On behalf of the Respondents, Friends of Steve Stockman, *et al.*, we hereby request an extension of time of one week within which to file the Respondents' Brief in response to the Probable Cause Brief filed by the Office of the General Counsel in the above-referenced MUR. If granted, the Respondents' Brief, currently due on October 20, would be due on or before October 27, 1997.

At out meeting earlier today, you indicated that your office did not have the discretion to grant extensions in this matter, and that proper procedure dictated our writing a letter to you for submission to the Commission, which will decide the matter.

This will confirm my statement to you in our conversation earlier today that it has been literally impossible for us to complete the work necessary to respond in the aliotted time, even with the 20-day extension we were previously granted. As you know, I was away when your office's brief arrived, and although Bill Olson and I have given the project all possible attention since my return in late September, there simply has not been enough time. In addition to other "normal" work, our entire office has been heavily involved in the current administrative hearings in the pending postal rate case (Docket No. R 97-1), which were set months ago by the Postal Rate Commission. This has taken almost all of Mr. Olson's time in the past two months, and has substantially affected my schedule as well, although completion of the Respondents' Brief is at the top of our priority list. Although our legal research in the

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matter is nearly complete, we have finished only our initial review of the deposition transcripts and exhibits, and the drafting task before us will require a number of days of work and review before it can be finalized.

For these reasons, we request an additional week's extension, with our assurance that it will be our last extension request regarding this Brief.

We thank the Commission for its consideration of this matter, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Miles

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Miles:

This is in response to your letter dated October 16, 1997, which we received today, wherein you requested an additional extension of time of seven days, until October 27, 1997, to submit a response to the General Counsel's Brief in this matter.

In response to your request, I telephoned you and advised that while this Office could grant an extension of time of up to three additional days, i.e., until the close of business on Thursday, October 23, 1997, due to possible statute of limitations issues, we would be unable to grant the seven-day extension. In such instance, the Commission would consider the matter, and this Office would, consequently, be forced to recommend that the Commission deny the request. I, therefore, inquired whether you would be willing to amend your request for an extension of time to three business days. In response, you indicated that you wanted the seven-day extension of time for preparation. However, you expressed that you would not require that this matter be considered by the Commission, and agreed to submit a response to the General Counsel's Brief by the close of business on Thursday, October 23, 1997.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any questions, please contact Abigail Shaine tomorrow afternoon on (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Chairman McGarry:

On behalf of respondents Stephen E. Stockman, two political campaign committees of Mr. Stockman in previous election cycles, Friends of Steve Stockman and Stockman for Congress, and their respective treasurers in the above-referenced matter, we hereby submit the Respondents' Brief In Opposition to General Counsel's Brief and Demonstrating No Probable Cause in the above-referenced MUR.

The brief of the Office of General Counsel is nearly 40 pages, and the respondents' brief is even longer. The breadth of the allegations of the General Counsel's Office raised numerous factual questions that needed to be addressed. At the same time, we wanted the Commission to be aware of the relative simplicity of the issues involved, and to facilitate review of the briefs, we have prepared a short synopsis.

Issues Raised in the Commission's RTB Findings

There are two sets of issues raised in the "reason to believe" ("RTB") findings of June 1995 and July 1996 relative to these respondents:

(1) the contribution, reporting and disclaimer issues, arising from the publication of two newspapers that the OGC Brief alleges the respondents owned or controlled; and

(2) the reporting issue arising from disbursements by the 1996 Stockman campaign committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, to the company (Political Won Stop) employed as its campaign consultant, the OGC Brief maintaining that such disbursements should have been reported with greater particularity.

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1. The Newspaper and Disclaimer Issues

Although it is not clear from the OGC Brief, the law is clear that the respondents committed no violations of the Act if they did not own or control the newspapers in question. Even if ownership or control were found, other questions would exist as to whether the Act was violated by respondents, but the converse is not true. Ownership or control is the *sine qua non* of a probable cause determination on the newspaper/disclaimer issues.

a. Ownership or Control. The newspaper and disclaimer allegations in the OGC Brief absolutely depend upon a finding that respondents believe the Commission cannot reasonably make in view of the record herein: that respondents owned or controlled two newspapers of general circulation (the Southeast Texas Times, which was published monthly during the first 10 months of 1993 when Mr. Stockman was not a candidate, and the Southeast Texas Statesman, which was published for a few months in 1995). The record will not support such a finding.[1]

The record evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that neither newspaper was owned or controlled by Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee. Mr. Van Fleet, the owner and publisher of the Southeast Texas Times so testified, Mr. Frankovich and Mr. Hart, the co-owners and co-publishers of the Southeast Texas Statesman so testified, and Mr. Stockman so testified. Furthermore, no evidence to the contrary has been presented.[2]

The Respondents' Brief discusses each allegation contained in the OGC Brief on this issue, and cites to record evidence that contradicts those allegations. The proof sought by the Office of General Counsel on this issue simply does not exist; the respondents did not own or control the newspapers.

Again, the recommendations in the OGC Brief depend upon the respondents' owning or controlling the two newspapers. In the absence of proof of ownership or control, there can be no probable cause determination against the respondents on the newspaper and disclaimer issues.

b. Other Legal Obstacles Not Met by the OGC Brief. Even if it somehow could be found that the respondents owned or controlled the two newspapers, that still would not justify a probable cause finding against the respondents in the absence of a separate determination that

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[1] *See* Respondents' Brief, pp. 8-22, discussing the record evidence regarding the Southeast Texas Times, and pp. 23-26 discussing the record evidence regarding the Southeast Texas Statesman.

[2] Respondents' Brief, pp. 8-10.

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the media exemption should not apply (for the exceptions within the exemption would apply even if ownership or control of the newspapers were found).

The OGC Brief has refused to confront several legal obstacles to the validity of its recommendation that probable cause be found against the respondents on the newspaper/disclaimer issues. Those obstacles are substantial.

(1) Exceptions within the media exemption *would apply* in this matter, even if ownership/control were found, because the news stories were *bona fide* news accounts communicated in *bona fide* publications of general circulation.[3]

(2) The OGC's heavy reliance on AO 1990-5 is misplaced. That Advisory Opinion was the Commission's response to a unique and detailed set of circumstances that simply do not apply to the facts in this MUR.

(3) The attempt in the OGC Brief to attribute as contributions to respondents all expenditures involved in publishing the two newspapers is insupportable by logic or by law, and is unwarranted based upon the facts of record. Even if ownership/control were found, the expenditures would have to be identified and allocated, and this is supported by the reasoning in AO 1990-5, upon which the OGC Brief purports to rely.[4]

(4) The analysis in AO 1990-5, upon which the OGC Brief purports to rely, may no longer be valid in any event, as intervening court decisions have made it clear that the FEC's regulatory power to regulate free speech is confined to matters of "express advocacy." But even if the conclusion in AO 1990-5 based upon the facts therein would still be upheld, AO 1990-5 has no application to this MUR, for the underlying facts are entirely different.[5]

2. <u>The Political Won Stop Issue</u>

The OGC Brief alleges that payments by the committee to its political campaign consultant, Political Won Stop, were improperly reported on the FEC reports filed by the committee (a) because Political Won Stop had no valid, independent existence, and (b) even if Political Won Stop was a valid payee, the purpose of the payments was not set forth with sufficient particularity.

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[3] See 11 C.F.R. secs. 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). Respondents' Brief, pp. 27-28.

[4] Respondents' Brief, pp. 28-31.

[5] Respondents' Brief, pp. 31-33.

Although admitting that payments to a campaign consultant may be reported as such (without indicating the ultimate sub-vendors), the OGC Brief argues that the respondents fail to meet the "criteria" upon which the Commission relied in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. Its reasoning, however, is not persuasive. The OGC brief argues that Political Won Stop, unlike the consulting firm in AO 1983-25, is not a corporation. No such requirement of corporate status exists. Many political consultants operate as partnerships or sole proprietorships rather than as corporations. In AO 1983-25, the Commission pointed out that the consulting firm in question (which was a corporation) had a separate legal existence, and that that would be significant to the Commission in arriving at its decision. Other significant factors included the fact that the principals did not hold staff positions with the committee, that arms-length negotiations were being held, that a final contract would be formed, and that the consultant would not be working exclusively for the committee, but would also have other business dealings. All of those significant factors in AO 1983-25 have been met in the situation of the respondents and Political Won Stop.[6] Furthermore, it is difficult to understand how the respondents could have been on notice of any additional reporting requirements that the OGC argues were not met.

To the extent that the OGC Brief has attempted to raise additional matters, not the subject of "reason to believe" findings, we would submit that those matters are not a proper subject for the Commission's consideration at this time.[7]

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[6] Respondents' Brief, pp. 33-37.

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INTRODUCTION

This Brief is submitted on behalf of the above-listed respondents in this matter to rebut the contention that there is probable cause for the Federal Election Commission to believe that the respondents violated certain provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, 2 U.S.C. sections 431, *et seq.* ("the Act"), as alleged by the Office of General Counsel in its brief ("OGC Brief") served upon the respondents on September 15, 1997.

COUNTERSTATEMENT OF THE CASE

This matter was initiated by the December 1993 complaint of Stephen M. Clifford, "campaign consultant" to John R. LeCour, a declared candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of United States Representative from the 9th Congressional District of Texas (who was defeated for the Republican nomination by Stephen E. Stockman, one of the respondents herein).

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The original "reason to believe" findings of June 22, 1995, authorized opening an investigation[1] into possible violations of three sections of the Act: (1) section 434(b), failure to report contributions that may have resulted from news coverage in a newspaper (the Southeast Texas Times) in 1993; (2) section 441a(f), knowing acceptance of these same alleged unreported contributions in 1993; and (3) section 441d(a), failure to include a disclaimer regarding a single notice[2] printed in one issue of the newspaper in April of 1993. The knowing acceptance investigation was directed against all of the respondents, the disclaimer investigation against both respondent committees and their treasurers, and that of section 441d(a) against only Stockman for Congress and its treasurer.[3]

A second group of "reason to believe" findings apparently was made on June 6, 1996. Those findings authorized opening an investigation into possible violations of two sections of the Act: section 434(b) (failure to report) and section 441a(f) (knowing acceptance). These allegations were virtually identical to those made the year before regarding the Southeast Texas Times, but were made with respect to a different year (1995) and a

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[1] The Commission recently has sought leave to amend nomenclature in the statute to make it clear that the "reason to believe" findings merely authorize the opening of an investigation into possible, specific violations and reveal no conclusion having been made about possible violations. *See* FEC Legislative Recommendations for 1996, CCH Federal Election Campaign Financing Guide, para. 9394

[2] The notice had to do with a garage sale, supposedly to benefit "Stockman for Congress." This is the only disclaimer issue that was set forth in any of the "reason to believe" findings in this matter.

[3] Respondents were notified of these "reason to believe" findings in a letter from the Office of General Counsel dated June 26, 1995.

different newspaper (the Southeast Texas Statesman).[4] Contrary to the representations contained in the "Statement of the Case" in the OGC Brief (pp. 1-2), there is no record that the Commission made a "reason to believe" finding on June 6, 1996, relative to the absence of a disclaimer on any campaign publications.[5]

The final "reason to believe" finding reportedly was made by the Commission on July 16, 1996, and was made only with respect to respondents Friend of Steve Stockman and its treasurer, John Hart. It authorized opening an investigation into a possible violation of a single section of the Act, section 434(b)(5)(A), the alleged failure to report with sufficient particularity the purpose of certain expenditures made to the Stockman campaign's professional campaign consulting firm, Political Won Stop.[6]

The Statement of the Case set forth in the OGC Brief recites that "the Office of the General Counsel has conducted an investigation pursuant to 2 U.S.C. sec. 437g(a)(2)." That statute requires the Commission to notify persons of an investigation, including the factual basis for the alleged violations. As mentioned, the only investigations of which respondents were notified were investigations of the "reason to believe" findings set forth above.[7]

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[4] Respondents were notified of those "reason to believe" findings in a letter from the Office of General Counsel dated June 13, 1996. The "Statement of the Case" set forth at pages 1-2 of the OGC Brief does not mention these "reason to believe" findings.

[5] The respondents were never notified of any such "reason to believe" finding having been made by the Commission.

[6] This "reason to believe" finding was reported to the said respondents in a letter from the Office of General Counsel dated July 17, 1996.

[7] The OGC Brief states, at page 2, that the Office of the General Counsel is setting forth its recommendation regarding whether there is probable cause to believe that "such violations" occurred, referring to the possible violations listed in the "reason to believe"

Thereafter, the Office of General Counsel continued its investigation for over two years, from June 1995 to July 1997. The investigation included formal discovery in the form of interrogatories, document requests, and depositions of the respondents, as well as non-respondent witnesses. Following the conclusion of the investigation, on August 25, 1997, in accordance with their understanding that pre-probable cause conciliation was desired by the Office of General Counsel and in order to avoid the expense of responding to a General Counsel's Brief, the respondents filed a request for pre-probable cause conciliation. By letter dated September 15, 1997 (transmitting the OGC Brief), respondents were advised that the Commission had declined to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation.

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ARGUMENT

I. THERE IS NO PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE RESPONDENTS COMMITTED THE VIOLATIONS ALLEGED BY THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

A. The Facts and Law Recited in the OGC Brief Are Insufficient to Support a Finding of Probable Cause Regarding the "Reason to Believe" Findings

The Commission's ("RTB") findings, not the new allegations in the OGC Brief, should provide the framework for the Commission's deliberations on probable cause. These findings

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findings. Nevertheless, the General Counsel has attempted to expand the list of violations beyond those contained in the Commission's "reason to believe" findings. *See* pages 37 - 40, *infra*.

In the section of the OGC Brief entitled "Introduction," the alleged violations are grouped into four areas of activity. Two of the four are not mentioned in the Commission's "reason to believe" findings.

should set the limits for the record in this case. The General Counsel should not be permitted to expand, for the first time at this concluding phase of the proceeding, the issues to be resolved.

The RTB findings authorized an investigation into two sets of issues: (1) the "newspaper and disclaimer" issues, which are concerned entirely with the allegation that Mr. Stockman or his authorized campaign committee owned or controlled two local Texas newspapers in 1993 and 1995; and (2) the Political Won Stop issue, having to do with the sufficiency of the reporting of certain expenditures during the 1996 federal election cycle. In the following sections, respondents summarize each of the issues presented by the findings discussed in the OGC Brief, discuss those findings in light of the evidence of which they aware in the record, and analyze the legal issues presented.

1. **The Newspaper and Disclaimer Issues**

It is important to note at the outset that the main case set out in the OGC Brief depends upon the denial of a fundamental right of free speech under the Act: the media exemption.[5] The allegation that the Stockman campaign failed to report contributions as required by section 434(b)(2) of the Act, and the related allegation concerning section 441a(f), must fail by virtue of the application of this key provision. The sole disclaimer issue raised in the RTB findings would also necessarily be resolved in respondents' favor. The analysis below will demonstrate that the media exemption should apply based upon the evidence of record in this matter.

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[5] The media exemption is set forth in the Act, 2 U.S.C. sec. 431(9)(B)(i), and in the FEC Regulations, 11 C.F.R. sections 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

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Nevertheless, in the alternative, even if it could be determined that the media exemption would not apply, that would not resolve the issue in favor of the OGC. There are other issues, both legal and factual, that strongly argue against a probable cause determination relative to the newspaper and disclaimer issues.

(a) The media exemption applies based upon the evidence of record.

The OGC Brief asserts that the respondents violated sections 434(b)(2) and 441a(f) of the Act because of the publication by others of two newspapers, one in 1993 (the Southwest Texas Times) and another in 1995 (the Southwest Texas Statesman), whose various issues contained occasional news stories or mention of Steve Stockman, who was a well-known local Republican politician, having twice run for Congress in 1990 and 1992. Arguing that Mr. Stockman was a candidate at the time that each of the newspapers appeared,[9] the OGC Brief would ask the Commission to attribute to the respondents as contributions the entire costs of publishing the newspapers (and penalize them for accepting and failing to report such contributions).

The law permits (indeed, the First Amendment guarantees), however, that newspapers — including, perhaps particulary, small local newspapers — may function without such regulatory risk. Newspaper coverage normally does *not* constitute a political contribution. The OGC Brief acknowledges the media exemption in passing, but it construes the exemption so as to give it virtually no meaning. In a huge loop of circular reasoning and tenuous connections, the OGC Brief treats Mr. Stockman's friendship with the newspapers' publishers

[9] Mr. Stockman clearly was not a candidate during the time the 1993 newspaper was published. *See* pages 14 and 22, *infra*.

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as evidence of ownership, control, and candidacy, and all of these alleged factors together as a basis for denying the exemption.

Costs associated with the production or dissemination of news stories, commentaries, or editorials distributed through the facilities of certain media, including newspapers, do not constitute "contributions" or "expenditures" under the Act, as long as the facilities are not owned or controlled by any political party, political committee, or candidate. *See* 2 U.S.C. sec. 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. sections 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). In general, the Commission considers as "bona fide," and entitled to the media exemption, a newspaper "of general circulation produced on newsprint paper which appears at regular intervals...and which is devoted primarily to the dissemination of new and editorial opinion to the general public." Explanation and Justification of 11 C.F.R. sec. 114.4(e), 44 Fed. Reg. 76, 735 (1979). The newspapers involved in this matter fit that description. *See, e.g.*, Van Fleet Dep., pp. 117-122, 136-138.[10] The newspapers themselves, which are in the record, support a finding that they are "bona fide" newspapers in every sense of that definition. They included articles of international, national, and local interest, notices of community events, cartoons, advertisements, and virtually everything that any bona fide newspaper of general circulation would contain. *See, e.g.*, Van Fleet Dep., Exhibits 8-9.

Since the newspapers would normally be entitled to the media exemption, the threshold question is whether they were **owned or controlled** by Mr. Stockman or his

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[10] To eliminate confusion, the discussion in the body of this section of the text will primarily relate to the Southwest Texas Times (1993), and the evidence concerning the Southwest Texas Statesman (1995) will be discussed in subsection 1(a)(ii), pages 23-26, infra.

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campaign committee. If they were not, there is no conceivable basis for a probable cause determination against the respondents.

The record evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that neither newspaper was owned or controlled by Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee. Mr. Van Fleet, the owner and publisher of the Southeast Texas Times so testified,[11] Mr. Frankovich and Mr. Hart, the co-owners and co-publishers of the Southeast Texas Statesman so testified,[12] and Mr. Stockman so testified.[13] Furthermore, no evidence to the contrary has been presented.

(i) Ownership and Control of the *Southeast Texas Times*

As Mr. Van Fleet advised the Office of General Counsel when he first learned of the complaint that led to this MUR:

> This paper was established in January of 1993 by me and me alone. Steve Stockman has no financial ties to this newspaper. He is not now, and never has been, involved with the editorial policy of this newspaper.... [Letter from Jeff Van Fleet to FEC, January 26, 1994.]

These statements are confirmed by the record evidence in this case. Other direct evidence in the record relative to ownership and control of the Southeast Texas Times verifies the facts set forth in Mr. Van Fleet's letter. Some examples include the following:

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[11] *See* Deposition of Jeff Van Fleet (August 14, 1996) ("Van Fleet Dep."), pp. 38-39, 46, 112-113, 119-120, 123, 138, 160, 179-181; Van Fleet Answers to Interrogatories Nos. 1, 3-6, 9, 12.

[12] *See* Deposition of Timothy Frankovich (August 6, 1996) ("Frankovich Dep."), pp. 14-15, 19-24, 26, 45-46, 50, 107-108; Deposition of John Hart (August 7, 1996) ("Hart Dep."), pp. 114-115, 120-121, 153-169, 212, 223-225.

[13] *See* Deposition of Steve Stockman (July 2, 1997) ("Stockman Dep."), pp. 96-97, 137-139; Response of Steve Stockman to Interrogatories, Nos. 1-2.

- Origins of the newspaper:

The newspaper was established in early 1993 by Mr. Jeff Van Fleet, who had been unable to find employment where he lived; he and his wife, after talking the matter over with their families, decided to move to the Houston area, where Mrs. Van Fleet found employment as a teacher, and Mr. Van Fleet started the newspaper. Mr. Fleet established the newspaper as a sole proprietorship, and did so for the purpose of starting a business he wanted to run, and to make a profit. Van Fleet Dep, pp. 36, 63-67, 72, 112-113; Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. Nos. 1, 3, 5.

- Operation and funding of the newspaper:

Mr Van Fleet was sole owner and chief executive officer or the newspaper, and exercised exclusive control over newspaper content and policies during the nine-month period it was in existence. Van Fleet Dep., pp. 35-39, 46-47, 112-113, 273-274; Van Fleet Ans. to Interr. Nos. 1,3. It was funded entirely by subscriptions and advertisements, and was a newspaper of general circulation covering only a small portion of Texas' 9th Congressional District. Van Fleet Dep., pp. 49-50, 66. No financial contribution or subscription to the newspaper was made by any of the respondents in 1993. Van Fleet Dep., pp. 67-68, 113, Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. No. 4-15; Stockman Dep., pp. 137-139; Stockman Answ. to Interr. Nos. 1-2; Friends of Steve Stockman Answ. to Interr. Nos. 1,4, 8. Respondent Friends of Steve Stockman, as an exploratory committee, apparently expended a minor amount of money on advertisements in the newspaper in the Fall of 1993, and this, plus the purchase of excess materials (plastic bags) from the newspaper were the only financial transactions between the newspaper and respondents. The total expenditures were several hundred dollars. Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. Nos. 7, 11; FSS Answ. to Interr. No. 4; Stockman Dep., pp. 142-149.

- Termination of the newspaper:

The newspaper published its last issue in October 1993, and went out of business for financial reasons. Van Fleet Dep., p. 72. (Mr. Stockman became a candidate for congress in January, 1994.)

- Relationship with the Stockmans:

Mr. and Mrs. Van Fleet as personal friends of the Stockmans resided with Mr. and Mrs. Stockman in early 1993, and Mr. Van Fleet had access to the Stockman home, including a computer, at the time the newspaper was begun, as well as using his post office box for the receipt of mail, although Mr. Van Fleet had his own computer and later borrowed a lap-top computer to work on the newspaper. Van Fleet Dep., pp.51-52, 274; Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. No. 2; Stockman Dep., pp. 137-139; Stockman

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Answ. to Interr. Nos. 1-2. Aside from general encouragement, and suggesting one or more possible advertisers for the newspaper, Mr. Stockman played no role whatever relative to the newspaper, and had no part in its design, writing, or production. Van Fleet Dep., pp. 38-39, 46, 112-113, 119-120, 179-181; Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. Nos. 4-15; Stockman Dep., pp. 137-139.

The OGC Brief contends that the record supports a conclusion or ownership or control, but there is almost no analysis in that brief of those key words: "ownership" and "control." Surely, although the Stockman family indirectly supported Mr. Van Fleet's business effort by not stopping him from working on his newspaper while he resided in their home and not stopping him from using their equipment for personal or business needs, there is no possible basis in this record for a finding that Mr. Stockman or any committee of Mr. Stockman **"owned"** the Southeast Texas Times. There is not a single shred of evidence, documentary or otherwise, that would indicate ownership of the entity by anyone other than Mr. Van Fleet. The company was established as a sole proprietorship of Mr. Van Fleet, the company's bank records, which the General Counsel's office subpoenaed, were in the name of Mr. Van Fleet, the company's obligations were those of Mr. Van Fleet, and all profit and loss were those of Mr. Van Fleet. The OGC Brief points to no contrary, relevant evidence on this question. To the extent that the Stockmans for a time provided hospitality to the Van Fleet family, it certainly gave them no financial interest whatsoever in the newspaper.

And the same exists with respect to the issue of **control**. The OGC Brief tosses around the term "control," but fails to present an objective legal standard for control or any significant facts pointing to control by Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee over the Southeast

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Texas Times. The OGC Brief tries to leverage casual contact and commonality of political interests into "influence," and then bootstrap "influence" into "control."[14]

The OGC Brief (pages 5 through 22) purports to summarize the relevant facts regarding this issue. In fact, most of the relevant facts are not cited on those pages, and of the "facts" mentioned on those pages, very few of them would even support the conclusions advocated for by the Office of General Counsel. For example, pages 5 through 8 of the OGC Brief purport to provide an overview of the "central players" and the "relationships among them." The fact that some persons who assisted Mr. Van Fleet on the Southeast Texas Times were also later Stockman supporters springs from the fact that they were conservatives, and many of these same persons knew one another, or got to know one another while they were working on the newspaper. Persons are not disqualified from attempting to publish a local newspaper by virtue of their past or future political associations. The fact that there was some commonality between certain individuals who worked on the Southeast Texas Times and individuals who had prior or subsequent connections with a Stockman campaign committee does not operate to make the publication a product of the Stockman campaign committee or Mr. Stockman personally. It would have been quite unusual if Mr. Van Fleet, who obviously was under-capitalized in his new venture, had been able to hire a staff of professionals who did not even

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[14] Even the post office box that Mr. Stockman allowed for Mr. Van Fleet to use, which the OGC Brief seems to feel is a critical aspect of its case against the respondents, is relatively insignificant on this point, and certainly is not evidence of ownership or control. Mr. Van Fleet may have wanted the opportunity to have newspaper-related mail received separately from his personal mail. Joint access to a post office box, of course, does not equal "control" with respect to the newspaper's business communications. Access to a different post office box is irrelevant with respect to the issues of ownership and control.

know him. Clearly, he would draw on his friends, some of whom were also friends of Mr. Stockman.

Furthermore, the OGC Brief's treatment of these "central players" and their "relationships" focuses only on the incidental fact that certain individuals who worked on the Southeast Texas Times had some earlier or later connection with a Stockman campaign effort. The OGC Brief fails to evaluate the effort that apparently went into making the Southeast Texas Times a "bona fide" newspaper, and implies that throughout the period the newspaper was being published there was a Stockman campaign effort. In fact, there was *no such* campaign effort during the time the newspaper was conceived and published. The individuals who worked on publishing the newspaper, including Mr. Van Fleet, were doing it in whatever spare time their regular jobs and families allowed them. This was a small business enterprise that they were trying to make work. The "facts" relied upon in the OGC Brief seem merely to have been taken from Mr. Clifford's complaint in this matter. There is no depth or analysis with respect to the situation that actually existed in 1993.

Thus, the entire section on "central players" misses the mark. There is no showing in the OGC Brief, or any materials referenced therein, that anyone working on the Southeast Texas Times did so simultaneously with any work they performed on the Stockman campaign. In fact, no such evidence could possibly exist. The facts revealed in the discovery taken in this matter are that Mr. Van Fleet established the Southeast Texas Times in early 1993, long before any Stockman campaign effort relative to the 1994 elections, and that he did it for legitimate business purposes. The newspaper was funded by advertising and subscription revenue, dealt with numerous matters of local, state, and national interest and significance, and

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in all ways was printed and published as a newspaper. In fact, the only "negative" evidence at all on this issue would be the admitted friendship and assistance the Stockmans rendered to their friends, the Van Fleets, in allowing them to live in their residence and other minor indicia of that friendship. There is no evidence that Mr. Stockman or any authorized campaign committee of Mr. Stockman owned or controlled the newspaper.

Mr. Stockman testified both in interrogatories and on deposition in this matter about his knowledge of the Southeast Texas Times, and his relationship with the newspaper's founder, Jeff Van Fleet. Mr. Van Fleet and his wife lived with the Stockmans for part of 1993, and the Van Fleets were free to use the house as their own. There is no question that Mr. Van Fleet had access to a computer owned by the Stockmans, and there is no question that Mr. Van Fleet resided in the Stockman residence as he initially worked on the Southeast Texas Times in early 1993.[15] The Stockmans and the Van Fleets were friends. There is no evidence in this matter that the arrangements whereby the Van Fleets had access to the Stockman residence was in furtherance of any candidate's election effort, as opposed to a simple act of friendship, or that the Stockmans played any role in the business of the newspaper.

There are a number of unexplored matters relevant to the newspaper issue, however, that the OGC Brief does not even attempt to address:

- There is no discussion whatever in the OGC Brief about any issue of the Southeast Texas Times substantively, or regarding the substantial evidence that

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[15] Mr. Van Fleet remembered that, subsequent to his moving into his own residence in early 1993, the newspaper was essentially written at his residence, not the Stockman home, and that, as the time for a new edition approached, he would contact the two or so persons who were writing articles for the newspaper in an attempt to put it together. Van Fleet Dep., pp. 59-61.

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the publication was a legitimate newspaper. In fact, the newspaper covered newsworthy events, and it was a significant undertaking for Mr. Van Fleet as a business enterprise. Certainly, the vast majority of the newspapers' articles did not deal with Mr. Stockman, or any potential candidacy of Mr. Stockman, and did not even mention Mr. Stockman. The OGC Brief is not helpful on this issue at all, and its failure to demonstrate how and to what degree the Southeast Texas Times supposedly supported any Stockman political effort should weigh heavily in favor of a determination of no probable cause on this issue.

- The Southeast Texas Times began in early 1993, at a time when even the OGC Brief does not appear to contend seriously that Mr. Stockman was a candidate. There is no discussion in the OGC Brief of the early issues of the newspaper, or how they relate to Mr. Stockman's purported candidacy. Yet, according to the OGC Brief, the **entire** cost of **all** of the issues of the newspaper constituted unreported contributions to Mr. Stockman's campaign. Even absent the media exemption, this would be a gross exaggeration of alleged campaign contributions in a way that clearly lacks support in the record.

  Even if there had been in-kind contributions from the newspaper to a (non-existent) Stockman campaign in 1993, the OGC Brief fails to demonstrate that such contributions would be sufficient to make Mr. Stockman a candidate, or even if he could be considered a candidate, that they were reportable or excessive in any way. According to the OGC Brief (p. 26), the expenditures of the Southeast Texas Times for the entire period of its existence totaled $14,336.09. Yet the OGC Brief does not even attempt to apportion such expenditures to alleged contributions to the Stockman campaign and to other matters. Surely, even the Office of General Counsel would acknowledge that the Southeast Texas Times dealt in the main with non-Stockman-related matters. Insofar as the OGC Brief relies on Advisory Opinion 1990-5 for the proposition that no apportionment/allocation is required, it is in error. *See* pages 28-31, *infra*.

- Mr. Stockman did not file his declaration of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission until January 1994. It would appear that less than $5,000 was received and less than $5,000 was expended by any Stockman campaign effort in 1993, under any reasonable view of the facts. The OGC Brief cites to no contrary evidence and merely argues that the **entire** expenditures for **all** issues of the Times should be considered as contributions.

- Clearly, **even if** Mr. Stockman conceivably could have been considered a candidate at any time during the short life span of the newspaper in 1993, it still would not justify a probable cause determination because the Southeast Texas

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Times was a legitimate newspaper, and not subject to the "contributions" and "expenditures" rule because of the media exemption.

- It appears that only several issues of the Southeast Texas Times were published, from January through October 1993. If that newspaper existed for the purposes argued by the Office of General Counsel, why did publication of the newspaper cease? There was no complaint filed with the FEC or anyone else prior to the newspaper folding in the Fall of 1993 (the complaint herein having been filed in December, 1993, after the newspaper had stopped publishing). If the newspaper really existed for the purposes argued for by the Office of General Counsel, what better time to get the operation in full swing than after candidacy was declared and contributions started rolling in? In fact, of course, there was no connection whatever between the newspaper and the later Stockman campaign effort. The record is clear that the newspaper failed as a business venture, and that it was not tied in at all to Mr. Stockman's subsequent candidacy for federal office.

Because of the importance of the media exemption issue, respondents offer their comments, supported by references to the record, with respect to each factual item that the OGC Brief contends would justify the conclusion that the respondents owned or controlled the newspaper.

- According to the OGC Brief, the Stockman home was used as campaign headquarters and was made available to Jeff Van Fleet, and the newspaper (the Southeast Texas Times) was produced there. (OGC Brief, p. 6.)

  Comment. Despite the deceptive phrase "home/campaign headquarters", the Stockman home was not the site of any campaign activity during the time the newspaper was being published. There is no evidence that Mr. Van Fleet regularly worked at the Stockman residence except during the initial period when he resided there. While Mr. Van Fleet and others worked on the newspaper some of the time at the Stockman home, it is misleading to say that the newspaper was produced there. It was produced, like any other newspaper, by virtue of a number of work items, including the selling of advertisements, investigative reporting, the writing and editing of articles, and printing. Obviously, only a small portion of such activity occurred at the Stockman residence, and Mr. Van Fleet confirmed that in his deposition testimony. Van Fleet Dep., pp. 59, 61. *See also* Patti Martin Dep., pp. 28-30, 68-69. (Furthermore, even if the facts were different, and every issue of the newspaper were put together at the Stockman residence, that would not demonstrate any

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ownership or control of the newspaper by Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee.)

- According to the OGC Brief, Mr. Stockman was the brains behind his 1994 campaign, who often expressed what he wanted done, and others carried out the tasks. The core of individuals on whom Mr. Stockman relied were Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, and Ken Clark. (OGC Brief, pp. 6-8.)

  Comment. This has nothing to do with ownership or control of the newspaper. Mr. Stockman was in charge of his own 1994 campaign and shouldered responsibility for the important decisions, but that has nothing to do with the 1993 newspaper. Once it began, his 1994 campaign involved countless workers, and although he was in charge in the way that candidates are normally in charge, he did not direct every statement supporting his candidacy. Certainly, there is no evidence that he directed anything at all with respect to the newspaper. Secondly, if "core" is used to mean hard-working and dedicated, the list of core individuals upon whom Mr. Stockman relied in his 1994 campaign does include the individuals mentioned, but that list would have to be much broader. If "core" is used to designate "most important," the list is very misleading and does not include many persons (*e.g.*, John Hart (treasurer), Richard Cole, Richard Wilson, Bill Hatch, Tina Hatch) whose roles in the 1994 campaign were also significant, but who had nothing whatever to do with the Southeast Texas Times. Indeed, contrary to what is stated in the OGC Brief (at p. 8), John Hart, the treasurer of the Stockman campaign in 1994, *never* worked on the Southeast Texas Times.[16] Furthermore, respondents are unaware of any evidence that Ken Clark was involved in the newspaper, as alleged in the OGC Brief. The OGC Brief, by focusing on certain individuals and writing about the connections of each one with the Stockman campaign, has been extremely and

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[16] This is an example of one of the many possible, pernicious effects caused by the tactics of the Office of the General Counsel. Not only did they deprive respondents' counsel of early access to the discovery materials, and not only do they misstate the status of certain evidence they are using as a basis for their recommendations in their brief but they misstate the record *generally*, without specific references to the record. It is very difficult to respond to the OGC Brief's favorite phrase, that "the record reflects" something, without being furnished specific references. In this instance, where the OGC Brief misstates the role of John Hart, who was the 1994 Stockman campaign treasurer, respondents' counsel noticed the error only because they knew, from prior conversations with Mr. Hart (who is a named respondent herein), that Mr. Hart was not involved in the 1993 newspaper. And Mr. Hart *told* the FEC attorneys this when he was deposed in this matter. *See* Deposition of John Hart, August 17, 1996, p. 119. Respectfully, respondents submit that the Commission cannot *rely on general references* in the OGC Brief as to what the record reflects.

misleadingly selective. There was no Stockman campaign in 1993 during the time that the Southeast Texas Times was published, and there is nothing peculiar about some of the very few individuals who worked on that newspaper later joining other politically-motivated individuals who served on the Stockman campaign committee.

- According to the OGC Brief, the "evidence of record" reflects control of Mr. Stockman or the Stockman campaign committee over the Southeast Texas Times. (OGC Brief, pp. 8-23.)

  Comment. The record evidence does **not** reflect that at all, and the statement in the OGC Brief is a gross misstatement of fact. Any involvement of Mr. Stockman in the issue is limited to the fact that the person who owned and published the newspaper, Jeff Van Fleet, was initially living at the Stockman residence. One would think it natural that Mr. Fleet's friends would have encouraged his business venture to some extent, and certainly any "involvement" of Mr. Stockman in that sense does not constitute evidence of ownership or control. Even assuming that Mr. Van Fleet was motivated, at least in part, to give coverage in his newspaper to certain conservative causes, and even assuming that such causes are those that the Stockman campaign would also later support, such facts do not provide evidence of any ownership or control of Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee in the Southeast Texas Times.

- According to the OGC Brief, the idea to start the newspaper "was borne of a perceived need for media coverage of the Stockman campaign." (OGC Brief, p. 10.)

  Comment. That is not what the record reflects. The record reflects, much more fairly, that Mr. Van Fleet may have gotten the idea of a need for such a newspaper because of a perceived imbalance in the media's coverage of events, and that he wanted to establish a local newspaper to have his own business and to make a profit. *See, e.g.*, Van Fleet Dep., pp. 32-39, 72; Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. Nos. 1-3. The Office of General Counsel seems to have swallowed Mr. Clifford's complaint of December 1993, hook, line, and sinker. Instead of an objective analysis of the evidence, the OGC Brief has simply accepted the theory set out in the complaint (the Clifford theory), and then been willing to turn a number of facts on their heads in an attempt to support it.

  The OGC Brief alleges (p. 10), for example, that Mr. Stockman was "significantly involved in the creation and operation of the newspaper..." and that "Stockman indeed possessed a substantial amount of control over the newspaper." That is just not so. **The evidence reflects nothing of the kind.** The extent of Mr. Stockman's "involvement," appears to be undisputed, and was

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confined to allowing Mr. and Mrs. Van Fleet, who were moving to the Houston area, to live in the Stockman home for a period of time and use household appliances and a post office box, and other acts of friendship (including possibly helping Mr. Van Fleet to find a job).[17] The fact that Mr Stockman offered encouragement or suggestions to Mr. Van Fleet in his new enterprise does not even approach a showing of ownership or control. The OGC Brief refers to no specific evidence that Mr. Stockman or Mr. Stockman's campaign committee had ownership of, or exercised control over, the newspaper.

Following are additional factual elements that require clarification or emphasis relative to the issue of ownership or control of the Southeast Texas Times:

- The July 30, 1993 letter addressed to "Concerned Americans" (OGC Brief, pp. 12-13) announced Mr. Stockman's intent to become a candidate at a future time, and was not itself a declaration of candidacy. Mr. Stockman was entitled to test the waters for a possible 1994 campaign race, and it appears undisputed that the $5,000 candidate threshold was not reached until well after the newspaper had ceased to be published. With respect to the mention of the newspaper in that letter, it seems obvious that was merely an effort to identify possible supporters. The record seems to be clear that the newspaper was struggling, and that not too long after the July 30 letter, the newspaper was out of existence. If, as the OGC Brief argues, there was ownership or control of

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[17] Mr. Stockman thought that he had helped Mr. Van Fleet get a job at McKec Environmental Inc., but Mr. Van Fleet did not recollect Mr. Stockman's role. It is undisputed, however, that Mr. Van Fleet did obtain the job by no later than May, 1993, and that his work on that job severely limited his ability to keep publishing his newspaper. This is another fact that is inconsistent with the argument in the OGC Brief. If this had truly been a campaign effort, it started to wan seriously just prior to the time (as 1994 approached) that it should have been heating up, not winding down. The simple reason is that the newspaper was not connected to the Stockman campaign.

In attempting to persuade the Commission that Mr. Van Fleet and Mr. Stockman essentially wrote the newspaper as they commuted to work on the "graveyard" shift they shared, the OGC Brief essentially ignores its own primary claim: that the newspaper was written by Mr. Van Fleet, Mr. Stockman, and a bunch of Stockman campaign workers at the Stockman home. In making that primary claim, of course, the OGC Brief ignores the testimony of Mr. Stockman, as well as that of Patti Martin, who was also sometimes present at the Stockman home in 1993, and the testimony of Mr. Van Fleet, who wrote and published the newspaper at his home, primarily on his computer, with input from a few of his associates. *See* Van Fleet Dep., pp. 59-64, 123-127. The OGC Brief does not even discuss such testimony.

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the newspaper in Mr. Stockman or the Stockman campaign, why would this have happened? Why would not the Stockman campaign have taken over the newspaper, and perhaps even improved upon it? The fact of the matter is that the newspaper was not part of the Stockman campaign effort. No matter what inferences the OGC Brief would ask the Commission to draw, there is still no evidence of ownership or control by virtue of any language in the letter of July 30, 1993.

- Page 13 of the OGC Brief contains a statement that there is "direct evidence that Stockman himself provided financial support to the Southeast Texas Times." In an attempt to substantiate it, the OGC Brief references a check from the Southeast Texas Times, which was made payable to Steve Stockman in the amount of $2600 with the note that it is for "repayment of a loan." The check was returned for insufficient funds, and no witness could recall what it was for. But it appears undisputed that this was an error, and that **no such sum was ever paid**. Mr. Stockman cannot recall ever loaning any sum to Mr. Van Fleet, and certainly not to the newspaper, and this was confirmed by Mr. Van Fleet. *See* Stockman Dep., pp. 137-139, 146-150; Van Fleet Answ. to Interr. Nos. 4-15; Von Fleet Dep., pp. 362-365. Furthermore, the respondents are not responsible for what the check memorandum stated. Finally, even if such a loan had ever been made — and there is no meaningful evidence that it was — it would not constitute ownership or control of the newspaper in any event.

- The OGC Brief, in a desperate attempt to tie the newspaper to the respondents, relies upon a payment from the 1992 Stockman campaign committee to Jeff Van Fleet on September 21, 1992, in the amount of $1260 for "consulting." According to the OGC Brief (pp. 13-14), this payment *could have* been "seed money" for the Southeast Texas Times. The respondents submit that such a speculative and unwarranted assertion merely highlights the lack of any persuasive evidence whatsoever in support of the position espoused in the OGC Brief. In addition to the fact that the "seed money" assertion is drawn out of thin air, and is directly refuted by the record evidence in this case (*e.g.*, Van Fleet Dep., pp. 373-374), the timing of the payment would have come in the last month or so of the heated 1992 general election campaign, and curiously would have been substantially in advance of what the OGC Brief contends (p. 9) was the first conversation ever even mentioning the starting of a newspaper.

- The OGC Brief depends (pp. 14-15) on the skimpiest of evidence with respect to the issue of control, essentially arguing that if the newspaper were written in the Stockman residence, Mr. Stockman and/or his campaign committee therefore controlled it. Even assuming that the newspaper was totally "produced" in the Stockman home — and the evidence is that it was not (*e.g.*, Van Fleet Dep., pp 59-67) — there is no evidence that the Stockmans controlled

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the newspaper. There is no evidence that by allowing anyone to work on the newspaper in their residence they in any way influenced the newspaper.

- The alleged insignificant involvement between Mr. Stockman (or "Stockman for Congress") and the newspaper (OGC Brief, pp. 15-17), does not constitute evidence of ownership or control. There was nothing improper about the "Rush Parties," and it was freely admitted how these minor social events came about. These events were not political, and there was no campaigning or fundraising involved. *See* Van Fleet Dep., pp. 91-100; Stockman Dep., pp. 173-184. The characterization of these pizza/video get-togethers as "campaign events" (OGC Brief, p. 16) is incorrect. To claim, as the OGC Brief claims, that unpaid announcements in the newspapers of community events such as "Rush Parties" evidences ownership or control of the newspaper by the respondents lacks any credibility.

- In the only example of a newspaper article discussed in the entire OGC Brief (pp. 17-18), the issue in question was published in May, 1993, when there was no active Stockman campaign. The newspaper article had to do with Mr. Stockman's endorsement of a senatorial candidate, Kay Bailey Hutchison. The point in the OGC Brief is that the newspaper may have concocted the story in an effort to give Mr. Stockman publicity. As proof, the OGC Brief points to claimed "inconsistencies" in the deposition testimony of Mr. Van Fleet (in August, 1996) and Mr. Stockman (in July, 1997). Such alleged inconsistencies are a blatant distortion; neither gentleman said that he was certain about the facts concerning the Bailey endorsement, and the claim in the OGC Brief, that the testimony (several years after the event) is inconsistent, is most unfair. Furthermore, it was legitimate news, no matter how the endorsement was reported, and it was an endorsement of Ms. Hutchison, not Mr. Stockman. Finally, no matter what the circumstances of the endorsement were, this is not evidence of ownership or control of the newspaper on the part of Mr. Stockman.[18]

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[18] Footnote 12, page 19, of the OGC Brief deserve mentions, for it states — without any citation whatsoever — that the record reflects that Mr. Van Fleet "often wrote checks on behalf of the campaign on the Stockman committee's account." The respondents are unaware of what supposed evidence is referred to, since there is no citation or reference to a time period, but even more important is the fact that the OGC Brief's claim of the significance of any such fact, if it were true, is exaggerated. There is no question that Mr. Van Fleet assisted Mr. Stockman's 1994 election effort, but that work was not tied to the 1993 newspaper. As to 1993, there is no question that Mr. Van Fleet was a friend of Mr. Stockman, and would have supported him personally. This has nothing to do with the newspaper. Nevertheless, if Mr. Van Fleet wrote checks on the account of the Stockman campaign, it has no bearing on the

- The OGC Brief contends (p. 19) that the newspaper "was not an activity independent from the Stockman campaign, but simply a component of the overall Stockman campaign effort...." Again, limited, personal involvement between the Stockmans and the Van Fleets is not evidence of ownership or control. The evidence is overwhelmingly clear that Mr. Van Fleet — and not Mr. Stockman — owned and controlled the newspaper. Furthermore, the evidence shows that the Southeast Texas Times was a legitimate newspaper, printed on newsprint by a newspaper publisher, financed by advertisements and subscriptions, distributed to the public, and covering many matters of local, national, and international interest. The failure of the OGC Brief to even discuss the Southeast Texas Times as a legitimate newspaper underscores its result-oriented approach. The Southeast Texas Times clearly was not, under any reasonable assessment, a newspaper formed or dedicated to advancement of the interests of Mr. Stockman. That it would sometimes refer to Mr. Stockman is natural, and that it was published by someone who knew, admired, and at times worked for Mr. Stockman does not thereby transform it into Mr. Stockman's creation or possession. The OGC Brief attempts to use the friendship between the Stockmans and the Van Fleets to distort the entire purpose of the newspaper, and to try to saddle Mr. Stockman with responsibility for its existence. The Commission should reject such overreaching.

- One of the most bizarre tactics of all in the OGC Brief occurs toward the conclusion of its analysis of the Southeast Texas Times issue. The OGC Brief claims (pp. 19-21) that the record contains "conflicting" testimony of Mr. Stockman and Mr. Van Fleet with respect to the help Mr. Stockman provided to Mr. Van Fleet as Mr. Van Fleet began his newspaper, and for support it attempts to compare answers to interrogatories with the deposition testimony of each gentleman. The alleged inconsistencies in the quoted testimony are not inconsistencies at all.[19] Even it there were some differences in recollection, which many would consider evidence of honesty (versus completely identical

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ownership/control issue before the Commission.

[19] In the first place, it would appear that there really are no differences in testimony here. Mr. Van Fleet's testimony in answer to interrogatories is general, and is consistent with other testimony in this matter, including that of Mr. Stockman, that Mr. Stockman was generally supportive of Mr. Van Fleet's entrepreneurial efforts. The questions asked of him on deposition, however, sought very specific information relative to fairly insignificant events occurring years prior. Furthermore, FEC counsel apparently did not make their present assertion at the time of the depositions, and it does not appear that the witnesses were given an opportunity to explain any alleged differences in testimony.

and perhaps orchestrated answers), the OGC Brief has not even attempted to explain any alleged significance

- The OGC Brief claims (pp. 21-22) that the masthead of the Southeast Texas Times was inflated with names "only to make the newspaper look like a more significant endeavor than it was ...." Somehow, that allegation is supposed to be one indicating that the respondents controlled the newspaper. Respectfully, it does not. It has nothing to do with the control issue.

- Finally, the OGC Brief argues (pp. 22-23) that Mr. Stockman was a candidate in 1993 because (1) he allegedly controlled the Southeast Texas Times and the media exemption thus does not apply, and (2) he had received contributions, as of May, 1993, of $5,000 or more because he controlled the Southeast Texas Times. These arguments are circular, and both are incorrect. Contrary to what the OGC Brief states, the media exemption *does* apply to certain news stories, regardless of ownership and control. 11 C.F.R. sections 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). *See* pages 27-28, *infra*. The failure of the OGC Brief to analyze this question correctly, we submit, seriously undermines the entire presentation by the Office of General Counsel. Irrespective of the conflicting interpretations of the regulations, the media exemption *does* apply in any event because, as demonstrated above, and as revealed by the record herein, Mr. Stockman did **not own or control** the newspaper.

The allegations in the OGC Brief concerning the Southeast Texas Times constitute the fundamental basis for the General Counsel's case. They are not supported, however, either by the facts or by the law.[20]

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[20] There are many incorrect allegations in the OGC Brief and, particularly in view of the general lack of specific citations to the record regarding such allegations, respondents cannot hope to correct them all. They range from the not-too-serious (*e.g.*, contrary to statements in footnote 1 on pages 5 of the OGC Brief, Mr. Stockman actually came in first place in the General Election but lost in the run-off) to the serious (contrary to the statement at page 6 of the OGC Brief, the record reflects that the newspaper was *not* produced at the Stockman home throughout its existence) to the outrageous (contrary to statements throughout the OGC Brief, the evidence does not show that Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee controlled the two newspapers at issue in this proceeding).

(ii) Ownership and Control of the *Southeast Texas Statesman*

The Commission found reason to believe so as to open an investigation into this 1995 newspaper, apparently because of its physical similarities with the 1993 newspaper discussed above. The investigation, however, revealed absolutely no meaningful connection between the respondents and the newspaper — and certainly no ownership or control of the respondents over the newspaper. The Office of General Counsel has nevertheless recommended that the Commission find probable cause on this issue.

There is a virtual absence of evidence in the record to support the recommendation in the OGC Brief that the Commission should find probable cause that the respondents violated the Act in connection with the Southeast Texas Statesman. Indeed, the inclusion of that recommendation in the OGC Brief reveals a lack of fairness with respect to the respondents. The OGC attorneys seem simply unwilling to give up an issue that they more or less discovered on their own,[21] even in the absence of evidence to support their view.

The following describes the allegations in the OGC Brief regarding this issue and the respondents' comments as to each set of statements in the OGC Brief:

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[21] It appears that Washington, D.C. news coverage of this Texas newspaper attracted the attention of the FEC attorneys who, noticing what they considered the apparent similarities between the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman, recommended and obtained permission to open an investigation by virtue of "reason to believe" findings. It has become clear, however, that there is even less evidence linking the respondents with the Statesman than with the Times. For example, aside from the statement of Mr. Frankovich, who created and operated the Statesman, that Mr. Stockman had recommended to him the idea of a conservative newspaper, there is no evidence in support of the position of the OGC Brief on this issue. And there is substantial record evidence that the respondents had nothing whatever to do with the Statesman.

- The evidence of record indicates that the Statesman was "simply a successor" to the Times, "likewise controlled by Stockman and his committee." (OGC Brief, p. 23.)

  Comment: This allegation is completely false. As already discussed extensively above, neither Mr. Stockman nor his committee controlled the Times. Furthermore, there is **absolutely no evidence** of ownership or control of the Statesman by the respondents, and the OGC Brief refers to no such evidence.

- There were "numerous similarities" between the Statesman and the Times, and "the two newspapers had overlapping staff and connections to Stockman and to the Stockman committee." (OGC Brief, p. 23.)

  Comment: Even if there were similarities in appearance between the two newspapers, that would be no evidence whatsoever against the respondents. The *only* "overlapping staff" was one person, Tim Frankovich, the creator/owner (with John Hart) of the Statesman, who had done some writing for the Times at the tail end of its existence. John Hart had no connection with the Times. The record shows that there were **no connections** between the Statesman and the Stockman committee. As the record makes extremely clear, there was **no** connection whatsoever between the newspaper and Mr. Stockman or any committee of Mr. Stockman. *See* Frankovich Dep., pp. 109-111; Hart Dep., pp. 114-115, 223-225; Stockman Dep., pp. 197-207.

- There were various alleged connections between the Statesman and the Times, including appearance, computer, and funding, and the Statesman was produced in an office that had previously served as one of Stockman's campaign headquarters. (OGC Brief, page 24.)

  Comment. These factual allegations are meaningless. The Times, created by Jeff Van Fleet, went out of existence in late 1993, the Statesman was begun by a completely different and unrelated person in 1995, and there is not a *shred* of evidence that the respondents had an ownership interest in, or exercised any control, over the 1995 newspaper. Indeed, aside from **all** of the evidence of which the respondents are aware, aside from (possibly) one single conversation months before the newspaper began, there was **absolutely no connection** between the respondents and the Statesman, much less ownership and control. *See, e.g.*, Frankovich Dep., pp. 109-111; Hart Dep., pp. 114-115, 223-225; Stockman Dep., pp. 197-207. For example, how does the fact that the Statesman began its operations in a then-vacant office that had once served as a campaign office for Mr. Stockman have any bearing on this issue? There is no allegation that the Stockman campaign had anything to do with the Statesman's use of that office. As to the bank records of the Times, of which respondents

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have no knowledge except for what they have recently been allowed to see by the FEC attorneys, and which do not relate to any period in which the Statesman was operating, what is the relevance? If Mr. Van Fleet provided a computer to Mr. Frankovich to help with the Statesman, how would that fact bear in any way on the issue before the Commission? These matters are essentially irrelevant to the issue of ownership and control.

- "The respondents' conflicting averments regarding the genesis of the Southeast Texas Statesman reflects that there is indeed a connection between the Southeast Texas Statesman and Stockman...." (OGC Brief, p. 25.)

  Comment. This is simply not so. The alleged "conflicting averments" simply reflect the efforts of two persons to recollect a minor matter years afterward. The speculative factual inference drawn by the OGC Brief is far-fetched. The evidence is simply inconclusive about whether Mr. Frankovich and Mr. Stockman ever *discussed the idea* of a *conservative newspaper* prior to the time that Mr. Frankovich decided to publish the Statesman. The statement in the OGC Brief that Mr. Stockman "proposed the idea that he [Frankovich] produce the Southeast Texas Statesman" is misleading and false. Although Mr. Frankovich recalled Mr. Stockman mentioning the idea of a newspaper, that is the sum and substance of his entire recollection of Mr. Frankovich in this regard. Mr. Stockman, almost three years after the fact, recalls no such discussion; Mr. Frankovich simply recalls that Mr. Stockman suggested that he (Mr. Frankovich) could begin a conservative newspaper. Even in Mr. Frankovich's recollection of events, there was no discussion of name, content, or anything else regarding any specific newspaper. Furthermore, Mr. Frankovich did not immediately decide to start a newspaper, he considered and rejected other job opportunities, he did not obtain anything of value from Mr. Stockman once he decided to go ahead with a newspaper, and the record is **devoid of any evidence of ownership or control** by Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee of the newspaper. The record is clear that the Statesman was begun as a business venture, that it operated as a legitimate newspaper of general circulation, and that the newspaper went out of business because of the financial problems encountered in its publication. Frankovich Dep., pp. 53-67, 111-113, 168-169; Hart Dep., pp. 137,146.

In its purported legal analysis of this point, the OGC Brief (Pages 25-27) revisits the issue of the media exemption, but merely states, without evidence, that it supposedly does not apply because the respondents allegedly controlled the Statesman (as well as the Times). It then goes on to make the incomprehensible assertion that, even if the Times was *not* owned or

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controlled by the respondents, it still would not qualify for the media exemption (OGC Brief, p. 26, fn. 15). But if the Times was not owned or controlled by the respondents, why would the Office of General Counsel recommend probable cause against the respondents? This further undermines the theory advocated in the OGC Brief, and is further evidence that the Commission should find no probable cause to believe that the respondents violated the Act.

(iii) The Disclaimer Issue

This "reason to believe" finding was made only with respect to one item, allegedly an advertisement, and only against Stockman for Congress and its treasurer, Stephen Stockman. The ad appeared in the April B, 1993, edition of Southeast Texas Times (p. 3), and states in part: "Garage Sale....Proceeds to benefit 'Stockman for Congress.' To Donate items or to get directions. Call Dee...."

The OGC Brief has not referred the Commission to any evidence in the record relative to this allegation, including who placed the notice, whether it was paid for, or any other information. The OGC Brief presumes, without proof, that this was an ad placed by an agent for respondents. Moreover, the entire claim is premised upon the allegation that "the Stockman committee owned and controlled the Southeast Texas Times." (OGC Brief, p. 30.) Because the allegation of ownership and control is false, the media exemption should be deemed to apply to a notice of community events, and the Commission should find no probable cause against the respondents on this issue.

(b) Other Legal Obstacles Not Met in the OGC Brief

As set forth above, the first step in any analysis of this matter is that there was no contribution or expenditure reportable by the respondents relative to the two newspapers at all.

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While it is true that this exception from the general definitions of "contribution" and "expenditure" — the so-called "media exemption" — does not apply if the media facility is owned or controlled by a political committee or candidate, it **does apply in this case** because the newspapers were **not** controlled by a political committee or candidate during their short life spans. And the OGC Brief sets forth no convincing case to the contrary. The minor connections that the OGC Brief attempts to establish between Mr. Stockman and the newspapers fail by a longshot to establish ownership or control of the newspapers by respondents. The media exemption should therefore be deemed to apply, precluding a finding of probable cause.

In addition to the important media exemption issue, the OGC Brief has refused to confront several substantial legal obstacles to the validity of its recommendation that probable cause be found against the respondents on this issue. Those, additional legal obstacles to acceptance of the legal argument/analysis set forth in the OGC Brief on the newspaper/disclaimer issue are as follows:

(1) Bona Fide News Account. The law clearly provides that, even if a candidate or political committee owns or controls a newspaper, the costs associated with the production of news stories, commentary, and editorials will not be considered contributions or expenditures with respect to any news story that is a *bona fide* news account communicated in a publication of general circulation which is part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts giving reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area. *See* 11 C.F.R.secs. 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). Thus, even if the Commission were to determine that Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee owned or controlled the Southeast Texas Times,

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there still would not be any reportable contribution or expenditure with respect to news stories, unless they did not meet the above-mentioned requirements of the regulations. But the OGC Brief completely avoids this point, and fails to make any showing regarding the application of the above-mentioned regulations.

Although acknowledging those regulations, the OGC Brief appears to take the curious and circular position that they do not apply because Mr. Stockman was (allegedly) involved in the media entity. If Mr. Stockman were not involved in the media entity, the media exemption itself would apply, and there would be no possible contribution or expenditure. It is only if the candidate owns or controls the media entity that the subsequent exemption in those regulations regarding *bona fide* news reporting even comes into play.

(2) Misplaced Reliance on AO 1990-5. In refusing to consider any objective allocation or apportioning of benefit to the respondents, the OGC Brief appears to rely solely on FEC Advisory Opinion 1990-5 to support its position. Such reliance is surely misplaced, however, given the factual circumstances underlying that opinion.[22]

In FEC Advisory Opinion 1990-5 ("*Mueller*"), the Commission was asked whether an avowed Congressional candidate could continue to publish a newsletter publicizing her views and views of supporters from the immediately prior campaign. CCH Campaign Finance Guide, ¶ 5982 (April 27, 1990). The requestor admittedly "originated, sponsored, implemented and funded" the monthly newsletter from its inception, and routinely contributed commentary to it. Id. She had

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[22] Insofar as AO 1990-5 could be read to support the position set forth in the OGC Brief, it would appear to be at odds with the FEC regulations, and should be reconsidered. *Cf.* Readers' Digest Ass'n v. FEC, 509 F. Supp. 1210, 1214-15 (S.D.N.Y. 1981).

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financed the newsletter through the sheet music company she owned, as well as through some advertising revenue, and proposed to operate as a sole proprietor to finance the newsletter in the future. Her request came to the Commission in March of the election year at the same time she was launching her campaign and registering with the FEC as a candidate.

The Commission's answer in *Mueller* expressly framed the specific question: "Your inquiry presents the Commission with the difficult task of reconciling your status as a candidate for Federal office with the assertedly non-partisan nature of your proposed newsletter publication and distribution activity." Id. It notes the unique nature of "activity sponsored or funded by the candidate personally." Id. In Footnote #5, the answer specifically deems the "press exemption" under 11 C.F.R. 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2) inapplicable "under the facts you have presented". Id. Therefore, the Commission's response was premised upon both the requestor's **undisputed candidacy** and **undisputed ownership and control** of the publication. The Commission saw the legal issue as whether the candidate's speech by means of the newsletter was "campaign-related."

The OGC Brief in this matter approvingly cites the following language from *Mueller*:

> The Commission concludes that each edition of the newsletter should be viewed separately and in its entirety in determining whether a newsletter would be considered an expenditure for your campaign. Any campaign-related content within a particular edition would render expenses of publishing that edition a campaign expenditure.

However, *Mueller's* prior explication of content elements indicating a "campaign-related" purpose was based upon accepted facts of both the requestor's candidacy and her ownership and control of the publication. In context, that passage reflected the Commission's express desire to permit publication of the newsletter, even after candidacy, because of First Amendment protection

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for discussion of public issues and current events (see Footnote #8 in the opinion). Significantly, *Mueller* clearly does not stand for the proposition advanced in the OGC Brief, as revealed by Footnote #10 of AO 1990-5:

> The Commission considered an alternative analysis under which only those portions of a particular newsletter issue that might be viewed as campaign-related would be allocable as a campaign expenditure. The Commission distinguished that allocation approach, due to your involvement in the entirety of the newsletter operation. Compare Advisory Opinions 1988-22, 1981-3 and 1978-46. Id.

Indeed, the *Mueller* opinion relies upon FEC Advisory Opinion 1988-22, quoting at length its analysis of a newsletter published by a partisan political organization. That earlier decision attributes as "contributions" the "allocable costs" for "a communication to the general public, not within the 'press exemption,' that discusses or mentions a candidate in an election-related context and is undertaken in coordination with the candidate or his campaign." AO 1988-22 stands for allocation of expenses for communications within the context of identifiable candidates and elections, based on a coordination theory, as Footnote #10 in *Mueller* noted.

In addition to failing to identify any particular materials that would have prevented the media exemption from applying in this matter, the OGC Brief has committed serious error in its attempt to attribute, as unreported contributions to the respondents, the entire cost of publishing the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman. Again, its erroneous position seems to have been based upon a faulty reading of Advisory Opinion 1990-5. In Advisory Opinion 1990-5, the Commission opined that the entire cost, and not merely a proportionate share of the costs, of a candidate's newsletter would be considered an expenditure because of the candidate's personal involvement in putting out the newsletter. The Commission noted expressly that it had considered allocating as campaign expenditures only

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those portions of a particular newsletter issue that were viewed as campaign-related, but did not do so because of the candidate's involvement "in the entirety of the newsletter operation." (*Id.*, n. 10.) No such facts conceivably exist in this matter, and even if the Commission were to determine that a contribution to the respondents resulted from any issue of the Southeast Texas Times (and *a fortiori*, the Southeast Texas Statesman), it would be *de minimis*.

(3) Newspaper Content. The reliance upon Advisory Opinion 1990-5 in the OGC Brief is misplaced for other reasons as well. It was determined in Advisory Opinion 1990-5 that publication of a newsletter, even by a candidate for federal office, would not result in contributions or expenditures under the Act except under very specific circumstances. The OGC Brief has failed to demonstrate that those circumstances have been met in this case, and has merely asserted that every issue of the newspaper was campaign-related. Indeed, aside from a general assertion that each issue of the newspaper contained campaign-related content (OGC Brief, p. 26), there is no specific showing whatsoever in this regard. Moreover, the OGC Brief is essentially taking the position that Mr. Stockman was a candidate in January 1993, long before he reasonably could be considered a candidate under any known facts.

(4) Validity of AO-1990-5. The value of the legal analysis and language of AO 1990-5, including its application of a "campaign-related" standard, is highly questionable seven years later, even under its specific facts. Since then, a series of federal courts have strongly and repeatedly told the Commission its jurisdiction over public communications is limited to those containing "express advocacy" of clearly identified federal candidates. Six months ago, a federal appeals court reviewed applicable precedent and concluded: "[I]t is indisputable that the Supreme Court limited the FEC's regulatory authority to expenditures which, through explicit words, advocate

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the election or defeat of a specifically identified candidates." FEC v. Christian Action Network, Inc., __ F.3d __, 1997 CCH Federal Election Campaign Financing Guide, para. 9409, p. 53,530, 53,540 (4th Cir. 1997). *See also* Maine Right to Life Committee v. FEC, 914 F. Supp. 8 (D. Me. 1996), aff'd, 92 F.3d 1178 (1st Cir. 1997), cert. denied, __U.S.__(1997). It is inconceivable that a court would today approve of a broad "campaign-related" standard, such as that used in *Mueller*, particularly in circumstances lacking either clear candidacy or actual control of the publication. Even without the obvious diminishing of the analytical value of AO 1990-5 by intervening court decisions, its value as precedent in the circumstances of these respondents is simply nil. *Mueller* involved actual and acknowledged initiation, ownership and control of a newsletter by an avowed and active candidate. Its all or nothing approach to consideration of whether issues of her newsletter would be campaign expenditures cannot be extended beyond its facts to this situation and cannot be reconciled with any other FEC precedent.

Mueller does not shed light on circumstances in which a former candidate's incidental contact with those who actually own or control a publication may arguably have influenced its content in a manner which the Act can regulate; AO 1990-5 is not a "coordination" case (as compared to AO 1988-22). But, here, the General Counsel seeks to leverage simple contact, friendship and community of political interests between Stockman and the publishers of the newspapers into "influence" and then "ownership and control," and equate these facts with the controlling facts in AO 1990-5.

The Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman were legitimate local newspapers. They were not candidate owned or controlled. The newspapers were not a ruse for campaign expenditures, or a vehicle for circumventing contribution restrictions or disclosure. But

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if the OGC believes the activity or content of the newspaper stepped over the line in some way, or for some reason the press exemption does not apply to the newspaper's operation, then the OGC should have defined that problem with some precision. It should not throw the entire enterprise into a "campaign expenditure" hole. The results under these facts cannot be attribution of "contribution" to the entire content of every issue, and to the whole operation of both newspapers, as somehow broadly "campaign- related" pursuant to *Mueller*.

The General Counsel has bet the farm on the *Mueller* analogy throughout its handling of this case. Improper reliance upon AO 1990-5 now renders the recommendations of the OGC Brief completely insupportable.

2. The Political Won Stop Issue

The approach of the OGC Brief regarding the "Political Won Stop issue," consistent with the entire approach in that brief, is one-sided and unfair.

Section 434 (b)(5)(A) of the Act requires that political committees file periodic reports with the Commission which disclose the name and address of each person to whom expenditures aggregating more than $200 within the calendar year are made by the reporting committee. The Commission made "reason to believe" findings on July 16, 1996, and authorized opening an investigation to determine if the respondents enjoyed an arm's length relationship with Political Won Stop, so as to justify reporting the payments to Political Won Stop as a vendor (as opposed to further particularity regarding the ultimate payees who were paid by Political Won Stop).

The essential facts, in brief, are that the Stockman campaign retained a political consulting company, Political Won Stop, to undertake substantial activities (including

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fundraising and basic campaign management activities) with respect to certain of the committee's 1996 campaign. A number of payments to Political Won Stop represented payments for materials or services furnished by other vendors, and Political Won Stop in turn paid those vendors. The simple issue is whether the payments to Political Won Stop should have been reported in more detail, to identify the persons/entities being paid by the consultant (Political Won Stop) and/or whether more information should have been furnished regarding the particular purpose of the various payments.

Voluminous discovery was propounded on this issue, and the respondents, as well as Political Won Stop and its principals, furnished dozens of answers and thousands of pages of exhibits in response. The identities of subsequent payees with respect to all of the payments from the Stockman Campaign Committee to Political Won Stop were furnished, along with available information regarding the activities (including business dealings with other clients) of Political Won Stop since its inception in late 1995.

The evidence clearly reveals that Political Won Stop is a legitimate company, separate and distinct from the Stockman campaign committee, Friends of Steve Stockman, and that it performed legitimate consulting work for the respondents. The OGC Brief does not appear to dispute the underlying facts,[23] but purportedly relies on the authority of Advisory Opinion

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[23] Although it does not appear to dispute the underlying facts, the OGC Brief maintains that the identity of Political Won Stop was "virtually indistinguishable" from that of Friends of Steve Stockman. OGC Brief, p. 34. Respondents would respectfully disagree with that conclusion. It would not be unusual for those rendering services for the benefit of a political committee to not focus on the fact that it was technically a political consultant, and not the committee itself, with which they were dealing.

1983-25 to suggest that the respondents filed inadequate reports regarding the payments to Political Won Stop.

Advisory Opinion 1983-25 involved a request from a presidential campaign committee with respect to the reporting of payments to one of its political consultants, which was a media consultant performing virtually all of the committee's media work for the 1984 presidential campaign. The question was whether the committee could simply report the payments to its consultant, and not report the particular payments from the consultant to the actual vendors of services. The Commission said that it could, and apparently rejected the FEC General Counsel's recommendation for more detailed reporting.

The OGC Brief would have the Commission revisit that decision in this case, arguing that the respondents fail to meet the "criteria" upon which the Commission relied in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. Its reasoning, however, is not persuasive. First, it argues that Political Won Stop, unlike the consulting firm in AO 1983-25, is not a corporation. No such requirement of corporate status exists. Many political consultants operate as partnerships or sole proprietorships rather than as corporations.

In AO 1983-25, the Commission pointed out that the consulting firm in question (which was a corporation) had a separate legal existence, and that that would be significant to the Commission in arriving at its decision. Other significant factors included the fact that the principals did not hold staff positions with the committee, that arms-length negotiations were being held, that a final contract would be formed, and that the consultant would not be working exclusively for the committee, but would also have other business dealings. All of

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those significant factors in AO 1983-25 appear also to have been met in the situation of the respondents and Political Won Stop.

Political Won Stop appears from the record to be a partnership, recognized as a legal entity under federal law. The principals of Political Won Stop testified in answer to interrogatories, as did Mr. Stockman in written interrogatories and on oral deposition, to the existence of an agreement that was negotiated, at arms length, between the committee and Political Won Stop. And the record is clear that the committee has not been the exclusive client of Political Won Stop, which has done work as a political consultant for several other, non-related clients.[24] *See* Answers to Interrogatories of Chris Cupit, Nos. 4-6; Answers to Interrogatories of Political Won Stop, Nos. 1-5, 7-8, 11-12; Second Answers to Interrogatories of Steve Stockman, Nos. 3-6; Stockman Dep., pp. 220-225.

The Political Won Stop issue involved a relatively small amount of money in the 1996 federal election campaign. The respondents believed that the reports that they filed with the FEC were prepared correctly, and they were never advised that they were not (such as by the FEC's Reporting Analysis Division) until seeing the allegations in this MUR. If there had been some reporting error based on a revised analysis from the Commission, the respondents have always stood ready, willing, and able to correct it. Any such alleged reporting error was

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[24] AO 1983-25 does not appear to be conditioned upon a complete separation of identity between the campaign committee and the consultant, so the fact that one of the principals of the consultant would serve the committee in other capacities should not be a bar to its application. With respect to the dealings of the committee with the two vendors mentioned at pages 35-36 of the OGC Brief, it should be noted — although the OGC Brief does not expressly point it out — that the transactions began *prior* to the retention of Political Won Stop, which subsequently took over management of these contracts for the committee.

not deliberate, and clearly would not represent an improper effort to mislead or hide campaign activity.

As to the purpose of the expenditures, the regulations explain that all that is required is a brief statement or description of why the disbursement was made. 11 C.F.R. section 3(b)(4)(i)(A). It would appear that the respondents met this requirement, for they clearly designated the payments to Political Won Stop as consulting services or fundraising services. Any contention by the Office of General Counsel that more detail was required would appear to be wrong as a matter of law. There can be no doubt that Political Won Stop was the entity rendering services to the committee, that the payments made by the committee to Political Won Stop were reported that way, and that the respondents, where alerted of any error in their reporting obligations, filed amended reports.

B. Several Allegations in the OGC Brief Are Not Susceptible to Probable Cause Consideration Because They are Being Raised for the First Time in the OGC Brief and Have Not Been the Subject of Any "Reason to Believe" Findings

As mentioned above, the OGC Brief contains allegations of violations not previously made the subject of any "reason to believe" finding. Under the law, those allegations cannot be made the subject of a probable cause finding, and they therefore should not be considered by the Commission.

The required procedure governing possible violations of the Act are set forth in the Act itself, and in the implementing FEC regulations. The Act, at section 437g, establishes the jurisdictional limits of the Commission's enforcement power as well as the step-by-step procedure to be followed with respect to alleged violations of the Act. It provides that the

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Commission shall notify persons of alleged violations and of the factual bases therefor. And it requires the Commission to conduct investigations of such alleged violations.

The regulations spell out the procedure even more clearly. The relevant provisions are set out at 11 C.F.R. section 111.1, *et seq*. Section 111.17 deals with the "probable cause" finding, as follows:

> (a) If the Commission, after having found reason to believe and after following the procedures set forth in 11 CFR 111.16, determines by an affirmative vote of four (4) of its members that there is probable cause to believe that a respondent has violated a statute or regulation over which the Commission has jurisdiction, the Commission shall authorize the General Counsel to so notify both respondent and complainant by letter. (Emphasis added.)

There can be no question but that the law thus requires that a probable cause determination in a matter such as this be made only with respect to alleged violations that were previously the subject of "reason to believe" findings by the Commission.

The reason to believe findings determined by the Commission as set forth in the letters to the respondents from the office of General Counsel **set the limits for the record in this case. They cannot be expanded at this concluding phase of the proceeding**, as the OGC Brief has sought to do by looking for a kitchen sink to throw into the case in an apparent effort to bolster its case, and its lack of evidence on the fundamental "reason to believe" matters.

The "Chronicle of Our Times" communication, described in the OGC Brief at pages 28 through 30, presents an issue foreign to any "reason to believe" finding of which the

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respondents are aware. As such, it has no place in the OGC Brief recommending probable cause, and the Commission should not consider it.[25]

The same holds true for the "other reporting issues" mentioned at pages 38 through 40 of the OGC Brief. It is difficult to determine what violations are being alleged. In any event, these matters have never appeared in any "reason to believe" finding of which the respondents are aware, and the Commission should not consider them.

And the same holds true with respect to the allegation, set forth at page 27 of the OGC Brief, that Mr. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. section 432(e)(1). Such an allegation has never

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[25] In its July 1997 deposition of respondent Stockman, FEC counsel asked a number of questions that did not appear to be related to the Commission's "reasons to believe" findings in this matter. Respondents' counsel objected to certain of these questions, but did not instruct the respondents not to furnish the requested information, not only because of the far-ranging nature of the various inquiries in this matter (which now spans more than one federal election cycle), and the conceivably legitimate breadth of inquiry, but also because, as explained above, the respondents believed that this matter would soon be the subject of serious settlement negotiations. One series of questions, during the deposition of respondent Stephen E. Stockman, had to do with a 1994 Stockman campaign communication entitled "Chronicle of Our Times," which the FEC attorneys apparently believe contains an insufficient disclaimer. When asked why they were pursuing such a theory in this matter, in light of the fact that no such theory had been contained in any "reason to believe" finding, the FEC attorneys represented that it was indeed set forth in one of the several "reason to believe" letters sent to respondents' counsel. Further examination has demonstrated that is not.

The allegation of improper disclaimer regarding "Chronicle of Our Times" is set forth in the OGC Brief at pages 28-30. It should not be before the Commission at all. It should be made clear that, even if the General Counsel's Office itself raises allegations that find their way into a matter under review, such allegations must be made the subject of "reason to believe" findings by the Commission in order for the matter to go forward. In this proceeding, the disclaimer issue raised by the General Counsel's Office concerning the "Chronicle of Our Times," as set forth at pages 28-30 of the GC Brief, has not been the subject of any "reason to believe" findings by the Commission of which the respondents are aware, and its inclusion in the OGC Brief would therefore appear to be inappropriate.

appeared in any reason to believe finding of which the respondents are aware, and the Commission should not consider it.

To proceed against the respondents in this way on any such last-minute allegations would violate the Federal Election Campaign Act, would exceed the authority of the Federal Election Commission, and would constitute a violation of the respondents' due process and other Constitutional rights.

The enforcement provisions of the Act (2 U.S.C. sec. 437g) set forth a procedure for undertaking investigations of alleged violations of the Act, making probable cause findings, conciliation attempts, and instituting civil actions. It is obvious that the "reason to believe" finding is the required first step in this process, mandated by the statute, and that any steps in the enforcement process that follow depend upon the "reason to believe" finding having been made. Any other construction of the statute would render the statutory scheme, and its language, meaningless.

The respondents submit that the facts relied upon in the OGC Brief for such "new" allegations have not been properly investigated, have not been the subject of examination by respondents as to the facts or the law, are not fairly set forth in the record, and are not fully developed. The respondents are not prepared at this time to respond to them when raised this way before the Commission at the last moment. This should not be taken as an admission or waiver with respect to the allegations contained in the OGC Brief. The respondents submit that the unfairness of the procedure whereby entirely new statutory violations are alleged for the first time at the probable cause stage of a MUR is obvious, and that the Commission should not countenance such a procedure.

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II. THE COMMISSION SHOULD WEIGH IN RESPONDENTS' FAVOR THE UNFAIR MANNER IN WHICH THIS MATTER HAS BEEN CONDUCTED

A. Practices of the General Counsel

The respondents hereby formalize their objections to several of the practices employed by the Office of General Counsel in this matter, including (1) the naming of unrelated persons as respondents in different "segments" of the same Matter Under Review ("MUR") and then proceeding against them separately while depriving each "segment" of discovery relating to another segment, (2) depriving the respondents of meaningful access to deposition transcripts during the pendency of the investigation, and (3) expanding the list of alleged violations at the probable cause stage of an investigation, completely bypassing the role of the Commission in making findings of "reason to believe." All of these practices have occurred in this case, and they have seriously prejudiced the respondents. Even if such practices are longstanding, they should be subject to reconsideration by the Commission.

FEC MURs have the potential for jeopardizing careers as well as personal assets. These cases can be incredibly threatening and tremendously expensive for respondents, where the investigation has dragged on for years. In this case there was a clear effort to separate the various respondents, and to prevent the respondents (as well as other witnesses) from communicating about the substance of the allegations and discovery responses. To deny respondents' counsel meaningful access to discovery in such an important matter such as this, where the probable cause brief has been filed more than three and one-half years after the filing of the complaint, is a serious — and we would submit an unwarranted — infringement of the respondents' rights.

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Such a denial works a particular hardship where, as here, the OGC Brief repeatedly makes broad generalizations about what the record supposedly reflects. The Office of General Counsel has created its own record of the case, which it guards jealously throughout the investigation, and then, days after the OGC Brief is submitted, the respondents are supposed to demonstrate to the Commission what the record does or does not reflect. Respondents cannot possibly respond completely to such allegations when they are not privy to all possibly relevant portions of the record.[26] Where, as here, respondents are allowed to review the record of formal discovery at the eleventh hour, their burden increases substantially over what it would have been if the discovery had been available to them at an earlier stage.[27]

During the latest (1997) discovery phase[28] of this action, FEC counsel reacted in harsh fashion to the requests of respondents' counsel for sufficient time for discovery, both with respect to answering voluminous FEC interrogatory/document production requests (issued to respondents and to several non-respondents after months of inactivity in this matter) and with

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[26] While it may be within investigatory discretion to withhold interview reports and certain informal discovery, we would assume that any information thereby provided would ripen into formal discovery subsequent to the "reason to believe" findings. And, we would submit, there is no justification for denying respondents access to formal discovery. In this case, the OGC withheld discovery materials from respondents until just prior to the due date for filing this brief.

[27] Subsequent to receipt of the OGC Brief, respondents' counsel renewed their request for copies of other written discovery taken in this proceeding, and the General Counsel's Office agreed to make such discovery available for review prior to the due date for filing this brief. While that offer is appreciated, respondents respectfully submit that there has been a denial of due process in this matter, and that furnishing the discovery at the eleventh hour does not operate to correct the harm caused by that denial.

[28] The FEC initiated this matter in early 1994, and conducted various discovery phases in 1995, 1996, and 1997.

respect to the 1997 FEC deposition requests. (An examination of the correspondence between counsel for the respondents and FEC counsel with respect to the timing of the responses to the written discovery and with respect to the timing of the depositions will confirm the litigation tactics employed by the OGC in this proceeding.)

B. Misrepresentation of Conciliation Opportunities

Respondents' counsel became involved in this matter in mid-March of 1997, at a time when MUR 3847 already had been pending for *years*. The record in this case contains various exchanges of correspondence between FEC counsel and counsel for the respondents in connection with the completion of discovery. Respondents' counsel worked diligently in an effort to answer voluminous discovery requests, including discovery propounded to witnesses who are not respondents; thereafter, respondents' counsel worked to arrange — at some personal sacrifice, on relatively short notice — for depositions of respondent and a non-respondent witness to be concluded within a time frame suitable to the Office of General Counsel.

Throughout this entire time, respondents' counsel was acting on the express representation that FEC counsel would attempt to work with counsel for the respondents in an effort to settle this matter. Instead, as respondents learned recently, the Office of General Counsel appears to have been driven by the need to complete its investigation and recommend probable cause prior to a perceived impending statute of limitation.

Respondents submitted a pre-probable cause petition and proposal in this matter, but were advised by the Office of General Counsel (in the same letter transmitting to respondents the OGC Brief) that the Commission declined to enter into pre-probable cause conciliation.

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No reason was given. Thus, the denial of pre-probable cause conciliation in this case is particularly troublesome.

Counsel for respondents worked diligently to accomplish the discovery, within a very short time frame, believing that this was being done to put the case in a settlement posture. In fact, when it was discovered that the FEC would not allow respondents' counsel access to other discovery taken in the case, including transcripts of the depositions of respondents, respondents' counsel considered objecting to the discovery and refusing to go forward with the discovery pending a formal ruling on the matter. One of the reasons they did not do so was the representation of FEC counsel that the taking of those depositions would conclude discovery and that, once discovery was over, the case would be ready for settlement, and settlement talks would commence — and the case could be settled in August of this year.

As it turned out, once the depositions were taken there were no settlement overtures from FEC counsel, and it became apparent that the entire "discovery rush" had been arranged so that the OGC could prepare its probable cause brief. Apparently, the idea that FEC counsel were interested in settling the case was a "misunderstanding."[29] That kind of "misunderstanding" does not tend to build confidence in the General Counsel's office of an agency entrusted with investigation and enforcement of the law.

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[29] An examination of these correspondence between respondents' counsel and FEC counsel relative to pre-probable cause conciliation will confirm the tactics employed by the OGC in this matter. Ultimately, of course, respondents formally submitted a pre-probable cause conciliation proposal agreeing to waive the statute of limitations, but were informed, without explanation that, pre-probable conciliation had been declined.

CONCLUSION

The unfairness of the investigatory/litigation practices mentioned above are can be easily appreciated in considering the issues raised by the accusations against the respondents relative to the Southeast Texas Times. Respondents have had to endure an investigation initiated by the complaint of a political opponent at the very outset of a federal election cycle, which complaint seemed clearly motivated by politics, and the investigation not only took several years to complete, but it mushroomed, exhausting resources as well as personnel. The respondents have been deprived of discovery materials and thus not been privy to the record itself, have been denied pre-probable cause conciliation for unknown reasons, and are forced to respond to mostly undocumented allegations in a 40-page brief that generalizes about the violations they supposedly committed. Most of what is specifically stated in the OGC Brief is either so general as to be meaningless or easily answered, but there are so many erroneous statements or inferences that the response becomes, of necessity, long and complicated.[30]

Several years have elapsed since the complaint was filed in this matter. Discovery has been conducted against several persons and entities without the illumination of such discovery being provided to the above-listed respondents. The discovery against the above-listed

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[30] For example, although the errors in the OGC Brief pointed out above may be recognized by the Commission, the respondents are concerned that the questions raised in the Commission's "reason to believe" findings may not have been satisfactorily answered. By relying on the OGC Brief to convey what is in the record, the Commission is relying on the persons who decided which record to create, and who seem to have acted unreasonably in the positions they have espoused. The mindset of the Office of General Counsel has never changed throughout this proceeding, and all action appears to have been taken in an effort to confirm unfounded suspicions, rather than investigate facts. Respondents have made an effort in this brief to focus on the important facts.

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respondents has been voluminous, and has been unfairly conducted. Pre-probable cause conciliation has been declined, without any explanation of reasons. And the OGC Brief now accuses the respondents of violations that were not even mentioned in the Commission's "reason to believe" findings.

This stage of the proceeding could work serious injury upon the respondents. The respondents request that the Commission keep in mind the manner in which this MUR has been conducted, and weigh the matter accordingly.

For the foregoing reasons, and the factual and legal analysis provided in this Brief, respondents respectfully submit that the Commission should determine that there is no probable cause to believe that the respondents committed the violations of the Act as alleged in the OGC Brief, and that this Matter Under Review should be dismissed against the respondents.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times	)	
Tim Frankovich, Southeast Texas Statesman	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government	)	
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This matter was initiated by a signed sworn complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") by Stephen M. Clifford on December 27, 1993. On June 22, 1995, the Commission found reason to believe that Stephen E. Stockman and his campaign committees -- Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer -- violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting excessive contributions in the form of advertisements, announcements, and news coverage; that both committees violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by failing to report the contributions; and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, also violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a disclaimer on an advertisement.

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On June 6, 1996, the Commission additionally found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a proper disclaimer on campaign communications. Subsequently, on July 16, 1996, the Commission found reason to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A) by failing to adequately itemize payments to a political consulting firm.[1]

On September 15, 1997, this Office submitted to the respondents a General Counsel's Brief, setting forth this Office's position on the legal and factual issues of the matter, and its recommendation that the Commission find probable cause to believe that violations occurred. Respondents submitted their reply on October 23, 1997.[2]

II. ANALYSIS

This Report incorporates by reference the General Counsel's Brief and all arguments and authorities contained therein. In response to the General Counsel's Brief, the respondents make numerous arguments. The following is submitted in response to those arguments.

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[1] On June 13, 1995, the Commission also found reason to believe that Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a), and that Citizens for Honesty in Government violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). In addition, on June 6, 1996, the Commission found, inter alia, reason to believe that Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). In light of the age of this case, and the fact that the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman are now defunct, this Office recommends that the Commission take no further action with respect to Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, and Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman. In addition, inasmuch as the investigation has revealed that Citizens for Honesty in Government does not exist as an organization, but was merely a name created by a Southeast Texas Times writer for an "ad hoc committee" that the Times used as a "resource for catchy comments," this Office also recommends that the Commission take no further action with respect to Citizens for Honesty in Government.

[2] The General Counsel's Brief was submitted to respondents Stephen E. Stockman, Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, jointly, through their shared counsel. The reply is the joint response of these three respondents.

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A. Procedural Arguments

Respondents argue that this Office misrepresented the possibility of pre-probable cause conciliation, and that this Office's effort to quickly complete the discovery in this matter was "arranged so that [this Office] could prepare its probable cause brief." Respondents further assert that, in cooperating with the Commission's discovery requests, respondents relied on the "express representation" that this Office would attempt to settle the matter; and that absent such representation respondents may have formally objected on various procedural grounds, discussed supra, and withheld compliance pending rulings on those objections.

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this Office expressed a desire to work toward conciliating this matter at the pre-probable cause stage, but advised counsel that due to the age of the case and the impending expiration of the statute of limitations, the Commission would likely enter into pre-probable cause negotiations only if the respondents waived the statute of limitations for the limited period of time during which negotiations would occur. In correspondence, this Office requested that the respondents sign and return a waiver of the statute of limitations, and clearly explained that in the absence of the signed waiver, this

Office would proceed to the probable cause stage of the proceedings. See Attachment 1. Nonetheless, respondents did not submit an executed waiver of the statute of limitations.[3]

Respondents raise various objections to the proceedings in this matter. First, respondents object to what they characterize as an attempt to separate the respondents and prevent them from communicating with each other about the substance of the allegations and discovery responses. In this regard, respondents point to the fact that some respondents were named at different times during the course of the proceedings. During the course of the investigation, this Office discovered additional bases for the Commission's original reason to believe findings. The newly discovered information involved persons who subsequently became respondents. This was not an effort to separate the respondents. Any action by this Office to prevent the respondents from communicating about the investigation was in furtherance of the Commission's statutory obligation to conduct its investigations in a confidential manner absent written consent of the persons being investigated. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A). No such consent has been given in this matter.

Respondents object to this Office's policy of withholding deposition transcripts and other discovery (of other respondents) until after the probable cause brief is

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[3] On August 25, 1997, rather than executing the limited waiver that this Office sought, the respondents submitted a request for pre-probable cause conciliation to the Commission, along with a proposed conciliation agreement, and a reformulated, unexecuted waiver. In a report dated September 9, 1997, this Office recommended that the Commission deny respondents' request. In the report, this Office expressed that in light of the age of the case, the approach by the respondents, which failed to include an executed waiver of the statute of limitations, was unworkable, and would potentially jeopardize the Commission's ability to fully pursue the matter. On September 12, 1997, the Commission denied the respondents' request for pre-probable cause conciliation.

submitted to the respondents. This policy is based on the need to protect the integrity of the Commission's investigations.

Finally, respondents argue that the Commission may not make a probable cause finding with respect to a violation that has not been the subject of a reason to believe finding; doing so, they argue, would violate respondents' due process rights. In this regard, respondents point to this Office's recommendation that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Mr. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1), the sole violation for which the Commission has not made a reason to believe finding.[4] Respondents also point to reporting activity cited in the brief, which provides new factual bases for the Commission's previous finding that there is reason to believe that the respondent committee(s) violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

Section 437g(a) provides the framework of the Commission's enforcement process. Under those provisions, a finding by the Commission that there is reason to believe that a person has violated the Act precedes the commencement of an investigation into the matter. There is no requirement, however, that the Commission make new reason to believe findings upon discovering additional facts supportive of its previous reason to believe findings. Nor is there any requirement that, upon discovering additional violations against the same respondents during the course of the investigation, the

[4] Although the respondents argue that the Commission has not made a reason to believe finding with respect to disclaimer issues addressed in the General Counsel's Brief, on June 6, 1996, the Commission found that there is reason to believe that the Stockman committee violated 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). In a letter dated June 13, 1996, the Commission notified the respondents of this finding. The letter was sent to the respondents c/o their previous counsel via certified mail, return receipt requested. On June 20, 1996, this Office received the return receipt, which reflects that the letter was delivered on June 16, 1996, and accepted by an individual named Joy Narwick. Indeed, respondents refer to the June 13, 1996 letter in their response brief, p. 3 n. 4.

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Commission proceed as if the enforcement process/investigation had never commenced. See Federal Election Comm'n v. Legi-Tech, Inc., 75 F.3d 704 (D.C. Cir. 1996)(Court held Commission's post-reconstitution ratification of probable cause determination an adequate remedy for prior unconstitutional composition, finding repeat of administrative process from beginning unnecessary since Commission's consideration of merits of case would be same as in probable cause ratification); see generally Federal Election Comm'n v. NRA Political Victory Fund, 513 U.S. 88, 115 S.Ct. 537 (1994). The crux of the due process components of the statutory framework is that respondents be given notice of alleged violations, including the factual basis for the allegations, and an opportunity to respond prior to a Commission determination with respect to those allegations. Here, the briefing process has provided the respondents with such notice and opportunity to respond.[5]

B. Factual and Legal Arguments

1. Challenges to Factual Analysis Regarding Newspapers

Respondents assert that this Office has merely adopted the facts and theory set forth in the complaint in this matter, rather than objectively analyzing the evidence.

[5] In addition, respondents report that during the latest phase of discovery in this matter, "FEC counsel reacted in harsh fashion" to counsel's requests "for sufficient time for discovery...." What respondents characterize as "harsh" were simply efforts by this Office to minimize further delays in this matter. In a letter dated March 20, 1997, this Office conditioned its approval of requests for extensions of time upon receipt of representations that the respondents intended to fully comply with the Commission's subpoenas and orders. Subsequently, in a letter dated June 13, 1997, this Office refused to reschedule the final depositions in this matter to dates amounting to a nearly two-month delay, and instead offered several date combinations from which the respondents could choose. In light of the fact that the respondents previously have delayed this matter at several points including when they filed suit, and considering the fast-approaching bar of the statute of limitations, this Office's actions were necessary to keep the investigation moving quickly at this stage of the proceedings. Since current counsel began representing respondents in March, 1997, respondents have been cooperative in moving the matter along.

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While the complaint was very well-documented, this Office has obtained a significant amount of additional evidence during the course of the investigation. Contrary to respondents' assertions, this Office has objectively analyzed all of the evidence.

Respondents argue variously that the evidence "overwhelming demonstrates" that neither the Southeast Texas Statesman nor the Southeast Texas Times was owned or controlled by Mr. Stockman or his campaign committee.[6] Conversely, respondents argue that the record does not contain "a shred of evidence" supportive of this Office's conclusion that Mr. Stockman and his campaign committee controlled the newspapers. In support of their positions, the respondents consider in isolation certain items of evidence, and attempt to distract the Commission by misstating this Office's rationale and conclusions in this matter. For example, respondents assert that the General Counsel's Brief "depends on the skimpiest of evidence with respect to the issue of control, essentially arguing that if the newspaper were written in the Stockman residence, Mr. Stockman and/or his campaign committee therefore controlled it," Response Brief, p.19. This Office's analysis of the evidence of record and a description of the evidence are set forth at length in the General Counsel's Brief. (See pgs. 5-27.).

Further, respondents profess that they have offered "comments with respect to each item that the General Counsel's Brief contends would justify the conclusion that the respondents controlled the newspaper." Response Brief, p. 15. Conspicuously absent from those comments, however, is any mention of the fact that the Southeast Texas

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[6] Inasmuch as this Office has concluded only that Mr. Stockman and the Stockman committee(s) controlled the newspapers, respondents' arguments regarding the issue of ownership need not be addressed herein.

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Times' bank records were mailed to Mr. Stockman's home throughout the newspaper's existence even after Mr. Van Fleet moved out of the Stockman home; or that the mailing address on the newspaper's bank statements, which was initially the post office box used for the newspaper's business communications (acquired by Mr. Stockman specifically for that purpose), was subsequently changed to Mr. Stockman's home address.

In addition, respondents argue that this Office's statement that the Southeast Texas Times was produced in Mr. Stockman's home is misleading. Response Brief at p. 15. However, this Office's conclusion that the Southeast Texas Times was produced in Mr. Stockman's home, not only while Mr. Van Fleet lived there (January-May, 1993), but throughout the newspaper's existence, is supported by the evidence of record. Tim Frankovich testified that he met Steve Stockman in August or September of 1993, when he accompanied Mr. Van Fleet to Mr. Stockman's home "because the Southeast Texas Times was being done in Steve Stockman's garage;" and that he began working for the Southeast Texas Times within ten minutes of this initial visit and worked on the newspaper at the Stockman home almost five days a week. Frankovich Transcript, p. 116.

Respondents also argue that this Office's statement that Mr. Stockman proposed the idea that Mr. Frankovich produce the Southeast Texas Statesman is misleading and false. Response Brief, p. 25. However, Tim Frankovich specifically testified that the original idea for the Southeast Texas Statesman was a joint idea between himself and Mr. Stockman; in the same line of questioning, he testified that the idea to produce another newspaper was proposed by Mr. Stockman. See Frankovich Transcript, pgs. 36-38.

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Finally, respondents argue that the fact that the Southeast Texas Times stopped publishing in November 1993 is inconsistent with this Office's position that the newspaper was actually a component of the overall Stockman campaign effort, asserting that if the newspaper had been a campaign effort, as 1994 approached, "it should have been heating up, not winding down." Although the Southeast Texas Times ceased publication just before Mr. Stockman formally declared his candidacy, this does not negate that the newspaper was a component of the Stockman campaign effort. As the investigation has revealed, the Southeast Texas Times was controlled by Mr. Stockman and his campaign committee. During its existence, the newspaper, with its campaign-related content, conferred a recognizable benefit to the Stockman campaign. Thereafter, Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, and other Stockman campaign workers, went on to publish explicit Stockman campaign newspapers that were similar in style to the Southeast Texas Times.[7] Thus, the "operation," no longer in the indirect form of the Southeast Texas Times, did, in fact, heat up in 1994 after Stockman officially declared his candidacy.[8]

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[7] This Office obtained six issues of the campaign literature, which are entitled "Republican Voice," "Houston Post," "Black Observer," "America First," "County Clarion," and "Chronicle of Our Times," and contain pieces expressly advocating Stockman's election. At least four of the six newspapers contain the same typeface and formatting as the Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman. One of the newspapers, like the Times and the Statesman, is designated issue "Fall B," and three of the six newspapers contain "Voter Surveys" or "Issue Surveys" similar to surveys in the Times and the Statesman.

[8] In addition, contrary to the respondents' assertion, Response Brief, p.16 n.16, the General Counsel's Brief does not state that John Hart worked on the Southeast Texas Times; rather, John Hart is listed as one of several individuals who worked on one or both of the newspapers at issue. See General Counsel's Brief, p. 8. Further, respondents misstate this Office's conclusions regarding the point at which Stephen E. Stockman became a candidate. Response Brief, p. 22. This Office's conclusions in this regard are stated on pages 22-23 of the General Counsel's Brief. See also discussion, infra at Section II(B)(2).

2. Challenges to Legal Analysis Regarding Newspapers

Respondents argue that this Office erred in relying on Advisory Opinion 1990-5 since, unlike here, that opinion involved an officially declared candidate who admittedly owned and controlled the publication in question. Respondents argue that, as a result of this "misplaced reliance" on Advisory Opinion 1990-5, this Office erred in attributing all expenses associated with publishing the newspapers to the respondents. Instead, respondents argue, the expenses of the newspapers attributable to the respondents should have been allocated to include only the newspapers' campaign-related content.

Contrary to the respondents' argument, this Office's reliance on Advisory Opinion 1990-5 is proper. Advisory Opinion 1990-5 involved a candidate-controlled newsletter. The candidate inquired whether she could continue publishing the newsletter during her 1990 campaign for Congress. The question raised by the facts presented was whether the operating expenses of publishing the newsletter constituted expenditures for the purpose of influencing a Federal election and, therefore, whether payments for such expenses by any person constituted contributions under the Act.

In considering the question, the Commission noted that the newsletter was controlled by the candidate; that the newsletter was apparently inspired by the candidate's experiences as a previous candidate for Congress; that the newsletter was sent primarily to persons whom the candidate encountered during her prior campaign, many of whom were potential supporters of her candidacy; that persons involved in her campaign for Congress were also apparently involved in publishing the newsletter; and that the newsletters included articles concerning public policy issues related to political concerns.

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In light of these factors, the Commission concluded that expenses incurred in the publication and distribution of the newsletter would be considered expenditures for the purpose of influencing the candidate's election, i.e., campaign-related, if:

(1) direct or indirect reference is made to the candidacy, campaign or qualifications for public office of the candidate or his or her opponent; or

(2) reference is made to the candidate's views on public policy issues, or those of the candidate's opponent, or to any issues raised in the campaign; or

(3) distribution of the newsletter is expanded in any manner that indicates its utilization as a campaign communication.

Based on the candidate's involvement with the entirety of the newsletter operation, the Commission, rejecting an allocation approach, concluded that any campaign-related content within a particular edition would render expenses of publishing that edition to be expenditures for the purpose of influencing a Federal election under the Act.

Contrary to respondents' premise, the facts of this matter are not materially distinguishable from those in Advisory Opinion 1990-5. Here, essentially the same as in Advisory Opinion 1990-5, the evidence reflects that Mr. Stockman controlled the Southeast Texas Times; the newspaper was inspired by experiences during Mr. Stockman's previous campaign(s), i.e., perceived need for media coverage; the newspaper was distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas, where Mr. Stockman campaigned; persons involved in Mr. Stockman's previous and contemporaneous campaign for Congress were also involved in publishing the newspaper; and the newspaper included, inter alia, articles relating to political concerns.

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While Mr. Stockman had not officially declared his candidacy by filing a Statement of Candidacy during the time that the Southeast Texas Times was being published, this observation places form over substance. Mr. Stockman had indeed made the decision to become a candidate, held himself out as a candidate, and had begun campaigning by March 1993, at the latest. This is evidenced by several announcements that Mr. Stockman and/or his campaign committee placed in the Upcoming Community Events section of the Southeast Texas Times. The announcements seek contributions for the "Stockman for Congress" campaign, and/or demonstrate Mr. Stockman's efforts to qualify for the state ballot. Specifically, the April B 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times included the following announcement:

> Garage Sale:
> To benefit Stockman for Congress. April 29-30 & May 1.
> 15607 Diana in Clear Lake (Oak Brook off of El Dorado Blvd.) Contributions greatly appreciated. Come on by to visit with the campaign MOM. To donate items or to volunteer call Dee, 488-2886.

The July, July B, September, and October 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times contained similar announcements, which each sought volunteers for the Stockman for Congress campaign, and specifically sought volunteers for petition collection and distribution. Significantly, in order for the garage sale announcement to have been published in the April issue of the newspaper, the decision to organize and advertise this "Stockman for Congress" event had to have been made as early as March 1993, indicating that Mr. Stockman had already decided to run for Congress by that time. In addition, Mr. Stockman also publicized his candidacy and sought support for his campaign by hosting social events, see General Counsel's Brief, pgs. 15-16, and

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explicitly confirmed that he had already decided to become a candidate in his July 30, 1993 letter addressing "Dear Concerned American(s)," see General Counsel's Brief, pgs. 11-13. All of the foregoing reflects that, although he had not officially declared his candidacy, Mr. Stockman had indeed made the decision to become a candidate, held himself out to the public as such, and was actively campaigning during the publication of the Southeast Texas Times. Thus, this Office submits that, substantively, Advisory Opinion 1990-5 applies squarely to the facts of this matter.

In addition, the Commission's conclusions in Advisory Opinion 1990-5 are broader than the specific facts presented. The entire focus of the Commission's analysis there was to determine the publication's nexus to a campaign-related purpose; this in order to determine whether the expenses of publishing the publication would be considered to be expenditures, i.e. anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for Federal office," 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(A)(i). An individual's status as a candidate is significant in such an analysis only because a candidate is inherently tied to a campaign/federal election. Similarly, the significance of a candidate's involvement with the entirety of the operation, in the attribution of expenses of publishing editions containing campaign-related content, is that the candidate is inextricably tied to a campaign/federal election. Thus, the broader implication of Advisory Opinion 1990-5 is that where a candidate, ***or campaign for federal office***, is involved with/controls the entire operation, all of the expenses of publishing editions of the publications containing campaign-related content are considered campaign expenditures. Here, the investigation has revealed that the Stockman campaign

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committee also controlled the Southeast Texas Times and was involved in the entirety of the newspaper's operations. Given the clear nature and purpose of a campaign committee, it would be an anomalous result indeed if Advisory Opinion 1990-5 did not apply in this matter.

Respondents also argue that the General Counsel's Brief "has merely asserted that every issue of the newspaper[s] was campaign-related," and has failed to make a "specific showing" that each issue contained campaign-related content. This Office did not merely assert that every issue of the newspapers was campaign-related. Rather, this Office examined each issue of the newspapers in accordance with the criteria set forth in Advisory Opinion 1990-5 for determining whether an edition contains campaign-related content. Based on that examination, this Office concluded in the General Counsel's Brief that each issue of the newspapers contained campaign-related content. The brief specifically notes the bases for this conclusion, i.e., each issue of the newspapers contains articles addressing issues raised by Mr. Stockman in his 1994 and prior campaigns, articles regarding the qualifications of Jack Brooks, Mr. Stockman's opponent in the 1994 election, or Mr. Stockman's views on public policy issues; and both newspapers were distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas, where Mr. Stockman campaigned. This sufficiently supports this Office's conclusion that each issue of the newspapers contains campaign-related content; a "specific showing," i.e., an article-by-article discussion, is unnecessary. Notably, respondents have not demonstrated or even

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argued that this Office's conclusions are inaccurate.[9] See discussion of newspapers' content, infra.

Respondents also assert that the validity of the "campaign-related" standard of Advisory Opinion 1990-5 is "highly questionable" in light of intervening court decisions, citing generally FEC v. Christian Action Network ("CAN"), 894 F. Supp. 946 (W.D.Va. 1995), aff'd per curiam, 92 F.3d 1178 (4th Cir. 1996), and Maine Right to Life Committee v. FEC (MRLC), 914 F.Supp. 8 (D. Me. 1996), aff'd, 98 F.3d 1 (1st Cir. 1996), cert. denied, 118 S.Ct. 52 (1997). However, CAN involved independent expenditures, and neither CAN nor MRLC involves entities that are controlled by a candidate or campaign committee, as in the instant case. Courts have not treated coordinated expenditures and contributions as subject to the same level of First Amendment protection.[10]

Finally, respondents point out that even if Mr. Stockman and his campaign committee controlled the newspapers, pursuant to 11 C.F.R. § 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2), there would still not be any reportable contribution or expenditure with respect to bona fide news accounts which are part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in

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[9] Originals of all issues of the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman are available for review in the Office of the General Counsel.

[10] In Colorado Republican Campaign Committee v. FEC, 116 S.Ct. 2309, 2314-2315 (1996), the Supreme Court expressly left open the question whether First Amendment concerns permit the application of statutory limitations on coordinated party expenditures to communications involving either express advocacy or an "electioneering message," as the Court of Appeals had concluded. There is no question that the publications in question in this matter involve a clearly identified candidate and contain an electioneering message. Several of the publications also contain instances of express advocacy.

the circulation area. Respondents argue that the General Counsel's Brief erroneously takes the position that the regulations do not apply because Stockman was involved with the media entity. Respondents also state that Advisory Opinion 1990-5 "appears to be at odds" with the Commission's regulations "insofar as [it] could be read to support the position set forth in the OGC Brief."

The General Counsel's Brief does not posit that Sections 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2) do not apply in this matter. Rather, the brief treated the expenditures in this matter in accordance with the approach taken in Advisory Opinion 1990-5, in a situation involving facts similar to these. In that advisory opinion, the Commission considered the proper treatment of the expenses of a newsletter owned and controlled by a candidate. Pointing to the fact that the one-year-old newsletter was inspired by the owner's previous experiences as a candidate, was sent primarily to possible voters, and that persons working on the campaign also worked on the newsletter, the Commission concluded that any reference to the owner's candidacy or to issues closely related to her candidacy would be election-related. Pointing to the candidate's involvement in the entirety of this operation, the Commission then concluded it would not be appropriate to attempt to allocate the expenditures, apparently rejecting the idea that such a publication would be likely to include bona fide news accounts that were part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area. Inasmuch as the facts of this matter are virtually identical to those in Advisory Opinion 1990-5, see discussion supra, this Office similarly concluded that allocation of the expenditures associated with these publications was inappropriate.

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Indeed, an analysis of each publication in this matter to determine whether the news stories contained in the newspapers were a "part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area" supports the Commission's treatment of such publications. For example, as noted, the April, July, July B, September, and October 1993 issues of the Southeast Texas Times contain announcements seeking volunteers and/or contributions for Stockman for Congress; no similar announcements appear for other campaigns.

In addition, many articles in both newspapers discuss in a favorable light positions embraced by Mr. Stockman in his 1994 and earlier campaigns, and provide a negative portrayal of opposing views. Moreover, the Southeast Texas Times contains various criticisms of Stockman's 1994 opponent. For example, the February 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times contains a front-page article entitled "Clinton Team Eyes Space Station." The article reports the possibility of a cut in funding of the Space Station Freedom Project, and contains quotes of individuals criticizing opposition to continued funding of the Project. Among the quotes is one critical of Stockman opponent, then incumbent Jack Brooks' alleged inability to ward off threats of such funding cuts; Stockman favored continued funding for the Space Station Freedom's Project during his previous campaigns. The March 1993 issue of the Times contains a front-page article entitled "Clinton's Jobs Program: 10,000 to 15,000 Clear Lake Jobs Lost." The article begins "Jack Brook's credibility is again on the line ...," and discusses the benefits of the Space Station Freedom Project. The issue also contains a special 8-page supplement reporting the benefits of the Space Station Freedom Project. In addition, the March 1993

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issue contains a letter from an anonymous author and two editorials by Times staff that oppose a proposed federal economic program that included raising taxes; Stockman opposed any increase in income taxes. The April B 1993 issue contains, inter alia, articles opposing an increase in local income taxes, and an article in favor of the Space Station Freedom Project. The May 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times contains a front-page article entitled "Kay Bailey Hutchison Wins Local Endorsement." The article has a picture of Stockman and Ms. Hutchinson in the center, and is full of quotes of Stockman's views on public policy issues. The issue also contains, inter alia, an editorial by Jeff Van Fleet critical of Jack Brooks, and an article opposing legislation of gun control measures; Stockman opposed gun control. The June 1993 issue contains, inter alia, an article discussing the Space Station Freedom Project, and an editorial critical of Jack Brooks. The June issue also contains an article entitled "Popular Host John Matthews Addresses Clear Lake Group," which features a picture of the host and Stockman's wife, and reports, inter alia, the host's pro-Space Station views. The July 1993 issue contains a front-page picture of Stockman and his wife surrounded by American flags at a Fourth of July parade, and an article on victim's rights that contains a Stockman quote. The July B 1993 issue contains, inter alia, a supplement on the Space Station Program, that includes pictures of Stockman and numerous Stockman quotes. The September and October 1993 issues of the Times similarly contain favorable consideration of positions embraced by Stockman during his campaigns, and/or negative discussions of opposing views.

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The Southeast Texas Statesman similarly contains pro-Stockman pieces that do not provide balanced coverage. The February A, 1995 issue of the Southeast Texas Statesman contains a front-page article entitled "The Contract: Will it Pass," which includes a prominent picture of Stockman among Congressional candidates and incumbents; an article entitled "Stockman Leads Assault on Weapons Ban;" and a Stockman "Thank You" ad to his campaign volunteers. The February B issue of the Statesman contains, inter alia, articles regarding the progress of the House Republicans' Contract with America, and an editorial deflecting criticism of Stockman. The March 1995 issue contains, inter alia, an article favoring a balanced budget amendment, an editorial favoring parental notification for minors seeking abortions, and an article opposing gun control; all positions embraced by Stockman during his campaigns. The April 1995 issue contains, inter alia, a front-page article discussing Stockman's votes on proposed constitutional amendments on term limits; an article entitled "Stockman Aids Embattled Range Owner;" and an announcement of a Stockman town hall meeting. The May 1995 issue of the Statesman contains, inter alia, a front-page article entitled "Media Slanders Stockman," and an editorial "'Why Me?' Stockman Under Attack," addressing alleged media bias against Stockman. While the February B and the May 1995 issues of the Statesman contain editorials that oppose term limits, an issue that Stockman favored during his campaigns, these inclusions fail to redress the lack of neutrality inherent in the newspaper.

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3. **Political Won Stop**

The respondents argue, contrary to this Office's position, that the relationship between the Stockman committee and Political Won Stop meets the criteria upon which the Commission relied in Advisory Opinion 1983-25, in determining that payments to a media consulting firm by a campaign committee could properly be reported as such, with no further itemization detailing the ultimate payee.

In support of their assertion, respondents point out that the Stockman committee and Political Won Stop had an informal agreement. However, the Commission deemed a ***formal contract*** to be a significant factor in its determination in Advisory Opinion 1983-25. Respondents further point out that the Stockman committee was not Political Won Stop's exclusive client, and that the firm had several non-related clients. As noted in the General Counsel's Brief, however, PWS' relationship with other clients was dramatically less significant than its relationship with the Stockman committee, as evidenced by the amount of payments received from such clients during the same time period, which ranged from $350 to $1,206.[11] While respondents state that the "Political Won Stop issue involved a relatively small amount of money," during the course of the Stockman committee's relationship with Political Won Stop, the committee paid Political Won Stop approximately $470,000.

In addition, the respondents argue that the Stockman committee' designation of payments to Political Won Stop as "consulting services" or "fundraising services" met

[11] Among the firm's other clients were Jeff Van Fleet, who worked on Stockman's campaigns and the Southeast Texas Times, and Tommy Frankovich, the father of Tim Frankovich, who worked on Stockman's 1994 campaign, and both the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman.

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the requirement of a brief statement or description of why the disbursement was made under 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A), as a matter of law. Contrary to respondents' assertion, even if the relationship between Political Won Stop and the Stockman committee were such that reporting the ultimate payee was not required, in Advisory Opinion 1983-25, the Commission conditioned it approval of the less-detailed reporting on the requirement that the committee provide "an adequate description of the underlying purpose of each expenditure to the consultants." "Consulting services" and "fundraising services" do not adequately describe the underlying purpose of such expenditures, see 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Moreover, if the Commission had deemed "Consulting services" to be an adequate description, there would have been no need for the Commission to specifically require that campaign committees provide an adequate description of the underlying purpose of each expenditure to consultants.

III. DISCUSSION OF CONCILIATION PROVISIONS AND CIVIL PENALTY

Attached for the Commission's approval is a proposed joint conciliation agreement

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IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

2. Find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1).

3. Find probable cause to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a).

4. Find probable cause to believe that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a).

5. Take no further action with respect to Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times and close the file with respect to these respondents.

6. Take no further action against Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman and close the file with respect to these respondents.

7. Take no further action against Citizens for Honesty in Government and close the file with respect to this respondent.

8. Approve the attached conciliation agreement.

12/2/97
Date

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Attachments
1. Correspondence
2. Conciliation Agreement

Staff Assigned: Tracey L. Ligon

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman;	)	MUR 3847
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer;	)	
Jeff Van Fleet, Southeast Texas Times;	)	
Tim Frankovich, Southeast Texas Statesman;	)	
Citizens for Honesty in Government.	)	

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AMENDED CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on December 5, 1997, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f).

2. Find probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1).

3. Find probable cause to believe that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a).

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7. Take no further action against Citizens for Honesty in Government and close the file with respect to this respondent.

8. Approve the conciliation agreement, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated December 2, 1997.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, McGarry, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

12-8-97
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

Received in the Secretariat: Tues., Dec. 02, 1997 3:05 p.m.
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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December 8, 1997

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Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
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Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

Dear Counsel:

On December 5, 1997, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(e)(1) and 441a(f); and that Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

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If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact Tracey L. Ligon, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

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Conciliation Agreement

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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December 11, 1997

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Re: MUR 3847
Tim Frankovich and the
Southeast Texas Statesman

Dear Ms. Coogan:

On June 13, 1996, your client, Tim Frankovich, was notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that he and the Southeast Texas Statesman violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Responses to the Commission's reason to believe finding and discovery requests were subsequently submitted.

After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on December 5, 1997, to take no further action against Mr. Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman and closed the file as it pertains to them. The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

December 16, 1997

William J. Olson, Esquire
John S. Miles, Esquire
William J. Olson, P.C.
8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 1070
McLean, Virginia 22102-3823

Re: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as Treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as Treasurer

Dear Counsel:

In a letter dated December 8, 1997, this Office advised you that the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe that your clients, referenced above, have violated provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. As stated in that letter, the Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days.

This is to further advise you that the Commission's ability to engage in conciliation efforts for more than 30 days is precluded in this matter due to statute of limitations considerations. Accordingly, if we are unable to reach an agreement within 30 days, and the statute of limitations is not waived by your clients, this Office will recommend to the Commission no later than January 16, 1998, that the Commission institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty. We wanted to advise you of this fact just to make sure you are aware how short a time period we currently have to attempt to settle this matter. We hope that you will contact us soon so we can explore the possibility of a settlement.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon

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December 11, 1997

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RE: MUR 3847
Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times

Dear Counsel:

On June 26, 1995, your client, Jeff Van Fleet, was notified that the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that he and the Southeast Texas Times violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and 441d(a). Responses to the Commission's reason to believe findings and discovery requests were subsequently submitted.

After considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission determined on December 5, 1997, to take no further action against Mr. Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, and closed the file as it pertains to them. The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved.

You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3690.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

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January 2, 1998

TRACEY LIGON
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
999 E STREET N W
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MUR 3847

Re: Records of Jeff Van Fleet
Bank of America File Number 97-14220

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Please find enclosed photocopies of documents assembled in response to the above-referenced individual.

If you need further assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (214)651-2753.

Sincerely,

Debra Ann Egan

Debra Ann Egan
Operations Manager
Legal Research Department

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Bank of America

BUSINESS RECORDS AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Debra Ann Egan who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

My name is Debra Ann Egan I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

I am the acting custodian of the records of BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A.. Attached hereto are 4 pages of records from BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. These said 4 pages of the records are kept by BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. in the regular course of business, and it was the course of business of BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. for an employee or representative of BANK OF AMERICA TEXAS, N. A. with the knowledge of the act, event, condition, opinion, or diagnosis, recorded to make the record or to transmit information thereof to be included in such record; and the record was made at or near the time or reasonably soon thereafter. The records attached hereto are the original or exact duplicates of the original.

Debra Ann Egan
Affiant - Debra Ann Egan

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 2nd day of January, 1998.

Camille H. Johnson
Notary Public in and for
Dallas County, Texas

CAMILLE H. JOHNSON
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
November 10, 2001

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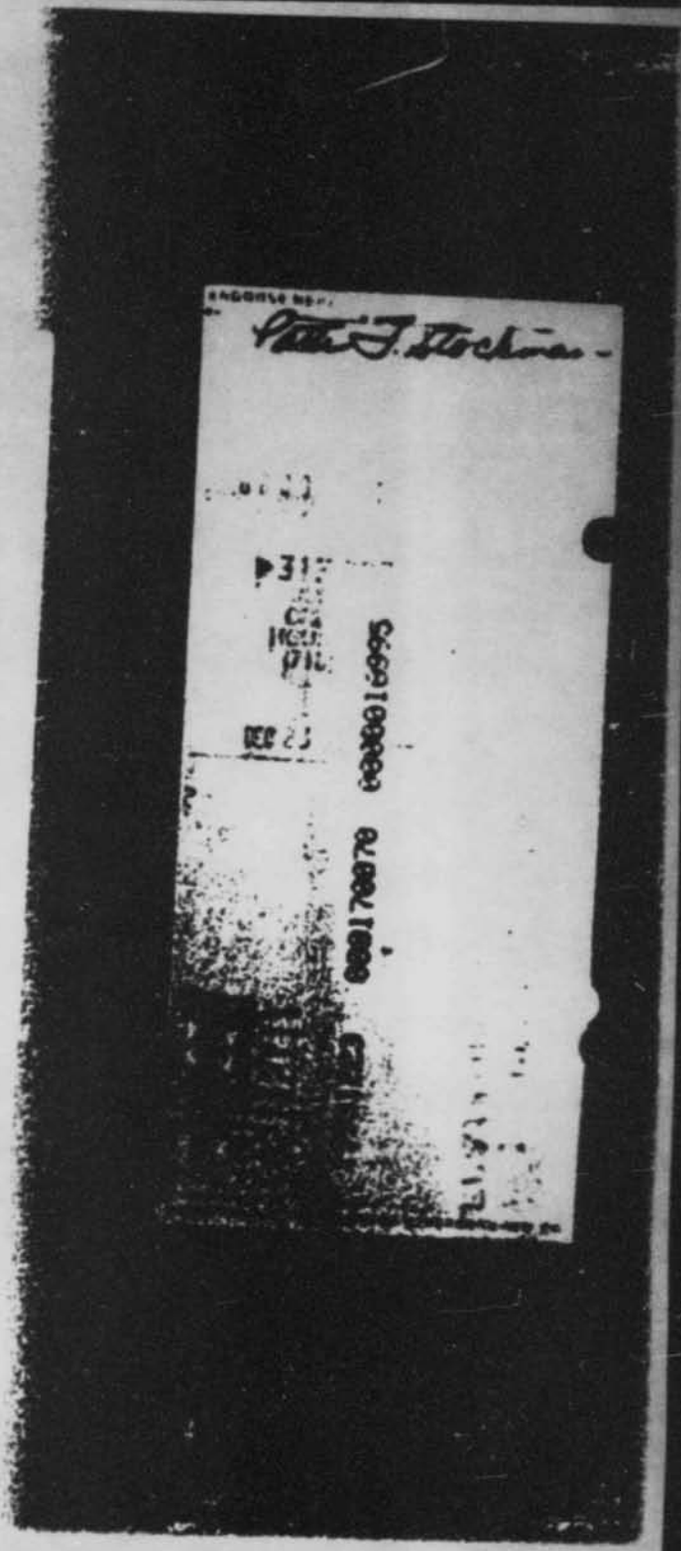

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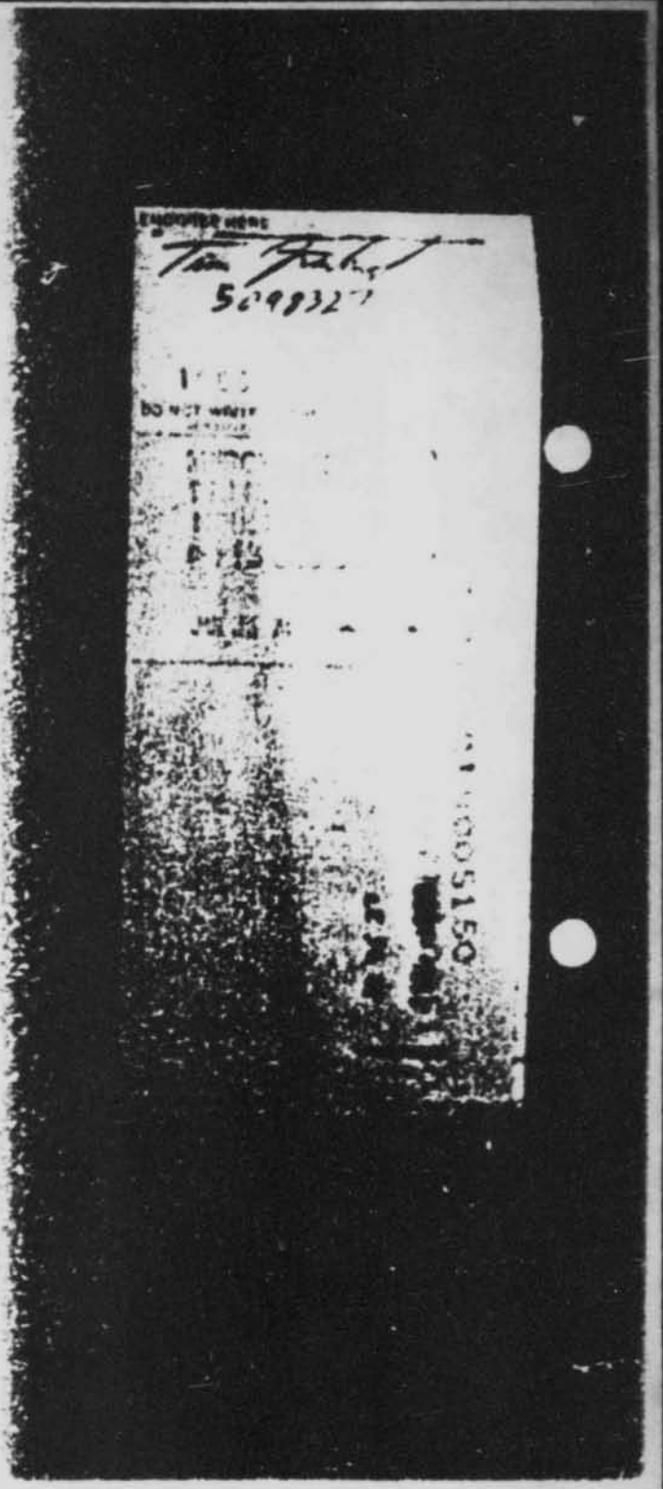

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CONFIDENTIAL

March 9, 1998
By fax to (202) 219-3923
and by mail

Tracey L. Ligon, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

In the meantime, we have executed the enclosed Consent, whereby we waive the statute of limitations on behalf of the respondents with respect to the period January 12 through April 26, 1998, as set forth more precisely in the Consent.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Miles

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman	)	
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Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	
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Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
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CONSENT TO EXTEND THE TIME TO INSTITUTE A CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT SUIT

The above named respondents hereby consent to extend the time to institute a civil law enforcement suit for the period for three months and fourteen days, from January 12, 1998, to April 26, 1998, with respect to any suit instituted by the Commission regarding MUR 3847 pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(6). It is expressly understood that this consent applies only to civil actions which otherwise would have expired during the period January 12, 1998 - April 26, 1998, and not to any actions or causes of action which would have expired either before January 12, 1998, or after April 26, 1998.

William J. Olson, Esquire — Date: March 9, 1998

John S. Miles, Esquire — Date: March 9, 1998

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April 14, 1998
By fax to (202) 219-3923
and by mail

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Abigail A. Shaine, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Counsel:

We have also enclosed, at your suggestion, an additional Consent, extending the time for suit until May 15, 1998. Although our previous Consent extended the time until April 26, you suggested that an additional period of time to present the matter to the Commission would be desirable.

We appreciate your efforts to attempt to resolve this matter, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Stephen E. Stockman	)	
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Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	MUR 3847
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Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
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William J. Olson — Date: 4/14/98

John S. Miles — Date: 4/14/98

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION **SENSITIVE**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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I. BACKGROUND

This matter was initiated by a signed sworn complaint filed with the Commission by Stephen M. Clifford on December 27, 1993. In addition, on June 5, 1996, based on information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Commission voted to open a Pre-MUR which was subsequently merged with this matter. On December 5, 1997, the Commission found probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. § 432(e)(1) by failing to timely file a Statement of Candidacy, and that Stockman and his campaign committees -- Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, and Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer -- violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting excessive contributions in the form of advertisements, announcements and news coverage. The Commission also found probable cause to believe that the Stockman campaign committees violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b) by committing various reporting violations, including failing to adequately itemize payments to a political consulting firm, and

2 U.S.C. § 441d(a) by failing to include a proper disclaimer on campaign communications.[1] The Commission simultaneously approved a joint conciliation agreement

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[1] In addition, the Commission decided to take no further action and close the file with respect to Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman, and Citizens for Honesty in Government.

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this Office recommends that the Commission accept the respondents' counteroffer.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with respondents.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file.

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

4/16/98
Date

BY: _____
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Attachments:
1. Conciliation Agreement
2. Financial Documents of John Hart
3. Financial Documents of Stephen E. Stockman

Staff Assigned: Tracey L. Ligon

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

TO: LAWRENCE M. NOBLE
GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM MARJORIE W. EMMONS/VENESHE FEREBEE-VINES
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DATE: APRIL 21, 1998

SUBJECT: MUR 3847 - General Counsel's Report
dated April 16, 1998.

The above-captioned document was circulated to the Commission on **Friday, April 17, 1998**.

Objection(s) have been received from the Commissioner(s) as indicated by the name(s) checked below:

Commissioner Aikens	—
Commissioner Elliott	—
Commissioner McDonald	XXX
Commissioner McGarry	—
Commissioner Thomas	XXX

This matter will be placed on the meeting agenda for **Tuesday, April 28, 1998**.

Please notify us who will represent your Division before the Commission on this matter.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman;	)	
Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer;	)	
Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer	)	

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on May 19, 1998, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in MUR 3847:

1. Accept the conciliation agreement with respondents as recommended in the General Counsel's April 16, 1998 report.

2. Approve the appropriate letters as recommended in the General Counsel's April 16, 1998 report.

3. Close the file.

Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, and Thomas voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner McGarry did not cast a vote.

Attest:

5-20-98
Date

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary of the Commission

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 2, 1998

Mr. Stephen M. Clifford
Campaign Consultant to the Friends of LeCour
2522 Tall Ships
Friendswood, Texas 77546

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Clifford:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") on December 29, 1993, concerning possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

After conducting an investigation in this matter, the Commission found that there was probable cause to believe that Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(e)(1) and 441a(f), and that Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Friends of Steve Stockman and John Hart, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a). On May 19, 1998, a conciliation agreement signed by the respondents was accepted by the Commission, thereby concluding the matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed the file in this matter on May 19, 1998. A copy of this agreement is enclosed for your information.

Previously, on December 5, 1997, the Commission decided to take no further action and close the file with respect to Jeff Van Fleet and the Southeast Texas Times, Tim Frankovich and the Southeast Texas Statesman, and Citizens for Honesty in Government

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. Please note that the civil penalty is due, according to the terms outlined in the conciliation agreement, within 30 days of the conciliation agreement's effective date. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

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Conciliation Agreement

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 1, 1998

Kathryn A. Wood, Treasurer
Fields for Senate
P.O. Box 2828
Humble, TX 77347

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Wood:

This is to advise you that this matter is now closed. The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 1, 1998

Joe Terry Rye, Treasurer
Wright for Senate Committee
3008 Schlottman
Brenham, TX 77833

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Mr. Rye:

This is to advise you that this matter is now closed. The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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Sincerely,

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 1, 1998

President
The Clear Lake Area
Young Conservatives of Texas
45 Lazy Lane
Kemah, TX 77565

RE: MUR 3847

Dear Madam or Sir:

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Sincerely,

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P.O. Box 7505
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RE: MUR 3847
Tim Frankovich and the
Southeast Texas Statesman

Dear Ms. Coogan:

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
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Sincerely,

Tracey L. Ligon
Attorney

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June 2, 1998

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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer

Dear Counsel:

On May 19, 1998, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of violations of 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(f), 441d(a), 432(e)(1), and 434(b), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondents and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
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Friends of Steve Stockman and	)	MUR 3847
John Hart, as treasurer	)	
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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn, and notarized complaint from Stephen Clifford. An investigation was conducted and the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") found probable cause to believe that Respondent Stephen E. Stockman violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 432(e)(1) and 441a(f); and that Respondents Stockman for Congress and Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer, and Respondents Friends of Steve Stockman, and John Hart, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 434(b), 441a(f), and 441d(a).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having duly entered into conciliation pursuant to 2 U.S.C., § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i), do hereby agree for purposes of settlement as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a) (4) (A) (i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

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IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. Friends of Steve Stockman (hereinafter "respondent committee") is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4).

2. John Hart is the Treasurer of Friends of Steve Stockman.

3. Respondent committee has been the principal campaign committee of Stephen E. Stockman with respect to all campaigns and elections since 1992.

4. Stephen E. Stockman was a federal candidate in the 1994 primary and general elections in Texas' ninth congressional district, and in the 1996 general election and special election in the same district.

5. The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), provides that no person may contribute more than $1,000 to any candidate and his authorized political committee for any single election for federal office. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). Under the Act, the term contribution includes, *inter alia*, expenditures made by any person in cooperation with the candidate, his authorized political committees, or their agents, including expenditures incurred in financing the dissemination and distribution of any written campaign materials prepared by the candidate, his authorized committees or their agents. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(7)(B). However, the Act and regulations exempt costs associated with the production of news stories, commentaries, or editorials, distributed through newspapers and other periodical publications, from the definition of a contribution and expenditure, as long as the media entity is not owned or controlled by a political committee or a candidate. 2 U.S.C. § 431(9)(B)(i); 11 C.F.R. § 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2). Where it is so owned or controlled, the costs for a news story is not a contribution or expenditure if the news story represents a bona fide news account

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communicated in a publication of general circulation and which is part of a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area. 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.7(b)(2) and 100.8(b)(2).

6. The Southeast Texas Times is a newspaper that was distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas between February and November of 1993. Each of the nine issues of the Southeast Texas Times contained Stockman articles related to the Stockman campaign. The Southeast Texas Times did not contain a general pattern of campaign-related news accounts which give reasonably equal coverage to all opposing candidates in the circulation area.

7. Individuals associated with respondent committee had involvement with the Southeast Texas Times. Respondent committee controlled the Southeast Texas Times. Accordingly, the Southeast Texas Times was not an activity independent from the 1994 Stockman campaign for federal office, but rather a component of the overall campaign effort.

8. Expenditures by the Southeast Texas Times associated with producing the nine issues of the Southeast Texas Times totaled $14,336.09. Respondent committee accepted these in-kind contributions, and failed to report them.

9. The Southeast Texas Statesman was a similar newspaper distributed in the 9th Congressional District of Texas between January and May of 1995. Expenditures associated with producing the five issues of the Southeast Texas Statesman totaled at least $3,200.00. Respondent committee accepted these in-kind contributions, and failed to report them.

10. From January 1993 through September 1993, the Southeast Texas Times carried newspaper space constituting advertising on behalf of Friends of Steve Stockman.

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11. Respondent committee did not report the value of advertising provided by the Southeast Texas Times in its reports to the Federal Election Commission.

12. In addition, items published in the Southeast Texas Times in furtherance of Mr. Stockman's candidacy contained no disclaimer, as required by 2. U.S.C. sec. 441d(a).

13. The Act requires that whenever any person pays for a communication which either expressly advocates the election or defeat of a particularly identified candidate, or solicits any contribution, through any newspaper or other type of general public political advertising, the communication must clearly state who paid for, and who authorized the communication. 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a). A communication will be considered to contain express advocacy where, inter alia, magic words such as "vote for" and "support" are used, or campaign slogans appear which "in context can have no other reasonable meaning than to urge the election or defeat of one or more clearly identified candidates," for example "Clinton/Gore" or "Dole '96." 11 C.F.R. § 100.22(a). The Commission's regulations also require that a disclaimer appear and be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner to give the reader adequate notice of the identity of the persons who paid for and authorized the communication. 11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1).

14. An advertisement soliciting contributions for Stephen E. Stockman's campaign was published in the April B, 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times. The advertisement states, in part: "Garage Sale to benefit 'Stockman for Congress'... To Donate items or to volunteer call Dee"... The advertisement solicits contributions for Stockman's campaign through advertising to the general public, yet bears no disclaimer indicating who paid for and authorized the communication.

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15. The "Chronicle of Our Times" is a Stockman campaign communication formatted to resemble a newspaper, that was distributed in the fall of 1994. The "Chronicle" contains multiple examples of express advocacy, including the statements: "Even if you vote Straight Ticket ... Vote Stockman for U.S. Congress;" "Our Future Our Choice, Vote Stockman;" and "Now More Than Ever, Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress." The Chronicle contains a disclaimer on the twelfth and final page stating that the communication was "Paid for by the National Republican Congressional Committee, Authorized by Friends of Steve Stockman." The entire communication was not paid for by the NRCC; the disclaimer at the bottom of the twelfth page of the "Chronicle of Our Times" is inaccurate. The "Chronicle of Our Times" contains no disclaimer that accurately indicates who paid for the communication.

16. The Act requires that political committees file periodic reports with the Commission which disclose the name and address of each person to whom expenditures aggregating more than $200 within the calendar year are made by the reporting committee to meet a candidate or committee operating expense, together with the date, amount, and purpose of each such operating expenditure. 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(5)(A). "Purpose" means a brief statement or description of why the disbursement was made. 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b)(4)(i)(A). Examples of statements or descriptions which meet the requirements include the phrases such as "dinner expenses, media, salary, polling, travel, party fees, phone banks, travel expenses, travel expense reimbursement, and catering costs." However, statements or descriptions such as "advance, election day expenses, other expenses, expenses, expense reimbursement, miscellaneous, outside service, get-out-the-vote and voter registration" would not meet the requirements for the reporting of the purpose of an expenditure. Id.

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17. In Advisory Opinion 1983-25, the Commission determined that payments to a media consulting firm by a campaign committee could properly be reported as such, with no further itemization detailing the ultimate payee, provided an adequate description of the underlying purpose of each expenditure to the consultants was reported. In determining to view the consulting firm as a vendor of services to the committee and permitting payments to the consulting firm to be reported as expenditures with no further itemization of the ultimate payees, the Commission relied on several significant factors, including the fact that the consulting firm was a corporation with a legal existence separate and distinct from the operation of the committee; the consulting firm's principals did not hold any staff position with the committee; and the campaign committee had conducted arm's length negotiations with the firm and planned to enter a formal contract.

18. Political Won Stop (PWS) is a consulting firm that was registered as a proprietorship, which under Texas law is considered an "assumed name," in Brazoria County, Texas in December 1995. Chris Cupit, a volunteer for Stephen E. Stockman's 1994 campaign, and Jason Posey are the principals of PWS. PWS did consulting work for various political candidates or committees, although its relationship with other clients was substantially less significant, in terms of the amount of income generated, than its relationship with the Stockman campaign. Respondent committee hired PWS on a commission/fee basis. There was no formal/written contract constructing the relationship between PWS and respondent committee. Mr. Cupit held himself out to the public as holding a staff position within the Stockman campaign. In 1996, during the course of the Stockman campaign's relationship with PWS, Mr.

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Cupit was listed on the Texas Republican Party's internet web site as the Stockman campaign's contact person, and identified himself as Stockman's campaign manager.

19. PWS used Stephen E. Stockman's campaign headquarters and equipment in connection with its consulting work for the Stockman campaign. PWS employed several individuals that also worked on Stockman's campaign. Respondent committee paid PWS approximately $470,000, which the firm, in turn, disbursed to, inter alia, third party vendors. Respondent committee reported the purpose of virtually all of its payments to PWS as "consulting," "consulting fees," "consulting services," or "fundraising services."

20. Respondent committee was required by statute as interpreted by the FEC to itemize the ultimate payee in connection with services provided by PWS to the committee.

21. Respondent committee's reporting of disbursements to Political Won Stop did not provide a full description of the underlying purpose of the disbursement.

22. Respondent committee did not report the following disbursements: a $3,867.27 disbursement to Jolly Printing in December 1993; a $2,200 disbursement to John Hart in January 1994; a $2,400 disbursement to Stouse Signs in October 1994; an $8,000 disbursement to Pat Kenny - Ken Group in January 1996; and a $700 disbursement in April 1995 to Rabih Zeidan.

23. Respondent committee failed to report approximately $2,800 in direct contributions from the National Republican Congressional Committee.

24. Respondent committee incorrectly reported the purpose of the following disbursements: a $1,260 payment to Jeff Van Fleet on September 21, 1992, for a purpose listed

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as "consulting;" and $1,000 and $1,500 payments to Jeff Van Fleet on January 26, 1995 and May 31, 1995, respectively, for a purpose listed as "payment of debt."

25. Respondent committee cumulated disbursements to a vendor within a reporting period, and did not report some disbursements under $200, regardless of the aggregate amount disbursed to persons within the calendar year.

26. Respondents contend that any violation was not a knowing and/or willful violation. The Commission did not make any knowing or willful findings.

V. Respondent committee and John Hart, as Treasurer, admit the following:

1. Respondent committee and John Hart, as Treasurer, accepted in-kind contributions from the Southeast Texas Times and the Southeast Texas Statesman, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), and failed to report these contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

2. Respondent committee and John Hart, as Treasurer, failed to include a proper disclaimer on a communication which contained express advocacy in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a); and failed to include a proper disclaimer on a communication which solicited contributions in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441d(a).

3. Respondent committee and John Hart, as Treasurer, failed to itemize the ultimate payee of and adequately report the underlying purpose of disbursements to a consulting firm in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b); failed to report various disbursements and contributions; incorrectly reported the purpose of various disbursements; cumulated disbursements to a vendor within a reporting period; and failed to report certain disbursements under $200 regardless of the aggregate amount disbursed to persons within the calendar year, all in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(b).

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VI. Respondent committee and John Hart, as Treasurer, will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars ($40,000), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. sec. 437g(a)(5)(A), such penalty to be paid as follows:

1. One initial payment of $7,000 due thirty days from the date that this agreement becomes effective;

2. Thereafter, beginning on the first day of the following month if this agreement becomes effective during the first five days of a month, otherwise beginning on the first day of the third month following the month of the effective date of this agreement, eleven consecutive monthly installment payment of $3,000 each;

3. Each such installment shall be paid on the first day of the month in which it becomes due.

4. In the event that any installment payment is not received by the Commission by the fifth day of the month in which it becomes due, the Commission may, at its discretion, accelerate the remaining payments and cause the entire amount to become due upon ten days written notice to the respondents. Failure by the Commission to accelerate the payments with regard to any overdue installment shall not be construed as a waiver of its right to do so with regard to future overdue installment.

VII. Respondent committee, and John Hart, as Treasurer, will amend respondent committee's disclosure reports to correct improper entries and report omitted items specifically described herein.

VIII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. sec. 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance

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with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

IX. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

X. Respondent committee and John Hart, as Treasurer, shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission, provided that payments may be made as set forth in part VI above.

XI. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement in resolution of the pending MUR 3847, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party of by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

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FOR THE COMMISSION:

By: _____ 6/2/98
Lawrence Noble
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Date

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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

June 9, 1998

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RE: MUR 3847
Stephen E. Stockman
Friends of Steve Stockman and
John Hart, as treasurer
Stockman for Congress and
Stephen E. Stockman, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Miles:

This is a follow-up to your letter dated June 9, 1998, wherein you refer to our telephone conversation regarding, *inter alia*, the time at which the respondents must comply with the requirements of the conciliation agreement in this matter. Please be advised that the Federal Election Commission has not agreed "that July 6, 1998, shall be considered the due date (for receipt of the amended reports and first installment of the agreed penalty amount) under paragraph X of the Conciliation Agreement," as stated in your letter.

Rather, as I stated, the effective date of the conciliation agreement is governed by the language of the agreement, which sets it at the date that "all parties have executed the agreement and the Commission has approved the entire agreement." Here, the effective date is June 2, 1998. Thus, pursuant to paragraph X of the agreement, the due date for compliance is July 2, 1998. However, given the fact that July 3 - 5, 1998, is a holiday weekend and Commission staff, therefore, will not have considered any submission from the respondents until July 6, 1998, in any event, the Office of the General Counsel is willing to accept as timely compliance implemented by July 6, 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact me on (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Re: MUR 3847

Dear Tracy:

This will acknowledge receipt by this office on June 4, 1998, of the executed Conciliation Agreement you sent regarding the above-referenced matter, and will confirm our conversations yesterday regarding the 30-day compliance provisions.

As you know, we are concerned about a possible dispute regarding the amendment of certain reports, and are relying on you, based upon our discussions with you during negotiations, to help guide us through the report amendment process. As we agreed with you yesterday, we will contact you later this week or early next week, in an effort to pinpoint the specific changes that the FEC contends should be made.

This will also confirm your representation regarding the timing of the initial 30-day compliance period, and that the FEC agrees that July 6, 1998, shall be considered the due date (for receipt of the amended reports and first installment of the agreed penalty amount) under paragraph X of the Conciliation Agreement.

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Please let me know immediately if you feel the above does not reflect the substance of our discussions yesterday. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Miles

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The deposition of WILLIAM JEFFREY VAN FLEET, called for examination by counsel for the Federal Election Commission in the above-entitled matter, pursuant to Notice, in the offices of the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., convened at 9:30 a.m., before Paula J. Eastes, a notary public in and for the District of Columbia, when were present on behalf of the parties:

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(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)

Whereupon,

WILLIAM JEFFREY VAN FLEET

was called for examination by counsel for the Federal Election Commission and, having been first duly sworn by the notary public, was examined and testified as follows:

MR. CARON: Did you bring your mini tape recorder?

THE WITNESS: Yes. I did.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: That is not permitted at FEC depositions. It's just not.

MR. CARON: We had a briefing on how the deposition works anyway and I am satisfied with it.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: This deposition is being taken pursuant to a Federal Election Commission subpoena issued in connection with an investigation under Section 437(g) of Title 2 of the United States Code. The statute provides that the

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confidentiality of this investigation must be maintained until the Commission closes its file. The Commission has civil jurisdiction over the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

This investigation is designated Matter Under Review, MUR, No. 3847.

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. My name is Caryn Zimmerman. I am an attorney with the Office of the General Counsel, and I am here on behalf of the Federal Election Commission. With me are Abigail Shaine and Elizabeth Stein, also of the Office of the General Counsel.

I will be asking you a series of questions under oath. These questions won't necessarily be limited just to your involvement, but also to the involvement of others and conversations you have had with others.

If you don't understand a question, let me know and I will attempt to rephrase it. If you

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don't hear a question, certainly let me know and I will speak up and repeat the question.

If you realize at any point that an answer you have given is incomplete or inaccurate, stop me, let me know, and I will give you an opportunity to supplement your original response. If you don't stop me and ask for that opportunity to supplement a response, I will assume that your previous response was accurate and complete.

Again, as you see there is a court reporter here writing everything down. I would ask that you respond verbally, try not to nod your head. I know there is a strong temptation to do that sometimes.

A. Sure.

Q. Do you understand everything so far?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you have any questions?

A. At this point, no, not right now.

Q. Have you ever given sworn testimony before, either at a deposition or at trial?

A. No. I haven't.

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Q. Aside from your attorney, have you discussed the fact that you would be appearing for this deposition with anyone else?

A. My wife. Just that I was coming up here.

Q. Have you discussed it with anyone else?

A. No.

Q. Have you discussed it with Steve Stockman?

A. No.

Well, he knew I was coming up here. Yes. I told him I was coming up here for a deposition. Yes.

Q. You told him that yourself?

A. Yes.

Q. When was that?

A. That was the night before last.

Q. And did you initiate that call or did he call you?

A. I called.

Q. What else did you discuss besides the fact that you would be here?

A. We talked about the convention, the

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national convention.

Q. Did you discuss the substance of this case?

A. No.

Q. Anyone else? Did you discuss it perhaps with Patti Martin?

A. No.

Q. Anyone associated with the Stockman campaign?

A. No. Not that I recall.

MR. CARON: That is a pretty broad question. Can you put that in a time frame?

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Since you were notified that this deposition would be taking place, have you discussed the fact of the deposition?

A. No.

MR. CARON: Much better. Thank you.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Has anyone from the Stockman campaign contacted you regarding this matter?

A. No.

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Q. Have you ever discussed this case, other than the phone call two days ago with Steve Stockman?

MR. CARON: The case or the deposition?

THE WITNESS: Yes. The case or the deposition? Which one?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: The case.

MR. CARON: We discussed it.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: I am going to stop your answer for one minute.

I would ask that you not consult with your client in between my question and his answer.

If you don't understand a question, you are aware that you can ask me to rephrase it; is that right?

THE WITNESS: Sure. Okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Thank you.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Since you first received the complaint, which would be in probably late '93 or January of '94 --

A. January '94.

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Q. -- did you discuss this matter with Steve Stockman?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you first discuss it with him?

A. When I received the complaint.

Q. What was the substance of your conversation?

A. As far as I can recall, when I got my complaint I believe he also received a package, from what I am aware.

We kind of thought one of his primary opponents in the primary of 1994 had filed a complaint and we thought it was funny because of that. We had discussed that, that it was a diversionary tactic, something to try to keep Congressman Stockman busy during the campaign.

Q. That is what your interpretation and Mr. Stockman's interpretation of the complaint was?

A. That was our discussion. That was my interpretation. As far as Congressman Stockman's interpretation, you would have to ask him about that.

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Q. That was one conversation. Have you had any other conversations with him regarding the complaint?

A. Other than just talking about what is happening on it, what is going on with it, have you heard anything, no.

Q. When you say what is going on with it, could you be more specific?

A. Sure.

Well, I know after the initial response from the first time we got the interrogatories from you guys, after I supplied my answers we didn't hear anything else for it seemed like two years or more.

I don't recall when during that two years, but I know sometime during those two years or so it seemed that I asked what is going on with this, have you heard anything about it because I have not heard anything, what are they doing with it. That was the gist of our conversations.

Q. So from the time you first responded to the interrogatories, until you next heard from the

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Commission, that was the substance waiting to hear from us, have you heard anything?

A. Yes.

Q. Since you heard from us more recently, and that would be with the notice or the subpoena for this deposition, what were your more recent conversations with Mr. Stockman regarding this case?

A. I can't recall any specifics. I think there were a series of interrogatories between there.

Q. Did you ever compare notes or discuss what you each would be telling the Commission?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. Did you ever compare information that you received or requests for information that you received from the Commission?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. In preparing for this deposition, did you review any documents?

A. Barry had shown me a copy, I guess of the first responses to the interrogatories back in

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19 -- that was early 1994 when I sent those in. The initial response to the interrogatories, I hadn't had a copy of those. Barry had a copy, so I looked over those.

Q. Just to clarify something, the first responses to interrogatories were submitted by you in 1995, in the summer of '95. In early '94 you filed a response to the complaint.

A. Okay. I'm sorry.

Q. Is that what you are referring to?

A. That is what I am talking about.

Q. You are referring to the response?

A. I considered those interrogatories, too. I'm sorry.

Q. So, you reviewed your original response to the complaint?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you review any other documents?

A. No.

Q. Have you brought any documents here with you today?

A. Other than this copy of the general

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objections, no, I have not.

Q. You are referring to a document prepared by your counsel, Mr. Caron?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you been in contact with anyone who claims to have been subpoenaed by the Federal Election Commission in regard to this matter?

A. No. I have not.

Q. Do you know anyone else who has been subpoenaed by the Commission at all?

A. I am aware that some depositions were taken last week in Texas because I was trying to get my deposition scheduled for down there as well. But as far as the individuals involved, I don't recall.

Q. You don't know who those individuals were?

A. Was it John Hart or Tim?

Q. I am asking you the question.

A. I believe. I think that is who was involved last week, but I'm not sure.

Q. Did you speak to the individuals you

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believe were subpoenaed?

A. No. I did not.

Q. Could you please state your full name and spell your last name for the record?

A. Sure. It's William Jeffrey Van Fleet. V as in Victor, A-N, F as in Frank, L-E-E-T.

Q. Have you ever been known by any other name?

A. I go by Jeff.

Q. Can you tell me your current home address?

A. 315 Sergeant, Vidor, Texas 77662.

Q. How long have you been there?

A. Since November of 1995.

Q. Where did you reside before that?

A. In Burke, Virginia.

Q. Burke?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall your address there?

A. 9530 Burdett.

Q. How long were you living in Burke?

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A. Eleven months.

Q. And before that?

A. I lived in Webster. I can't recall the address. I still have it on my license.

It was 1801 West Bay Area Boulevard, I believe.

Q. We don't need that address.

How long were you living at that address in Webster?

A. 19 months. I believe 19 months.

Q. One more residence. Where were you before that?

A. Before that my wife and I stayed with my parents for about three months after we graduated from college, which is in Vidor, 4901 Fleetwood in Vidor.

Q. What is your wife's name?

A. Melissa.

Q. Melissa Van Fleet?

A. Correct.

Q. How long have you been married?

A. Five years in December.

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Q. What is her occupation?

A. She is a teacher.

Q. At which school?

A. Vidor Middle School.

Q. What is your date of birth?

A. August 21st, 1968.

Q. Happy birthday a few days early.

A. Thank you.

Q. Your Social Security Number?

A.

Q. Do you have any children?

A. One.

Q. How old is that child?

A. He will be two in September.

Q. Could you give me a brief description of your educational background beginning with high school?

A. I graduated Vidor High School in 1986.

From there I went to Texas A&M in College Station.

I attended summer courses at LaMar University in Beaumont, went back to A&M, and ended

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up graduating from Sam Houston University in August of 1992.

Q. What is your degree in?

A. Political Science. BS.

Q. Do you have any graduate school credits?

A. No. I do not.

Q. Or degrees?

A. No.

Q. Any vocational training?

A. Yes. No current licenses or anything.

I was an air monitoring technician for an asbestos abatement company or environmental company in Friendswood, Texas. I had to do a state license course or whatever.

Q. What was the name of that company?

A. That was McKee Environmental.

I think it's actually McKee Environmental Health, Incorporated, I believe.

Q. I am just going to finish with education and then we are actually going to move on to employment.

Do you have any formal journalism

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training?

A. No. Nothing formal.

Q. Did you ever have a journalism internship?

A. No.

Q. Any informal journalism training?

A. No.

Q. What about campaign training?

A. I have been to several different campaign schools. I went to the RNC Campaign College. I think there was a Free Congress Foundation Campaign School. Two or three different, I guess, courses with the Youth Leadership.

What do they call it? I can't remember.

Q. When did you attend the RNC Campaign College?

A. October of '95.

Yes. I believe it was October '95.

Q. Was that a free course or did you have to pay for that?

A. I paid.

Q. Did you cover the expenses yourself or

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did someone else cover them for you?

A. As far as paying for the course?

Q. Yes.

A. I think I paid for half of it and I believe Congressman Stockman paid for half of it.

Q. What about the Free College Campaign School?

A. The Free Congress Foundation.

Q. I'm sorry.

A. That is okay.

I paid for that.

Q. When did you attend that?

A. That was -- I don't even remember.

Q. Roughly.

A. Probably 1994.

Wait. Yes.

Q. Do you recall who sponsored the Youth Leadership School?

A. I'm sorry. It's the Leadership Institute. That is what it was, the Leadership Institute.

Q. Who paid for that one?

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A. I did.

Q. Completely? No reimbursement?

A. I think it was only $40 or $50. So, no.

Q. What was the focus?

What did you learn briefly at the RNC School?

A. We discussed polling, targeting, targeting voters, fund-raising, campaign strategies, developing message. That is about it.

Q. Moving on to your employment, what is your current occupation?

A. I am a sales representative/merchandising person. I am currently employed by Manpower for Southwest Snapple.

Q. When you say Manpower, is there a full name?

A. It's Manpower. Manpower Temporary Services, I believe. I am working through them for Snapple.

Q. How long have you been there?

A. Two months.

Let me see if that is right.

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Yes. About two months.

Q. And before that?

A. I was self-employed.

Q. What were you doing?

A. I was doing graphic design at home.

Q. Who were you doing graphic design for? Who were your clients?

A. Let's see. Different political candidates in my area.

I think there was one lady who was running for District Judge. I designed some campaign literature for her. There was one gentleman trying for State Representative.

Several others. I just can't remember. I think I did do one job for Congressman Stockman.

Q. How long were you self-employed?

A. I guess from January of this year to just recently.

Q. Until June?

A. Until June.

Q. Tell me about the work you did for Congressman Stockman.

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A. It was, I guess, a constituent mail out piece that they had sent out. He contracted through his congressional office a mail out that he sent to the constituents.

Q. So, was this campaign work?

A. No. It was congressional work.

Q. When was that mailed?

A. I'm not sure when he mailed it. It was in the past. I guess probably three months ago maybe.

Q. What exactly did you do?

You did layout?

A. Layout. Composed articles.

Q. When you say compose articles, you mean you wrote the articles?

A. I wrote some of the articles. I got information for them. I found out what kind of things he wanted to talk about. I spoke with people on the staff that I knew.

Q. Who were those people?

A. Probably Richard Reed, Kim Pyle, Adriana Williams. I can't recall who else.

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Q. And each of those people gave you an idea of what the article should say?

A. The Congressman said: I am introducing this Energy Bill and I want that to be discussed in the piece. Talk with Richard. Richard is the one who wrote the Bill. He can tell you the details and get you the information that you need.

Q. So, you got the direction directly from Congressman Stockman and worked on the details?

A. Right.

Q. What other pieces did you do for Congressman Stockman?

A. That is all I did for him.

Q. In your self-employed graphic design business?

A. Right.

Q. You did that January to June of '96. Before that where were you employed?

A. I was with the Congressman in his Washington, D.C. office.

Q. And that was?

A. From January to November.

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Q. What was your role there?

A. I started out as a Legislative Assistant and when I left I was a Special Project Director of special projects.

Q. What were your responsibilities as the LA?

A. I handled energy issues, environmental issues, Social Security and labor.

Q. Did you do mailings to the constituency in your role as LA?

A. We answered the constituent mail regarding those issues. Yes.

Q. So, you answered mail, but did you send mailing similar to the one that you recently prepared?

A. Not as an LA, no. When I went to special projects, that is what I did.

Q. Tell me about that.

A. One letter that we did, we did a letter to senior citizens regarding Social Security and Medicare. We did one letter to senior citizens regarding that. We did one to veterans.

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We did one to -- I am trying to figure out what the ages were. We did one to I guess men over, I can't remember the cutoff point, about pension reform.

We did one to ladies regarding the proper earned dollar for child tax credit.

Q. And these were basically the same as what you did recently after you moved back to Texas?

A. No. The pieces I did as Special Project Director, they were two page letters with a little response form, questionnaire, that they filled out and sent back to the Congressman.

The piece that I did for the Congressman just recently was like a 12 page tabloid newspaper type thing. It had all kinds of different articles and stuff in it.

Q. Would you, through your counsel, be able to get me a copy of that 12 page tabloid newspaper?

A. If I have a copy of it, I will supply one. Yes.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Is that acceptable with you, Mr. Caron?

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THE WITNESS: If I have one. I am not sure I have one. I turned everything over to them when I finished.

MR. CARON: If you have it.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Obviously, only if you have it.

THE WITNESS: Sure.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Before January of '95, how were you employed?

A. I was with McKee Environmental Health, Incorporated.

Q. How long were you there?

A. About 18 months.

Q. Were you there full time the entire 18 months?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you take any leaves of absence during that time?

A. No.

Q. During those 18 months, did you have any other employment, part time, on the side?

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A. I went to work for them in, I guess May of '93. So, I was still publishing the newspaper at that time. I ceased publication in November, but kept working for McKee after that.

Q. Is it at McKee that you first met Congressman Stockman?

A. No.

Q. You met him prior to that?

A. I met Congressman Stockman in 1990.

Q. Was he instrumental in helping you get the job at McKee?

A. No. I knew the proprietors from, I guess from being around them in the campaign or whatever, or other social things or whatever, and they got busy and needed some more help. They asked me if I would be interested.

Q. Who were the proprietors of McKee Environmental?

A. The owner is Ronald McKee or Ron. The office manager is Pat Murphy.

Q. And you said they worked on Congressman Stockman's campaign?

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A. No. Ron didn't work on the campaign. Pat and Steve were friends, I believe, from school and I had gotten to know Pat just through social gatherings or whatever. I knew him from there.

Q. So, Congressman Stockman, before he was a Congressman, was employed at McKee first before you?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what his job there was?

A. He was an air monitoring technician. I think he started out doing some accounting work for them, I believe. You would have to check with him on that. But I believe -- I'm not sure -- he did air monitoring technician work.

Q. That is what you did?

A. When I was there all I did was air monitoring. That is what I did.

Q. And before McKee?

A. Other than the newspaper, that was it. My wife and I graduated in August of '92 and I worked on the campaign, his congressional campaign, to November of '92.

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Q. Did you work full time on the campaign?

I know you were a student, but did you work essentially full time while you were studying?

A. No. No. I graduated in '92. Then I went to work on the campaign.

Q. I see.

A. I graduated in August and between August and November I worked on the campaign.

Q. We are going to get into this in more detail later, but now just give me a rough idea of what your title and responsibilities were in '92.

A. I didn't have a title. My responsibilities were just as volunteer coordinator over in Jefferson County, assigned distribution, literature distribution, worked the phone bank some. That was pretty much it.

Q. Was this before you had any of the formal campaign training that you described earlier?

A. Yes.

Q. It was before even the Leadership Institute?

A. Yes.

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Q. Were you paid by the campaign?

A. He gave me gas money and I think paid my phone bill for campaign calls and stuff like that because I was on one side of the district and they were on the other. It was long distance to call back and forth. So, he paid my phone bill and gas money and stuff like that.

Q. Did he pay you any extra in the form of a salary?

A. No.

Q. Was it only reimbursement?

A. Just reimbursement.

Q. Now, let's talk about the Southeast Times a little bit.

A. Okay.

Q. Whose idea was it to start a newspaper?

A. After the '92 campaign, my wife and I, neither of us had found permanent positions anywhere.

I think it was a group of us, we were sitting around telling war stories about the campaign. I don't remember who broached the

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subject, but it was aggravating because the media would never cover us.

Somebody told an anecdote about someone who wrote press releases and sent them to the media all the time and they were hilarious. They stopped sending them because the guy had to go back to school or something. The media called and said, hey, what happened to your press releases, you stopped sending them? We said, you never printed them. They said, yes, but they were hilarious, we loved to read them.

Q. Who told that anecdote?

A. I don't even remember.

Q. Do you remember which newspaper called about the anecdotes?

A. No. Like I say, I was in Jefferson County. That took place over on the Houston side. I'm not sure.

Q. Which took place on the Houston side?

A. About the press and all the other good stuff.

Q. You said you were all sitting around,

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some campaign people, telling war stories.

Where were you? Where did this conversation take place?

A. At some restaurant. I don't remember. It's probably in Houston, I guess, but I don't know where. I don't remember the restaurant.

Q. I know it's a long time ago. Try to remember who was there.

A. My wife and I.

To be honest with you, I can't remember. I can see their faces, but I can't remember their names. I don't recall.

Q. If as we go along all of a sudden one of those names pops into your head, stop me and let me know.

A. Okay.

Q. Was Patti Stockman there?

A. Possibly she could have been. I just simply don't remember.

Q. Was Steve Stockman there?

A. Possibly. He might have been.

After the campaign I think we had a big,

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I guess covered dish dinner, whatever, for all the volunteers.

Q. Like a pot luck kind of thing?

A. Yes. It may have been there that we talked about it. Because people that worked on the campaign, all the volunteers, all got together. It may have been there that we talked about it.

Q. Where did the pot luck take place? Was it in someone's home?

A. It was a community center, I think.

Q. Where about would the community center be?

A. Nassau Bay.

Q. This was immediately after the campaign, sometime in November of '92?

A. Probably right before Thanksgiving some time.

Q. Tell me more about the conversation, the war stories, and how that led up to the newspaper.

A. I guess we expressed our frustration that there was no one out there giving a conservative message.

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We left, my wife and I. We went to Corpus Christi, where she is from, looked for employment there, tried to find something in Austin, couldn't find anything.

We talked about, hey, why don't we do a newspaper, we can go back to Houston and she can find a teaching job there and I can start a newspaper, that sounds like fun, we could give it a shot. She said, okay, so we did.

Q. So, you talked to your wife about starting the newspaper?

A. Yes.

We talked to my parents and told them. They thought it was a hair brain idea.

I told my friends what I was thinking about doing. They said that would be fun, that would be great.

So, that was pretty much it.

Q. Did any of your friends express an interest in helping out?

A. One or two did. I am trying to remember if they ever followed through.

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Simply because they were in Vidor and I was in Houston, our paths didn't cross very much on a regular basis where we could do anything like that.

I don't think any of them ever ended up helping. I mean, like my personal friends, high school buddies and stuff like that, they never did help.

Q. But you did have a staff at the newspaper, it wasn't you alone?

A. Well, titles were cheap.

Q. Say that again.

A. Titles were cheap.

I had people that helped out and stuff like that. I couldn't pay them any money, so I listed their name there, something like that. That was the only reward.

Q. James Rogers?

A. Jim was a friend of mine. He worked for an aerospace company. A very fine Christian man. He used to work, I think for the San Francisco Examiner, I believe. I think.

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Q. As a Reporter?

A. Editor, I believe.

And I think he was a technical writer for one of the aerospace firms there in Clear Lake. I don't remember which one.

He was interested, whatever, so he said, yes, I will help you out. So, I said, fine, that is great, okay, I will take it, it's free.

Q. Did anyone get paid by the newspaper?

A. As far as a salary is concerned, no. I may have reimbursed somebody for gas or something every once in awhile, but I don't recall anybody ever getting paid.

Q. When you were first establishing the newspaper, did you determine an editorial policy?

A. When you say editorial policy, what are you referring to?

Q. Well, most newspapers will take sides on an issue. For instance, in Southeast Texas the space station was an issue and the Southeast Texas Times took a position regarding the space station.

A. Right.

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Q. Who participated in establishing those sorts of editorial positions?

A. Just me.

Q. Did you consult with anyone else?

A. As far as saying what went in, what was the issue?

Q. Yes.

A. Like if Jim had a story or something he wanted to write, if he had something he wanted to say, sure, put it in. But as far as who made the final decision as to what we covered, it was me basically.

I had a few friends that wrote a story every once in awhile or whatever. That was pretty much it.

So, I was the editor. I was the editorial policy. If I wanted it in there, I put it in there.

Q. Where did you get your ideas for stories?

A. Whatever were the hot issues of the time.

Like I said, we were all frustrated, I

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guess, with the results of the '92 election. Of course, being conservative, I didn't care for the way the presidential race turned out. So, naturally, President Clinton was always a good target.

I forget. What was the question?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could you read the question back?

(The reporter read the requested portion of the record.)

THE WITNESS: I listened to talk radio and Rush Limbaugh and just talking to friends at church or whatever. If something came up, we would do a story about it.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Now, on the one hand, you said I was the newspaper editor, you alone, but you keep saying we in terms of story ideas and your political positions and how you felt about things and wanted those ideas conveyed to the newspaper.

Who was the we?

A. Friends. The people who wrote the

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stories or whatever. Jim Rogers. I can't remember.

Dennis Hayes, he was a gentleman that went to church with me. He was very concerned about gun issues and stuff like that. So, he did stories on that.

When I say we, I was talking about just friends and volunteers or whatever, people who had a story they wanted to write or whatever. They would come to me and say, hey, I would like to do a story about this or whatever. I said sure.

Q. I know it's going back a couple of years, but if you could try to remember, what other friends were involved?

A. As far as writing stories or anything like that?

Q. Any input into the newspaper. Helping you establish editorial positions. Trying to convince you to take a different position. Writing stories.

A. As I said, I was the editorial policy. If anyone, a friend or whatever, came to me with an

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idea, they were particularly perturbed about something going on, I said write me a story about it and I will put it in.

I am trying to think of some of the other people that wrote stories.

I think a gentleman by the name of Dan Norton wrote a story concerning -- let's see -- I guess it was gays in the military, I think.

Another gentleman named Tom Tyler wrote several stories. He liked doing restaurant reviews and stuff like that.

Q. How did you know Tom Tyler?

A. I met Tom I think -- I don't know where I met Tom. It was either through the campaign, I made friends with him through the campaign, or some of the other Republican functions or something that went on in the area, like the Republican Women's Club or something like that.

Q. Did he work on the campaign?

A. To tell you the truth, I don't ever recall him working on the campaign. Like I said, he was in Houston, I was in Jefferson County. So,

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they are two hours apart.

Q. So, he might have worked on the campaign?

A. And I didn't know about it, yes.

Q. What about Dennis Hayes, did he work on the campaign?

A. He did. I know he did in 1994. But, of course, I wasn't publishing then. I knew Dennis through church. He was a deacon in my church.

Q. What about Dan Norton, did he work on the campaign?

A. Yes. He did. I met Dan in 1992. We put up signs together.

Q. Did he work on the campaign in '94?

A. Yes. He did.

Q. What about '96?

A. I don't know what Dan is doing now. I don't know if he is or not.

Q. Did you work on the '90 campaign?

A. Yes. From I guess -- I can't remember. I worked during the primary runoff. I worked I guess from the end of the primary to the runoff.

Q. And that was your first campaign

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involvement for Steve Stockman?

A. Yes.

I met Steve. He had a fund raiser in Beaumont. Oliver North came in. I went to that fund raiser to see Oliver North and met Steve there.

A young lady I had dated before was there and she was working on Steve's campaign. She said, hey, I am working on Steve's campaign. I said, okay, I will come and help out, sure.

Q. What was her name?

A. Kim Arrington.

Q. Your advertising, who solicited the ads?

A. I did some. I did quite a bit.

I had a gentleman for a short time. I can't remember. It was Bill Brann, I think. He just did kind of independent contractor stuff, I guess.

Q. Did he work for you on commission?

A. Yes.

Q. He was paid though?

A. Yes. He only did it for like a month or

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a month-and-a-half. I can't remember how I took care of paying him or whatever.

Q. Was he good at getting ads?

A. Good at getting ads. Not so good at getting the money.

Q. Where did you start soliciting advertisers? How did you know who to go to? How did you decide who to go to?

A. I had known a couple of guys from church who had owned businesses. So, I went to them.

I knew a gentleman, Richard Reed, who owned a small restaurant up in Houston. I knew he was conservative too. So, he took an ad out.

I just basically started going door to door. When I got enough money, it cost $500 to prepare an issue, when I got $500, I printed an issue. That printed 10,000 copies.

Q. Who did your printing for you?

A. Texas City Sun.

Q. And every issue had a 10,000 copy run?

A. I think one time I did, I don't know if I did 15 or 20.

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It was about the space station, I think. It was right whenever they were going through a redesign. It kind of sent shock waves through the community because every time they would redesign, some way or another they would cut a bunch of money off it and a bunch of people would get laid off.

So, naturally, that was a very, very hot issue. I think I did do 15 or 20. I don't know if I did 15 or 20,000 of those. As quick as I got them out, people started calling me, hey, do you have any more of those? They were gone in two days.

Q. In selecting ideas for articles and editorial positions, did you ever consult Steve Stockman?

A. Editorial positions, no.

Like I said, I am a conservative. I know what I believe. I know the issues or whatever and my position on those issues never changed and no one can change my position on those. So, when I looked at a story or whatever, I knew what I wanted to say.

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No. I didn't consult Steve on my editorial policy. No. I didn't. I didn't talk to anybody on that.

Q. Did you informally toss ideas around with him?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. How about articles, did you ever ask him for any ideas?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. And advertising, did he help you?

A. I think he turned me on to Richard Reed, Bubba's Texas Burger Shack. He knew Richard from a long time ago. He said, he is good for $100, go up and talk to him.

He, I guess, kind of pointed me in the direction of a couple of people, but he didn't contact those guys and say, hey, buy an ad in this guy's paper. He didn't do that. He said, go talk to this guy.

Steve was from the area. He knew the people or whatever. Like I said, I was kind of poor boying it. I was using any resource I could

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find to try to get some money together to print a paper. Steve was one of those guys.

I asked Steve, I said, do you know anybody that might be interested? He said, go talk to Richard. And I think he sent me to a couple of other places, but it didn't work out. I don't remember where.

Q. When you started at the paper, did you talk to him about whether it would be a viable enterprise?

A. He encouraged me. He said, yes, I think it would be great, I think it would be a lot of fun. He said, I think there would be a real market for it.

In the area I was in it's 50 to 60 percent Republican. So, I knew it would do well.

Q. What was your circulation area?

A. Harris County and Galveston County.

Q. All of both of those counties?

A. Gosh, no. Harris County has two or three million people in it. I was only doing 10,000

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copies. So, no way could I cover it all.

Q. So, how did you pick the area within Harris County?

A. I lived in Webster. So, I kind of just picked the communities in my area and just kind of within my radius. I don't remember how far out I went.

Naturally, since a lot of the stories dealt, several of the stories dealt, with NASA, I tried to stay close to the NASA area and include those people because I knew that was something they would be interested in.

Q. And what section of Galveston County?

A. I think northern Galveston County.

I can't remember how far down I went, how far down 45. I think I probably stopped, I guess, in Dickinson. I would venture to say we never probably covered the same area twice.

Q. How did you distribute?

A. Volunteers. Just friends and neighbors or whatever. We would roll and stuff them in the little bags and everybody would take a bag home and

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do their neighborhood on the way home.

Q. Did you leave piles of newspapers in stores or libraries?

A. I did some. Yes. Some of the convenience stores and stuff like that. I did.

Q. Did your circulation or distribution area cover all of the Ninth Congressional District and then some?

A. No. Actually it only covered a very small portion of the Ninth District.

Mostly Harris County is what we did because that is where NASA is. The majority of that area was not in Congressman Stockman's present district or the Ninth District.

Q. And again, when the newspaper was just beginning, you said that your printing costs were paid for by ads that you had received commitments on.

How did you pay for travel? How did your ongoing expenses go? Gas?

A. I did gas on a credit card.

My wife was working, so she kind of

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supported me for a little bit.

Q. What equipment did you need?

Did you have a computer?

A. I had a computer. It was an IBM. Just an IBM compatible computer. I don't know if it was IBM or IBM compatible. I don't have it anymore. And a laser printer.

Q. Were these your pieces of equipment?

A. Yes.

Q. No one loaned them to you?

A. Not that I recall. No. They were mine.

I may have used some of the equipment at like Kinko's and stuff like that. I had to go up there because the printer I was using only printed eight-and-a-half by eleven and to make the proof for the tabloid you have to blow it up.

My printer wasn't always the best. Sometimes I would go to Kinko's and print it out and have them blow it up so I can take it down to the newspaper and have them print it.

Q. Did you buy the computer new or used?

A. It was used.

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Q. Do you recall who you bought it from?

A. No.

I borrowed a laptop computer because during that time I was working nights for McKee. When I worked at McKee I was working nights in Houston at a big office building or whatever. The nature of my work was that the majority of my work took place at the beginning of the shift and the end of the shift.

I put my samples on. Then at the end of the shift I would go collect my samples. So, for six hours I would be sitting around and just kind of watched. So, I borrowed a laptop computer from, I believe Dan Norton, and I did the newspaper layouts at work several times.

Q. Did you have a program, did you have software, to lay out the newspaper?

A. I used Page Maker 40, I think.

Q. Do you know who makes that?

A. Aldus.

Q. When you weren't working on the newspaper, while you were doing work for McKee,

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where was your computer housed? Where did you keep it? Where was your desk?

A. At home.

Q. When was the first issue published? Was that March of '93?

A. It seems like I did one in February. I don't remember. I don't remember. I don't remember when it was first published. It seemed like I may have done one in February, but I just can't remember.

Q. In February of '93, where were you producing the newspaper?

A. At my house.

Q. And in March of '93?

A. Still at my house.

Q. And in April of '93?

A. At my house and at work at McKee, I think.

I don't remember if I started with McKee in April or May. It seemed like I started with them in April. So, I was doing the work at my other job, too.

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Q. Did you ever work on the newspaper at any place other than your home?

A. I probably typed some articles over at Steve's.

Q. When you say at Steve's, do you mean at Steve Stockman's home?

A. Yes.

Q. Was that also Steve Stockman's campaign headquarters?

A. No. Because there was not a campaign then. He was not campaigning. The campaign had ended. In '92 his campaign headquarters was over on NASA Route 1.

I was just working at Steve's house. He had a home office over there and I would go over there and type some on his computer. His was a little faster than mine, so I would use his sometimes.

Q. Remind me. Where were you living in March of '93?

A. Webster. 'At the apartment on West Bay Area.

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Q. In Webster.

And Steve Stockman was living in Friendswood?

A. Yes.

Q. How far is Webster from Friendswood?

A. Across the street. He was about, I guess, a mile-and-a-half maybe or two miles from my house.

Q. So, you each sort of lived on the border, one on Webster, one on Friendswood?

A. Yes.

West Bay Area Boulevard runs down the middle. I lived on one side. He lived on the other. One side is Friendswood. One side is Webster.

Q. It's hard when you are not at a place to get any sense of proximity or location. So, I appreciate that.

In February of '93 how often would you stop by Steve Stockman's home?

A. I have no idea. Pretty frequently.

Q. Daily?

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A. I don't know if it would be daily.

Q. More than once a week?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. More than three times a week?

A. Some weeks probably.

Q. Every weekend?

A. No.

Q. So, during the week you would stop by?

A. Yes. But on the weekends, no. We would usually go back to visit my parents or my wife's parents or do something else.

Q. You said occasionally you would type some articles at his house on his computer?

A. Yes.

Q. Be more specific. When you say occasionally, would you say half of the articles were typed on his computer?

A. No.

Q. A quarter?

A. During the whole time I published the paper, I may have typed five or six articles. It was only at the beginning.

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When we first got there, my wife and I first got there, we didn't get a telephone. Steve offered to let me use his telephone number for a couple of months there or whatever. So, I would stay there and I would make phone calls and while I was talking on the phone I would type a story or whatever.

Q. When did you first move to Webster?

A. I don't remember if it was December or January of '93. Either January of '93 or December of '92. I don't recall which one it was.

Q. When was your telephone connected?

A. March. Late February, early March. I don't remember.

Q. And you received calls for the newspaper at Steve Stockman's home?

A. Yes.

Q. Was there an answering machine?

A. No. Not that I remember.

Q. How was the telephone answered?

A. Hello.

Q. And were you usually there to take the

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calls?

A. During the day sometimes I was, sometimes I wasn't. If I was out trying to find an advertiser or pick up a check or something, I wasn't there.

Q. If you weren't out trying to find an advertiser or pick up a check, you were there?

A. Sometimes. Sometimes I wasn't. It just would depend.

Q. Sometimes you are out getting lunch?

A. Sometimes I just stayed at home and worked. Sometimes I just worked at home.

Like I say, if I needed to make some phone calls or something in particular, I would go to Steve's and make some phone calls. Or if I was expecting some phone calls, I would go over there and wait.

Q. Did you pay him for using the phone?

A. No.

Q. Did he have a fax?

A. I think he did. I don't recall ever using it, though.

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Q. When you needed to publish a fax number, you published it in the newspaper?

A. If I did, I only did it for that time whenever I didn't have a phone.

Q. You said your phone was connected in March?

A. Late February, early March. I don't recall. I don't remember.

Q. Did Steve Stockman sometimes answer calls for the newspaper?

A. It was his house. I am sure he answered the phone. If it was for the newspaper, he told them I wasn't there.

Q. Would he take a message?

A. Probably.

I honestly don't recall. I don't know.

Q. Could you give me an estimate in March of '93 how much time you spent at his home working on the newspaper?

A. I would say two or three days a week maybe.

Q. Unless you were out running errands or

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soliciting ads, you would be there during working hours?

A. If I wasn't working at home that day?

Q. Yes.

A. Like I say, I worked at home. If I needed to make phone calls or was expecting phone calls, I would go to Steve's and wait or do my phone calls and maybe write a story, something like that.

Q. Where in his home would you work? Kitchen, living room, garage?

A. Garage.

Q. Was the garage finished at that time?

A. Actually, I take that back. I worked in the bedroom, back bedroom. He had kind of like a little desk area that he used sometimes. So, I sat there and did that. I worked there, I believe.

Q. That was in February and March?

A. Yes.

Q. And for the duration of the paper, how long did you continue working at least two or three days a week in Stockman's home?

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A. Once I got my phone, I don't recall working over there.

Incidentally, I may have done something. If I was there just visiting or whatever, I may have made a phone call for the newspaper or something. But other than that, I worked at my home and at work.

Q. And the people assisting you, William Brann, Jim Rogers, Tom Tyler, where did they work at the newspaper?

A. At their homes.

Q. And how did they get you their materials?

A. Bill would come to the house. Tom would come to the house. Jim would come to the house. Dennis I would see at church.

Q. So, he would hand over things to you on disk?

A. Yes. On diskette. Sometimes they gave me hard copies and I had to retype them.

Q. If you could, just without my asking all these narrative questions, just give me an idea on a day-to-day basis how the newspaper was run.

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Were there people going in and out of your house? Do people hang out and goof off and try to get a paper done when they were not goofing off? What was it like?

A. Let's see.

I would be particularly perturbed about an issue one day and I would start to write a story about that, just write two or three stories, whatever. I would go out and sell some ads. When I got $500 I would call everybody and say, look, I am getting ready to do an issue, do you have anything? Or they would come to me and say, I have something for your next paper when you are ready. They would hand it to me and I would put it in.

I think Jim would hand me a stack of articles and say, pick what you want, so I would just pick one and put it in there.

So, when I got $500 it was a mad dash. It was two or three days of real solid work. Between the time I was getting to $500 it was kind of slow.

Q. Were these other people dropping things

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off or you would run into them? Would they drop things off at Stockman's house knowing you would be there?

A. If I was at Steve's, they would come by Steve's. During February or March, if I was over there they would come by there.

Q. What about April and May?

A. If I was there incidentally and they were there or they were coming by, they would give me stuff.

Q. What about during the summer? Same?

A. Yes. It was hit and miss. Wherever I ran into them, if they had something, they would give it to me.

Q. If they stopped by your house and you weren't there, they would know to go over to Steve's?

A. I don't know that they would necessarily know to go over there. They may run by to see if I was there.

When I started working for McKee, I was working night shift. I worked from, I guess

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5 o'clock in the afternoon to 4 o'clock in the morning. I slept during the day. So, it was usually kind of hard to catch me.

Steve and I worked together at Exxon. We worked together on that job. He was working nights as well at that same building. We rode together a lot of times. I would go over there and piddle around while he was getting ready and people would catch me there or something.

Q. And that is how you came to commute with him?

A. Yes. Because we worked together. It was about a 30 minute commute. We were doing it to save gas or whatever.

Q. And when you say you were at Exxon, Exxon was contracting with McKee to do their testing?

A. Yes.

Q. How long were you and Steve Stockman working at Exxon?

A. I think Steve's job finished before mine did. I think Steve finished like in, it seemed like September, and mine stayed on until like into

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December, I believe.

Q. Do you own press credentials or did you own press credentials when you were running the newspaper?

A. I think I had a press card at NASA and that was pretty much the only one I had.

Q. Did NASA issue that to you?

A. Yes. The Public Affairs Office. I would go over and say, I am Jeff Van Fleet with the Times or whatever. They gave me a temporary one.

Q. Did you ever attempt to get press credentials and were denied?

A. No. I never got a permanent pass because, like I say, we were hit and miss. I tried to do a paper every couple of weeks or so. Sometimes it was longer than that.

The Houston Post and the Chronicle, they were there every day. I would see them maybe once a month. Sometimes it would be two or three months before I would go over there and talk to them about something over there.

Q. You are saying at NASA?

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A. Right.

So, I never needed permanent press credentials or whatever. If I had a question, I knew where they were.

Q. Did Patti Stockman ever help you get access there?

A. No. She told me where the office was because she worked there. I said, Patti, where do I go? She said, the Public Affairs Office and here is where they are.

Q. Besides advertisements, was there any other source of continuing revenue?

A. Say that one more time.

Q. Besides advertisements, were there any other sources of continuing revenue?

A. I sold about maybe 50 to 75 subscriptions, but those are more of a liability than anything else.

Q. Why is that?

A. Well, you get the money up front, but then you are required to produce a paper for a year. I didn't do that.

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Q. How did you get those subscriptions?

A. I advertised in the Times, if you would like to subscribe.

Q. And people wrote in?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever look to the Stockman campaign's contributor list --

A. No.

Q. -- for potential subscribers?

A. No.

Q. For potential advertisers?

A. No. Not the contributor list. No. I didn't.

I asked Steve when I started, do you know of anyone who might be interested, and he, like I said, pointed me in the direction of a couple of people and said, go talk to those guys.

Q. For advertisements?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he help you with subscribers?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever share your list of 50 to 75

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subscribers with Steve Stockman?

A. No.

Q. Or with anyone from his campaign?

A. No.

Q. But a number of the people working on the paper also worked on his campaign; is that correct?

A. Yes.

You are talking about the people who volunteered, people who volunteered to write articles and stuff?

Q. Yes.

A number of them also worked on the Stockman campaign?

A. In '94, they did. Prior to '93, '92, I don't know. I was on the other side of the district, so I'm not sure. I would assume that they did. Yes.

Q. Did Ken Clark help you with the newspaper?

A. I think he took out an ad once or twice, but as far as helping to write articles or anything like that, no, he didn't do anything like that.

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Q. But Clark Services bought ads?

A. Yes. Like I say, I don't recall how many or when. But I do remember Ken taking out ads.

Q. Did he offer you any advice?

A. Not that I recall. No.

Q. Did you ever discuss editorial ideas with him?

A. No.

Q. Or ideas for articles?

A. No.

Q. What about Patti Martin?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever discuss the newspaper with her?

A. Other than the fact that she liked it, she thought that the stories were good or funny or whatever, no.

Q. She was a reader?

A. Yes.

Q. How did it come about that you worked on the paper from his home part time and used his telephone? Was that his idea or your idea?

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A. He offered. In the beginning, like I say, when I worked over there he offered because I didn't have a telephone.

Q. So, he was aware of the paper before it actually started?

A. Yes. I told him that that is what I was planning to do.

Like I said, Steve and I had been friends. I met him in 1990. I worked on his '92 campaign. We had been friends for quite awhile.

Q. Did you ever live in his home?

A. My wife and I stayed with him a few weeks or a week or so, a few weeks, I think when we first moved to Houston while we were getting ready to get into our apartment and stuff.

Q. That would be in?

A. I guess January, I suppose.

Q. Of '93?

A. Yes.

I am trying to remember if we stayed with him any time before that. I don't think so. We may have spent the night over there once. I don't

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know.

Q. Did you stay over there in January of '93 for a month?

A. I don't remember if it was the whole month or while we were waiting to get into our apartment. I don't know. I don't recall how long we stayed there.

Q. Do you think it was more than a month?

A. I don't think it was more than a month. No.

Q. Was it more than two weeks?

A. It could have been. I'm not sure.

Q. And this was after the '92 campaign was over?

A. Right.

Q. And as you were getting the newspaper in gear?

A. It was, like I say, an idea at that point. I hadn't published anything. I hadn't done anything with it. At that point I was saying, this is what I want to do.

Q. But you were beginning to look for

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advertisers?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. So, the idea was formulated?

A. Yes.

Q. And the last publication of the newspaper was in November of '93?

A. Somewhere around there. Yes. I know it wasn't past then.

Q. Why did you cease publication?

A. I couldn't make any money. I was working 50 or 60 hours a week with McKee. It was too much time.

Q. Was the newspaper more of a hobby or more of a job?

A. I guess it turned out to be more of a hobby. It was a job, but it wasn't anything I got paid for. So, I guess it's a hobby.

Q. What were your goals for the newspaper?

A. Just to kind of spread the conservative message.

Like I say, everyone in the conservative movement over there in that area was aggravated

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because the conservative voice wasn't being heard. We had taken a beating in '92 and everyone was just aggravated because we knew how we felt.

Like I said, it's a very heavily Republican area and none of the local newspapers or anything reflected their views. So I said, hey.

Q. When you say you took a beating, you mean in the '92 election?

A. In the elections, yes. Conservatives took a beating in the '92 elections. Yes.

Q. When --

A. Clinton won.

Q. When Jack Brooks was reelected?

A. Yes. Democrats in general.

Q. You keep saying the conservative message. Would you describe for me what is the conservative message?

A. Smaller government, lower taxes, individual freedom, individual responsibility.

Q. So, that would be your message --

A. Yes.

Q. -- as a publisher?

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A. Right.

Q. And it was also Steve Stockman's message as a candidate?

A. Sure. And Pat Buchanan's and Bob Dole's.

MR. CARON: And Billy Clinton.

THE WITNESS: That's right. It's the President's message now, too.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. What did you do with the remaining assets from the newspaper?

A. I just held them. When I stopped publishing in November, I guess I always hoped to give it another try sometime down the road because it was fun, I loved doing it. It was just so much work on top of everything else.

So, I just kind of kept everything open. There was no activity. It's not like I just got out of the business. I just stopped with the hopes of continuing sometime down the road, and it just never happened.

Q. When the newspaper ceased publication,

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what were the remaining assets?

A. My computer, I guess.

Q. Was there a balance in the newspaper's checking account?

A. There might have been a small one. I think I owned some little bags that you stuff newspapers in. I had those because I got a deal on those.

Q. Where did you get that deal?

A. I guess from the Sun. I think that is where I got them from.

Q. The Texas City Sun?

A. Yes. And I used the little ones. For some reason or another they couldn't get any more of those. So, I bought what they had.

Q. What was the balance in the checking account?

A. Gosh, I don't even know.

Q. Was it more than $100?

A. I doubt it.

Q. Was it --

A. Probably less than 50.

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Q. Less than 50. Okay.

Through the course of the publication period, February through November of '93, what was the greatest checking account balance you ever had, the newspaper ever had?

A. Maybe $700 before we published.

Q. Before you would have written the $500 check to the Texas City Sun?

A. Right.

Q. How much did it cost to produce an issue?

A. $500 and plus a couple of bucks for copies and whatever we spent on bags.

Q. So, it was bags? $500 for the printing?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you have to pay rent for working space?

A. No.

Q. So, when you worked out of your home, that was covered in your own rent?

A. Right.

Q. Did Stockman ever charge you rent?

A. No.

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Q. Not for his home, phone, computer?

A. No.

Q. Was it his personal computer?

A. Yes.

Q. It was a computer owned by the campaign or by him?

A. You would have to ask him.

Q. Was it the same computer that the campaign used?

A. I have no idea. You would have to ask him.

Q. Did you ever work on the campaign in his home in '92 or '94?

A. In '94 I did.

Q. In '94 you did.

Was it the same computer?

A. I can't remember if he still had that one or not. He may have had that one. He may have sent that somewhere else. It may have been to the junk yard somewhere. I have no idea. I can't recall.

Q. In '93 did he own more than one computer?

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A. Not that I recall. I don't know. Not that I recall.

Q. In '94 did he own more one computer?

A. Yes.

Q. That was for the campaign?

A. Yes.

Q. How many computers did he have in '94?

A. Let me see.

Five in his garage. I think there was one or two in Jefferson County. Maybe one down in the LaMarque office.

I don't know if he owns all those. I know that many were used on the campaign. If he owned all those, I don't know.

Q. When you say one or two in Jefferson County, that would be in another campaign office?

A. Right.

Q. Were there any other costs involved, other than printing and plastic bags and costs that you didn't have to pay for like phone and rent and equipment?

A. If I was doing newspaper stuff or

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whatever, I would buy some gas for my vehicle.

Q. Did the newspaper reimburse you?

A. I just wrote it out of the newspaper's checkbook. I was doing news stuff. So, I wrote it out of there.

Q. Papers, pencils, pens?

A. Yes. The standard stuff.

Q. All that was covered by?

A. The newspaper.

Q. How did distribution take place?

A. I would say friend and neighbors. I told them I have a new issue, come and get a few stacks and get some bags rolling and throw them in your neighborhood.

Q. Who were the friends and neighbors?

A. God, there were so many.

Several issues I did at the "Rush Parties". I would bring them to the "Rush Parties". We had a good group of people there already, 60 or 120 people, sitting around anyway just watching Rush after they ate.

I put a stack of papers in front of

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everybody and said roll these as you watch Rush. After it was over, they took a garbage bag home and threw it through their neighborhood on the way home.

But specifically, I mean between 60 and 100 people. There is no way I could remember who all was there.

Q. Tell me a little bit about the "Rush Parties". How were those advertised?

A. Steve told me when I went to one. He had it at I guess a friend's house. Rush was on 1:00 or 2:00 o'clock in the morning. His friend had recorded him.

Q. Who is the friend?

A. Guy Wilson was his name.

We went over. My wife and I went over there. I think Steve and Patti were there, Guy and his wife, six or eight other people. We all brought snacks. We just sat around and watched Rush. We said, hey, let's have another one. Those were fun.

So, Steve told me he wanted to have

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another one or whatever. I think we had it at Mr. Gatti's, I think. So, I said, hey, that was fine.

I didn't know if there might be other people interested. This was a conservative newspaper. Rush is conservative. They may like to join us. I put a blurb in there about, come to the "Rush Party".

We planned for 60 and 120 showed up.

Q. Was there a cover charge to attend the parties?

A. No.

Q. Was food served?

A. It was at Mr. Gatti's pizza restaurant. It had a pizza buffet for 5 bucks. If you wanted to eat, you could eat. If you didn't want to eat, that is fine.

Q. Did you have a separate room? Did the "Rush Party" have a separate room?

A. The first time we had it there, yes, they gave us a separate room. We were in a separate room. The next time they gave us the restaurant.

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Q. So, the parties were organized by you and Steve Stockman?

A. I don't guess there was really any kind of formal organization. We said, hey, we are going to have one.

I think it worked out where we figured we could watch about two hours of Rush I think every two weeks. We would record about two weeks of shows. I think Dan Norton recorded the shows.

When I knew we were having one, I put it in the newspaper. That was my part of it.

Q. So, you advertised in the newspaper?

A. Yes.

Q. Both in the community events calendar and in ads; is that correct?

A. Yes. It was filler.

Q. Were there any other methods of advertising the parties?

A. I don't know. Steve may have -- I recall one time he sent out postcards or whatever. I don't know.

Q. Did he use the "Rush Parties" as

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fund-raisers?

A. No.

Q. Were they campaign events?

A. No.

Q. Other than people eating pizza and watching Rush videos, was there any other agenda for the parties?

A. I think, like I said, we rolled newspapers at several of them.

I think there was a special election in the Senate race and I believe one or two of the Senate candidates came and talked, whatever. We had invited them or whatever. I don't know if I invited them or they found out through the grapevine or Steve invited them. Somehow they found out and they came and we had fun.

Q. Which candidates?

A. Let's see. I am trying to figure out.

I think Sonny Payne came once. He was a Democrat running for Senate.

Clymer Wright came.

I can't remember anybody else.

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Q. So, this was prior to Senator Benson's vacant seat?

A. Right. Yes. It was prior to that.

Q. Did Steve Stockman ever speak at these?

A. Not that I can recall. No. If he did, it was, this is what we are going to do next or whatever.

He was friends with Clymer and he may have introduced Clymer or something like that. But as far as him making it a speaking engagement for a congressional thing, I don't recall. I don't ever recall that happening.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could you please mark this Exhibit 2?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Exhibit No. 2. It's two pages stapled together. It appears to be a postcard.

A. Yes.

Q. What would be the front of the postcard

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has a 19 cent stamp and a postmark Houston, Texas; is that correct?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. It's addressed to John LeCour?

A. Yes.

Q. And the second page, which would be the reverse of the postcard, could you read the first two lines to me?

A. "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress."

Q. And if you could read the next line as well?

A. "7:15 p.m. Saturday June 5."

Q. And if you could read the last line?

A. "Call (713) 996-6900 for more information."

Q. And that phone number is Steve Stockman's home number?

A. Yes.

Q. And Steve Stockman's campaign number?

A. Yes.

Q. And at least for a time it was the

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Southeast Texas Times phone number?

A. Yes. But not in June.

Q. Tell me again, is there any connection, now that you look at this postcard, between the parties and the campaign?

A. Like I said, my only connection with the Rush Limbaugh parties was I advertised in my newspaper. Steve advertised. He sent postcards apparently.

As far as I remember, I don't recall any campaign activity going on, but you will have to ask Stockman about Stockman for Congress. I don't know.

Q. Did you attend all of the "Rush Parties"?

A. No. I did not.

Q. Did you attend the one on June 27th?

A. I have no idea.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could you mark this exhibit?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

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Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 3. It's another postcard addressed to John LeCour.

A. It's the same one.

Q. Sorry about that.

A. That is okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Why don't we mark this Exhibit 4?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 4 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you Exhibit 4. That is another postcard.

A. Same one.

Q. That can't be. It looks the same, but if you look at the third line, what is the date?

A. Saturday June 5th.

Q. And the date on Exhibit 2?

A. The 5th. There it is.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Something should be dated June 27.

THE WITNESS: It's this one you just had,

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I think.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Sorry about this. Why don't we take a minute?

Go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

MS. ZIMMERMAN: We can go back on the record.

I will have these documents marked as the next two exhibits.

(Van Fleet Exhibit Nos. 5 & 6 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Sorry about that confusion.

This had been marked Exhibit 5. It's another postcard addressed to John LeCour. If you could read me the first three lines?

A. "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress. 6:50 p.m. Saturday June 27."

Q. And Exhibit 6 is another postcard addressed to John LeCour. If you could read me on the second page, which would be the flip side of the postcard, the first three lines?

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A. "Door prizes and a raffle. Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress. 6:50 p.m. Saturday August 14."

Q. And all of these postcards are dated 1993?

A. Yes.

Q. How many "Rush Parties" did you attend?

A. I can remember going to three.

Q. And all of these were at restaurants?

A. Yes. I went to two at Mr. Gatti's and one at this place, the Caddyshack.

Q. Was Steve Stockman at all of those?

A. I don't recall. It seemed like he was probably at one or two. I know he was at the two at Mr. Gatti's. The Caddyshack, I don't remember.

Q. Do you remember speaking with him?

A. At the "Rush Parties"?

Q. Yes.

A. I'm sure I probably said hello or what is going on, that kind of stuff.

Q. At these parties, did he stand up and welcome people to the parties?

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A. No. As far as making an announcement or anything like that, no. Not that I recall. No.

Q. Did he work the room?

A. Probably so. I mean, all those people were his friends. I am sure. He has met them one place or another.

When you campaign for six years or four years, you make a lot of friends. So, I am sure he probably knew a lot of those people.

Q. So, he went from table to table shaking hands?

A. Yes. Speaking to the people I guess that he had known for a long time anyway, speaking to his friends, yes.

Q. But there was no formal campaign agenda?

A. No. No formal agenda, period, at the "Rush Party". We would go to watch Rush and eat pizza.

Q. And roll newspapers?

A. Roll newspapers. Shoot, yes. Free labor.

Q. Did you receive any of the invitations?

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A. I don't remember. Possibly.

Q. Who mailed these out, these invitations that have been marked various exhibit numbers?

A. Seeing as how I guess the response number is back to Steve's home, I assume Steve did. But you would have to ask him. I am not sure.

Q. He would have mailed these out on behalf of Stockman for Congress?

A. I have no idea. Apparently so.

Q. If he wasn't mailing them out on behalf of the campaign, would he have put the words Stockman for Congress?

A. Probably not. Like I say, you would have to ask him.

MR. CARON: I would object to that question.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Did you have a statement to make?

MR. CARON: Yes. That is asking him to draw a conclusion that I don't think he is capable of drawing. I don't think it's fair to ask him to do that.

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MS. ZIMMERMAN: Okay.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Were you comfortable with the question and your response?

A. Well, you are asking me to determine someone else's motives. I can draw my own conclusions. But as far as if you want what the truth is, you would have to check with him.

Q. All I am asking for are your own conclusions.

Do you know anyone else who received invitations to these parties?

A. I have no idea. I don't remember.

Q. Would Dan Norton have received an invitation?

A. Possibly.

Q. He provided the movies.

A. Yes. I don't know if he did or not. I know he provided the tapes, but I don't know if he got the invitations or not. I don't know.

Q. But you have seen these postcards or postcards like them before?

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A. I have seen these because they are a part of the exhibits or whatever.

Q. When you first received the complaint?

A. Yes.

Q. These are photocopies. Did you ever see the actual postcards?

A. I don't recall.

Q. A number of people showed up for these parties.

A. Right.

Q. So, this would be a pretty good night for either the Caddyshack or Mr. Gatti's?

A. Right.

Q. Do you know whether the campaign received a cut of their profit from that night?

A. Nobody got any money. I mean, Mr. Gatti's and the Caddyshack got money from it. That is all I know.

As a matter of fact, at the Caddyshack I think we had to pay, somebody had to pay to rent the room. We took up a collection or whatever from the people who were there.

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At Mr. Gatti's I think we said, can we have it there, they said, yes, we will give you the room if everybody buys pizza.

Q. How about the Caddyshack?

A. It was probably the same arrangement I think. Like I say, I knew about Mr. Gatti's because I think I made a phone call to try to find a place for it or whatever.

Q. Would you know if the campaign received a cut of the profits? Would you know?

A. I wouldn't know.

Q. Fair enough.

Do you recall -- in fact, you testified that numerous "Rush Parties" were advertised in the Southeast Texas Times?

A. Yes.

Q. Regarding now the listing in the community calendar, the community events, who placed those announcements?

A. Whoever. Representatives from whoever wanted to put the community events in there.

Q. I'm sorry. I mean, specifically the

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"Rush Parties".

A. I put it in there because I knew that one was coming up.

Q. Did Steve Stockman know that you were putting those in the calendar?

A. If he read the newspaper, he knew.

Q. And when you put his telephone number, call for information at this number, you must have told him in advance he might be expecting telephone calls?

A. Yes.

Q. And the advertisements, sometimes there were box advertisements in the newspaper?

A. Right.

Q. Were those paid for?

A. No. Like I said, those were filler.

When you are laying out a newspaper or whatever, you only have enough space unless you want to ad a bunch of text or compose new paragraphs for articles or whatever.

You just have little squares all over the place. You can't leave it blank, so I just put a

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Rush ad in there.

Q. When you put the advertisement or you put the notice in the community calendar, did you know that there was an affiliation between the "Rush Parties" and the Stockman for Congress campaign?

A. No. Like I said, I knew there was going to be a "Rush Party". I knew where it was going to be. That is what I put in there.

Q. You knew Stockman would probably be there?

A. I had no idea. I knew there was going to be a "Rush Party". So, I put it in there.

Q. Was there any other promotion for the parties other than in the Southeast Texas Times and by the Stockman for Congress postcards?

A. I know what I did as editor of the Southeast Texas Times.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: This is probably a good time for a ten-minute break.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Off the record.

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MR. CARON: You asked earlier questions about the computers. There was a source for the computer that he used.

THE WITNESS: The computer that I had, my in-laws had given us their computer. So, that was the one I had. You asked if I bought it or what.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. In your home?

A. Yes. My in-laws gave it to us, their old computer. They bought a new one.

Q. That was nice of them.

Anything else?

MR. CARON: Do you want to clarify Steve's computer?

THE WITNESS: As far as the ownership of the computers Steve had and used in his campaign, I don't know if he owned them, leased them, rented them, borrowed them or whatever. I have no direct knowledge of where those came from, how he acquired those.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Anything else?

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A. I think that is all we discussed.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

Going back with just a few more questions on the "Rush Parties".

Did you bring newspapers to roll up at every "Rush Party"?

A. No. Just whenever I had an issue done.

Q. Was all of the rolling done at the "Rush Parties"?

A. No.

Q. Of the issues, would you say half of the issues were rolled at "Rush Parties"?

A. Oh, no. I think only two, actually. I can remember the two parties we had at Mr. Gatti's. I remember rolling newspapers at those.

Q. Both of those?

A. Yes. Those are the ones I remember.

I don't remember where others were. I don't know. I don't remember if we rolled newspapers at other ones. We may have.

Q. You may have?

A. Yes.

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Q. You specifically remember rolling newspapers at the two parties at Mr. Gatti's?

A. Right.

Q. And you may have rolled newspapers at other parties?

A. Maybe. I can't recall that.

Q. How long did it take this group of people to roll the newspapers? 10,000?

A. We would roll them all that night, what we didn't drop off in bundles at stores and stuff.

Q. But it would take the two hours? It would take that long?

A. Yes.

Q. Were there any Stockman for Congress signs?

A. Not that I recall. I don't ever recall seeing anything like that.

Q. The people who owned Mr. Gatti's, were they friends of the Congressman or friends of the candidate at that time?

A. Not as far as I knew. It was a part of a chain. I mean, it's a chain of restaurants. I

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don't think there are individual owners.

Q. Is it a chain or a franchise?

A. I think it's a chain.

Q. And the Caddyshack, were there signs there?

A. No.

Q. Was the owner a supporter of Stockman?

A. Not that I'm aware of. No.

Q. Do you ever recall seeing a Stockman campaign poster at either of those two restaurants or bars?

A. No.

Q. Did Ken Clark go to the parties?

A. I remember seeing Ken there. At the ones I attended, I remember seeing him there.

Q. Did he participate in rolling newspapers?

A. Yes. I think so.

Q. How about Patti Martin?

A. Patti didn't come. They may have come to one, she and her husband, but I don't recall.

Q. You said that there was a LaMarque campaign office for the Stockman campaign.

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A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall where in LaMarque that was located?

A. I could take you there, but I don't remember the address. It seems like it was on Green Street.

I'm sorry. It was on Cedar. But I don't remember the cross street or the number.

Q. Was it its own store front? Was it housed within any other stores?

A. I think there is an insurance office next door to it. It was like one building divided in half. Half of it was the insurance office and the LaMarque side had the other half.

Q. What do you mean by the LaMarque side?

A. The campaign office was one side.

Q. So, there were only two stores or store fronts, one was an insurance company and the other was the campaign office?

A. Yes.

Q. Going back now to the newspapers. We got off on a long tangent on the "Rush Parties".

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A. Okay.

Q. Do you recall how much the subscriptions were?

A. I don't recall. It seems like it was $20 or something like that.

Q. There is an advertised price in the newspaper, though, for subscriptions?

A. There was, but I don't recall the price.

Q. Whatever that price was, and we will get to that, did you ever discount that?

A. No. Not that I recall. No.

Q. Advertisements. Do you recall the price of a full page ad?

A. However much they were willing to give me. The full page ads, it was for a furniture company, a gentleman at my church.

Q. What was that person's name?

A. His name was -- I can't remember his name. I can't recall his name.

Q. Do you still belong to the same church?

A. No.

Q. Where was that church located?

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A. That church was in League City. It was Bay Area First Baptist.

Q. Now you are in a different church?

A. Yes. I live in Vidor now, which is two hours away from there. But I think it was, it seemed like it was, $1,000 he paid me for that.

Q. So each time it was Pearland Furniture or Pearland Discount?

A. Yes. That one. I think he paid once or twice and I think he bought some half page ads later on or something.

Q. How much would a half page ad be?

A. I don't recall. I honestly don't recall. I don't remember.

Q. If a full page was 1,000, would a half page likely be 500?

A. That is probably what was on the rate card. If that is what I charged him, I doubt it.

Q. You know he paid $1,000 for the full page ads?

A. I remember one time receiving a check for $1,000 from him.

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Q. How much would a quarter page ad have been?

A. It seems like that was on the rate card, if I can remember, 135, 140 dollars, something like that.

Q. Do you still have copies of the rate card?

A. No.

Q. Did you prepare the rate card?

A. Yes. I did.

Q. Did you have it printed up?

A. Whatever I ran off on the computer. I just printed up a few.

Q. How did you determine those rates?

A. I got a rate card from another newspaper in the area and just compared and kind of went off that.

Q. What newspaper was that?

A. I think the Citizen.

Q. Do you remember the full name?

A. I think that is it, the Citizen. I think.

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Q. What about eighth page ads?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Or I mean the half page --

A. Probably $75 maybe. I'm guessing.

Q. That is all we want is your best estimate.

A. Okay.

Q. Again, if you could go back to half page ads.

A. On the rate card it was probably $500.

Q. Did you sell business card size ads?

A. Yes. Those were like 25 bucks or something like that.

Q. You said that Congressman Stockman or Candidate Stockman at the time, gave you some ideas for who to go to as advertisers?

A. He wasn't a candidate at that time. But yes, he told me some friends.

Q. Did he call ahead to some friends and say, my buddy is coming to you looking for some ads?

A. Not that I'm aware of. No.

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Q. Turning to the Times finances, what bank did you use?

A. I think it was First Gibraltar.

Q. Do you remember which branch?

A. No.

Q. That is a bank located in Texas?

A. Right.

Q. What would be the name and address on the account?

A. I don't remember if it was -- I don't remember if it had my name and then d/b/a Southeast Texas Times. I think that is how it was.

Q. And what address did you use?

A. 190 B-2 Gulf Freeway, Suite 115, League City.

Q. That was the post office box?

A. Right.

Q. Located at a company called Box-It?

A. Right.

Q. That was a post office box that you shared with the campaign?

A. No. Steve had had it and he let it go

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and I took it.

Q. Was there a time when it overlapped?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

I mean, in the shuffle of getting the little change of address cards from the post office, I may have gotten a couple of pieces of mail from there, but not that I recall.

Q. Did you receive personal mail there?

A. Not that I recall. No.

Q. Southeast Texas Times mail?

A. Right.

Q. And you started using that post office box when?

A. I guess in January.

Q. January of '93?

A. Yes. Whenever I went down. I got that when I went down and filed the d/b/a papers with the county. Whenever that was.

Q. How long did the campaign continue using that box?

A. That is not the campaign's address. That was never the campaign's address.

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Q. It was never the campaign's address?

A. No. The campaign is a post office box. Whatever was on the postcard, that was the campaign's.

Q. Who else used the box besides you and the Southeast Texas Times?

A. I am not aware of anybody else. Like I said, Steve had it and used it and I picked it up.

Q. What did he use it for?

A. I have no idea.

Q. You don't know whether it was personal or campaign?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did anyone use the box other than you?

A. Not that I'm aware.

Q. Did Tom Tyler ever use the box?

A. He may have gotten some mail there as Southeast Texas Times or whatever.

Q. Anyone else?

A. No. Not that I can remember.

Q. How often would Tom Tyler have gotten mail there?

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A. The stuff that he got was like press releases from schools or NASA or something like that. So, whenever somebody had something they wanted him to see, they would send it. Maybe once a month he might get something. I don't know.

Q. Is that box still open?

A. I don't have it anymore.

Q. Did you close it out?

A. I just stopped paying rent on it. Whenever I stopped publishing, I just didn't pay any rent on it anymore.

Q. Did you notify the owner that you were closing it out, you would no longer be using that post office box as your address?

A. No. I don't think so.

I had lost the key. So, when I went I just flipped the whole case open and just grabbed my mail out of my box or they opened it for me.

Q. When was the last time you paid rent on the box?

A. I have no idea. I don't recall.

Q. Was it in January of '96, which would

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have been three years?

I am trying to find out when you closed the box.

A. I stopped in '93. Like I said, when I stopped publishing the paper, I didn't use the box anymore.

Q. So, in November or December of '93?

A. Probably, yes. Or sometime before that. I don't know.

Q. And that was the address you used on your bank account, that post office box?

A. Yes. As far as I can recall, that is what we used. That is what I used.

Q. Do you have any of your bank records?

A. No. I do not.

Q. Do you recall the account number?

A. No. I do not.

Q. When did you first open the account for the Southeast Texas Times, the d/b/a account?

A. I don't recall. Maybe it was February. I simply don't recall.

Q. When would you have closed it out or did

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you close it out?

A. I don't remember going down there and closing it out.

Q. So, you think it is still open?

A. I don't know. It may be open. If it is, there would have been no activity on it for several years.

Q. So, it would be inactive, and open but inactive account?

A. Maybe.

Q. If you had closed it, would you recall?

A. I might. Like I said, I don't know.

Q. You were living in Webster at the time?

A. Yes.

Q. So, would the First Gibraltar branch have been in Webster?

A. I don't think it was in Webster. We get back to which side of the street it is on. I don't recall where it was. I don't remember which one.

Q. Did you try to do your banking near this post office box so you could do your mail and your banking at the same time?

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A. As far as I can recall, it didn't seem to me they were on the next street or next door or anything. I think the post office box was in League City. It seems my bank was in Webster or something like that.

Q. If it wasn't in Webster, would it have been in Dickinson?

A. Clear Lake.

Q. So, it would have been either Webster or Clear Lake.

Were there any other accounts other than this one?

A. No.

Q. Who were the signatories on the account?

A. As far as I can recall, it was just me.

Q. And you opened the account yourself?

A. Right.

Q. Who supplied the funds for the initial deposit?

A. Whoever I sold my first ad to.

Q. Did you get any contributions from your parents or your in-laws?

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A. For the newspaper?

Q. Yes.

A. Not that I can recall. No.

Q. They didn't help you getting your new business off the ground?

A. No.

Q. Did Stockman give you any initial funding to help you get off the ground?

A. No.

Q. Was the account ever used to cover the expenses of any person or entity other than the Southeast Texas Times?

A. The account was only used to cover expenses coordinated with the operation of the Times. That is all.

Q. Did the Southeast Texas Statesman ever use your checks or your account to cover its expenses?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. What about the Stockman committees?

A. No. I had the checkbock.

Q. The account you said is open or inactive,

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in some sort of status like that?

A. Maybe.

Q. What would the current balance be?

A. There shouldn't be anything.

Q. It should be zero or close to zero?

A. Yes. If it were still open, it may be negative with all the bank charges.

Q. Would you, through your counsel, attempt first to locate the bank?

I mean, I assume you would be able to drive up to the bank today and know which one it was.

A. Yes.

Q. So, you can't remember off the top of your head the location, but you would be able to get in your car and walk in the front door?

A. I can do that. Right.

Q. Could you, through your counsel, go to the bank, request the bank records and produce them to us through your counsel?

A. I will try. Yes.

Q. Okay.

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If once you locate the bank, if you could immediately tell us the name and location of the bank and then if you have trouble obtaining records, notify us again.

A. Okay.

Q. So that if there is a delay, we would like to get the name and location of the bank immediately and then let us know if there are any problems or hang ups producing those records.

A. Okay.

Q. Thank you.

And by records, I mean signature cards, statements, copies of checks, both sides, and copies of deposit slips.

A. Okay.

Q. What we would like is if you could produce those records to your counsel, to Mr. Caron, by August 30th.

A. Okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: And then, Mr. Caron, if you could, I know you will want to take a look at them, produce them to us as soon thereafter as you

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can, maybe September 6th.

Thank you.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. How did you get the Texas City Sun to be your printer?

A. They were cheap.

Q. Did anyone suggest them to you?

A. They were nearby. Other than going to the Chronicle or the Post, I mean they were the closest newspaper. They were the closest printers or whatever. I called the other guys and they were the cheapest.

Q. Did Steve Stockman gave you any hints on who to use?

A. Not that I recall. No.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could you mark this please?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 7 was marked for identification.)

THE WITNESS: Good issue.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked as

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Exhibit 7. It is an edition of the Southeast Texas Times; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Is this the first edition?

A. Let me see. It may be. I think it may be. I'm not sure.

Q. If you look at the box underneath the banner, underneath the masthead that says Southeast Texas Times, there does not appear to be a date; is that correct?

A. Right. Correct.

Q. Would that help you to come to the conclusion that it was the first issue?

A. Like I say, it may. It seems like I do recall the Space Station picture was the first one that I did.

Q. And the remainder of the issues were dated?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay.

The article on the cover, Servicemen Don't Want Sodomites in the Military.

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A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Was that written by Dan Norton?

A. No.

Q. You had mentioned earlier --

A. I think Dan's came later on. He did an open letter to Bill Clinton, I think.

Q. Do you recall who wrote this article?

A. It seems like I did.

Yes. As best I can recall.

Q. Turning to page 2.

A. Okay.

Q. In the little masthead box it says, Southeast Texas Times. It lists Jeff Van Fleet, Tom Tyler and James Rogers.

A. Yes.

Q. That was the entirety of the staff at the time?

A. Sure.

Q. Tom Tyler was listed as circulation.

A. As I said, titles were cheap.

Q. What did he actually do?

A. He wrote articles and stuff.

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Q. And Jim Rogers, copy editor.

A. Yes. He read over and checked for spelling, spelling errors, punctuation errors and stuff like that and wrote articles as well.

Q. And you did everything else?

A. Yes. Pretty much. I laid it out.

Q. You did the layout?

A. And wrote some articles.

Q. How did you get your ideas for layout?

A. Looked at the newspapers.

Q. You looked at other newspapers?

A. Yes.

Q. And then you used Page Maker to do the actual layout?

A. Um-hum.

Q. Did you solicit anyone's help in doing layout?

A. No.

Like I said, it's all one piece and you get some stories that continue or whatever. You can't have two or three people working laying out on a paper because you don't know whose piece goes

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where.

Q. Did Stockman see this paper before it was actually printed and circulated?

A. I don't recall. I don't know.

Q. Did he ever see any articles in this paper or any other paper before the paper was printed and circulated?

A. Like I said, I have no personal knowledge of that. I don't know.

Q. When you were in his home working at the computer, did he ever look over your shoulder?

A. I don't recall. I don't know.

Q. Did he ever inquire about what you were working on?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did he ever suggest story ideas?

A. No. Not that I can remember.

Q. Did he ever say, gee, Jeff, let's do an antiabortion article?

A. No.

Q. Or a pro Space Station article?

A. No.

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Q. Did he ever suggest any particular topic for an article?

A. No.

Q. Turning to page 3, community briefs.

A. Okay.

Q. There is a paragraph describing the community brief section?

A. Yes.

Q. Then in the right-hand lower corner of that box it says, fax to.

Can you read me that number?

A. (713) 996-8638.

Q. That is Steve Stockman's home fax number, isn't it?

A. Yes. It is.

So, this must have been one of the first ones we did because, like I said, after the first one or two issues, I didn't use his phone. I had my own phone.

Q. That is his fax number and then underneath there there is a phone number.

A. Right.

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Q. Is that Steve Stockman's home telephone number?

A. Yes. It is.

Q. Those are the phone numbers and fax numbers used by the campaign; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Page 6 there is a letter to the editor from Tom Tyler and Will Casey.

A. Okay.

Q. Who is Will Casey?

A. I have no idea. One of Tom's friends, apparently.

Q. What is Clear Lake Citizens for Better Government?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Page 7, the right hand two columns, there is a small, toward the bottom, two column box advertising the Times.

A. Right.

Q. With a telephone number.

A. Right.

Q. That is Steve Stockman's telephone

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number?

A. Correct.

Q. And that is an advertisement, it's actually the Times own advertisement for itself?

A. Right.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 8 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Who picked the name Southeast Texas Times?

A. I guess I did.

Q. How did you do that?

A. We were in Southeast Texas.

Q. Did you run the name by anyone else?

A. I probably told my wife and she said that is fine.

Q. Did you check with Steve Stockman and get his opinion?

A. No.

Q. When the two of you were working the night shift or this late shift at Exxon for McKee,

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you testified that you used your down time working on a laptop computer.

A. Correct.

Q. What was Mr. Stockman doing?

A. He was down with his crew. We worked in different areas. So, I don't recall. I have no direct knowledge of what he was doing.

Q. But you performed the same function?

A. Correct. Right. There were two separate jobs going on in the same building. I worked one job. He worked another job.

Q. You would have had the same down time?

A. His was different.

I mean, I don't recall. The activities they did were different. I was working with the abatement guys. He was working with, it seemed like the lighting contractor company. They were working above the ceiling. So, he was monitoring those guys.

Their work was different from the work I was monitoring. So, I don't know.

Q. From the time you arrived in the car to

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the time you left again, did you see each other?

A. Yes. We had lunch together. If I got bored, I would wonder down and see what he was doing. He would come up and see what I was doing.

Q. And would you be working on the paper?

A. Sometimes, yes.

Q. What would he be doing?

A. I don't know. He would read, read the paper or read books or whatever.

Q. Read a newspaper or the Southeast Texas Times or both?

A. No. He didn't read the Times there that I remember. He may have. I don't know.

I mean, we were working. They had subscriptions to all kinds of newspapers and they are there in the office and that is what he would read, the Chronicle, the Post, I guess Wall Street Journal, whatever was handy.

Q. Did you tell him what you were working on?

A. I told him I was working on the newspaper.

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Q. Did you ever discuss a particular article?

A. Not really.

Q. As you were drafting it, if he would come by to say hello, if you were excited about an article, would you say, look at this?

A. I may have. I don't recall any specific instances, but I may have. I don't know.

Q. Now, that was on the Exxon job?

A. Right.

Q. Were there other jobs where the two of you were essentially working together or commuting together?

A. No.

Q. That was the only one?

A. Right.

Q. How long did that go on for?

A. Like I say, I don't recall if I went to work for them in April or May. My job lasted through December.

I think his lasted through -- I don't know. It seemed like October or maybe November.

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I'm not sure.

Q. What did you do for McKee after that?

A. I just went and worked at other jobs. I worked in chemical plants, apartment complexes.

We had a contract with the Texas Department of Corrections. So, I would go into the prisons and work.

Q. Other than these months that you were both working at Exxon, did you commute any other time periods?

A. No.

Q. Just that one time period, that is the only time you and Stockman commuted together?

A. Yes. As far as I can remember, yes.

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 8.

A. Okay.

Q. It's another copy of the Southeast Texas Times.

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Above the masthead it says, Special Election Issue; is that right?

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A. Right.

Q. Could you tell me the date?

A. April of 1993.

Q. So, where it says special election issue --

A. That should have been -- I assume they meant the first election, the special election for the Senate seat. As far as I can remember. Let me see here. There may have been something.

There is some constitutional amendments or some referendum or something like that. That is what this first article was about, Robin Hood. It's school finance issues.

Q. Turning to page 2, how did you come up with the idea of having a calendar of events?

It's called here, Upcoming Community Events.

A. Other newspapers had them. I think the Citizen had one. That is it.

Q. Did you charge for this space?

A. No.

Q. How did you solicit submissions?

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A. People called me or they sent a press release that said we have something going on. I would put it there.

I am trying to remember. I guess on the first one, like in the first copy, I think it said, if you have a upcoming community event, call me and let me know. It seems like after that I think people would just send in press releases or whatever. I didn't post my phone number after that, in the paper I didn't, my home number.

Q. So, you spread the word about it and you waited for submissions to come in?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. Did you ever seek submissions for this upcoming community events calendar?

A. Not really. Not that I'm aware. No.

Q. And what sort of groups would be announcing their events here?

A. A lot of Republican groups or Christian groups.

There is one gentleman, the 5-String banjo guy, Jim Rogers, who wrote articles and

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stuff. He played the banjo, too. He taught banjo lessons. So he put his deal in there.

The Republicans put stuff. The Christian Coalition. Luv Ya Houston is a Christian men's group. Space Station people. Whatever.

Q. Were these primarily nonprofit groups?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Would you have knowingly given away space? Because it's a free announcement for groups that were operating for profit.

A. I may have. I don't know.

Q. The very last announcement it says, Garage Sale.

A. Right.

Q. Could you read that to me?

A. Sure.

"Garage Sale: To benefit Stockman for Congress. April 29-30 & May 1st. 15607 Diana in Clear Lake (Oak Brook off of El Dorado Blvd.) Contributions greatly appreciated. Come by to visit with the campaign MOM. To donate items or to volunteer call Dee

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Q. Who's Dee? What is her last name?

A. I think Vordenbaum.

Q. And is this her home address, Diana in Clear Lake?

A. As far as I can remember, yes, ma'am. It was at her house.

Q. How did this announcement come to be in the calendar?

A. She read the paper and I knew her and she asked me if I would put it in. I said, okay, fine.

Q. Did Stockman ask you?

A. No. Dee asked me.

Q. Was Stockman aware of it?

A. I don't recall. I couldn't tell you.

Q. Is he likely to have been aware of the event of the garage sale?

A. I couldn't answer. I don't know.

Q. Did she tell you the purpose of the garage sale?

A. Yes. She said she was having a garage sale, and I guess people brought her things or whatever to donate to sell, and she was going to

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give some of the proceeds to Steve or whatever.

I don't know the exact arrangement. She said part of the proceeds were going to go to Stockman.

Q. So, this was essentially, at least in part, a fund-raiser for the Stockman campaign?

A. I guess in part.

Q. Two items above that, there is a "Rush Party".

A. Right.

Q. Would this be one of your "Rush Parties"?

A. It would be.

Q. It was on May 8th.

Do you recall whether you attended that?

A. I couldn't recall. No, ma'am.

Q. Would you have placed this or would Steve Stockman have placed this?

A. I did. I would have.

Q. Would he have been aware of it?

A. Maybe. I don't know.

Q. Would you put his phone number in the newspaper and print 10,000 copies without telling

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him?

A. Probably.

I mean, he has printed up a million pieces of literature with his home phone number on it. So, I don't see why 10,000 copies of mine would matter.

Q. Turning two columns to the left, Committee of Correspondence.

A. Okay.

Q. "For more information call (713) 332-4484."

A. Okay.

Q. That is Ken Clark's business number?

A. I think that is Ken Clark because he was the President of the Christian Coalition. I don't know if that was his business or home. I'm not sure.

Q. You don't know whether it was a Christian Coalition number or a home number or business number?

A. Right. I'm not sure.

Q. Going down now to the masthead, Southeast

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Texas Times.

A. Sure.

Q. There is a new name there. Olin Meadows, IV, Vice President for Circulation.

A. That was a joke. It is some kid. I think -- what is his name? I think it's David Stockman's stepson.

Q. David Stockman, being one of Steve Stockman's brothers?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. How old is he?

A. Oh, he is probably -- at this time he was probably six.

Q. What was his role in circulation?

A. Nothing. They came to "Rush Parties" and he is just a funny kid. It was a joke. So, we put it in there.

Q. To get his name in print?

A. Yes. He would think he was something.

Q. Did he come to the "Rush Parties"?

A. I seem to recall him being there for at least one or two of them that I recall.

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Q. His parents were there?

A. Yes.

Q. Did they help roll newspapers?

A. Um-hum.

Q. Turning to page 3 of the April 1993 edition, on the left-hand column, can you read me the advertisement that begins, Garage Sale?

A. Yes.

"Garage Sale: April 29, 30 and 31st. Proceeds to benefit "Stockman for Congress". To donate items or to get directions call Dee at (15607 Diana Lane)."

Q. This is the same garage sale that was announced on the previous page?

A. Right.

Q. To benefit Stockman for Congress?

A. Sure.

Q. Turning to page 7.

A. Okay.

Q. Right-hand column. Garage Sale. Could you read that to me?

A. "Garage Sale: April 29, 30, May 1. Need

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items to donate or come by to buy. Call: Dee

Q. Same garage sale to benefit Stockman for Congress?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Turning to the previous page, page 6, there is a cartoon on that page.

A. Yes.

Q. Who illustrated that?

A. Eric Gignac.

Q. Who is he?

A. He works with Jim Rogers or he worked with Jim Rogers. One of the contractors. I don't remember which contractor it was. I guess technical writing and stuff like that.

Jim worked with Eric and he knew Eric liked to draw and do cartoons and whatever. So, I think Jim talked to Eric to see if he would do some cartoons.

Q. Did you pay him?

A. No.

Q. Did Eric volunteer for the Stockman

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campaign?

A. Not that I'm aware. No.

Q. Or work in any capacity, paid or volunteer, for the Stockman campaign?

A. Not that I'm aware. No.

Q. The bottom of that page it says, "Vote May 1", in a little box?

A. Right. Just filler.

Q. No one paid for it?

A. No.

Q. Turning to page 10.

A. Okay.

Q. Bottom, very bottom of the page on the left.

A. Okay.

Q. Could you read me that box?

A. "Vote for Joe Barton U.S. Senate May 1."

Q. Who paid for that ad?

A. I don't think anybody did. I think I put that in there myself. I was supporting Joe in the Senate race. So I put it in there.

Q. So, the Times paid for it?

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A. Yes. I guess, in a sense. Yes.

Q. And above that where it says, Ballot Wording.

A. Yes.

Q. These are propositions that appeared on the ballot during the special election?

A. Correct.

Q. You have positions checked off, no, yes and no.

A. Right.

Q. Did you consult Steve Stockman on these recommended positions?

A. No.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: How about if we do one more and then break to lunch?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 9 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 9. The banner at the top says, Southeast Texas Times.

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A. Right.

Q. Can you read me the date?

A. May 1993.

Q. The first article, the title is, Rushstock 93.

A. Right.

Q. There appear to be two pictures.

A. Yes.

Q. Could you read me the caption on the first of those pictures?

A. "Dee from Oregon gets into the spirit."

Q. Okay.

Is this the same Dee as the Dee who had the garage sales?

A. No. No. It's not.

Q. Who is this Dee?

A. Dee is all I know.

Q. Do you know it's not the same person?

A. Yes. Because I know Dee Vordenbaum. This isn't her.

Q. How did you come to get this picture?

A. I am trying to remember.

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Some of my friends went up there. It's for Dan's bake sale, a big thing Rush Limbaugh had. Some of my friends went. They brought pictures back and I can't remember who it was that went. I honestly can't remember who.

Q. Did she know that her picture would appear in the Southeast Texas Times?

A. No.

Q. Does she know now?

A. I have no idea. I doubt very seriously.

Q. Going down to the next article, Kay Bailey Hutchinson Wins Local Endorsement.

A. Sure.

Q. Whose endorsement did she win?

A. Stockman's.

Q. There is a photograph there.

Who is in the photograph?

A. Congressman Stockman and Senator Hutchinson.

Q. How did you come by this picture?

A. It was a photograph that Steve had. He provided it.

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Q. Whose idea was this article?

A. Steve sent me a press release or told me he was going to endorse Kay Bailey. I said, I will do a story about it, do you have a picture with her? He said, yes, I have a picture.

Q. He sent you a press release.

Who drafted the press release?

A. I don't know if he sent it to me. He said I am going to endorse Kay.

Q. Did he on occasion send you press releases?

A. No. Because they weren't campaigning then. There was no campaign going on.

Q. When he was campaigning did he send you a press release?

A. I wasn't publishing a newspaper when there was a campaign, during the campaign.

Q. Why is it that at first you said he sent me a press release?

A. I said maybe he sent me a press release or whatever. I don't remember how I got it. I don't recall getting a press release.

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It could have been that, or he could have just told me. We were working together. That was in May. We were working and he may have told me on the way to work or something.

Q. Did he tell you that he was planning to endorse Hutchinson before he made the endorsement?

A. Say that again.

Q. Did he tell you before he made the endorsement public that he was planning on publicly endorsing Kay Bailey Hutchinson?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. How did you learn that he was endorsing her?

A. Like I said, he told me that he was endorsing her.

Q. Do you recall when he told you in proximity to when the endorsement was made public?

A. No. I don't.

Q. Did you interview him for this article?

A. As far as sitting down and talking with him and asking him questions and stuff, probably not. I know Steve and I worked with him for a long

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time.

Like I said, I see a couple of quotes. I probably got a couple of quotes from him. As far as a formal interview, no.

Q. Were you present when he made the endorsement?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. Was any Times staffer present?

A. Was?

Q. Was any staff member of the Times present when he made the endorsement?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. And he supplied the photograph?

A. Yes.

Q. If you look at the second paragraph of the article.

A. Yes.

Q. Could you read the first few lines?

A. "Why am I voting for Kay Bailey Hutchinson for U.S. Senate, Stockman asked the crowd. Because I want a senator who better represents Texans. I understand many Republicans

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are steadfastly saying they are not going to vote. By not voting, they will actually give Bob Krueger a hand up."

Q. That is directly quoting from him, correct?

A. Right.

Q. And it appears to be quotes contemporaneous with the announcement, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. So, probably there was a press event?

A. Doubtful.

Q. Why do you say that?

A. I don't recall there being a big hoopla. Probably when I said Stockman asked the crowd, I probably kind of threw that in there. We were very, how do I say, loose with our techniques, I guess, when I wrote some of the articles and stuff.

Q. You would write something and attribute it to him?

A. No. No. Not that.

When saying Stockman asked the crowd, there may not have been a crowd there. There may

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have been two or three people sitting around and he told those guys. It may have been at work when we were sitting there at a lunch break and he told all the guys. That may have been the crowd.

Q. Could you read the last sentence of the first paragraph?

A. "The statement was read before a small and enthusiastic crowd of Hutchinson supporters."

That was probably just some of the guys sitting around the table that we worked with.

We have this liberal, liberal Senator, Bob Krueger, against Kay Bailey Hutchison, sweet lady, great Senator. We want to make it look good for her.

Q. Were you also trying to make it look good for Stockman?

A. No. He had no stake in the race. Stockman is a conservative. She was a moderate Republican at best.

So, if anything, potentially it could even be detrimental to Stockman, as far as some of the people are concerned, because a lot of the

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conservatives I know don't care a whole lot for her.

Q. Do you think that publishing an article and a photograph about Stockman endorsing Hutchinson on the cover of the Southeast Texas Times was detrimental to Stockman?

A. Detrimental to Stockman? I couldn't speculate. I don't know.

Q. Do you think it was helpful to him?

A. I doubt it.

Q. You don't think having his picture on the cover of the newspaper is helpful?

A. It could have been. I don't know.

Q. You said you have attended numerous campaign training schools. You have learned about strategies and message and things like that, true?

A. Sure.

Q. Do most candidates want to have their picture on the cover?

A. Sure.

What has it done for Dee from Oregon, though? Is Dee from Oregon in Congress now?

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Q. Steve Stockman had run for Congress before and run for Congress since this photograph was on the cover of the newspaper.

A. Correct. Yes.

Q. Thank you.

Turning to page 2, the masthead. There are even more names. Underneath Olin Meadows, IV, we now have Matthew Bulot and Patsy Cline.

A. We are growing.

Q. You are laughing. Why is that?

MR. CARON: Patsy is dead.

THE WITNESS: I don't think she is.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: I think this a different Patsy. I hope this is a different Patsy Cline.

THE WITNESS: Yes. It is.

Matthew was just a guy that came in and helped out. He did a lot of the delivering newspapers in stores and stuff. He did that for me. He was just a guy. I may have slipped him a few bucks for gas money and stuff like that.

Patsy, she tried, but failed, at selling ads. She got one $700 ad for a palm reader. I

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said we didn't want that in the paper.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. So, you actually rejected that ad?

A. Yes.

Q. Did she get any other ads?

A. I don't remember. She may have. I don't recall. She tried for about two weeks, I think, and then went on. I think she got another job somewhere else.

Q. Did Patsy Cline work on Stockman's '92 campaign in any capacity?

A. Not that I'm aware.

Q. Did she work on his '94 campaign in any capacity?

A. Not that I'm aware.

Q. What about '96?

A. Not that I'm aware.

Q. Matthew Bulot, did he work on Stockman's '92 campaign in any capacity?

A. Not that I'm aware of in '92. He did in '94.

Q. What did he do in '94?

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A. He did a lot of data entry, computer work.

Matthew has had quite a few medical problems and stuff, brain tumors and stuff like that, and he was kind of disabled or whatever. So, that is why I got him to help me out and do stuff like that. I mean, the guy is 30 years old and can't really function very well. So, I did that to help him out.

I think he did data entry and stuff in '94. He would sit at the computer and work all day. Give him a coke and something to eat and he was happy.

Q. What sort of data did he enter?

A. He entered in names and addresses and stuff like that.

Q. Of contributors?

A. No. I think they were just names off of different lists from business directories or just different lists of people that Stockman acquired.

Q. What did the campaign do with these names?

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A. I think they were just in like the volunteer database and they probably just called those people and asked them to volunteer and stuff like that.

Q. Did they do direct mail solicitation to these people?

A. I doubt it. Because in '94 when Matthew was entering in these names, I was kind of doing the direct mail stuff for the Congressman. We didn't do any direct mail solicitation from those guys. Primarily we used those names to solicit volunteers, not for money.

Q. Where did the names come from?

A. Just different -- we would get a directory -- I am trying to figure out. Different pro-life organizations or whatever in the area, they may have given Steve a list.

At some point in history, before I got there, I think there was a tax revolt or some kind of tax group to roll back property taxes and they had a list of people that worked on those and they gave it to him.

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Stuff like that.

Q. Would the names also have come from contributors?

A. Not that I'm aware of. No. Again, this was in '94 when I wasn't publishing the newspaper.

Q. Turning to the upper third I guess of page 2.

A. A "Rush Party".

Q. Yes.

Did you attend this one?

A. Was this the one at the Caddyshack?

I think so from that postcard. I think I remember. I may have stopped in. I don't recall.

Q. Would newspapers have been rolled?

A. Possibly.

Q. But this was one where a postcard was sent out?

A. From the exhibit you showed me awhile ago, apparently so.

Q. Turning to page 3.

A. Okay.

Q. On the right-hand column there is a

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citizens poll. It says tell us what you think.

A. Okay.

Q. Who drafted the questions for the poll?

A. I did.

Q. Whose idea was it to include a poll?

A. I thought it was a way to get advertising from restaurants.

Q. The purpose was to get advertisers?

A. Right. Because what the deal was, get a restaurant to sponsor the poll one week and they would get a free ad. Then the next week they would pay. They would pay for the ad in the next issue or whatever.

Q. So, the winner of a drawing got a free dinner from The Jalepeno Tree?

A. Right.

Q. And then that month that same restaurant got a free ad?

A. Right.

Q. Did a lot of people respond to the polls?

A. A handful.

Q. Did you use that as a subscriber list?

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A. No. I used it to get ads.

Q. What did you do with the response, the little response cards?

A. I think they ended up in the trash cans. One or two times I think we tabulated them and published them, but I think later on, the first one or two times we did it, we got 30 or 40 responses. After that, the other times we did it, we would get three or four.

Q. Did you ever share the names and addresses of the people who responded to the poll with the Stockman campaign?

A. No.

Q. Or with Steve Stockman?

A. No.

Q. If you look at the upper left-hand corner, Citizens Poll Results.

A. Yes.

Q. Can you tell me the name of the winners from the previous month?

A. Patti and Bill Martin.

Q. Could you tell me Patti Martin's role in

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the Stockman campaign?

A. In the '94 she was like his personal secretary.

Q. What about in '92?

A. I'm not aware. I don't know.

Q. '90?

A. I'm not aware.

Q. And currently?

A. I think currently she is back doing campaign secretary stuff. She is like the campaign secretary.

Q. She had worked in the congressional office in D.C. for a while?

A. Correct. She was a scheduler in the D.C. office.

Q. When you say his personal secretary, we are going to get into this in more detail later, but as long as her name came up, what exactly did she do?

A. She answered the phone. Took care of the campaign checkbook, writing the checks and paying the bills. Scheduling.

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Q. When contribution checks came in, was she in charge of those?

A. She filled out the bank deposits and stuff like that. So, yes. And then she wrote the thank you letters, thank you notes and stuff like that.

Q. Did she put the contributor names into a database?

A. I don't remember if she did or not. She may have given them to Matthew and had him put it in. I don't recall. As I say, that is speculating on my part.

Q. We will get into that in a little more detail.

Turning to page 7.

MR. CARON: Could you point out the name of the restaurant?

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Go on.

A. The Road Kill Cafe.

Q. Who owns the Road Kill Cafe?

A. It's a topless bar now. I think it was a

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biker bar. I went one time and it was pretty scary.

Q. Turning to page 7.

A. Okay.

Q. The right-hand side of the page, just below the middle.

A. Right.

Q. There is a small box, home for sale. Could you read that to me?

A. "Home for sale. Must see. Beautiful 2 1 1. Well maintained. Five minutes from freeway. Call 644-8301. Ken Clark."

Q. This is the same Ken Clark we have both referred to earlier?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Whose group, the Christian Coalition, placed ads or placed announcements in your community events?

A. Correct.

Q. What was his role in the Stockman campaign in '92?

A. '92, I'm not aware. '94, he was the

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volunteer coordinator.

Q. What did the volunteer coordinator do?

A. When we needed volunteers to show someplace, he would call and make sure we got people there to do stuff, stuff envelopes, that kind of thing.

Q. Anything else?

A. Decorations.

We had a grand opening at the LaMarque office. He kind of took care of that and got everybody to come. It was a pot luck thing. He just kind of made sure everybody showed up and brought stuff.

Q. We will get back into this in a little more detail.

A. Okay.

Q. And in '96 is he currently working on the campaign?

A. I'm not real sure. Maybe he is part time. I don't know.

Q. Are you currently working on the campaign?

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A. No. I'm not.

Q. Ken Clark was attempting to sell his house.

Did he succeed?

A. I don't remember. I think he did because they have moved since then. So, apparently he did.

Q. Where was the house he was selling?

A. I don't even know.

Q. Five minutes from the freeway?

A. League City somewhere.

Q. And do you know where he moved after he sold his house?

A. Another home in League City. I don't remember where.

Q. Do you know where he is living now?

A. No. I think somewhere in League City, but I'm not sure.

Q. Do you know whether for a time he and his family lived in the Stockman home?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. You are not aware that they ever lived in the Stockman home?

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A. No. I'm not.

Q. How much did he pay for this ad?

A. I have no idea. Maybe $10. It's not even a business card.

Q. Now turning to page 10. The right-hand side of the page there is an editorial.

A. Yes.

Q. That you wrote.

A. Okay.

Q. Could you skim it and then describe the substance, briefly describe the substance of the editorial?

A. I think it was talking about the lack of communication between Congressman Brooks and his constituents. It mentioned the other Congressmen from the Houston area and other areas throughout Texas, they had regularly scheduled town hall meetings, but Congressman Brooks doesn't. He came into the district for a civic function and to see him you had to pay $50 to attend the event.

Q. Would you describe this editorial as critical of former Congressman Brooks?

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A. Definitely.

Q. Did you discuss this editorial with Steve Stockman before you wrote it?

A. No. I didn't.

Q. Did he see it before it was published?

A. I have no idea. I doubt it. I don't know.

Q. In 1993 while you were commuting together, did you and Congressman Stockman ever discuss Jack Brooks?

A. I'm sure we did. But the content of those conversations, I just can't recall.

Q. In your conversations, would you have gotten the sense that he was pro-Brooks?

A. Oh, no.

Q. Would you have gotten the sense that he was anti-Brooks?

A. Sure.

Q. Would you hear him criticize Brooks?

A. Sure.

Q. How often did you discuss Brooks?

A. I have no idea.

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Q. Was Brooks an important figure in Stockman's life?

A. No. I don't think so.

Q. Was he someone he thought about?

A. I can't speculate. I have no idea.

Q. But is he someone who Stockman discussed?

A. Oh, sure he did. Yes.

Q. More than occasionally?

A. Right.

Q. And he shared his thoughts on Brooks with you?

A. And everyone else. Yes.

Q. Turning to the last page, that is one of the full page ads from Pearland Discount Furniture.

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. This may be the one that they paid $1,000 for.

A. Maybe. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Other than the one they paid $1,000 for, what other prices would they have paid for full page ads?

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A. I can't recall. I can't recall.

Q. Less than a thousand?

A. Probably so.

Q. Would they ever have paid less than 500 for a full page ad?

A. Maybe. I don't know.

Q. Typically?

A. Typically, no.

Q. Typically they would have paid between 500 and $1,000 for a full page ad?

A. Sure.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Why don't we break for lunch?

THE WITNESS: Sounds good.

(Whereupon, at 12:45 p.m., the deposition was recessed for lunch, to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. that same day.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

(1:45 p.m.)

Whereupon,

WILLIAM JEFFREY VAN FLEET

having been previously duly sworn, was further examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Mr. Van Fleet, I am going to hand you back what was previously marked Exhibit 8. It's open to page 10. We have already discussed there is an ad at the bottom of the page for Joe Barton.

You said the Times paid for that?

A. I paid for it.

Q. You are the Times?

A. I am the Times. So, I paid for it.

Q. If the Times would have charged Joe Barton for that ad, or Joe Barton's committee, what would it have cost?

A. Maybe 10, 15 dollars.

Q. Thank you.

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MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you mark this please?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 10 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 10. It's another edition of the Times. Could you please read me the date?

A. March 1993.

Q. And turning to page 2, the bottom half of the page on the right-hand side, could you tell me what that is?

A. It's a letter to the editor from Congressman Jack Fields. It has a picture of the Congressman and is on the letterhead Jack Fields for U.S. Senate.

Q. How did you come to receive this?

A. It was sent to me. As far as I can recall, someone supporting Congressman Fields in the Senate race wanted this in here, wanted the ad placed in the Times. I can't recall who submitted the ad or the letter.

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Q. Do you recall whether the Times was paid for this ad or letter?

A. I don't recall. I don't recall.

Q. Turning to what is marked page 8 of the newspaper, this is the issue with the Space Station supplements.

Page 8 is way toward the back, past the supplement.

A. Okay. This is the one everybody wanted.

Q. Page 8, what does it say across the top of the page?

A. The part you have?

Q. You had it a minute ago.

MR. CARON: That is 9.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: It seems this copy is missing page 8.

Can we substitute it because my copy has a page 8?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 10 was remarked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. This is still marked Exhibit 10.

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However, it should be complete. There is a page 8.

What does it say across the top of page 8?

A. Letters and Editorials.

Q. And across the top of page 9?

A. Letters and Editorials.

Q. Going back to page 8, what is on this page? Is it letters to the editor?

A. Yes. These are letters, I think.

Q. The two page section entitled Letters and Editorials, is that where you, as the publisher of the paper, would contemplate that letters to the editor would go?

A. Yes.

Q. Turning back to page 2, Jack Fields, you referred to it as either an ad or a letter.

A. Right.

Q. Why would that have happened on page 2 and not on pages 8 and 9 with the other letters to the editor and editorials?

A. I'm inclined to say that this is an

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advertisement. That is why it was placed here.

As I recall, I don't recall receiving payment for this. So, I can't say if it's an ad that was paid for.

Q. If it was an ad that wasn't paid for, that means that you would have paid for it?

A. Yes.

Q. And how much would an ad like this cost if it was paid for?

A. Probably $100.

Q. $100.

And to the best of your recollection, it was not paid for by any outside person, it was paid for by you?

A. I can't recall one way or the other. I may have paid for it. Someone else may have paid for it. I just can't recall.

Q. Do you have any advertising records?

A. No. I don't.

Q. Do you have any recollection of who submitted it to you?

A. No, ma'am. I don't.

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I recall some people who supported Mr. Fields for the Senate race. Possibly it could have been some of them. But like I said, it would be pure speculation on my part.

Q. Who were those people?

A. Clare Worthington is the first one that comes to my mind. If anyone would have done it, it probably would have been her.

Q. If it came to you from the Fields' campaign, would you have charged them?

A. Yes.

Q. And if it came from the Fields' campaign but you didn't charge them, then you would have paid for it yourself?

A. Right. Like the in kind contribution or whatever.

Is that what you call them? I don't know.

Q. The upper third of the page, the last entry under upcoming community events is another "Rush Party". It says call Jeff or Steve.

Would that be Jeff Van Fleet and Steve

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Stockman?

A. Yes, ma'am. It would be.

Q. You would expect in March of 1993 that someone could have called the phone number given, which is Stockman's home number, and they would have reached Jeff?

A. If I would have been there, they could have. As I said, that was around the time my wife and I got our telephone installed. I'm not sure when.

So, I'm not sure. We printed this in March. It was probably produced in February and we didn't get it printed until March.

Q. When you put the community calendar together how far in advance did you need to get the entries?

A. I made changes. If it wasn't on the printing press or they hadn't already made the plates, I would make changes.

Q. So, right up until it came out?

A. Right. If it was like spelling errors or something like that, if I caught them, they could

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change it. I would do that. If it was little things like that, I could change it. But probably a day or two before I put it to the printers, I would have everything pretty much put in there.

Q. For instance, the Stockman for Congress garage sales, when this Dee person put these ads in, she was advertising them for late April of '93.

When would she have had to submit that?

A. At the latest, probably a week before.

Q. A week before the publication was actually distributed?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. So, if it was one of the April editions, it would have had to have been submitted in the month of April?

A. Right. Unless she was planning real far ahead and she told me in March or something like that. I don't remember.

Q. But the latest it could have been?

A. Yes. The latest it could have been would be in April. Yes.

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Q. Turning to page 3.

A. Okay.

Q. The upper left-hand corner.

A. The Clymer Wright ad?

Q. Yes.

Who submitted that?

A. Again, I can't recall.

Q. You don't recall?

A. It was one of his supporters, but I don't recall who it was.

Q. It wasn't the committee?

A. No.

Q. But it was a supporter?

A. Yes.

Q. Was it you? Did you submit it yourself?

A. No. I didn't submit it. No.

Q. Did Steve Stockman submit it?

A. No.

Q. Do you have any recollection of who did?

A. No. I do not.

Q. Did the supporter pay for the ad?

A. To the best of my recollection, yes, they

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did.

Q. How much did they pay?

A. Probably $100.

Q. What makes you say it was a supporter?

A. I think this has a couple of the other Senate candidates in here as well. It just seems to me like there were several. All of the different candidates I guess were represented.

The group of people that I knew was very diverse and people supported different people for different reasons, whatever. For some reason it seems like everyone wanted an ad in for their guy.

Q. So, was it one of your friends?

A. Or an acquaintance. Somebody I knew.

Q. But someone who maybe you socialized with?

A. Or someone that was familiar with the Times.

Q. Knew about the paper and knew they could get an ad in?

A. Right.

Q. Underneath the Clymer Wright ad there are

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two advertisements.

A. Yes.

Q. The first is soliciting advertisements for the Times.

A. Right.

Q. Is that Stockman's home number that is given to call?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Underneath there there is an ad soliciting subscriptions for the Southeast Texas Times?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. And the phone number that is given to call, again, is Stockman's home number?

A. Correct.

Q. Now, if you could turn to page 4 of the Space Station supplement.

A. Okay.

Q. Lower left-hand corner.

A. Okay.

Q. Could you read me the name and description at the bottom of the box?

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A. "Steve Stockman 1992 Republican Candidate for U.S. Congress District 9."

Q. Did he pay for this box?

A. I don't recall.

I don't think any of these people paid. I think this was just quotes from different people in the community regarding Space Station. I don't think any of these people paid.

Tom Tyler did this one. He worked on this section himself. He would know better than I.

Q. He prepared this?

A. This supplement.

Q. It looks like it would have been a two page spread.

A. He did the supplement.

Q. He did the entire supplement?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Did you review the supplement?

A. Briefly.

Working with Tom, when he does his layout he kind of crowds everything together. So, I probably looked at it and told him to rearrange

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stuff.

But as far as checking for contents and stuff like that, I probably didn't.

Q. Did you write any of the articles?

A. Not that I recall, no. I think this was Tom's baby.

Q. He wrote all of them?

A. As far as I can recall.

Q. Who paid for printing the supplement?

A. I did. It was part of the Times.

Q. So, it was printed at the Texas City Sun?

A. Correct. Yes.

Q. You paid for printing the newspaper and the supplement?

A. Yes.

Let's see. Tom did the Nassau Bay Hilton. They paid for their ad on page 1 of the supplement. I remember they did pay. I think maybe they paid for the supplement.

I mean, it was only a minuscule amount. It was only a small amount to get an extra sheet shoved in here or added to the paper. So, it

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wasn't a huge amount. I don't recall how much they paid.

Q. Going back to page 4 of the Times, not the supplement.

A. Okay. This one.

Q. If you can tell, who is the woman in the photograph at the top of the page?

A. I can't remember her name. I am trying to see if it says in the story.

No. It doesn't say her name. I can't recall.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

Did you ever conduct editorial meetings for the newspaper?

A. No.

Q. Did you ever try to brainstorm with your friends to just help get ideas?

A. No.

Q. Between March and November of '93, did there come a point where you thought, this isn't making as much money as I thought it would?

A. Several times in there.

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My wife came to the conclusion before I did. I was ever the optimist.

Q. What did you do about that?

A. We printed less frequently.

I mean, I still couldn't print if I didn't have $500. So, I just didn't print as much.

Q. Did you ask your friends for more ideas, how to make it more interesting, how to get more ads, anything?

A. No. Like I said, at that time I was working 50 or 60 hours a week with McKee. It was all I could do to stay awake during the day.

Q. When you were commuting with Steve Stockman and meeting with him occasionally at breaks at work, did you ever tell him, gee, that newspaper is not making as much money as I thought?

A. I don't recall specific conversations. It may have come up. I don't know.

Q. If it came up, would he have given you advice?

A. No.

Q. When he gave you ideas on potential

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advertisers, like you mentioned Bubba's Burger Shack, for instance, when you called or went there to solicit an ad, did you mention his name?

A. I don't recall.

I may have with Bubba or with Richard. Richard Reed owns the restaurant. But it's called Bubba's. I may have mentioned it, Steve's name, when I talked with Richard. I don't recall mentioning it to anyone else.

Q. If he gave you a dozen names of potential advertisers, would you have been likely to have called them up and said, I am starting this newspaper and my friend Steve Stockman suggested that you might be interested in buying an ad?

A. I may have. I don't know. I just simply can't remember.

Q. Thank you.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 11 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked

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Exhibit 11. Turning to page 2, on the masthead now we have William Brann listed?

A. That is Bill Brann.

Q. That is the person you described earlier with helping you with advertising?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he get help from Steve Stockman in soliciting ads?

A. No. Not that I'm aware of. No.

Q. How did he do his solicitation?

A. He was from a small community where he knew a lot of the area merchants. I think he just went door to door.

Q. And in the upcoming community events there is a "Rush Party" listed?

A. Yes.

Q. It says to call (713) 996-6900 for details.

A. Yes.

Q. That is Steve Stockman's home number?

A. Yes.

Q. Turning to page 3, in the left-hand

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column, there is an editorial written by you.

A. Okay.

Q. Could you skim that and give me an idea of what the editorial's position is?

A. There is a comment concerning statements that Congressman Brooks had made to residents who had gone to Washington to speak on behalf of the Space Station funding. He asked why he should vote for something to benefit a part of the district where voters rejected him two to one. From that comment I concluded that the one out of three voters who rejected him, apparently he assumes he doesn't have to represent them.

Q. Would you describe this ad as critical of Brooks?

A. Definitely.

Q. Did you discuss these issues presented in the editorial with Steve Stockman?

A. No.

Q. Never?

A. As far as this editorial, this specific editorial?

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Q. As far as the issues within the editorial.

A. We talked about a lot of things. I can't recall every specific conversation we have ever had. Possibly. I am sure we might have.

Q. You probably did discuss these issues?

A. May have.

Q. The issues discussed in the editorial?

A. Among other things.

Q. Did he review the editorial?

A. No.

Q. Before its publication, did you ever discuss this specific editorial?

A. No.

Q. Now turning to page 7.

Could you tell me who the two people in the photograph are?

A. John Matthews and Patti Stockman.

Q. How did you come to get this photograph?

A. I believe Tom Tyler did this one.

Q. He wrote it?

A. I believe so.

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I don't recall going to this particular event, but I remember seeing the picture come in or whatever when Tom brought it by.

Tom was always real involved with the Clear Lake Republicans. So, I naturally would assume that this was Tom.

Q. So, you assume Tom Tyler wrote it?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Who do you think took the photograph?

A. Probably Tom.

Q. And Tom Tyler provided you with the photograph?

A. To the best of my recollection, yes.

Q. So, he would have elected to take a photograph of this speaker with Patti Stockman?

A. Probably.

Q. As opposed to with any of the other people who were at the event?

A. Sure.

Q. But it was your decision to include this photograph in the newspaper?

A. This is the picture that Tom provided me.

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Q. But you were the editor and it was your decision which photographs went in?

A. That was the only one he gave me. He didn't give me a pack of pictures and I picked which one I wanted. This is what he provided.

Q. But you approved the article?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is Tom Tyler now?

A. That is a real good question. I'm not sure.

Q. When was the last time you saw him?

A. I saw him probably sometime in 1994, to the best of my recollection.

Q. Early or late in the year?

A. Probably in the middle sometime.

Q. Prior to the election?

A. Probably.

Yes. Definitely before the election.

Q. Why do you say that?

A. I just remember because after the election I didn't see anybody. My wife and I, we were moving out of an apartment, packing our stuff

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getting ready to move to Washington. I didn't see much of anybody. We were gone after the election.

Q. Did you see him in November immediately prior to the election?

A. I don't think so. I don't recall seeing him then.

Q. When is the last time you heard from him?

A. I think he called me earlier this year. He was working on some project where he was compiling all of these articles and everything that he had ever written or whatever. He wanted to see if he could include some of the articles he wrote for the Times. He wanted to make sure that he wouldn't be violating any copyright infringements or anything like that. I said, it's yours, if you want it, it's yours.

Q. Where did he call you from?

A. I would assume Houston. I assume he is still in the Houston area.

Q. But you don't know?

A. No.

Q. Were you friendly with him?

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A. I knew him. That was about it. I mean, he was kind of an off the wall guy.

Q. In what sense?

A. He worked for beer a lot of times and smoked like a chimney. Not the normal kind of people that I hung around with. He was just different.

Q. So, how did you come to know him?

A. To be honest with you, I don't really remember.

Q. Was it through Stockman?

A. It could have been. I'm not sure. It could have been at one of the Republican functions that I went to. I simply don't recall.

Q. Do you know what sort of project he was working on?

A. I think he was working on some kind of Internet thing. He told me he was trying to compile like a CD/ROM with all of his essays and articles and stuff, whatever. I think that is what he was doing.

Q. Do you know what he was going to do with

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it?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Page 11.

A. This one?

Q. Yes. That is it.

A. Okay.

Q. There is an ad for a "Rush Party".

A. Yes.

Q. How much would an ad like that have cost?

A. That is probably a business card ad. 25, 30 dollars.

Q. And the phone number given at the bottom of this advertisement for a "Rush Party" on Saturday, June 27, is that Stockman's home number?

A. Correct. It is.

Q. And the last page is another full page ad for Pearland Discount Furniture?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Could you try, again, to remember the owner's name?

A. John Dixon, D-I-X-O-N.

Q. And where do you think he lives?

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A. I don't remember where he lives. His place is in Pearland. I don't recall where he lives.

Q. And you know him through church; is that correct?

A. Right. Correct.

Q. Did he volunteer on the Stockman campaign?

A. Not that I'm aware.

Q. Or work in any capacity on the Stockman campaign?

A. I can't recall.

Q. You had also said that you were offered a half page ad for a palm reader.

A. No. It wasn't a half page ad. It was just a little ad. Maybe an eighth of a page.

Q. But you were offered $700 for the ad?

A. Yes. It was to run two or three different times.

Q. $700 for the total run of the ad, numerous editions?

A. I don't know if it was four times or

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what.

Q. What was the name of the palm reader?

A. I have no idea.

I saw the check. I said, oh, $700, that is good. She said, it is for a palm reader. I said, never mind, here you go.

Q. Tell me exactly why it is when you were struggling that you were still willing to turn down $700?

A. Because I don't want to promote that.

Q. Why not?

A. I don't believe in it.

Q. Palm reading?

A. Right.

Q. In what sense? Elaborate.

A. Religiously, I don't agree with it. It's the occult and I don't want to promote it.

Q. Did you have set criteria for ads you would or would not accept?

A. I didn't have anything written down. But as far as I can recall, I think that is the only ad I ever turned down.

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I wouldn't have taken ads from topless bars or anything like that.

Q. What about the Road Kill Cafe?

A. Well, it wasn't a topless bar then. It was just sort of a hole in the wall.

Q. You said you thought it was a biker club?

A. Yes. It was a biker bar. But I think it was a biker bar like on the weekends. During the day and stuff they had a regular crowd too. On the weekends, you didn't go on the weekends.

Q. Did Patti and Bill Martin use their free dinner?

A. I think they did. Not on the weekend. I think they went during the day one time.

Q. Did Bill Martin work on the Stockman campaign as well?

A. Not that I know. I'm not at liberty -- I mean, I don't know. I don't remember seeing Bill at things. In '94 he came every once in awhile to stuff.

Q. What about '92?

A. I don't know. I have no idea.

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Q. You say in '94 he came every once in awhile to stuff?

A. I am trying to think of some of the things he might have come to.

I think we had a grand opening for the LaMarque headquarters in '94. I think he came to that. I'm not sure.

I think Speaker Gingrich came. That was the end of October, I guess, the Thursday before the election. I think he and Patti came to that. I'm not sure.

Q. You mentioned the LaMarque headquarters.

Did they have the entire store front or did they have part of a store?

A. It was one building and split right down the middle.

Q. So, the full half building?

A. We had one half and the insurance company had the other half.

I think it was two story. The owner of the building used the second story for storage and stuff.

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Q. Do you know who owned the building?

A. No. I don't.

Q. Was the store near the Hart pharmacy in LaMarque?

A. I don't know. I have no idea.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 12 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Exhibit 12. It's the Southeast Texas Times edition.

Can you tell me the date?

A. July '93.

Q. On the top half of the page there is a boxed photograph.

A. Right.

Q. Could you read me the caption above?

A. "Bacliff and Friendswood celebrated Fourth of July with parades and fire works. July 4, 1993. Oh what a weekend."

Q. I know it's difficult to see, but who is

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in the photograph?

A. That is Steve and Patti Stockman.

Q. How did you come across this photograph?

A. I was at the parade and took the picture.

Q. You took it yourself?

A. I did or my wife did.

Q. Did you take other pictures of the parade?

A. Probably.

Q. Did you take pictures of little kids holding balloons and things like that?

A. I don't know. I may have.

Q. How did you come to select this photograph?

A. That is just what I picked.

Q. How? On what basis?

A. That is the one I wanted.

Q. Why did you want it?

A. That is just the one I picked.

The other pictures, I can't recall what the other selections might have been. This would have just been the best picture for putting on the

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front page.

The other pictures may have been blurry or too busy. When it is printed in black and white, sometimes you just can't make out everything like it's supposed to be.

So, I don't know. That is just the one I picked.

Q. Were there other dignitaries participating in the parade?

A. Not that I recall. There could have been, but I don't recall.

Q. Did Steve and Patti Stockman know that you would be publishing their photograph on the cover of the newspaper?

A. No.

Q. You didn't tell them in advance?

A. No.

Q. Did you give them a copy of the picture?

A. I don't think so. No. I don't recall giving them a picture. No.

Q. Did you take the roll of film at the parade for the purpose of getting a picture to

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publish in the newspaper?

A. I don't think so. It was probably an afterthought.

Q. Do you think it was helpful to Steve Stockman to have his picture with all these American flags on the cover of the newspaper?

A. Sure.

Q. Turning to page 2. There is an ad for a "Rush Party" under upcoming community events.

A. Right.

Q. But there is no phone number.

A. Okay.

Q. Would you and Steve Stockman have organized that party as well?

A. I didn't organize it. If I knew there was a party coming up, I would list it in community events.

Q. And you would have known about them from Steve Stockman?

A. Sometimes.

I think whenever we finished one, we kind of said, hey, when are we going to do this again.

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That is kind of how it worked.

Q. And on the same listing of upcoming community events, the second row?

A. The Stockman for Congress, volunteers needed?

Q. Could you read that entire ad to me?

A. "Stockman for Congress, volunteers needed. Petition collection and distribution. Join the winning team and have fun at the America's favorite pass time - Politics. Call (409) 935-8800 and leave name and number."

Q. Whose phone number is that?

A. I have no idea. I really don't recall.

Q. And who submitted this announcement?

A. I don't know. Apparently someone from the campaign, but I don't know who it was.

Q. Might it have been Stockman?

A. I don't think it would have Steve. No.

Q. Who would it more likely have been?

A. Speculating on my part, possibly it might have been Ken Clark since he was the volunteer person.

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Q. And did you charge for this announcement?

A. No.

Q. If this announcement were an ad, if it were in a different place and it were an ad, how much would that size cost?

A. Ten dollars.

Q. For what purpose were volunteers being sought?

A. It says petition collection and distribution. That is what the ad says.

Q. What sort of petition?

A. I couldn't tell you.

Speculating on my part, it could possibly have been a petition to get your name on the ballot. Petitions.

Q. So, a ballot access drive?

A. Possibly.

But, like I said, that is speculation on my part. You would have to check with someone else who would know.

Q. You participated in the '92 campaign?

A. Yes.

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Q. And you participated in the '94 campaign?

A. Correct.

Q. To a limited extent you participated in the '90 campaign?

A. Right.

Q. To your knowledge, how did Stockman get on the ballot in each of those campaigns?

A. I don't know. In '94, by petition. In '92 and '90, I don't know.

Q. But in '94, you know he petitioned on to the ballot?

A. Correct. Yes.

Q. Did you participate in the petition drive?

A. No. Not for Steve.

Q. For anyone else?

A. Yes. I did for Darryl Balding. He was running for Commissioner.

Q. Commissioner of what?

A. In Galveston County, a precinct. I don't remember which Commissioner's precinct it was.

Q. It was a local office?

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A. Local office or county office, whatever.

Q. And would this likely have been to petition on to the ballot in the March '94 primary?

A. If that is indeed what it was, yes. But like I say, I don't know that that is what it was for.

Q. Would Stockman himself have been aware of this announcement?

A. He could have been. I don't know.

Q. Would Ken Clark place an announcement like this without checking with Stockman first?

A. Probably.

Q. And it says, Stockman for Congress. That is referring to the campaign committee?

A. I would assume. Yes.

Q. Page 9.

A. Let's see.

Q. Have you found it?

A. Okay. Yes.

Q. There is an ad for Clark Services?

A. Yes.

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Q. At the bottom it says, Call Ken today?

A. Correct.

Q. Can you read the phone?

A.

Q. And is this the same Ken Clark who worked for the Stockman campaign?

A. Yes. It is.

Q. And you mentioned he worked for the Christian Coalition?

A. He didn't work for them. He was the President of the local chapter or coordinator for the local chapter.

Q. He was Stockman's volunteer coordinator?

A. In '94, yes.

Q. What is the nature of Ken Clark's business?

What is Clark Services?

A. I think this was just something he did at home, as much as I can remember. He worked at a hardware store and had access to corgan -- I'm sorry. That is not corgan. It should be corian, the counter top, the stuff that Dupont makes.

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His wife home schools and makes bread, sews all the clothes. She was selling bread, I'm sure.

So, that is the only thing I know.

Q. Turning to page 11.

A. Another "Rush Party".

Q. You are right. A "Rush Party".

A. You missed one, too.

Q. I am looking at page 11 right now.

A. Right.

Q. The "Rush Party" for, it says July Saturday 17 Caddyshack.

A. Right.

Q. Is that Stockman's phone number at the bottom?

A. Yes.

Q. It says to call that number for information?

A. Correct.

Q. Looking above that, there is a cartoon.

A. Okay.

Q. There are four figures in the cartoon.

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A. Okay.

Q. Who is the figure to the far right supposed to depict?

A. Ronald Reagan.

Q. Could you read me the caption?

A. It says: "Now over to your right you'll see the Reaganodon. You know, these creatures were considered extinct, but thanks to some of my programs. . ."

Q. Now that you read the caption and look at the drawing again, who is that supposed to depict?

A. To the far right?

Q. Yes.

A. Ronald Reagan.

Q. That is not supposed to depict Steve Stockman?

A. No. That is Ronald Reagan. In the caption it says Reaganodon. That is Ronald Reagan.

Q. Okay.

It doesn't look to you like Steve Stockman, like a caricature of Steve Stockman?

A. No.

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Q. And underneath that cartoon there is a photograph.

A. Right.

Q. Who is that photograph of?

A. Bill Lawrence.

Q. And who is he?

A. He is with L & L Realty.

Q. I see.

Turning to page 12, there is an article regarding the victim's rights protest.

A. Okay.

Q. It's an article that was continued from the first page.

A. Correct.

Q. Who wrote that article?

A. Probably Tom Tyler.

Q. Why do you say it was Tom Tyler?

A. I remember Tom working a lot with Ms. Lynchner on different things. I just remember him being involved in this issue.

Q. He would have selected all the quotes for the article?

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A. Right.

Q. But you would have proofread the article and approve it for your publication?

A. Oh, yes. Sure.

She was killed in the Pan Am flight, she and her two daughters. This one that just happened in New York.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this please?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 13 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 13.

Turning to page 2.

A. Okay.

Q. That is right. It's the Southeast Texas Times July B 1993?

A. Correct.

Q. That would mean it's the second issue that was published during the month of July?

A. Yes.

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MR. CARON: Is this a 3?

THE WITNESS: No. That is a B.

Sometimes I put a B after a month, even if I didn't do one. Even if there wasn't an A, I put a B to make people think, oh, I missed the first one.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Was that your idea of enumerating the issues by having a July and then a July B and then an April and an April B?

A. Yes.

Q. Turning to page 2, second column, Political Events.

Could you read that to me?

A. Yes.

"Stockman for Congress, volunteers needed. Petition collection and distribution. Join the winning team and have fun at America's favorite pass time - Politics. Write: P.O. Box 57135 Webster, Texas 77598."

Q. And this issue came out in July.

A. Correct.

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Q. And it looks as though they were seeking volunteers for helping Stockman petition on to the ballot.

A. Correct.

Well, I don't know. They were looking for people to pass around and collect petitions. Whether it was to be on the ballot is speculation on my part.

Q. But you already testified that is likely what it was for.

A. I speculated that is what it was for.

Q. In order to get this announcement in the July B issue, the latest it could have been provided to you was when?

A. Probably the second week of July or the end of July. I don't know.

Q. But in the month of July?

A. Right.

Q. Of '93?

A. Probably the last one we looked at.

Where did this ad appear? Right before this?

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Q. That was the July issue.

A. I probably just left that in there.

Q. I see.

So, there were two issues in July, July and July B?

A. Right.

Q. If the ad went in the first July issue, when is the latest you would have received it?

A. End of June.

See, that was after July the Fourth because the picture was from the parade.

Q. And again, on this page there is a box advertisement that says "Rush Party" August Saturday 14?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. And the Caddyshack?

A. Right.

Q. The bottom is Stockman's home number?

A. Correct.

Q. Would you have charged for this advertisement?

A. This is probably one of those filler

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spots.

Q. Turning to page 4.

A. Okay.

Q. Lower left-hand corner.

A. Okay.

Q. There is another ad for Clark Services. This is Ken Clark?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. How would he have come to advertise in this last issue and this issue as well?

A. He told me he wanted an ad.

Q. Did he tell that to you directly?

A. I would assume so. I don't know.

Q. When would you see Ken Clark?

A. Sometimes I saw him at Steve's. Sometimes I saw him at other political events that I went to, different places, "Rush Parties", wherever.

Q. He would be hanging around the Stockman house, or eating pizza at a "Rush Party", and he might have come up to you and say I want to have an ad?

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A. Right.

Q. Did he pay you for this ad?

A. Probably 20, 25 dollars.

Q. Turning to page 7.

A. Okay.

Q. On the bottom of the page there is an ad that says?

A. "Steve Stockman. . . We need you now more than ever."

Q. Who paid for that?

A. I did.

Q. And who submitted it?

A. I did.

Q. You put the ad in on your own?

A. I needed something to fill the hole. So, I put it in there.

Q. What does that mean?

A. We need him to run.

Q. So, you were encouraging him to run?

A. Correct.

Q. Did you know whether he was going to run?

A. I knew he was considering it, running

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again, but I knew that his wife was I guess concerned about running again. I don't know. Possibly maybe she didn't want him to run again.

Q. What was her concern?

A. You give up your life. In 1994 she gave up her entire house except for their bedroom.

Q. Over to the campaign?

A. Yes.

Q. Who was there?

A. In '94?

Q. Yes.

A. In '94 people were there all the time.

Q. Campaign people?

A. Yes. In '94.

Q. When did that begin?

A. In '94, the heavy traffic probably started late summer.

Q. What about for the primary? The primary was in March of '94. When did they begin gearing up for the primary?

A. Let's see.

Probably February. Maybe early March.

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I mean, early January. I'm sorry. It might have been January. I don't know.

Q. He had lost a primary and then he had lost a general and for the third time they were not gearing up until two months in advance?

A. Let's see. We were geared up, but it wasn't real hot and heavy like it was for the November election, for the general election. We didn't have the mass of people that we had in October, November.

Q. How early did you begin to gear up?

A. Probably the middle of January. They started doing block walks and arranging for volunteers to do poll watchers and stuff like that, that kind of thing.

Q. Who did that?

A. Patti did. Stockman did some.

Q. Patti Stockman?

A. She took care of helping get poll workers and stuff like that. She and Ken Clark worked on that together.

Q. What did Patti Martin do?

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A. Patti Martin, she answered the phone and took care of the bills and that kind of thing.

Q. Did Patti Martin run the business end of the campaign?

A. She took care of the paperwork.

Q. What paper work?

A. Writing the checks. Seeing that the bills got paid.

So, I guess, yes.

Q. So, she wrote the checks going out and she recorded the checks coming in?

A. Right. Yes.

Q. We will again explore that a little more later.

So, this ad was directed at Steve Stockman himself?

A. Yes.

Q. And the sole purpose of the ad was to encourage him to run?

A. Right.

Q. Rather than taking up space in the newspaper, why didn't you just tell him yourself?

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A. Because this would occur to other people to tell him to run, too.

Q. So, the purpose of the ad, besides your directly encouraging Steve, was also to encourage other people to encourage him to run?

A. Right.

Q. Did he know you were going to be publishing that ad?

A. No.

Q. Did it work? Did other people encourage him to run after seeing the ad?

A. I have no idea.

Like I say, I needed something to fill the hole. That is what I thought. So, that is what I put in there.

Q. Did he ever say to you, my phone is ringing off the hook?

A. No.

Q. Did he ever say, you know, I am hearing from a lot, everyone I run into, occasionally someone I run into mentioned seeing your ad?

A. Not that I recall.

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Q. Turning to page 5, which is the beginning of another space supplement.

A. Yes.

Q. Bottom half of the page.

Can you read me the headline of that article?

A. Popular GOP Leader Steve Stockman Takes a Spin on the MMU.

Q. I know it's explained in the article, but if you could briefly tell me, what is the MMU?

A. I think it's the Man Maneuvering Unit.

Yes. Man Maneuvering Unit.

Q. It's a piece of equipment at NASA?

A. I think it's actually at Space Center Houston. It's one of the things that the astronauts train on. They have a display set up at Space Center Houston. You can go down there and try it out and stuff.

Q. Did you prepare this supplement?

A. This was Tom Tyler's. This was his.

Q. So he wrote this article?

A. Correct.

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Q. Who selected the photograph?

A. Tom.

Q. Who selected the subject of the photograph?

A. Tom.

Q. Who took the photograph?

A. Tom.

Q. He did it all.

A. Yes.

Q. But you approved all of this?

A. Sure.

Q. What this article is describing is in part people standing on line to take a spin in this MMU.

A. Right.

Q. And of all the people standing in line Tom Tyler selected Steve Stockman to be depicted as taking a ride in this piece of equipment.

A. Yes.

Q. How did he pick Stockman?

A. He was friends with Steve from sometime ago, I guess, so he picked Steve.

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Q. So it gave him another opportunity to get his picture in the press; is that right?

A. Apparently so. Yes, ma'am.

You can't tell. That is Tom on the next page, page 6. That is Tom on the next page.

Q. Okay. In front of a sign that says Space Center Houston?

A. Yes.

Q. Turning to page 12, it looks like the last page of the space supplement.

A. Okay.

Q. The upper left hand photograph, who is in that picture?

A. Steve Stockman, Bob Thompson and Patti Stockman.

Q. Who selected that photograph?

A. Tom.

Q. And who took the photograph?

A. Tom.

Q. But you approved the entire supplement and all photographs in it?

A. Actually on this one I think Tom may have

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done it independently of me, but we just ran them together and stuck them together.

Q. Who paid for the printing?

A. Tom would have done it, I think. Let me double check to make sure.

This is just a supplemental thing that Tom put together and we included in here. That is what it was.

Q. But it was printed in the center of the newspaper?

A. Yes.

Q. When people received it, was it in different typeface or a different newspaper?

A. No. It was the same as the rest of the newspaper.

Q. So it looked like part of the newspaper?

A. Right.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 14 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked

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Exhibit No. 14. It's another edition of the Southeast Texas Times.

A. Right.

Q. Can you tell me the date?

A. September '93.

Q. Turning to page 2, the first column under Upcoming Community Events there is another Stockman for Congress announcement.

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Is that similar to the other petition drive announcements we have already discussed?

A. Correct.

Q. Pages 6 and 7. It's actually a two page ad. They are not numbered, but in fact they are 6 and 7.

A. Right.

Q. This was the spread, the two page spread?

A. At the very center of the paper.

Q. How much would this have cost?

A. If they would have paid for it, it probably would have been $1500.

Q. So they paid you $1500 for this?

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A. No. I don't think they did.

Q. How much do you think they did pay you, pay the Times?

A. 500 or 600. Maybe 750. I don't really recall exactly.

Q. But they paid you at least 500?

A. Possibly. Yes.

Q. And possibly as much as 750?

A. Possibly.

Q. When you say 1500, that is what you would have liked to have charged?

A. That probably would have been on the rate card.

Q. Turning to the second to last page, it's page 12.

A. Okay.

Q. On the right-hand column.

A. Run, Steve, Run.

Q. Yes.

Who paid for that?

A. It's blacked out here. I don't know. It may have been something I just put in there.

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Does it have a disclaimer on it? I see a note down there that says Not a Federal PAC.

Q. Let's put this aside. We are going to get back to it. I am going to see if we can get a better copy.

A. All right. Okay.

Q. I didn't realize that those had copied that badly.

A. Can you tell on yours?

Q. No. Mine is just as bad.

Let's turn to the next page.

A. The last page?

Q. The last page.

A. Okay.

Q. What is this?

A. A TRIM Bulletin. It's put out by the John Burke Society, I think. The Tax Relief Immediately is the name of the publication.

Q. This is not something you prepared but something that the organization prepared?

A. This is something that was inserted in. Correct.

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Q. Were you paid to put the insert in the newspaper?

A. I don't remember being paid for it. They said, hey, we have these TRIM Bulletins, we want to insert them into your newspaper.

Q. Who said that to you?

A. Members of the John Burke Society, and I can't recall who they are right now.

Q. Is Ken Clark a member of the John Burke Society?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. Or Patti Martin?

A. No.

Q. Patti Stockman?

A. No.

Q. Steve Stockman?

A. No. I don't remember who it was.

They said, we have these, we want to pass them out. So I gave them bundles of newspapers, said if you want to stuff them in there, you stuff them and you have to deliver them.

Q. That sounds like a good deal.

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A. Sure. That is less that I had to deal with. I said, if you all want to stuff them in there, you stuff them and you deliver them.

Q. Were you aware of what was in the bulletin before it was distributed?

A. I had seen the TRIM Bulletins before. I was aware of what they were. Yes.

Q. So when you had this bulletin distributed with your newspaper you were aware of its contents?

A. Yes. I was aware of not specifically the contents. I knew what type of information was included in the TRIM Bulletin. I knew generally what kind of information it was going to be.

Q. In the upper left-hand corner there is sort of a box with a photograph of Congressman Jack Brooks.

A. Correct.

Q. And to the right of that it says: How did your Congressman vote?

A. Correct.

Q. Had you seen this before, before it was distributed with your newspaper?

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A. As I said, I had seen TRIM Bulletins before. I don't remember. I may or may not have seen this specific one. But I have seen TRIM Bulletins before. They are all this exact same format. They make them for every Congressman in the nation.

Q. And Jack Brooks was the Congressman who represented a majority of your distribution area?

A. No. It wasn't a majority of my distribution area. It was part of the distribution area.

Q. It was part of the distribution area and that is why TRIM wanted to include this information with your newspaper, because they knew they would reach people to whom Jack Brooks' voting record was relevant?

A. Sure. Just the same as anyone. The Jalapeno Tree advertised with me. People may want to come and eat at The Jalapeno Tree. That is why they advertised.

Q. Let me take that. We are going to set it aside. Hopefully we are going to get a better

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copy.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you please mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 15 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Exhibit 15.

A. Okay.

Q. Could you read me the date of this issue?

A. Sure. September B 1993.

Q. Underneath the title of the paper in the box with the date, to the right it says, Reinventing the Newspaper.

A. Right.

Q. Who wrote that?

A. I did. And if you will check, I think we changed it on every one of them. We put something different up there all the time.

Q. And you wrote that?

A. Yes. It was just something we thought was cute.

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Q. Who is we?

A. Me and Jim and the people who worked on the paper. We thought it would be good for a laugh.

Q. Turning to page 2, the editorial board listed in the masthead is even longer this time. The last name is Monroe Davis.

A. Right.

Q. Who is Monroe Davis?

A. He doesn't exist.

Q. Could you explain that to me?

A. Sure. He doesn't exist. We just put his name on there. It's a growing paper. We just added it on there.

Q. Was he a child like Olin Meadows?

A. No. He wasn't even that.

Q. Completely made up?

A. Yes.

Q. The other new name on here is Tim Frankovich.

A. Yes.

Q. He is listed as Editor-in-Chief and

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Writer.

A. Right.

Q. What was his role?

A. This was during the time I was working so much. I didn't have time to mess with it. Tim came in and helped out and did a bunch of the layout and helped compose some articles and stuff as well.

Q. Did he work on the Stockman campaign in '92?

A. Not that I'm aware of. I don't know.

Q. What about '94?

A. To the best of my recollection, I think he did. Yes.

Q. How did you meet Tim Frankovich?

A. He went to the same church that I went to.

Q. Do you know his family?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you know him first or his family first?

A. Him. Because they were in our Sunday

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School class.

Q. As a child you mean?

A. No. My wife and I, we moved to Houston. I was from another area. We moved to Houston and joined this church. Tim and his wife were in our Sunday School class and that is where I met Tim.

Actually Tim had just graduated from school, I think, or had been somewhere else working and they moved. He had done graphics and he had worked on the school newspaper and stuff like that when he was in college.

Q. You said you were from another area?

A. Right. I grew up in Vidor.

Q. How did you come to be friendly with Tim Frankovich and his wife?

A. As I said, they were in our Sunday School class.

Q. How did you come to both be working on the Stockman campaign?

A. Well, he and his family are conservative just like me and my family.

Q. Did you invite him to join the campaign?

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A. I didn't. No. I'm not sure how they got involved. I couldn't tell you.

Q. Did you introduce him to Stockman?

A. No. I didn't.

Q. You sound certain of that. How do you know?

A. I don't know if Tim specifically was involved. Maybe his father was involved.

Q. In the campaign?

A. Or perhaps through the Christian Coalition and Ken Clark. Maybe that is how they got involved. I'm not sure.

Q. So you think that Tim Frankovich was involved in the Christian Coalition?

A. Tim wasn't. I think Tim's dad might have been. I can't recall specifically. They were involved in party politics anyway.

Q. That would be Tommy Frankovich?

A. Correct.

Q. So you think maybe that Tommy Frankovich knew Ken Clark through the Christian Coalition?

A. That, and through the Galveston County

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Republic Party.

Q. And then introduced his son to Ken Clark and Steve Stockman?

A. Tim was involved in the party as well. I don't know where Tim met Ken or how he got involved. Like I said, I don't know.

Q. But you are pretty sure that Tim's first contact with Steve Stockman came through Ken Clark?

A. No. I have no idea. I said I don't know.

Q. But you know it wasn't from you?

A. I didn't introduce Tim. No.

Q. What else did Tim do for the newspaper?

A. He wrote articles and did the layout.

Q. Did you have to teach him how to use Page Maker?

A. No. As I said, he was either on the newspaper staff or the yearbook staff when he was in college, so he knew how to do it then.

Q. And where did he do his work on the newspaper?

A. He had a computer at home.

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Q. He had a computer in his own home?

A. As best I can remember, yes.

Q. Have you ever been to his home?

A. Yes.

Q. Would he then deliver materials, newspaper materials, to you on disk?

A. Sometimes. Sometimes he would give hard copies or whatever.

Q. So when he joined and became Editor-in-Chief, did he pretty much take over the newspaper?

A. Yes. Kind of sort of.

Q. Kind of sort of?

A. Yes.

Q. Could you be a little more specific than that?

A. He took over most of the layout and wrote quite a bit of the stories. I still did write some stories and I went by and checked to make sure that it was like I wanted it to look and stuff like that.

Q. Did you retain editorial authority over

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the newspaper, editorial discretion over the newspaper?

A. Yes. And Tim had some as well to some degree because he was there working with it more than I was. So, if he had stories he wanted to write, he could do that. I didn't have a problem with that. That was fine.

Q. If you and Tim had a conflicting viewpoint on something, if Tim decided he wanted to write a vehemently pro-choice cover story for the newspaper, what would you do?

A. He wouldn't write it.

Q. Because you would tell him not to?

A. Right.

Q. The upper third of the page under Upcoming Community Events. We are still on page 2.

A. Okay.

Q. There is another Stockman for Congress advertisement regarding petition collection and distribution.

A. Yes.

Q. None of your testimony would change

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regarding that?

A. Correct.

Q. On this ad I will point out the phone number to call is now Steve Stockman's home number.

A. Correct.

Q. Which was also the campaign office?

A. Yes. Later on it transformed into being the campaign office. Yes.

Q. Turning to page 9, the right hand half of the page is an advertisement selling the Japanese Surrender Document and Cassette; is that correct?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Were you selling this as a money making venture for the newspaper?

A. No. Not that I recall. No.

Q. Explain to me what this was about.

A. It was just a guy who had copies. His name is Henry Jillander, I think. He had obtained, I guess they were copies, I suppose, of the Japanese Surrender Document at the end of World War II. He had them framed and matted or whatever and

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had a cassette tape with all kinds of different speeches.

I think he had the surrender speech from McArthur, the speech that McArthur gave at the surrender ceremony. I think just different news clips and stuff like that from the era.

He wanted to try to sell them, so I said, okay, sure.

Q. He was selling them through you?

A. Yes.

Q. Why didn't he put in an ad with his own name and address and not use you as an intermediary?

A. I don't know. That is just the way I did it. I don't remember, to tell you the truth.

If I remember correctly, I bought the documents and the tapes and if someone wanted one, I just sold it to them.

I don't remember selling one, to tell you the truth.

Q. Did you make money from this?

A. I was hoping to, but I didn't. I don't

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remember selling any of them, like I said. So I don't guess we did.

Q. So the idea was that you would get a cut?

A. Yes. I think so. I don't remember what he charged me. I don't remember.

Q. Do you recall paying him?

A. Yes.

Q. For one set?

A. I think we paid for several sets.

Q. Do you recall what you paid per set?

A. No. I don't.

Q. Out of what funds did you pay for this?

A. This is from the Southeast Texas Times.

Q. Do you recall whether Steve Stockman owned one of these?

A. He did own one, yes, but he didn't get it from me.

Q. Did he own it or did the campaign own it?

A. I have no idea.

Q. How do you know he owned one?

A. I remember seeing one at his house.

Q. Displayed?

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A. No. In a junk room.

Q. He had one or several in the junk room?

A. I don't remember. I remember seeing it there.

Q. And if you were selling them for $19.95 per set, plus $3.00 shipping and handling, do you think that you paid more or less than $19.95 per set?

A. I am sure I paid less. I'm not sure.

Was this part of the original complaint when I responded to the complaint? It seems like when I was looking through the stuff this morning with Barry I seem to recall some kind of invoice.

Q. It was mentioned in the complaint. Almost all of these editions were part of the complaint and this was mentioned in the complaint. But that is not relevant to my question now.

A. Okay.

The reason I can remember some of the things is because I remember seeing a copy of the invoice from buying these. I think I submitted that with my response to the original complaint.

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Q. Do you still have a copy of the invoice?

A. No. I don't.

Q. But you think that you had one back in '94 and submitted it at the time?

A. Yes. I must have had a copy or something because I supplied one to you.

Q. How did you first hear of this?

A. Of Henry?

Q. Yes.

A. I am trying to remember where I met him. I don't remember exactly. It seems like I met him in 1992 on Steve's campaign.

Q. What was his role in the campaign?

A. I don't remember him having a role in the campaign. When I remember seeing him, he and Steve came over one day and I took them around to the different libraries. I think they presented some of these to the different libraries. Steve presented some to the libraries or something like that. That is where I met Henry.

Q. Was he working on the campaign or volunteering?

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A. Neither.

In '92, I don't know.

Q. What about '94?

A. No. He lives three or four hours away, as best I can remember.

Q. And turning to the last page of the September B 1993 issue.

A. Okay.

Q. On the right-hand side of the page there is a boxed ad.

Could you read that to me? And just part of it you might need to describe.

A. Sure.

"Today's Fun Fact to Know and Tell:

"As of November, Jack Brooks will have been your Congressman for 41 years."

There is a circle with a slash through it, superimposed over number 42.

"Paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government."

I am not sure. The question you asked me a while ago, who paid for this ad, I think that may

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be the same guise.

Q. The Run, Steve, Run ad was also paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government?

A. Well, I don't know if it was paid for, but yes. And to the best of my recollection, that was Tom Tyler.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Let me admit this page. Let's mark it.

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 16 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you Exhibit No. 16, which is a much more legible copy of the same page with the Run, Steve, Run ad.

Can you read me the line on the bottom?

A. Sure.

It says: Paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government.

Q. So both of these ads, the Today's Fun Fact to Know and Tell ad and the Run, Steve, Run ad, were both paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government?

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A. Like I said, I don't know if they were paid for by them, but their name was listed there. As I said, that was Tom Tyler. That was his little group that he was connected with.

Q. Do you think he paid you for the Run, Steve, Run ad?

A. I doubt it.

Q. So the Southeast Texas Times would have provided the space?

A. Yes. I would have paid for it.

Q. What does Run, Steve, Run mean?

A. That was just like the ad of encouragement, the one before, where it said Steve Stockman now more than ever or whatever, we need you now more than ever. The same thing. This is an ad of encouragement encouraging Steve to run.

Q. So it was directly to encourage Steve to run and to encourage readers to encourage him?

A. Sure.

Q. And it was Tom Tyler's idea to put the ads in?

A. Probably that one and this one, yes.

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Since it has Citizens for Honesty in Government, I would be inclined to say that it was Tom's idea because that was Tom's group.

Q. But Tom was part of the newspaper --

A. Sure.

Q. -- and his idea was your idea?

A. Sure.

Q. And the Today's Fun Fact to Know and Tell, what was the message in that ad?

A. Jack Brooks had been in Congress for 41 years. He had been there quite a long time.

Q. And the slash through the number 42?

A. Don't give him a 42nd year.

Q. So defeat him in the next election?

A. Sure.

Q. If each of these ads had been paid for, what would they have cost?

A. $15 or $20.

Q. And was Stockman aware of either of these ads beforehand?

A. No. Not that I'm aware of. No.

Q. But he saw them eventually?

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A. Possibly. I don't know.

Q. Is there anything to Citizens for Honesty in Government other than Tom Tyler?

A. I think that group grew out of maybe a tax revolt thing that they had in Clear Lake or something like that. They had a tax rollback or something. They had a tax revolt complaining about property taxes and stuff.

This was before my time. Tom kind of spearheaded the group or whatever to protest the increase in property taxes and I think they successfully won a tax rollback for that area or something like that.

Q. So Tom Tyler created this group, Citizens for Honesty in Government?

A. Yes.

Q. Did it have any members other than Tom Tyler?

A. Maybe.

Like I said, the tax revolt, that took place, I don't know, probably late eighties, maybe 1990 or '91 or something like that. It was before

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I started publishing the newspaper.

Q. It started?

A. Right.

Q. Does it still exist?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Would it be possible for you to get an address for us for Tom Tyler?

A. I can try. I can try.

Q. Okay. You will try and you will provide that to us through Mr. Caron?

A. I will try.

MR. CARON: Do you know his full name?

THE WITNESS: No. I don't. Tom Tyler is all I know. We called him "Tom T".

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. It's Tom Tyler, Jr., isn't it?

A. It might be. I think that is correct.

Q. Can you think of anyone else who was a member?

Were you a member?

A. No.

Q. Was Steve Stockman a member?

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A. Not that I'm aware of. I don't know.

Q. Ken Clark?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Who did Tyler hang out with?

A. I am trying to remember some of the guys. Of course, his bar buddies. I don't remember any of those guys. I can't remember the other people's names.

It seems like there was another person in one of the back issues where I guess Tom and someone else had written a letter to the editor or put something on the editorial page. Will Casey.

Q. But that was a different group?

A. Right.

Q. That wasn't Citizens for Honesty in Government?

A. Right.

Q. Was it the same --

A. It was probably the same group of people.

Q. Just giving themselves another title?

A. Sure.

Q. How old is Tom Tyler?

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A. I have no idea. It seemed like he is mid to late 30s maybe.

Q. Right now mid to late 30s?

A. Yes.

Q. What about Ken Clark?

A. I would say early to mid 40s. I'm not sure.

Q. You have previously described Citizens for Honesty in Government as an ad hoc committee and you would use them as a resource for quotes.

What does that mean?

A. It was Tom. If we needed something catchy, we would call Tom. Instead of saying Tom Tyler wrote the story, we will say Citizens for Honesty in Government. So they must be credible. I believe them. They are for honesty.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: This is the last publication, the last Southeast Texas Times, that we have. After this one we will take a short break.

Can you mark this please?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 17

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was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 17. It's the Southeast Texas Times.

Can you tell me the date?

A. October '93.

Q. Was this your last edition?

A. It could have been. I'm not sure.

Q. You keep saying you stopped publishing in November of '93.

Was there a November edition?

A. Not that I can recall. I know it was sometime around there that I stopped printing. I just don't remember when the last issue was.

Q. If you locate any more editions, other than what we have discussed here, will you forward them to us through your counsel?

A. Sure.

Q. Thank you.

Turning to page 2, there is another Community Events announcement for Stockman for Congress. It's in the second row, the first one.

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A. Yes.

Q. Can you read that to me?

A. "Join the Stockman for Congress campaign. Petition collection and distribution. Join the winning team and have fun at America's favorite pastime - Politics. Call: 713-996-6900."

Q. And who would have submitted this one?

A. Probably the same people that submitted the others, the other events that were similar.

Q. And you would have actually typed this one in?

A. Probably Tim Frankovich typed it in.

Q. But you would have approved it?

A. Sure.

Q. So you were aware of it before the paper was distributed?

A. Maybe. I don't know.

Q. Probably?

A. Towards the end I didn't read a lot of the newspapers. I was too tired and busy doing other things.

Q. Did it become Tim Frankovich's project?

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A. He did a lot of the composition and writing and stuff like that, but when it came time to deal with the printers and stuff like that, I would do that. Tim likes working on the computer. He didn't like doing the other stuff.

Q. Turning to the last page.

A. This one?

Q. No. That is the second to last. I am talking about the very last.

A. Okay.

Q. In the right-hand column there is another box that says "Paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government".

Could you read that entire box to me?

A. Sure.

"Today's Fun Fact to Know and Tell:

"Jack Brooks voted for Clinton's budget both times, both with and without the BTU tax."

Q. And who paid for that?

A. Paid for by Citizens for Honesty in Government.

Q. Did they actually pay you for it?

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A. Maybe. I don't recall.

Q. If they did, how much would it be?

A. $10 or $15.

Q. And this again was Tom Tyler?

A. Sure.

Q. Is it likely that he paid for it or more likely that he didn't?

A. He either paid for it or did something in return, or bartered, whatever.

Q. What is the underlying message?

A. At that point I think some of the people were kind of upset with Brooks.

I mean, Clinton's budget deal was very controversial at the time because of the tax increases and stuff like that.

The BTU tax is a very important issue in that area simply because a quarter of the world's production refining capability is right there. He voted to support the BTU tax movement, which would have decimated that area.

Q. So this was an anti-Brooks ad?

A. Sure.

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MS. ZIMMERMAN: Why don't we take about a ten-minute break?

(Recess.)

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Let's go back on the record.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Earlier we discussed the Southeast Texas Times checking account at First Gibralter Bank.

A. Yes.

Q. You did receive bank statements during the time the newspaper was published; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Where are those bank statements stored now?

A. Probably in a land fill in Harris County.

Q. Meaning you tossed them?

A. Right. We have moved four times since then.

Yes. Probably four times since then.

Q. You testified that you don't recall closing the account.

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A. No. I don't recall closing it. No.

Q. Are you still receiving statements?

A. No. I mean, not that I'm aware. No.

Q. And the copies of the newspaper originally existed on disk; is that correct?

A. Bits and pieces probably did.

Q. Or did you save it on your hard drive?

A. When I was working on them, yes.

Q. It was primarily on your hard drive?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is that hard drive now located?

A. I don't know where that computer is. I think we junked it. It got obsolete.

Q. We meaning?

A. My wife and I.

Q. And by junking it, did you donate it?

A. No. It crashed. So I think we threw it away.

Q. You picked up a computer and put it in the trash, but you don't remember that?

A. I assume that is what we did.

We didn't have any of the newspaper stuff

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on it. I had taken that and put it on diskettes. When I was working on it, I saved everything on the hard drive. When I finished it, I tried to remember to move it over to a diskette.

Sometimes what I did, say I saved July A, when I started working on July B I just took the file of July A, blanked everything out and just worked over it. So July A may not exist anymore. We just put new articles or something in its place.

Q. To the extent you did save some of them on diskettes, where are those diskettes now?

A. Probably in the land fill with the rest of everything else.

Q. You tossed the diskettes too, you didn't just delete them and reuse them?

A. No. I didn't.

When I stopped publishing, I put everything in a box. We moved from Houston to Virginia, Virginia back to Vidor, and from Vidor we moved again. So somewhere in there they got trashed.

Q. Let's talk about some of that moving.

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Let's go back a little bit.

You testified that you moved to Burke, Virginia in January of '95 --

A. Correct.

Q. -- when you came to D.C. to work for Congressman Stockman.

A. Correct.

Q. Before that you lived in Webster, Texas?

A. Yes.

Q. And you said that was for precisely 19 months?

A. Something like that. Yes.

Q. When did you --

A. Wait. It had to be more than that then. We got into our apartment sometime in January of '93. Isn't that what I said?

Q. You tell me. Even if you said it before, I mean these are dates.

A. January '93 we got into our apartment, I think. Sometime in there. We got out of our lease in November of '94. We moved all of our stuff out and put it in storage. We went home and spent a

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couple of weeks with my parents. We went to Corpus Christi and spent a couple of weeks with her parents.

In January I came to Washington to work. I stayed with one of the gentlemen who was working in the congressional office, the Press Secretary.

Q. Who was that?

A. Kevin Bishop. I stayed with him and his roommates.

Then my wife and son came up the 1st of February of '95.

Q. You are sure you moved into your apartment in Webster in January '93?

A. Somewhere around there. Yes. Like I say, I can't recall a specific date, but it seems like it was sometime around then.

Q. Before you lived in the apartment in Webster, where did you live?

A. With my parents in Vidor.

Q. You and your wife, after you graduated from college, moved in with your parents in Vidor?

A. Yes.

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Q. So that would be say August/September?

A. Yes. August of '92.

Q. And when did you move out of your parents' house?

A. Actually our stuff was still there until we moved into our apartment.

Q. But where did you and your wife sleep in December of '92?

A. We stayed with my parents some. We stayed with her parents some in Corpus Christi.

We decided to move to Houston. We spent a week or two with Steve and Patti until we got into our apartment.

Q. And that was in January?

A. Yes.

Q. When did the lease on the apartment begin?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did you live with Steve and Patti Stockman from December or early January of '93 until your lease began?

A. Yes.

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Q. Would you be able to find out when that lease began?

A. I can try.

Q. Or could you tell me the name of a landlord and we could probably do it?

A. I don't know the name of the landlord. I have forgotten the name of the complex. I remember where it is. I will have to go there and find out or something.

Q. You don't recall the name of the complex?

A. No. I don't.

Q. What was the address?

A. 1801 West Bay Area, I believe.

Q. 1801 West Bay Area?

A. Bay Area Boulevard.

Q. In Webster?

A. Correct.

Q. So from late December, early January, until whenever the lease began, is when you lived with the Stockmans?

A. We didn't come to Houston until probably the first week of January or something like that

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because we spent Christmas and New Year's with her parents.

We had looked for positions in Austin. I knew there was going to be the special elections for the Senate campaigns. I went to Ennis to interview with the Barton campaign to try to get on with them. I went to Austin to try to get on with one of the new state representatives. I went to Houston to try to get on with the Jack Fields for Senate Campaign.

So it was sometime after the 1st that we moved in, that we stayed with Steve and Patti.

Q. And you stayed with them until your lease began?

A. Right.

Q. At 1801 West Bay Area Boulevard in Webster?

A. Right.

Q. When you received phone calls for the newspaper at the Stockman home, were you ever concerned about not getting an important message?

A. No.

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Q. How did you get your messages?

A. Whoever answered the phone, whether it was Steve, my wife or Patti or whatever, would say Jeff is not here, I will take a number and a name and have him call you back.

Q. So you received a written message?

A. Maybe. Probably that or they just remembered and told me.

Q. But there were others answering the phone --

A. Well, my wife and Patti.

Q. -- besides the Van Fleets and the Stockmans.

A. Not that I recall. There may have been. I don't know.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this please?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 18 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 18.

A. Okay.

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Q. Can you take a look at that?

A. Sure.

(Witness complies.)

Q. This is a letter dated October 6, 1993. It begins were "Dear Fellow Republican".

A. Right.

Q. It is signed Jeff Van Fleet.

A. Right.

Q. Is that your signature?

A. Yes. It is.

Q. Did you draft this letter?

A. Yes. I did.

Q. Did you mail this letter?

A. Yes. I did.

Q. To how many people?

A. I have no idea. I don't remember.

Q. More than 100?

A. I don't recall. I really don't recall.

Q. Well, did you pay for the postage?

A. I believe I did. Yes.

Q. Was it mailed or was it distributed with the newspaper?

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A. It was mailed. This was completely separate from the newspaper.

Q. Did you pay for the postage personally?

A. Yes. More than likely. Yes.

Q. If you didn't pay for it personally, who would have?

A. I don't know. I would have had to have paid for it.

Like I say, this is completely different from the newspaper. I was the only one who could have paid for it.

Q. Let's try again to remember how many copies of the letter you mailed out, because you paid for the postage personally, if you sent out 10 copies or 1,000 copies.

You would probably remember postage on 1,000 copies.

A. Sure.

Q. Was it closer to 10 or closer to 1,000?

A. It was probably closer to 10. It has my signature. I am not going to sit down and sign 1,000 letters.

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Q. Was it more than 100?

A. I doubt it.

Q. What was the purpose of the letter?

A. I probably sent that just to a few of the key Republicans in the area, like precinct chairmans, people like that, the people that get out and do the dirty work and that kind of thing. I sent it to those guys.

Q. And what was the purpose?

A. Basically to tell them that Mr. LeCour is just a front for Steve Clifford because he has sour grapes for losing to Stockman in 1990.

Q. Whose idea was it to send the letter?

A. It was mine. And I think I did discuss it with Steve.

Q. What precisely did you discuss?

A. I discussed that I was aggravated that Clifford was pushing this guy to run. I was aggravated because I wanted to see Jack Brooks defeated. I knew that this guy had no chance to defeat him and the only reason Clifford was doing it was because he was anticipating that Steve was

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going to be a candidate, so he was trying to do this just so that, through LeCour, he could trash Steve and hopefully Steve would lose, or Steve would at least lose in November, and Clifford could run in '96 unopposed.

Q. Whose idea was the letter?

A. I don't know. I don't know.

Q. Could it have been a joint idea of yours and Steve's?

A. Probably. Sure. It's possible that it could have been.

Q. Would the two of you possibly have been discussing the fact that Clifford was slinging mud and this would hurt Steve Stockman's chances of defeating Jack Brooks in the next election?

A. Yes.

Q. When did you, the two of you, formulate the idea for the letter?

A. I can't recall a specific date. Sometime before October 6th.

Q. How long before?

A. Like I say, I have no idea. It would

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have been probably within a week or two.

Q. Did Steve Stockman review the letter before you sent it out?

A. I don't recall. He may have. I just don't recall.

Q. But you discussed the concept with him?

A. Yes.

Q. And, in fact, the concept was in part his?

A. Yes. He and I discussed it.

Q. Did he ask you to prepare this?

A. No. He didn't ask me to do it. No.

Q. If you look on the first page, the sixth paragraph.

A. "It seems"?

Q. Beginning with "Mr. Clifford".

A. Okay. "Mr. Clifford is destroying our chances."

Q. No. "Mr. Clifford gets paid by a research institute."

A. Okay. All right.

Q. Could you read the next sentence out

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loud?

A. "Steve Stockman has taken leave from his work believing that it is wrong to collect money from employers while at the same time campaigning for public office on company time."

Q. Was he then on leave on October 6, 1993?

A. I'm not sure. I may have been referring to the previous campaign. I don't recall specifically.

Q. Did he take leave to prepare for the primary, the '94 primary?

A. Yes. He took leave for the '94 campaign. But as I said, he was still working. This was getting real close to the time that the job that he and I were working on ended. I believe he was still working in October. His job ended October or November, somewhere around there. I'm not sure.

Q. As soon as the Exxon job ended for him, is that when he began his leave?

A. For the most part I believe he didn't work anymore. I believe he did a few days here and

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there.

Q. But primarily after the Exxon job ended he was on leave to campaign?

A. Pretty much so.

The nature of the business is, I mean, as you are getting closer to winter, end of the fiscal year, or whatever, people don't do this kind of work. They have blown their budgets for the year, so they don't start working again until the spring or whatever. So the work was starting to dry up anyway. If they didn't have the work, we didn't work.

Q. Going to the top of the page, could you read me your address as listed on here?

A. P.O. Box 58354, Webster 77598.

Q. And that is the Stockman campaign address?

A. No. It's not.

Q. What is this post office box?

A. His post office box is 57135.

Q. What is this post office box?

A. This post office box is one that my wife

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and I had gotten when we first moved to Houston. We went and got a post office box because we didn't have an address yet. We hadn't moved into our apartment, but we wanted to have a place to send all of our mail. So this is what we got.

Q. So this is while you were living with the Stockmans you opened a post office box?

A. Yes. We probably opened it the first part of January.

I don't know when. When we decided to move to Houston and start the newspaper we went down and opened the post office box up for our personal use.

Q. And how long did you keep it open?

A. I don't remember. I think probably through that year. For one year, I guess. As far as I can remember, it was one year.

Q. For all of 1993?

A. Yes.

Q. So in 1993 you had this post office box?

A. Yes.

Q. And you also had the other post office

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box for the Southeast Texas Times?

A. Correct.

Q. So you were paying for two post office boxes?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever consider consolidating them and saving rent?

A. No.

Q. When did your role in the Exxon job finish?

A. It started tapering off towards the end of November. I think we had to go back a few days in December. Before Christmas we were out of there.

Q. So, you were working at Exxon you said 60 hours a week during the time this letter was written?

A. Probably. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Does that refresh your recollection as to whether Stockman was then working the same hours as you?

A. He was probably working close to the same

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hours that I was. Yes.

Q. Do you recall for sure?

A. No. I don't recall for sure.

Like I said, the job he was on was ending, was closing, was getting close to an end about that time. I don't remember the specific time. It seemed like it was in October. It may have dragged on into November. I'm not sure.

Q. When you wrote this letter in late September or early October of 1993, did you know that Stockman was planning to run for U.S. Congress in '94 at the time?

A. I knew he was still considering it. Yes.

Q. How did you know?

A. He didn't hold a press conference and say, yes, I am running for Congress, but he was kind of going through the motions getting everything ready just in case.

Q. What sort of motions?

A. Well, they were collecting signatures and doing that kind of thing.

Q. What else?

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A. That's about it, to be honest with you. As much as I can remember, that was about all they were doing at that time. There is not really a whole lot of work you can do right then.

Q. So collecting signatures for ballot access?

A. Right.

Q. We know there was a Stockman for Congress garage sale back in April of '93.

A. Yes.

Q. Where did the proceeds for that go?

A. I have no idea.

Q. What other activities besides the petition?

A. I don't recall.

Q. You were commuting with him each way every day. You said it was about a 45 minute drive.

A. 30 minutes or so.

Q. 30 minutes.

A. 30 to 40, depending on traffic.

Q. So he must have told you what his plans

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were.

A. Like I said, he was doing the exploratory stuff to find out if he still wanted to do it again. Like I said, he had run twice before. He wanted to figure out whether he and his wife were both up for another run.

Q. Was he up for another run? Apart from his wife, was he up for another run?

A. I think he was. Yes.

Q. Had he pretty much made up his mind that he was going to run by then?

A. To the best of my recollection, he wanted to run, but it was a decision they had to make together. I mean, he didn't say, I am going to run no matter what she says. He wanted to run. It was clear the interest was there.

Q. And it was your plan that he would run?

A. I wanted him to because I wanted to get rid of Jack Brooks.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

How did you first meet Steve Stockman?

A. In 1990 he had a fund-raising event in

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Beaumont with Oliver North. I was involved in the Orange County Republican Party and found out about the event through them. I bought a ticket and went to the event. I went to go hear Oliver North. Steve was there and I just got hooked up with the campaign from there.

Q. So, you met him at this fund-raiser. Did you talk with him?

A. Yes.

Well, let's see. No. I didn't. I met him, shook his hand. They had to leave to go to Houston for a couple of other functions, so I didn't get to stop and talk with him then. No.

Q. And when about in 1991 was this?

A. It was during the primary season.

Q. Early in the year?

A. Right. Yes. February or March. I guess it was February.

Q. When did you next speak?

A. I have no idea.

Like I said, there was a young lady there that I dated in '88. I started working with her

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again. I may have talked with Steve incidentally sometime between then and the time of the runoff.

I think after the runoff they did have like a volunteer appreciation thing or whatever. So we went over to the picnic for that.

The primary was in March. The runoff was in April. Late April probably is when.

Q. Did you actually work on the campaign during the runoff?

A. Yes.

Q. What was your role?

A. I helped put up signs, yard signs and that kind of thing.

Q. Did you have any role in strategizing?

A. No. I was just some punk kid.

Q. How about in the primary?

A. The same kind of thing, yard signs and that kind of deal.

Q. After the runoff, the runoff was in April, during the remainder of 1990 what sort of relationship did you have with Stockman?

A. None.

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Q. How often did you see him?

A. I didn't.

Q. When was the next time you saw him after the volunteer appreciation picnic?

A. The state convention in 1992, which was in June.

Q. Where was that?

A. I think that one was in Dallas, I believe. Dallas or Fort Worth.

Q. How did you happen to see him there?

A. He was cutting through the exhibit hall and I stopped and talked to him. I told him I was getting ready to graduate and looking for something to do. He said, call me.

Q. And you called him?

A. Yes.

Q. What did you say?

A. I don't remember if I talked to him before we graduated or after. I think it was before we graduated.

I went over to the campaign office. We went over there and met with him. We shot the

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breeze for a while and I told him I was looking for something to do. He said, well, do you feel like going back over to Jefferson County and work over there because I don't have anybody over there doing anything? I said, sure, that is fine.

Q. When precisely was this?

A. Probably in July of '92.

Q. So this was before you graduated?

A. Yes.

Q. Was this a full-time job?

A. It wasn't a job per se. But yes, that is what I did.

Q. Were you ever paid by the Stockman campaign, by either committee, in 1992?

A. Reimbursements. Other than that, I don't recall any direct payments. Like I say, he reimbursed me for gas and phone calls and that kind of thing.

Q. So would that have been a series of $10 and $20 reimbursements?

A. No. I did it like once a month or whatever.

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Q. But you recall receiving monthly checks from him for a period of time?

A. Well, I don't know if it was a monthly check. Whenever I needed to get reimbursed, that is when he reimbursed me.

Q. How much would the reimbursements typically be?

A. I don't remember. I don't recall.

I remember it being somewhere in the interrogatories that we just answered. You had asked for specifics regarding the nature of those payments. I don't recall the numbers.

Q. So you worked on the '92 primary?

A. Not the primary. No. '92 general.

Q. I'm sorry. You worked on the '92 general.

A. Yes.

Q. Through November?

A. Correct.

Q. And then what?

A. I didn't do anything. My wife and I, we went to visit relatives in Kentucky for a

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week-and-a-half. Then we came back.

We went to Corpus Christi to look for positions there and Austin. I sought positions on the other Senate campaigns for the upcoming special election. Then we ended up in Houston.

Q. And that was when you started working on the newspaper?

A. In January.

Q. You started working for McKee Environmental in May 1993?

A. Somewhere around there. Yes.

Q. How were you employed, other than the newspaper, prior to May '93?

A. I wasn't. I did the newspaper.

Q. So from November '92, when the Stockman campaign ended, until May '93, when you started working for McKee, the newspaper was your full-time employment?

A. Right. That is what I did. And my wife worked as well.

Q. Other than early '93, did you ever live with the Stockmans again?

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A. No.

Q. During the time that you were living in Webster and working on the newspaper and commuting with Steve Stockman and seeing him and his wife socially frequently, did you talk about the newspaper with Stockman?

A. I'm sure I did. I can't recall any specifics of the conversations or anything.

Q. Did you ever exchange letters with him?

A. What do you mean exchange letters? Communication through mail or anything like that?

Q. Yes. Did you ever communicate through the mail?

A. Not that I'm aware of. No. Not that I recall.

Q. We have heard that you have had voluminous communications with Steve Stockman.

Would that be written communications?

A. No. Personal.

Q. Oral communications?

A. Oral. Yes.

Q. Did the two of you discuss politics?

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A. Yes.

Q. Conservative politics?

A. Sure.

Q. Did you ever discuss the Southeast Texas Statesman?

A. No.

Q. Never?

A. The Statesman, no, I never did. I had nothing to do with the Statesman. I don't know anything about it.

Q. Did you know who owned the Statesman?

A. I think Tim and John Hart were doing it. I think. I may have seen one copy. But other than how they operate, I have no idea.

Q. What do you mean other than how they operate?

A. I knew they were doing a paper and that is all I knew.

Q. So, other than the fact that the newspaper existed, did you have any other information?

A. No.

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Q. Did you ever discuss it with Tim Frankovich?

A. He may have asked me where I got my stuff printed and I told him I went to the Texas City Sun. I may have told him who to talk to.

Q. Did you ever provide him with any other advise?

A. No. Not that I can recall.

Q. And you know Tim Frankovich through church?

A. Correct.

Q. How do know John Hart?

A. He was friends with Tim and I know John from the campaign.

Q. Did you know him before the campaign?

A. No.

Q. So when did you first meet him?

A. Sometime in '94.

Q. Before the primary or before the general?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Did John Hart have any role in the Southeast Texas Times?

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A. Not that I can recall.

Q. But Tim Frankovich at some point essentially took over the Southeast Texas Times?

A. You could say that. Yes.

Q. Was he a good friend?

A. He was a friend.

Q. How often would you see him socially during 1993?

A. We didn't see each other socially in '93. I saw him in church. That was basically it. And when we talked about the newspaper stuff. That was pretty much it. As far as going to movies and stuff like that, we never did anything like that.

Q. How did he come to be the one to take over the newspaper?

A. He was available to do the work. I couldn't.

Q. Did you approach him or did he approach you?

A. I think it kind of evolved. We were talking in Sunday School. He knew I did the

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newspaper. He said, hey, I used to do that, or whatever, and he started out writing some articles and doing that kind of thing. Eventually I got to where I couldn't do it and so he took up the slack.

Q. To your knowledge, when he worked on the Southeast Texas Times, where did he do that?

A. To the best of my recollection, he did it at home.

Q. Did you know of him doing it anywhere else?

A. I don't know of anywhere else.

Q. When he and John Hart started the Statesman, did you give them any advice?

A. No.

Q. Did you give them any assistance?

A. No.

Q. Did you give them any equipment?

A. No.

Q. Did you give them any software?

A. No.

Q. Did you give them anything?

A. No. I don't think so.

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After Election Day --

Q. Election Day '94?

A. '94.

-- I saw Tim at the campaign office for a few days there until I left to go visit my family and my wife's family. And I think the next time I saw him was probably in February.

Q. Of?

A. Of '95.

Q. Where did you see him then?

A. At church. I came down to pick up my wife to move back to Washington. We went to church there and saw him there.

Q. While you were working in Congressman Stockman's D.C. congressional office, did Tim Frankovich ever call you for assistance with the newspaper?

A. I don't recall him ever doing that. I don't know. I simply don't recall. I don't know.

Q. Do you know whether he spoke with anyone in the congressional office seeking information?

A. I have no idea.

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Q. Documents?

A. I don't know. He may have been looking for press releases or something like that and maybe we had given him a press release list.

That is speculation on my part. I really don't know. I wouldn't have any personal knowledge of that.

Q. Who would he have spoken to?

A. The Press Secretary at that time, early 1995, was Kevin Bishop.

Q. Would it surprise you to know that we have testimony that the Southeast Texas Times was produced by you on a borrowed computer and that when you were finished with the newspaper and moved to D.C., you then loaned the computer that you had borrowed to Tim Frankovich and he produced the Southeast Texas Statesman on a computer that you loaned him that, in fact, you received on loan from someone else?

A. Are you saying the Times was produced on a borrowed computer?

I know I did some work at home. I

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borrowed a laptop.

Q. Who was that borrowed from?

A. I borrowed that computer from Dan Norton.

Q. Did you then loan that computer to Tim Frankovich?

A. It wasn't my computer to loan.

Q. Did you ever loan any computer to Tim Frankovich?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. If you did loan a computer to Tim Frankovich, would you recall?

A. I'm sure I would.

Like I said, that was a very busy time, so I don't remember much of what went on back then.

Q. Do you recall when the Southeast Times ceased publishing?

A. The Times?

Q. I'm sorry. The Statesman.

A. No. I don't.

Q. Would you be surprised to know that we have testimony that when the Southeast Statesman ceased its publication you went back to Tim

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Frankovich and asked for the return of the loaned computer?

A. No.

Q. You wouldn't be surprised to know that?

A. Yes. I would be surprised. Yes.

Q. So you have no knowledge of any of that?

A. Of borrowing and lending computers, no, I have no knowledge of that.

Q. Does it surprise you to hear this?

A. Yes.

Q. Would it surprise you to know that we have testimony that the Southeast Texas Times was produced, put together and produced, other than printing, entirely in Steve Stockman's garage?

A. Yes.

Entirely? Yes. I would be surprised to hear that. Because, as I said, I did work at my home and I did work at Exxon.

The printer I had, it was not a very good printer. I probably did print some stuff out at Steve's house because he has a laser printer instead of going to Kinko's and doing that.

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Q. How would someone get the idea that the paper was produced entirely in Stockman's garage?

A. I couldn't tell you. I don't know.

Q. What if someone told us it was produced partially in Stockman's garage? Could you tell me what you would think of that?

A. I would probably say I could understand partially because, like I said, from time to time I may have written some articles over there, I may have done some layout over there, because the computer he had was a little faster or something. But the majority of the work that was done was on my computer at home and on the laptop. As far as I know, the work that Tim did he was doing at his home.

Q. Could he have been doing it in the Stockman garage?

A. He could have. As I said, I don't know.

Q. Do you know for a fact that he owned a computer in his home?

A. Yes. He told me he had a computer. It was a MacIntosh. He told me that is what he liked

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to work on better than the IBMs.

Q. And he had it in mid and late '93 when he was working on the Times?

A. As far as I know, yes. As far as I can recollect, yes.

Q. And he worked on the Times on a MAC?

A. Some of the stuff he did I think was on the MAC.

Q. But you did your work on an IBM clone?

A. Yes.

Q. Are those computers compatible?

A. Not completely. I believe you can do IBM stuff on MACs. You can't put MAC stuff on IBMs.

Q. So how did this happen?

I mean, how did the two of you manage?

A. If I wrote articles or did something like that, you can write articles and stuff in the word processor and save them as text files and then you can import them to any kind of deal.

As I said, probably when Tim was working on it I was doing more review work and telling him to change stuff or whatever. I wasn't doing a

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whole lot of composition, but a little bit of it.

Q. Where was Stockman's laser printer located?

A. That was in his garage, I think.

Well, it's in his garage right now. I don't recall if it was in his garage then or it was in the back bedroom office or what. I don't know.

Q. Earlier you testified that the computer was in the back bedroom.

A. Right. Sometime in there they moved, and I don't recall when that was.

Q. When the computer was in the back bedroom was the printer in the back bedroom?

A. Yes.

Q. And at some point both the computer and the printer were moved to the garage?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you recall when that was?

A. No. I don't. No. I don't.

Q. Was it during the winter? Was it during the cold weather?

A. Yes. Probably so.

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Q. So it was early on in the Times?

A. I was thinking it might be towards the end.

Q. Okay. Meaning?

A. The fall.

Q. In the fall of '93?

A. I think. Like I said, I don't remember exactly. I am guessing.

Q. We also have testimony that the campaign was being run and the newspaper was being put together in the garage simultaneously.

A. Which campaign?

Q. The '94.

A. I didn't publish the newspaper in '94.

Q. The '94 primary.

A. As I said, I stopped publishing. I think probably the last paper we printed was in October or November. If Tim was doing the work on it, it may have been.

Q. And if in the fall of '93 the campaign was getting geared up for the primary, that would have been in the garage?

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A. Probably so. Yes.

Q. And if Tim Frankovich was working on the Times in that garage, would that explain how the newspaper was being put together the same time that the campaign was being conducted?

A. Yes. Probably so.

Q. And Tim Frankovich worked on both the newspaper and the campaign?

A. As far as the campaign stuff in '93, I can't testify to that. I have no direct knowledge of him doing campaign work. I don't know.

I know he did some stuff for me. He worked on the Times for me. But as far as his activity involving the campaign, I don't know.

Q. But you know that at least at some time he did work on the campaign?

A. Yes. He did work on the campaign. I know after '94 he did.

Q. And didn't you introduce him to Stockman?

A. I don't recall introducing him. No.

Q. Did you get him involved?

A. No. I don't recall getting him involved

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either.

Stockman was friends with the family or had met the family. They were involved through the Republican Party. To the best of my knowledge, that was the connection. I don't recall introducing Tim to Steve.

Q. Are you certain that you did not introduce them?

A. Pretty much so. Yes. I can never recall introducing Tim Frankovich to Steve Stockman.

Q. Can you recall bringing Tim Frankovich to the Stockman home or garage where the campaign was being conducted?

A. I don't recall that. No.

Q. What about Jim Rogers? Was he working on the campaign? Did he work on the '94 primary?

A. I don't recall. I think he did. I know his daughter worked quite a bit. I don't know if Jim did. I remember seeing his daughter around quite a bit.

Q. What is his daughter's name?

A. Joy.

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Q. Joy Norton?

A. Joy Rogers.

Q. I'm sorry. Joy Rogers.

A. Yes.

Q. How old is she?

A. She was in high school. I don't know how old she was. But she would come over and do phone calls and that kind of thing.

Q. What about Dan Norton? Did he work on the '94 primary campaign?

A. I'm sure he did. I don't know to what extent though.

Q. Do you know when he started working on it?

A. No. I don't.

Q. When did you start working on the '94 primary campaign?

A. I probably started working there doing some campaign stuff probably maybe October, late October to early November.

Q. Of '93?

A. Yes.

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Q. In the garage?

A. Yes. I believe they were at least in the garage by then.

Q. So this letter, Exhibit 18, was the beginning of thinking about primary season and then you started actually working on the primary late October, early November?

A. Probably something like that. Yes.

Q. How much time did you spend in the garage in October?

A. I'm not sure whether I was still putting in the long hours then.

Q. The long hours at Exxon for McKee?

A. Correct.

As I said, I got home probably close to 4:30 or 5:00 o'clock in the morning. I would wake up at 10:00 or 11:00, take a bath and get dressed and piddle around. Then I would go meet Steve at his house and we would go to work.

Q. On the campaign?

A. No. We would go to Exxon. And that was pretty much the routine from when we started

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working there.

When we started working on the campaign, instead of staying at home until it was time to go to work, when I got up and ate lunch and did whatever I had to do at home, I would go over and work a couple of hours on the campaign before we left to go to work.

Q. So before you commuted --

A. Yes. Before we left to go to Exxon.

Q. -- you would work for a couple of hours?

A. Yes.

Q. In the garage?

A. Right.

Q. And this was starting in October?

A. It seems like it. Somewhere around in there. Yes.

Q. And before October how did you fill those couple of hours between getting up and piddling around and getting in the car?

A. Sleeping or working on the newspaper. Doing something like that.

Q. And how many days a week did you work?

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A. Five. Sometimes six.

Q. And all of those five or six days you commuted with Stockman?

A. They didn't work on Saturdays. If I had to go in on Saturday, I went by myself. But probably most of the time we commuted.

Q. What sorts of things would you do for the campaign in the couple of hours before you got in the car?

A. Let's see. I worked on probably some fund-raising stuff, making phone calls and stuff like that. I probably did layout, desktop publishing kind of projects or something like that if something needed to be done. That kind of stuff.

Q. Did you help produce campaign literature that was in newspaper format similar to the Times?

A. In '94 I helped do some of that. Yes.

Q. What sort of things did you do in '94?

A. We did one called the Republican Voice, Chronicle of Our Times, America First, The Black Observer, Health Lines. We did one specific piece

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on NASA.

It seems like there was another one. I can't remember what it was.

Q. Did you write the articles for the publications you just listed, the campaign literature?

A. I did some of it.

Q. Who else did it?

A. Tim did some.

I think Steve probably did some. Steve wrote like the rough drafts and Tim and I went back and cleaned them up.

I helped layout ads and that kind of thing. I just helped do some more composition and stuff and took care of dealing with the printers and stuff.

Q. And that would be the Texas City Sun?

A. Correct.

Q. For all of them?

A. They did some of them. Some of them we did with Greater Houston Publishers, some of the bigger ones we did.

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Q. When you started listing the names of these newspapers, I have to tell you that you smiled as though you were looking back fondly.

A. They were fun.

Q. Why is that?

A. They were sweet.

Q. Why was that?

A. Because it was campaign literature but it looked like a newsletter. So, you could say what you wanted to say and people would think they were reading a newspaper and not campaign literature.

Again, we had the same problem. We couldn't get the media to look at us. So, we wrote our own headlines. It worked out great.

Q. And how did you distribute this campaign literature?

A. Door to door.

Q. And the purpose was to put out your own message but in a newspaper format?

A. Sure.

Q. So that people wouldn't know that it was actually campaign literature?

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A. Sure. Right.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could we take a five-minute break?

(Recess.)

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Back on the record.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Mr. Van Fleet, you just told me that you wanted to clarify something.

A. On those campaign pieces that we did that looked like newspapers, they all had disclaimers on them. It was just they were strategically placed at the very end, on the last page at the very end of the publication.

They were campaign literature, but they all had disclosures that are required by law. It's just that it didn't look like the regular tri-fold brochures that you get from regular politicians. They were just different. But they all had their disclaimers like they were supposed to.

Q. When you say strategically placed, how so?

A. For instance, on the back page we had a

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drawn up box on the last page and it looked like an ad for Congressman Stockman or whatever. Instead of putting the disclaimer on the inside of the box, we put it on the outside of the box underneath so it covered everything.

Q. Okay.

A. That was it.

Q. Thank you.

Continuing with the campaign, in 1994 who ran the campaign, who was the brains behind the campaign?

A. Steve.

Q. And how so? What did he do on a daily basis?

A. He would kind of issue a broad task and say, this is what I would like to have done.

Q. Who did he issue those to?

A. To whoever was standing nearby. And they ended up doing it.

Like for me, I did a lot of the layout and stuff like that. He would say, Jeff, I need you to make some invitations for this fund-raiser,

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I need you to make some postcards for this, something like that. He would say this is the time, date and place, make them. So I would do that.

If we had an event coming up, whatever, and Ken Clark would be in charge, he would say, call some volunteers, get them over here at this place, we have to do this, that and the other, and Ken would do that.

Q. How did Ken Clark get his volunteers?

A. I'm sorry.

Q. How did he get volunteers?

A. Naturally, I guess after running two times before, the Congressman had kind of built up a pretty good list of people already. So, you called those people back again.

As you get more exposure and things like that, people start to call. Friends bring friends and stuff like that and then the list just grows. Friends from church.

Different places where Steve would speak we would always make sure we collect names of

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people who were there, so we could always call on them and try to get them involved.

Q. This campaign literature/newspapers, those were Steve's idea?

A. Yes.

Q. What else?

I mean, did he hold fund-raising events?

A. Yes. We had some.

Q. Like what?

A. Let me think.

I mentioned Speaker Gingrich came in earlier. He came in, I think the Thursday before the election.

Q. In '94?

A. In '94.

Rhet Adair did an event. I think that was in October. I don't know if you know Rhet Adair. He puts out fires. He is real famous for doing that all over the world. He put out a bunch of fires in Desert Storm. A real neat guy. He lives in the District, so he said, yes, I will do one.

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I am trying to think who else.

Q. And he would charge admission to these events?

A. Sure.

Q. And pass out cards asking for more donations?

A. Sure.

Q. Follow-up with direct mail asking for more donations?

A. We didn't do a whole lot of direct mail as far as soliciting there in the '94 campaign. I understand they have done a lot since then. As far as the '94 campaign, we didn't do any. We may have done one or two pieces.

Q. What else? Did he hold parties, concerts?

A. Coffees.

Let me think what else we did.

I think there was one concert.

Q. Who played?

A. I can't remember. It was a Christian singer, but I can't remember the guy's name.

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Q. So, Steve Stockman would come up with the idea let's have a coffee in someone's house?

A. No. He didn't do that. People would call and say I want to host a coffee.

Q. That would come from other people?

A. Right. Citizens or individual people would say, hey, Steve, I like you, I would like you to come to my house, I want to have a coffee for you, invite all my friends and neighbors, they will come over so you can meet and talk to them.

Q. Did you and your wife host a coffee?

A. No. We didn't.

Q. Did the Frankovichs ever host a coffee?

A. I have no recollection. I don't know.

Q. Did Ken Clark and his wife host a coffee?

A. Not that I recollect. No.

Q. What about Patti and Bill Martin?

A. Not that I recollect.

Q. John and Shannon Hart?

A. No. Not that I recollect.

Q. The Harts' parents?

A. Not that I recollect. They may have.

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I'm not sure.

Q. Tommy Frankovich?

A. Not that I recollect.

Q. Can you recall anyone who hosted a coffee?

A. I remember going to one, but I don't remember what the guy's name was. I can kind of get you in his neighborhood, but I can't remember his name.

Q. Anyone else?

A. Paul and Betty Lou Martin I think did one.

Q. Were they related to Patti and Bill Martin?

A. No. They are old friends of Steve's from somewhere else. They live in Houston somewhere.

Q. How about Mr. Dickson who owns Pearland Furniture?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. Going back to when Steve Stockman would sort of say, let's do this.

He suggested the newspapers.

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A. Right.

Q. What else did he suggest?

A. First of all, we did a lot of block walking. I think in the 1994 campaign we did about 1.2 million pieces of literature and delivered it door to door.

Q. Hand-delivered?

A. Yes.

Q. And he participated?

A. He did some.

Q. Who else? You?

A. Lots and lots of people.

I did some. Yes.

Q. Who else?

A. Dan Norton. Andy Roister. Sam Desmond. Sam Desmond, Jr. Chris Cupit.

Q. This is the '94 campaign?

A. Right. And the list goes on. There were hundreds of people that did it.

Q. Let me throw out some names.

Did Tom Tyler?

A. Not that I'm aware.

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Q. Did Patti Stockman?

A. As far as handing out literature and stuff, I don't think so. She did a lot of surrogate speaking and stuff like that for Steve.

I think she couldn't do a whole lot of public stuff because I think she was still under the Hatch Act because she worked for NASA. I am not exactly sure what all the regulations were regarding that.

Q. David Stockman?

A. I think they did a few things, block walked or helped throw the literature door to door or whatever.

Q. How about Sandra Criswell?

A. I don't remember if she threw newspapers or not.

Q. What did she do?

A. She came to like the volunteer meetings and helped fold and stuff envelopes and that kind of thing or thank you notes.

Q. What about in '90 or '92?

A. I'm not aware.

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Q. You don't know if she had any role?

A. Right.

I do recall. I think she was the campaign treasurer for one of those committees. I think.

Q. Do you recall interacting with her?

A. No. I don't.

I only remember her commenting to John Hart, well, I am glad you got the job and I don't have to mess with it anymore.

Q. She said that to John Hart?

A. Something of that nature.

Q. How did John Hart come to be treasurer?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Do you know who invited him to do that?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Do you know John well?

A. I know him and that is it.

Q. You have hung out with him in the garage?

A. Yes.

Q. I understand there was a lot of hanging out and goofing off in that garage.

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A. Lots.

Q. So to some extent you all got to be friendly, the regulars?

A. Yes. But we didn't go out to eat and go out to the movies and do stuff like that together. We were campaign friends.

Q. Did you have pizza delivered to the garage?

A. Quite often.

Q. So you would hang out. You might not have gone out to eat, but you did eat a lot of pizza in the garage?

A. Yes. We survived on the pizza.

Q. Were your wives there, John Hart's wife and your wife?

A. John wasn't married at that time I don't think. He might have gotten married towards the end of the campaign. I don't know.

Q. His fiance. His girlfriend.

A. He wasn't married then. He and his first wife were having problems and I remember the saga.

My wife came every once in awhile and

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helped out. She was a school teacher, so she was real busy with that too.

Q. Who else were the regulars in the garage?

A. Let me think.

Tina Hatch. Ruth Hodges.

There are three or four ladies and I can't remember who they are. I can't recall.

Q. How about Dee?

A. Dee Birenbaum, she came in once or twice and brought squash soup.

Q. It must have been good.

A. That was her thing. Yes.

She and her husband, they were getting ready to move or trying to move or something. So she wasn't around a whole lot when we got down to the nitty-gritty and stuff. I remember her coming a couple times and bringing stuff to eat.

Q. How about Colleen Luchese?

A. I don't recall that name at all.

Q. Did Patsy Cline?

A. No.

Q. She wasn't a regular?

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A. No.

Q. Did you ever see her in the garage?

A. No.

Q. Denise Frankovich is Tim Frankovich's wife?

A. Yes. She was there some. Yes.

Q. Some? Often, not often, once a week?

A. Maybe a couple of days a week. Some weeks more. Some weeks not so much.

Q. Robert Williams?

A. Bob came in and out. He was our gun connection. He was real involved in NRA and that kind of thing and those issues. So, he worked a lot of the gun shows and stuff like that.

They had gun shows and stuff all the time. He would go there and pass out stuff bad-mouthing Bush for voting for the Crime Bill and that kind of thing. He would try to solicit volunteers and stuff that way.

Q. Going back to John Hart's role as treasurer, Sandra Criswell was relieved to give that one up?

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A. Yes. That was my impression.

Q. Why is that?

A. Just from her comments. I think she was doing the job and she was very busy at her real job.

Q. Which was?

A. I don't know. I assume accounting. I don't know. I seem to think that is what she did. I don't know for who or what.

Q. You assume accounting because she was the campaign treasurer?

A. No. It just seems like I recall that for some reason that that is what she does. She was very busy with that job, so she didn't have time to deal with it anyway, and I just remember her commenting to John, well, I am glad to be rid of it.

Q. From hanging out eating pizza with John Hart, did you get a sense of what sort of treasurer he made?

A. He came and signed the reports and mailed them in and stuff like that.

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Q. Did he fill them out?

A. He helped do some of that.

There was another gentleman, one of Steve's friends, that helped do a lot of it too, but John's name, I guess, was on a lot.

Q. Do you know the other gentleman's name?

A. I don't remember his name. I remember him coming in and out and helping.

Q. Just on the campaign reports?

A. Yes.

Q. Would the name be Rhabia?

A. Yes. I think that is it.

Q. Rhabia Zeidan?

A. Yes. I believe that is it.

Q. Where is he employed?

A. Rhabia?

Q. Yes.

A. I think he works for the University of Texas Medical Branch, I believe.

Q. Is he an accountant?

A. I'm not sure. I don't recall.

Q. Do you know in '94 was he paid by the

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campaign to fill out the reports?

A. No.

Q. Is he currently filling out the reports?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Why isn't he the treasurer if he is filling out the reports?

A. I have no idea.

Q. Do you have any sense for why they are having John Hart sign and Rhabia do all the work?

A. No. I have no idea.

Q. From what you know of John Hart, do you think he is capable of being the treasurer?

A. Sure. I think they have almost everything computerized now. The computer does all the work and John signs it.

Q. Do you know why Steve Stockman picked Hart to be the treasurer?

A. No. I have no idea.

Q. Ken Clark, he was volunteer coordinator. You said he got people to go hand things out.

What else did he do?

A. That was pretty much all he did. He got

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volunteers to deliver the literature door to door, help make sure signs got built and put out, all that kind of grunt work.

He kind of cracked the whip. A lot of people weren't real pleased with him. But he got the work done. I guess he was kind of the mean guy. He took the heat off of Steve.

Q. So the ideas for the campaign came from Steve?

A. Correct.

Q. What about the strategy?

A. From Steve.

Q. Message development?

A. Yes. Steve.

I mean, sitting around the garage we would kick around stuff, say, hey, wouldn't it be neat to do this. We would run it by Steve and he would say, yes, we can do that.

The majority of the stuff Steve said we need to talk about this, that and this, this is how I would like to do it, you guys figure out how to do it.

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Q. When he said you guys figure out how to do it, who was his audience?

A. Me and Ken. And Tim was there. That is pretty much it.

Q. So the core of the campaign was Jeff Van Fleet, Tim Frankovich, Ken Clark.

Anyone else?

A. There was a very good organization over in Jefferson County. Andy Roister did a lot of the work over there.

As I said, they were on one side of the district and I was on the other. So, we never had a whole lot of interaction with those guys. We would hear war stories. Steve would go over there one week and say, oh, man, those guys are great, and he would tell us what is going on.

Q. Stockman would?

A. Right. Yes.

I know they had a pretty good organization over there. But who the players were, I know Andy and Sam.

Q. Sam Desmond?

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A. Sam Desmond.

Probably Don Picker and David Bradley.

Q. And that is the Jefferson County office?

A. Right.

Q. Would that office, do you imagine, have been run the same way the garage was, Steve Stockman saying let's do this and he would be the brains behind the ideas and other people would carry it out?

A. I wasn't over there, so I can't say exactly. I would imagine.

A lot of what they did was just primary literature distribution. They were putting fliers on windshields and delivering the newspaper campaign pieces or whatever.

Q. Was it the campaign pieces that were produced in the garage?

A. Yes. The campaign literature pieces, America First and Chronicle Of Our Times and stuff like that.

Q. And those pieces, the newspaper pieces you described --

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A. Correct.

Q. -- those were the primary campaign literature?

A. Yes. That was pretty much most of the heavy stuff. And like I said, we did post cards and little half sheet fliers and stuff like that. That was pretty much it.

Q. Do you recall dealing with the NRCC?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you personally deal with them?

A. I did to some extent. Yes.

Q. Could you describe that dealing, that interaction?

A. The NRCC, they came right at the very end of the campaign.

Q. This was '94?

A. Right.

There was one gentleman that Steve had met, I can't remember where, Mike Collins, who was a communications director.

I think Steve had gone to an NRCC finance school or something like that and he met a couple

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of the officers of the national party there and they turned Steve on to this one guy or whatever. He and Steve really hit it off because they kind of thought and acted the same way about certain things or whatever.

So, he really liked Steve and liked the campaign because we didn't have a cookie cutter campaign like most everyone else. We were pretty unconventional. He liked that and I think he saw some promise there. He saw that Brooks was vulnerable before anybody else did. So, he helped us out and gave us pointers and said do this, that and the other, don't do this, or stuff like that.

I dealt with Mike at first for about a month to six weeks or so, but then towards the end of the campaign when they really got involved, I wasn't involved with him anymore. Steve and Kevin Bishop I think dealt with him.

Q. Did you receive payments from the NRCC, contributions?

A. Did I?

Q. Did the campaign?

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A. I don't know how they worked it. I know the NRCC put money into the race. I don't know how it worked out.

Q. Did they pay for any literature?

A. I don't recall them paying for literature. I know they bought an awful lot of TV and radio. I think they bought an awful lot of TV.

Q. They bought TV on Stockman's behalf?

A. Like I say, I don't know how that transpires. You would know better than I how that takes place or whatever. I mean, according to the law, that is how they did it.

Q. Did you ever see the campaign reports that were filed with the Commission?

A. The last ones, no.

Q. Any?

A. I have seen them probably because I was usually the one that had to run up to the post office and drop them in the mail at midnight.

Q. Did you see them before the envelope was sealed?

A. Possibly, but I didn't sit down and read

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it or anything like the newspaper. I saw them and that was basically it.

Q. Did you ever help prepare a report?

A. I don't recall. I possibly could have transcribed some names or something, written names down or something like that. But that was just copying from one page on to another. I may have done some of that, but for the most part, no.

Q. Other than Rhabia, who in '93 and '94 prepared reports?

A. Steve.

I think my wife actually copied some names and stuff down.

Q. When you say copied, you mean hand wrote?

A. Right. Filled out the paperwork.

Q. The form?

A. Right.

I don't know whether she copied the names down off contributor cards or whatever else. They had a printout with names and addresses or something and she transferred it from that list over on to the actual forms. I think she did some

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of that.

I can't recall anyone else.

Q. When contributor checks came in, do you recall who opened the envelopes?

A. Patti.

Q. Martin?

A. Yes.

Q. What did she do with them?

A. She made copies, filled out the deposit slip and wrote thank you notes.

Q. Okay.

What did she do with the photocopies?

A. Put them in a notebook.

Q. In a notebook that was then used to help whoever was filling out the reports?

A. Right.

Q. Matt Bulot and others you said did that entry?

A. Right.

Q. Was part of the data entry copying names and addresses from those checks into the computer?

A. Might have been. Probably so.

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See, I don't know. Since Patti was dealing with all the checks and stuff --

Q. Patti Martin?

A. Yes.

Q. Because of the two Patti's, I am going ask you, if you can, to try and mention the last name.

A. Okay.

Patti Martin may have done those since she had her hands on the checks. She may have entered in those names and stuff like that, so they wouldn't have had to go from Patti Martin to Matt Bulot and then back to Patti to make the deposit. Patti just may have taken care of entering all the checks and stuff. I am not sure how that worked out.

Q. For the bulk of the 93/94 election cycle, Patti Martin essentially received the checks, Rhabia primarily filed the reports or completed the reports.

Is that accurate?

A. I don't know when Rhabia got involved.

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Is there a report right after the election?

Q. The reports are periodically throughout the year.

A. Is there one report that is due right after the general election?

Q. Yes.

A. I think Rhabia worked on that one, if I remember, because I took that one to the mailbox. I remember him working on that and John came down and signed it.

Q. That would have been the '94 year end?

A. I guess.

That was the first time I really recall Rhabia there. And what he did, he checked and made sure everything added up and balanced out like it was supposed to.

Q. Do you know whether he actually filled in the contributor names on the reports?

A. No. He didn't do that. Like I said, my wife did that. He kind of did the balance sheet or he checked and made sure that everything added up

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like it was supposed to ad up and that kind of thing.

Q. Are you familiar with the fact that there are limits to how much individuals can contribute to a campaign?

A. Correct. Yes.

Q. Who was in charge of making sure no one exceeded those limits?

A. A lot of times Patti Martin paid attention. It really wasn't a big problem, unfortunately. But Patti Martin watched most of the time and I think Rhabia may have caught something or whatever. He may have discovered something. I don't remember.

Q. There is also a threshold at which contributions need to be reported.

A. Right.

Q. They need to be itemized.

A. Right.

Q. Who insured that when an individual contributor reached that threshold, it was reported? Because it's a much lower threshold.

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A. Right. That is 200?

Q. Yes.

A. I'm not sure. I don't know. I don't want to speculate. I don't know who did that.

I would assume it would be Patti Martin. Since she was the one who was opening the checks and stuff like that, I would assume she would be the one that would do that. That is my best guess.

Q. We have been talking about the details, the financial details, for the '94 campaign.

Do you know who is taking care of those details today for the 95/96 cycle?

A. '95 Tina Hatch was working. She took over for Patti Martin when Patti came up here. Now Tina left and Patti is back down there doing it now. I don't know when who left and who came back. I don't know what time or when that was.

I believe Patti Martin is taking care of -- well, I think there are several people entering in checks now. As I said, the direct mail aspect has grown quite a bit.

Q. Why do you say that?

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A. They have just had a very aggressive direct mail program since the election, since he has been in Congress.

Q. Have you participated in that?

A. I did some.

Well, after hours I helped. I was kind of the intermediate. There was a gentleman here in town who was doing some stuff.

Q. Who was that?

A. His name was Pat Kinney.

Q. Could you spell the last name?

A. K-I-N-N-E-Y.

He did some direct mail for the Congressman, a direct mail solicitation.

Q. During '95?

A. Right.

And Chris Cupit down in Friendswood, in the Friendswood office, they were working together.

Q. Chris Cupit and Pat Kinney were working together?

A. Yes. I guess.

Q. Does Chris Cupit have any other partners

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who he works with?

A. Jason Posey.

Q. And the two of them together are Political One Stop?

A. Right.

Q. Is anyone else Political One Stop?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Does it have any other employees?

A. Not that I know of.

Q. Is Pat Kinney part of Political One Stop?

A. No.

Q. Is he a vendor?

I mean, is he a subcontractor to Political One Stop or does he work directly for the campaign?

A. I don't know. I don't know how that situation works. I am not sure.

Q. Do you know how Kinney was paid?

A. No. I don't.

Q. Did you deal with him directly?

A. I did some work for Pat because he also did some work in the congressional office.

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Q. What sort of work?

A. We did some of the constituent mail.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Just one minute.

(Pause.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. So you don't know how Pat Kinney was paid?

A. From the campaign side, I don't know.

Q. Would you know whether he was paid directly by Political One Stop?

A. I would not know that.

Q. Was Kinney associated with any firm?

A. I think it was himself. He was it.

Q. Did it have a name? Was it Pat Kinney Associates?

A. I think it was like the Ken Group or something like that, I believe.

Q. The Kinney Group?

A. The Ken Group. K-E-N group.

Q. You don't know what K-E-N stood for?

A. The name Ken, but I don't know.

Q. You don't know who Ken was?

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A. No.

Q. Did Political One Stop do anything other than direct mail?

A. I don't know anything about that. I have no knowledge about what they do.

Q. But you said Chris Cupit was involved in the '94 campaign?

A. As a volunteer on the Jefferson County side.

Q. What about Jason Posey, was he involved in '94?

A. No.

Q. When did you first meet Jason Posey?

A. I met Jason probably -- I don't know. Last year maybe. I don't know. I don't recall. After the summer of last year.

Q. What sorts of direct mail pieces did Political One Stop produce?

A. I'm not aware. Direct mail is all I know, direct mail solicitation.

Q. Do you still live in the Ninth Congressional District?

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A. No. I do not.

Q. Do you live in whatever the new Ninth Congressional District is going to be?

A. No.

Q. Do you live in the Eighth?

A. I live in the Second.

Q. So, even with the redistricting, you probably wouldn't be a recipient of the direct mail?

A. Probably not.

Q. So how do you know that they are doing substantial direct mail this cycle?

A. I have talked with Steve since then. I mean, we are all friends. We have been friends for six years or however long. We shoot the breeze and talk and whatever. So I know that is what they are doing.

Q. How often do you speak with him today?

A. With Steve?

Q. Yes.

A. Maybe once a month. I talk with Chris maybe once a week.

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Q. How did you first meet Chris?

A. I didn't meet Chris in the '94 campaign because I never was on that side. I guess I met Chris in 1995 when I was up here working. I think he came up and he stayed up here in Washington for a few months doing some campaign work for the Congressman here locally, PAC relations and that kind of stuff, I guess.

Q. Was he employed by the Ken Group or by Pat Kinney?

A. No.

Q. So he was on his own --

A. Right.

Q. -- working here for the Congressman?

A. Correct.

Q. Did he have any other clients?

A. Not that I'm aware of.

Q. Did he work with any consultants other than Pat Kinney?

A. I have no knowledge of that. I would not know.

Q. Other than Political One Stop and Pat

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Kinney, did or does the campaign use any other consultants?

A. I would not know that.

Q. Or intermediate people?

A. I would not know that.

Q. You would not know or you do not know?

A. I do not know.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Why don't we take another short break now?

(Recess.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. Could you just describe the garage to me, how many desks, how many computers?

A. It's a two car garage.

Q. It was finished?

A. It had sheet rock on the walls.

We found some old carpet that had been ripped out of a house. We put that on the floor.

Someone donated money to buy an air conditioner/heating unit, so we cut a hole in the wall and put the air conditioner in there.

Dan Norton and I hung some florescent

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lights, put in some book shelves.

I think the Congressman went down to an auction at the university or something and bought a bunch of desks for a dollar a piece. I think in '94 there were five desks, two of the folding tables, in the garage.

Q. How many computers?

A. It would be four.

I think we had seven phone lines and thirteen stations throughout the house.

Q. How many people would be in the garage at any one time?

A. Five or six.

Q. And was that throughout the course of a day?

A. Those were people that were there pretty much all the time anyway.

Q. And those five or six were?

A. They changed around and stuff. It really depends.

Patti Martin was always there. Tim was pretty much always there. Ken Clark was there

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quite a bit. I was there quite a bit when I wasn't at work. Ruth was there quite a bit, Ruth Hodges. And there were a couple of other ladies that kind of came in and out. One was there one day. One was there the next.

Q. What would these people be doing besides eating pizza?

A. Answering the phone. Typing thank you letters, lots and lots of thank you letters. Entering names into the database. Addressing envelopes, putting stamps on and stuff like that, mailing labels on postcards for the next upcoming deal.

Q. Would you or others run out and do errands, buy more stamps, buy more office supplies?

A. Matthew would usually do that.

Q. Matthew Bulot?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he have a driver's license?

A. As far as I know, yes.

Q. And when you or others would do errands or run out, make deliveries and use gas, who would

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you ask for the reimbursement?

A. When and if we ever did, Patti.

Q. Did she have the authority to decide who should be reimbursed and when?

A. Maybe for little things or whatever, like if we put a ceiling fan up in the garage or whatever.

For instance, I am not saying this happened, but for instance if Dan Norton went and bought the ceiling fan himself, because the place where you get the ceiling fans are between his house and Steve's house, he would buy the ceiling fan, come back and Patti would reimburse him for what he paid for the ceiling fan.

Q. Patti Martin.

A. Yes. For something like that.

If it was stuff we needed or whatever, Steve might say, Dan, can you go get a fan and put it up in the garage, and Dan would say, yes, I will buy it and Patti will reimburse me, or whatever. They would do something like that.

Anything major, which I can't recall of

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any instance, Steve would pretty much double check, he would make sure. I mean, Steve had to sign the checks anyway.

Q. But Patti Martin had a stamp with his signature?

A. Yes. She got that later on.

Q. So in '94 if someone went out and bought 1,000 yard signs, would Patti Martin reimburse that on her own or is that something where she would go to Steve Stockman?

A. I don't recall that ever happening.

Q. What big expenditures might there be?

A. To be honest with you, I can't recall any. There may have been a computer part or something like that, if something screwed up.

Q. What about printing those newspapers, the newspaper/campaign literature?

A. The campaign paid for those.

Q. Would you consider that a large reimbursement that Steve Stockman would sign off on?

A. No. The campaign paid for it. No one

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reimbursed that.

Q. They paid for it directly?

A. Yes. They paid for it directly.

Q. Did they do any television during the '94 campaign?

A. I think we did some.

Q. And who paid for that?

A. I think we paid for some.

I know there was a lot of television done. Where and who paid for that, I don't know how that panned out.

Q. Do you know whether the NRCC paid for that?

A. After the fact I found out the NRCC paid for some. Yes.

Q. How did you find out about that after the fact?

A. Doesn't part of that have to be reported by Steve as a payment in kind?

Like I say, I don't know the particulars, so I don't know. I know the NRCC did some ads because I remember seeing on TV, Paid for by

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Friends of Steve Stockman and the National Republican Congressional Committee, something like that.

I think some of it may have been -- how do you say that -- cooperated expenditure.

Q. Is coordinated the word you are looking for?

A. Coordinated. Maybe some of it was coordinated. I don't know. But then I do remember seeing some spots paid for by the NRCC.

Q. On TV?

A. Yes.

Q. Were there any TV spots that the campaign paid for directly?

A. It seems like there were. I don't remember.

Q. Is that something the campaign would have paid for directly or someone would have to be reimbursed?

A. No. The campaign would have paid for that directly.

Q. Is that a check that Steve Stockman would

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have written out himself or that Patti Martin could have written out?

A. Patti probably wrote the check and Steve signed it.

Q. So, if it was a big check, Patti Martin would still write it out, but Steve Stockman would sign it himself?

A. Patti wrote pretty much all of them, but Steve checked everything. Patti didn't write a check unless she knew that Steve knew and Steve said it was okay or whatever. I mean, she just didn't start writing checks to people.

If there was a bill that had to be paid or something like that, Steve would tell Patti Martin we have to buy some TV time, for instance, or we have to pay for this print job, write a check for this much to these people, and she would do it.

Q. You had said earlier that you were regularly hanging out in the garage in the late afternoon before you commuted to work with Steve Stockman beginning in October of '93.

A. Right.

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Q. Was Tim Frankovich regularly hanging out in that garage at that time as well?

A. I don't remember. He could have been. I simply don't recall.

Q. If he was hanging out there at that time, would he have been working on the Southeast Texas Times there as well?

A. In '93?

Q. Yes.

A. Not to my knowledge. I don't know.

Like I said, Tim started working on the paper I think maybe in September or something like that. Maybe two or three issues he worked on. That was in the middle when I was working the long hours at Exxon.

So, I don't know where Tim did his stuff. Maybe he did it there. I don't know. I know Tim did it. Where Tim did his work, you would have to check with Tim about. As far as I can remember, I don't recall Tim working on the Southeast Texas Times during that time.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this?

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(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 19 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am going to hand you what has been marked Exhibit No. 19.

Could you tell me what this is?

A. It's a campaign flyer for Congressman Stockman.

Q. Who prepared it?

A. I don't recall. I know I didn't do this one. I don't know.

Q. Do you know who paid for it?

A. It says paid for by the NRCC.

Q. Do you have any reason to doubt that?

A. Like I say, I have no direct knowledge. I don't know who did it.

To be honest with you, I don't remember seeing this piece. I don't know how this came to be distributed or whatever. It looks like something we would have done, but I didn't lay it out. I don't know if Tim laid it out or what.

Q. Just to make the record clear, could you

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read the first headline and then the disclaimer at the bottom?

A. Sure.

"Steve Stockman Cares About Your Concerns."

"Paid for by the National Republican Congressional Committee. Authorized by Friends of Steve Stockman."

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 20 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 20.

Could you read the name of this and the date?

A. Yes. The Chronicle Of Our Times, Volume I, Fall, 1994.

Q. Is this one of the pieces of campaign literature made to look like a newspaper that you were describing earlier?

A. Yes. It is.

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Q. In leafing through it, is the entire publication what you described; all of it is campaign literature made to look like a newspaper?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there a disclaimer on there?

A. Back page, the very bottom.

Q. Okay. The back page.

Is this the same page as what has previously been marked Exhibit 19?

A. Yes. It appears to be the same. Yes.

Q. And that is the disclaimer that you envisioned for this document?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you prepare this document?

A. I didn't do this one. I didn't do the back page. I may have done some of the inside stuff. I think Tim did the other work on this one.

Q. Have you seen this before?

A. Oh, yes.

Q. Did you write any of the articles?

A. I don't remember. I may have. I simply don't recall.

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Q. Did you work with Tim Frankovich in preparing it?

A. I may have helped him edit and do things like that. I don't recall writing any of these articles. I think I helped him.

I remember doing this, getting the pictures together.

Q. You were looking at page?

A. Pages 6 and 7, the Stockman family album. I remember getting the photographs together for Steve or Tim or whoever. I guess for Tim. But Tim I believe laid this out, as far as I can remember.

I worked on this one, this particular portion.

Q. You are looking at page 10?

A. The top half of page 10 above the fold.

I may have done the voter survey on page 11.

Q. That is similar to voter surveys or citizen polls that you produced for the Times?

A. A survey is a survey.

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Q. Where did you get the idea for this survey?

A. Steve said I want to do a survey.

Q. Fair enough.

And the only disclaimer on here is the disclaimer on the last page?

A. Correct.

Q. So that was intended to be the disclaimer for the entire publication?

A. Correct. That is why we placed it outside this box on this last page, so it would cover the entire document.

Q. Was the entire document paid for by the NRCC?

A. Like I say, I don't know who paid for what. I don't know.

The disclaimer says it was paid for by the NRCC. I have no knowledge. I can't confirm or dispute that. I don't know.

Q. So you don't know whether that is referring just to this page or to the entire document?

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A. Correct.

Q. Do you know whether the last page of the Chronicle Of Our Times, the one with the NRCC disclaimer, was distributed individually as a one page flier at any time?

A. Not that I'm aware. Like I said, we did 1.2 million pieces of literature in about a three or four month period. So, like I say, I doubt that I have seen every piece of literature we have ever handed out.

Q. But you do know that the remainder of the document, the first 11 pages until the page with the NRCC disclaimer, was prepared by you and Tim Frankovich?

A. Primarily Tim, but yes, I think I helped out as well as far as editing and stuff like that.

Q. Thank you.

The October letter that we discussed earlier, it was marked Exhibit 18. I will show it to you.

A. Okay.

Q. Were you reimbursed for the postage on

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that letter?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. Is it possible?

A. I may have been, but I honestly don't recall.

Q. Going back to Political One Stop, you said you knew Chris Cupit quite well?

A. Yes. I know Chris.

Q. Do you know Jason Posey well?

A. I wouldn't say I know him well. I know he is working with Chris. I have met him a few times.

So, I know Jason. We are not going to be life long friends or anything like that, I don't think. He is a nice guy. I know him.

Q. Does Chris Cupit have any employment other than Political One Stop right now?

A. I have no knowledge of that. I wouldn't be able to tell you.

Q. Before he and Jason Posey formed Political One Stop what was Chris Cupit's employment?

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A. I couldn't tell you. I have no idea.

Q. Do you know whether he graduated from college?

A. I have no knowledge of that. I don't know.

Q. What about Jason Posey, do you know whether he graduated from college?

A. It seems like he did, but I can't confirm or deny that. I don't know.

Q. Do you know whether he is employed other than at Political One Stop?

A. I wouldn't know.

Q. Are you using them as political consultants in your current campaign?

A. No.

Q. Are you using any consultants in your current campaign?

A. No.

Q. Do you know of any candidate or campaign that has used Political One Stop other than Steve Stockman?

A. I wouldn't know that. No.

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Q. Would you know whether Tommy Frankovich used them in his election?

A. No. I would not know that. No.

Q. Would you know whether Chris Cupit has had any training in campaigns or elections?

A. Yes. I know he went to the RNC campaign college. When he was here in 1995, here in Washington, if there was ever a campaign school, he was there. So he has been to tons of them.

Q. Give me an idea which ones he has attended and when. Just tell me '90, '95. That is good enough. '94, '96. Just a year.

A. They all would have been in 1995 probably no later than July.

Free Congress Foundation, I believe.

The Leadership Institute.

They had schools covering several different aspects of a campaign. So, he went to, I am sure, all of them.

Q. Which aspects?

A. I think there was one on direct mail. There is one for candidates. There is one for

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campaign managers. There is one for just a general campaign. I think there is one on campaign finance.

I'm not sure. They had several different schools. I don't recall all the specific names or specific topics discussed. I know he went to several of them.

Q. Has he volunteered on any other campaigns before he started working for Stockman?

A. As I say, Chris worked quite a bit in the 1994 campaign.

Q. Was that in a volunteer capacity?

A. Correct. And that was the first time I heard of Chris Cupit.

Q. So you met him on the Stockman campaign?

A. Actually no. I never met Chris until 1995. Steve would come back and tell lots of stories, but I never actually met Chris.

Q. You heard of him because he was in the Jefferson County office?

A. Right.

Q. Did Jason Posey originally work in

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Jefferson County with Chris Cupit?

A. No. He did not.

Q. When did he first become involved with Stockman?

A. I don't remember when Jason came on. It seems like it might have been the fall of '95 maybe. Specifically I can't tell you when. I don't know. For some reason it just seems that he came around about that time.

Q. This is going way back. But you had referred to the idea of Southeast Texas Times first coming up at a pot luck with people from the campaign telling war stories.

A. Possibly. It could have been that.

Q. And the pot luck was a campaign thing, a post campaign to thank the volunteers?

A. I know there was a post campaign thing. Whether or not that was where we talked about the idea of me starting a newspaper, I don't recall specifically. It's a possibility that that is where it was discussed, but I don't know.

Q. And Steve and Patti Stockman would have

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been at this post campaign event?

A. There were probably 60 to 100 people there.

Q. You described Ken Clark sort of being the muscle.

Is that fair?

A. In any campaign the candidate always has to be the good guy. When you are dealing with volunteers and stuff, the candidate can't get on to people and boss people and shove people around. He always has to be nice and sweet and everything like that. That keeps the volunteers coming back.

You have to have somebody there to kind of crack the whip and that was Ken's job. Like I said, some people didn't like him because of that. But they worked. And they kept coming back because they liked Steve.

Q. So Ken Clark was good at cracking the whip?

A. He was good at getting people there and getting them to do what needed to be done.

Q. A motivator.

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A. Yes. That is true.

Q. Was he assigned this role by Steve Stockman?

A. I think it just kind of developed, just kind of migrated to him. That is what he liked to do.

Q. So he physically coordinated people and places and things; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he have any strategic input, any conceptual input?

A. As much as anybody else did.

Like I said, someone had an idea or something like that, something that, hey, wouldn't it be neat if we did this or we should really do this or whatever. A lot of people came up with ideas. We would run them by Steve, talk with Steve, and he would say, well, yes, maybe we can do that or, no, we are not going to do that.

Q. So he was the one, Steve Stockman was the one, who said yes or no to any ideas for fund-raising events, strategies?

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A. Pretty much. Yes. For anything.

Q. Message?

A. Correct.

Q. How about Patti Martin?

A. Patti was just there. She did her job.

Q. And again, I know I have asked you this before, but one more time.

A. Okay.

Q. Describe her job.

A. She took care of the bookkeeping and answering the phone and doing the thank you letters and stuff like that.

Q. So she had one phone that she answered, all those other phones people were making outgoing calls on?

A. No. They would come to her and then she would kind of shuffle them off to whoever needed to get them or whatever.

Q. So she would pass certain calls on to others?

A. Yes.

Q. Would you describe her as more of a

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receptionist or more of an office manager?

A. Office manager. Because a lot of times she was on the phone, the phone was ringing, if you were by a phone, you would pick it up and answer.

Q. So she had more substantive responsibilities than a receptionist?

A. Sure. Yes.

Q. And more substantive responsibilities than a secretary?

A. Yes. I guess.

Q. Lorn Westfall.

A. What about him?

I am trying to remember if I ever actually met him. I know I talked with him on the phone a time or two.

Q. Did he write an article in the Times?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Was he a Stockman volunteer?

A. In '94 I don't remember seeing him around. No.

Q. What about '92?

A. I wouldn't know.

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Q. Why aren't you working on the campaign today?

A. I am doing my own campaign.

Q. Why did you leave D.C.? Why did you leave the congressional office?

A. To go back to run for a state representative.

Q. So that was your primary goal?

A. Yes. Pretty much so.

Originally I had gone back to run for Congress in the Second District, but that didn't work out, so I decided to run for state representative instead.

Q. Did you run in the primary?

A. Unopposed.

Q. Unopposed?

A. Right. In the state reps race.

Q. Wait. I am confused.

A. I moved down under the guise of running for Congress. I got down there, started doing some ground work, and found that wasn't going to be feasible at that time.

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Q. Why is that?

A. There were five other people in the race already and they had been at it quite a lot longer than I had as far as campaigning and stuff like that. They had a tremendous head start on raising money and doing stuff like that. So, I said, well, that is fine, I will run for state rep instead. So I did that.

So I was never actually a candidate for Congress. I was considering it and I decided to run for state rep instead.

Q. And now you are running unopposed.

A. No. I ran unopposed in the primary. I am facing a Democrat challenger in November.

Q. Cliff Murchison, do you know him?

A. Clifton Murchison?

Q. It's either Clifton or Clifford.

A. I always thought it was Clifton.

Yes. I know Clifton.

Q. The last name is Murchison?

A. Right.

Q. Did he work on the Times?

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A. No.

Q. What was his role in the '94 Stockman campaign?

A. I think he was a high school kid or maybe he was in junior college. I don't remember. He did some literature distribution and stuff like that and put up some signs and stuff. That was pretty much it.

Q. He was a volunteer?

A. Right.

Q. Again, when did you stop paying rent on the post office box in Box-It?

A. I don't recall. Late summer to early fall of '93 would be my best guess. I just simply don't recall.

Q. Did you open a new box in that location?

A. No.

Q. When was the last time you recall being at the Box-It location?

A. I don't. I don't recall when I was there. Maybe in August.

Q. In August?

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A. Of '93.

Q. Okay.

A. Maybe.

Q. Would it surprise you to hear that we have evidence that you last received mail at that location on June 20th, 1996?

A. Yes. It would.

Q. Were you ever notified of that mail delivery?

A. No.

Q. Would it surprise you to know that Steve Stockman last received mail sometime in early 1996 at that box?

A. Yes. It would.

Q. Would it surprise you to know that we have evidence that the persons entitled under the contract with the Box-It company to receive mail at that box include Steve Stockman, Patti Stockman, Tim Frankovich, Tom Tyler and Jeff Van Fleet?

A. Like I say, I don't know. I remember going in and signing the contract.

Since I assumed the post office box after

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Steve had gotten it, I don't know if they just added me on to the list. I requested that Steve be deleted from the list. Maybe they didn't do it.

To my knowledge, I paid the bill and I received my mail there and, as far as I was concerned, it was no one else's address.

Q. Do you have any knowledge that all of the people I just listed continued to receive mail or other deliveries at that address at that box throughout 1994, 1995 and the first part of 1996?

A. No. I had no knowledge of that.

Q. Okay.

Could you speculate as to any explanation for this?

A. No. I can't. The last time I remember paying rent on that was back in August of '93 or sometime in late summer, early fall of '93.

Q. Do you have any recollection of Tim Frankovich ever receiving mail there?

A. It seems like whenever Tim started doing some newspaper stuff that that was kind of in the area where he lives so he would go and pick up the

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mail or whatever because it was on his way back and forth to wherever he was going or whatever. He passed by there all the time, so he would go in and get the mail.

For me to go I have to go out of the way to go down to League City and get it. So I wasn't down there on a real regular basis. Tim was. So he got the mail.

Q. And you have no further information on how or why these people have been described as receiving mail through all of '95 and part of '96?

A. No. I don't.

Like I said, I know Tom sometimes received press releases or something from there whenever he was doing stuff for the Times in '93. But as far as I was concerned, no one I knew got mail there.

Q. Was Box-It located --

A. It's a strip center. It's a strip center.

Q. Is it a small store front in a strip center?

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A. Correct.

Q. Did you know the owner?

A. I don't guess I ever introduced myself to her. When I went in they recognized me and I would say hello and exchange complementaries or whatever. That was pretty much the extent of it.

Q. So you would recognize her?

A. Maybe.

Q. But generally there was one proprietor who would be there?

A. I remember one lady in particular. I remember two different ladies. One lady was kind of short were short bobbed hair, permed I think. Another lady was kind of tall. It seemed like she had blond hair, shoulder length.

It seems to me that there was sometimes in there an older lady. I don't know if she was the mom of the short lady. Maybe the short lady owned the place and that was her mom. The other girl, the taller girl, maybe was just an employee. I don't remember.

Q. Did you ever discuss this matter, this

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case, with any of the people who worked at Box-It?

A. Not that I recall. No.

Q. Did they ever ask you about it?

A. Not that I recall.

MR. CARON: Excuse me.

May I ask him something?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Do you want to go off the record for a minute?

MR. CARON: It's a little too late for a break.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Let's go off the record for a second.

(Discussion off the record.)

THE WITNESS: I want to say too on the Box-It thing, I lost the key to that box. I think I testified earlier that I had lost the key. When I went in the ladies either opened it for me or the little lock that opened the whole face, I just pulled it back and got my mail out of there.

I guess other people could have had access to it as well, I suppose. I don't know.

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

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Q. Sometime in November of 1993, probably sometime between mid November and mid December, in late 1993, the Southeast Texas Times wrote a check to the Stockman campaign, to either Stockman for Congress or Friends of Steve Stockman, which were the two campaign committees, for $2600.

Do you recall that check?

A. I wrote a check to them?

Q. Yes. You did.

A. No. I don't recall that check.

Q. Does it refresh your recollection to know that the check was returned for insufficient funds?

A. I wouldn't be surprised.

No. It still doesn't. No. I still don't understand why. I don't recall writing a check for $2600.

Q. Did anyone have access to the Southeast Texas Times checkbook other than you?

A. No. My wife, but she wouldn't have written a check for $2600 either.

Q. Would Tim Frankovich have had access?

A. Not that I'm aware.

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Q. Or Stockman?

A. Not that I'm aware.

Q. Patti Martin?

A. Not that I'm aware. No.

Q. Do you recall having a balance of $2600?

A. No. That is probably why it was returned.

Q. Can you try and rack your brain and figure out any reason you would have written a check for $2600 toward the very end of 1993?

A. I can't imagine.

Q. This would have been right at the time the publication stopped publishing.

A. Right.

Q. Is it possible that this was a balance in your checking account, you were closing it out and you were giving it to the campaign?

A. No.

Q. Why do you say that?

A. Like I said, I never had $2600. I know you can't give personal contributions more than $1,000.

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Q. Now, there are a number of ads from Pearland Discount Furniture and you said most of them were between $500 and $1,000.

A. Possibly.

I bought a day bed from him.

Q. From whom?

A. From Pearland Furniture.

I think we switched out. I gave him free ads for the bed. So some of those may not have been paid for.

Q. And a day bed would cost $300?

A. It was $400. I think it was around $400 or $500 total.

Q. So that was probably one full page ad?

A. I think we set up to do four half pages or something like that.

Q. Any clue as to this $2600 check that the Southeast Texas Times wrote to Stockman for Congress or Friends of Steve Stockman?

A. No. Like I say, I have no idea. When and if I get bank records or whatever, maybe I can figure it out.

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Was there anything in his FEC reports?

Q. Well, right now I am just asking you about this one check that we know was returned for insufficient funds.

A. No. I have no idea. I don't know.

Q. When you do request the bank records, which you will be turning over to Mr. Caron to give to us, if at that time you see the check, and you should be getting a copy of it back from your bank, from the First Gibralter Bank, if you see the check and it comes to mind, the handwriting rings a bell, feel free to provide an explanation to Mr. Caron and he will forward that explanation on to us.

A. Sure.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Let's mark each of these.

(Van Fleet Exhibit Nos. 21 and 22 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 21. This is a page from a report filed with the Commission by the Stockman Committee.

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The fourth entry.

A. Right.

Q. This is a Schedule B, so these are itemized disbursements.

A. Correct.

Q. That means payments made by the Committee.

A. Right.

Q. This indicates a check to the Southeast Texas Times in September of '93 for $400.

A. Okay.

Q. The purpose listed is newspaper ads.

A. Okay.

Q. Do you recall Stockman purchasing ads from you?

A. He may have. I don't recall.

As I said, some of those things in there, like some of the space station issues or something like that, I wasn't sure where they had listed quotes around the bottom. Maybe some of those he paid for. I don't know. I simply don't recall.

Q. There was one box in the first of the

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space station supplements that at the bottom said --

A. It was a quote from Steve.

Q. It was a quote from Steve Stockman and it describes him as a candidate in '92.

A. Former candidate in '92.

Q. Former candidate.

A. Right.

Q. Would that have cost $400?

A. It shouldn't have. No.

Q. You don't even know whether he paid for that ad?

A. Correct.

Q. You testified that you didn't think he did.

A. Right. Yes.

Q. We just went through all the newspapers. Do you recall seeing any ads that were paid for by Stockman for Congress?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Or by Friends of Steve Stockman, which is the committee filing this report?

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A. Like I say, I don't recall specific instances. Perhaps he did and I just don't remember. It was a long time ago. He may have. I simply don't know. I don't recall.

Q. Other than the one space station ad, if there were no other ads that included a Stockman disclaimer, what could be the explanation for this?

A. I don't know unless the purpose of the disbursement was incorrect. I don't know.

It says for the general election in '93. There wasn't an election in '93.

Q. Okay. Reports are filed throughout the election cycle. So this is a report of a disbursement made in September of '93. All of the disbursements listed on this page were made in September, or one was August, late August, or two actually were late August of '93.

A. Okay.

Q. One of the disbursements made in September of '93 was to the Southeast Texas Times. If it wasn't for a newspaper ad, what might it have been for?

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A. I think I had a surplus supply of newspaper bags. It may have been for some of those. I don't know.

Q. Why would it be listed as newspaper ads?

A. Like I say, I don't know. This looks like Patti Martin's handwriting. She may have just been mistaken. I can't recall.

Q. But you think that Patti Martin wrote this?

A. It would appear that way. Yes.

Q. Would she likely have written the check?

A. Probably more than likely.

Q. Turning to Exhibit 22.

A. I don't have one of those.

Q. Sorry about that.

The first entry actually indicates two expenditures to the Southeast Texas Times.

A. Right.

Q. The purpose is listed as materials for literature distribution.

A. Right.

Q. There are two disbursements, one for $165

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and the other for $100.

A. Right.

I think probably what that was, this was for the bags, I believe.

That over there may have been, I may have produced some literature or produced something for Steve, an advertisement or a piece of mail or something, and that may be what that was for. But I don't recall.

Q. Is it possible that you were paid for some work in preparing the other newspapers, the Chronicle Of Our Times and those others, and that he made the payment out to Southeast Texas Times?

A. No. Because those weren't produced in '93. Those were produced in '94.

It may have been for production expenses regarding some other piece of campaign literature.

I know he did a Christmas card about then because I remember getting one. There is a lot of lead time in those. So it may have been I helped produce that or something. I simply can't recall.

Q. Why would he have paid the Times instead

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of you?

A. I don't know. Just the way it worked out.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 23 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 23. It is a Stockman for Congress check, Check No. 1516. It is made out to the Southeast Texas Times.

A. Correct.

Q. In the amount of $400.

A. Right.

Q. This is probably the same $400. It's dated September '93, so this is probably the same $400 referred to in Exhibit No. 21.

A. Right.

Q. Whose handwriting is that?

A. It's kind of hard to tell. It looks like Patti Martin's.

Q. Looking at the check, does it help you

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recall?

A. No. Again, she has written in the memo, ad for newspapers. As I said, I don't recall them paying or buying $400 worth of advertising in the Times. The only thing I can think of it may have been payment for some desktop publishing work or something that I had done. That is speculation on my part.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 24 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked as Exhibit 24.

A. Okay.

Q. This is from the October 1992 Quarterly. It is the report for Friends of Steve Stockman.

A. Correct.

Q. The fourth entry is to Jeff Van Fleet for consulting in the amount of $1260.

A. Correct.

Q. Do you remember receiving this?

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A. Yes. I do.

It wasn't for consulting. It was reimbursement. I had purchased some billboards and he paid me back. I had written a personal check. They needed a check that day, so I gave them one, much to the chagrin of my wife. Steve wrote this check to repay me.

Q. And what did the billboard say?

A. It was for his campaign. Let me think.

Enough is enough, 40 years is too much, Elect Steve Stockman, was one.

There were two different versions. I don't remember what the other one was.

Q. This was for the '92 general?

A. Correct.

Q. Why did they report it as consulting?

A. I have no idea. They probably didn't realize what it was for.

Q. Whose handwriting is on the report?

A. I don't know. It doesn't look like Patti's. It might be Steve's. I couldn't answer.

Q. And you would have no idea why it was

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misreported, the purpose is misreported?

A. Right. The purpose is misreported.

I remember specifically the $1260. My wife had some comments on that.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark these?

(Van Fleet Exhibit Nos. 25, 26 and 27 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibits 25, 26 and 27.

Exhibit 25 is a Friends of Steve Stockman Schedule B Itemized Disbursements report. The first entry is to you, Jeff Van Fleet. The purpose is reimbursement. It indicates two reimbursements, one for $200 and one for $250.

A. Okay.

Q. Exhibit 26 is the $200 check.

A. All right.

Q. Exhibit 27 is the $250 check.

A. Okay.

Q. What were the purpose of these

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disbursements?

A. This was when I was working on the '92 campaign. It was for gas and phone bill expenses.

Q. You just said it was for the '92 campaign?

A. Wait. I am sorry.

Q. The checks and reimbursements are dated June '94.

A. Let me see then.

It was probably for gas and phone bills still in the '94 campaign.

Q. Were you making calls out of your home?

A. I did some. Yes.

Q. Long distance calls?

A. Right.

Q. Who were you calling?

A. PACs and stuff like that. Political Action Committees.

Probably most of that was gas driving back and forth delivering newspapers and delivering literature and stuff like that.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark these

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please?

(Van Fleet Exhibit Nos. 28 and 29 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 28. It's another page of itemized disbursements from Friends of Steve Stockman. The second item from the bottom is indicated as a reimbursement to you in October '94 of $200.

Exhibit 29 appears to be the check described in the report.

A. Okay.

Q. Do you recognize the handwriting in the report?

A. I can't tell if that is Patti Martin or who. That may be Patti Martin.

Q. And on the check?

A. I was looking at the check.

On the report it doesn't look familiar. I can't recognize that.

Q. This is also listed as reimbursement.

A. More gas.

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Q. Did you always purchase gas in such even increments, $200 or $250?

A. No. It was probably actually more than that and I just told him to give me $200.

Q. So you rounded it off to the advantage of the committee?

A. Sure.

My gas bill was more than that. I was going back and forth to work too. I was doing work and doing campaign stuff.

Q. On the itemized disbursement sheet the entry underneath the one to you is made out to Tim Frankovich in the amount of $500. It is also reimbursement.

A. Yes.

Q. Do you know what that would be for?

A. No, ma'am. I would have no idea.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Can you mark these?

(Van Fleet Exhibit Nos. 30, 31 and 32 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

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Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 30, which is itemized disbursements. The entry, the second from the bottom, is made out to you. The purpose reads, Contracting Services, Nonemployee Compensation. It's from December of '94 and the amount is $1500.

A. Correct.

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibits 31 and 32, which are checks dated 1994. The amounts are a little unclear.

A. They are both for $750, I think.

Q. They are both for $750?

A. I think.

Q. Okay.

What do you think Contracting Services, Nonemployee Compensation meant?

A. As I said, we did a lot of work for Steve during the campaign and none of us got paid. I guess after he won he felt he owed me something, so he gave me, I don't know if you consider it a bonus or whatever. But apparently he felt he owed me something for the work that I had done.

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Q. So this was payment sort of in the terms of an independent contractor?

A. Yes. I guess so. I had to claim it on my taxes and stuff. So, I would assume.

Q. So you considered it income?

Did you consider it a gift or did you consider it income?

A. I told the IRS it was income. They took their share.

Q. Did Steve Stockman present the check to you personally?

A. I don't remember. I don't know if he did or if Patti Martin did. I don't recall.

Q. Did he discuss it with you?

A. It seems like maybe after the election was over he said something. He said, Jeff, I appreciate everything you have done and that you helped me out and I want to do something for you, whatever.

Q. So what he did for you was?

A. He gave me $1500 then.

Q. Did he also give you the job?

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A. He offered me a position, correct, after the election.

Q. He offered you the LA position in Washington?

A. Correct.

Q. And you worked there for close to a year?

A. Right.

Q. Did you leave his office on good terms?

A. Very good.

Q. And you are still close friends?

A. Yes.

He asked me if I was interested and I said, yes, of course.

I do want to make a correction. On my address, you had asked for my address in Webster. I told you 1801. It was 2801.

Q. And looking at the report refreshed your recollection?

A. Right.

Q. Going back to Exhibit 30.

A. Okay.

Q. The entry above the one to you is to Jeff

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Fisher. The purpose is Consulting Services. The amount is $1500.

A. Right.

Q. Was that for consulting services or is that a bonus similar to the one you received?

A. I have no idea. I have no idea.

Q. Was Jeff Fisher one of the people who hung out in the garage?

A. No.

Q. Did he work on the campaign?

A. At this time he worked in Austin. He was state director of an organization there.

Q. What was the organization?

A. American Family Association.

I don't know what he did. I know he and Steve talked about some things, but I wasn't privy to those conversations, so I wouldn't be able to tell you.

Q. And underneath the entry to you there is an entry to Ken Clark for Contracting Services.

A. Again I would have no idea.

Q. Did you ever discuss it with Ken Clark?

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A. No.

Q. Never told him you got 1500?

A. No.

Q. Did you know that he got a check for 1500?

A. No. I did not.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you mark these?

(Van Fleet Exhibit Nos. 33 and 34 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit 33. It's another list of itemized disbursements. The last entry is to you at your address in Burke, Virginia. It's for $1,000. And the purpose is, it says, payment of debt.

A. Right.

Q. And Exhibit No. 34 is a copy of the check.

A. Correct.

Q. Tell me about that debt.

A. I don't know why it was called debt. I think this was just a second installment on the

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$2500. He said he wanted to give me $2500 or whatever, $1500 he could give me now and he would give me more later on when he got it. This was the second installment of that $2500 or the balance of that $2500.

Q. So at his promise you expected to receive a bonus of $2500?

A. I didn't expect to receive anything.

Q. But I mean after he promised you that you would receive $2500 then you expected it?

A. After the election was over, the general election was over, in November of '94, Steve told me: Jeff, I appreciate all you have done. I want to give you a bonus of $2500. I can't give it all to you right now, here is $1500 and when I get some more money I will give you the balance.

Q. So you never loaned the campaign $1,000?

A. No. I never loaned them $1,000. No.

Q. Your understanding when you saw that check was that it was part of this bonus, was the second installment on the bonus?

A. Whatever you want to call it. Yes.

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MS. ZIMMERMAN: Would you mark this?

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 35 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 35. It is another list of itemized disbursements from the Friends of Steve Stockman Committee. The first entry is a disbursement to you. It's for $1500 and it's described as payment of debt. That was in May of 1995.

A. Correct.

Q. What was this for?

A. It may have been a continuation of the 2500. I don't recall exactly.

He said, Jeff, I want to do something for you. I don't remember him saying 2500. Maybe he said $4,000. I don't know. But that was what that was for.

Q. Do you recall any debt at all that the committee owed you?

A. As far as I am concerned, I was a volunteer for the campaign. I never expected to

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get paid for anything. Perhaps Steve's feelings were different. I don't know.

When it says payment of debt, I can't understand why it would say debt because I never actually loaned him any money. Perhaps he felt he owed me something. That is why he listed it as payment of debt.

Q. But you never actually loaned the committee money and received a promissory note or an IOU in return?

A. I never got a piece of paper that says IOU "X" amount of dollars. No.

Q. And you never had any concept that you laid out $2500 and expected $2500 back?

A. No.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: If you can mark this last exhibit.

(Van Fleet Exhibit No. 36 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. ZIMMERMAN:

Q. I am handing you Exhibit 36. The top of this sheet of paper says Conservative Action

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Network.

Have you seen this before?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Is there an organization called Conservative Action Network?

A. A formal organization, no.

Q. What is this?

A. It's just exactly what the name implies. It's a group of conservative activists in the area. That is it.

Q. Who are members of the group?

A. Anybody who filled out one of these forms and wanted to get involved in conservative issues. I think we protested NYPD Blue and a lot of different stuff.

Q. The newspaper reported on the protest of NYPD Blue; is that right?

A. Right. Sure.

Q. Was the newspaper and the network done in conjunction?

A. No. The reason I listed my newspaper on here, it was a conservative newspaper and these

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were conservative people we were targeting. If they are interested in conservative problems, they may be interested in seeing a conservative newspaper. That is why I put my name on here.

Q. The address at the bottom, CAN, Conservative Action Network, P.O. Box 57135, Webster, that was the Stockman Committee's post office box, correct?

A. Correct.

Q. So when people filled out this form they sent it to the Committee?

A. Correct.

I believe it was also used for personal mail as well, among other things. It was also used for pro-life action network.

Q. Was that also a group Stockman formed?

A. I don't know if he formed it, but it was a way to collect names of people who may be interested in conservative issues.

Q. And to support the campaign?

A. Support conservative causes, period.

Q. The top of the form is a subscription

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form for the Southeast Texas Times.

A. Yes. There is a box here that says, yes, I would like to help in the paper or receive a subscription. Yes.

Q. If someone were to order a subscription through the Conservative Action Network, the check would be mailed to this post office box; is that right?

A. I would assume so. Yes.

Q. Did you receive any subscriptions through this?

A. Not that I recall.

Q. Did you work out an arrangement with Steve Stockman for how you would receive the check?

A. No. Not that I recall.

Q. Did you get any volunteers or articles through this form?

A. Not that I recall.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: That is all the questions I have.

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BY MS. STEIN:

Q. I am just going to ask a couple of questions.

A. Okay.

Q. They range a little bit back and forth in time.

A. Okay.

Q. You said that Chris Cupit went to every campaign school available in 1995?

A. Right.

Q. Do you know who paid for them?

A. He was doing campaign work for the Congressman at that time. So I would assume the campaign paid for it.

But that is speculation on my part. I have no personal knowledge of that. I know Chris was here doing campaign work.

Q. Earlier when we were talking about the reporting and we were talking about Rhabia, you said that you thought that he was a friend of Steve Stockman.

Do you know how Steve Stockman knows him?

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A. No. I don't know where they met. No.

Q. Was Patti Martin at the Stockman house from January through June 1993?

A. As best as I can recollect, I think she was there. I don't know how frequently or from what times, but I know she was there.

Q. From January to June 1993 who answered the phone at the Stockman house?

A. Sometimes Patti answered. Sometimes I answered. Patti Martin answered. Patti Stockman answered the phone. Steve answered the phone. Whoever was there when the phone rang picked it up.

Q. Other than the people you just named, was anyone else there from January to June 1993?

A. I have no recollection. I don't know.

Q. With regard to the Southeast Texas Statesman, you said that you didn't really help them out.

A. Right.

Q. You had been notified about this complaint in January 1994?

A. I believe that is when I knew first.

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Q. And you knew that Tim Frankovich was going to start a new newspaper?

A. No. I did not.

Q. When did you become aware of the Statesman?

A. January 1995.

Q. In January 1995 did it occur to you to tell him about the complaint?

A. I don't remember. Maybe I did.

Q. For what purpose would that have been?

A. I have no idea. Probably a passing conversation.

Q. Would it concern you that another paper was being started in view of the fact that a complaint had been filed against your paper?

A. Anything I could do to divert someone from having to go through what I am going through, I sure would warn them.

Q. Did you warn Tim Frankovich?

A. I don't know. I don't even know that I mentioned the complaint to him. If I did, I said, well, I remember doing my paper, it was fun, I used

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to have a blast, whatever, too bad so and so did what he did to me.

MS. STEIN: That is all.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: We are finished.

You are entitled to review and sign the transcript of this deposition. That would have to be done though in the office of a court reporter. You would review it, make changes for typographical errors, not substantive changes.

You can, if you want to, waive that, the opportunity to review and sign it, and then the record would stand with the typos. If you wish to waive, you need to do so right now.

THE WITNESS: Would I do it here?

Do I have to do it or would Barry do it?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: You would review it. We would try to make an arrangement with a court reporter as close to your home as we could.

MR. CARON: Can he take some time to think this over? I mean, this isn't going to happen next week, is it?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: You can reserve the right

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to sign now and when you think about it waive signature.

MR. CARON: We will do that.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: I am reserving the right to recall you as a witness if, after we have reviewed the record and received outstanding responses to written discovery, your further testimony is needed.

We stand in recess.

(Whereupon, at 6:50 p.m., the taking of the deposition was concluded.)

(Signature not waived.)

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I have read the foregoing 393 pages, which contain the correct transcript of the answers made by me to the questions therein recorded.

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PROCEEDINGS

Whereupon,

TRISHA ANN MARTIN

was called as a witness and, having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

MS. LIGON: My name is Tracey Ligon, and I'm here today representing the Federal Election Commission along with Karen Zimmerman. This deposition is being taken pursuant to a subpoena issued in connection with the matter designated MIR 38-47. Please treat this proceeding as if you were in a court of law. Remember you are under oath. Please also remember that pursuant to Section 437(g) of Title 2 of the United States Code the confidentiality of this matter must be maintained until the Commission closes the matter.

I'll be asking you questions regarding an investigation conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended.

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If I ask you a question and you don't understand the question I've asked, please just let me know and I'll try to rephrase it for you. If you don't hear it, let me know and I'll restate it.

If at any time you realize that you have given an incomplete response or an inaccurate response, please just let me know, and I'll give you an opportunity to modify your response.

Please keep in mind that the Court Reporter can only If you need words, so, if you want to nod, feel free, but, please, also speak so the court reporter can take it down. And if you need a break for any reason, please let me know and, after I'm done with my line of questioning, we can take a quick break.

MR. MILES: Tracey, may I make a little statement?

MS. LIGON: Sure.

MR. MILES: My name is John Miles. I'm with the law firm of William J. Olson,

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P.C., and we represent Ms. Martin for purposes of this deposition.

For the record, in this MIR conducted by the FEC, we have attempted to discover the General Counsel of the Federal Election Commission's policy with respect to depositions, policy as I understand it being we not only can't order a copy of this deposition or deposition of our clients, the respondents, but we can't even take notes with respect to depositions that have been taken in the past.

Ms. Ligon yesterday was kind enough to make available to me a deposition that was taken of one of our clients in the past, but I wasn't permitted to take any notes.

We don't understand the policy. As you know, we wrote you a letter, Ms. Ligon, dated June 25, 1997. We don't understand the General Counsel's policy, and we think it's wrong, and we've asked you to reconsider it. I just wanted to say that for the record. We are agreeable to conducting this deposition, as we

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explained, and we do object to it.

MS. LIGON: Your objection is noted. Not only is it General Counsel's policy but the Commission's policy.

MR. MILES: It's FEC policy?

MS. LIGON: It is, based on Section 437(g) of Title 2 of the United States Code, confidentiality.

MR. MILES: Has that been the subject of a Commission ruling, to your knowledge?

MS. LIGON: I couldn't tell you right now, but I know that other Respondents have made the same argument before and this is the Commission's position.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: It's written into the statute.

MR. MILES: This deposition policy?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: The confidentiality of all investigations is written into the statute.

MR. MILES: I understand that. I don't understand the connection between the

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confidentiality requirement and the deposition policy.

We have to keep a lot of things confidential in a MIR, and we agreed to do that, and in fact we asked that it be kept confidential. We don't understand why having a copy of the deposition would destroy that confidentiality, any more than a copy of answers to interrogatories would.

I would like to add one more thing. This deposition was arranged with great courtesy by General Counsel's office, and we appreciate the accommodation you made. Ms. Martin had to go to some lengths to get here because of things going on in her family, and I wanted to say on the record that she had to stretch and get a lot of family help to get here today.

MS. LIGON: And we appreciate it, definitely. We will try to get through this as quickly as possible.

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR FEDERAL

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q Why don't you state your name, your full name for the record, please?

A Trisha Ann Martin.

Q And what is your date of birth?

A

Q What is your Social Security number?

A I don't know.

Q Do you have a card?

A Yes, I do. May I get it?

Q Yes, please.

A

Q Ms. Martin, are you married?

A Yes.

Q What is your husband's name?

A William D. Martin, Sr.

Q And his occupation?

A He retired June 1; certified industrial hygienist.

Q Do you have children, Ms. Martin?

A Yes, ma'am.

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Q What are their names?

A Denise Ann Martin O'Dell and William D. Martin, Jr.

Q Their occupations?

A My daughter is a homemaker and a mother, and my son is in school and works full-time. He's trying to start a business of his own right now.

Q Ms. Martin, what is your home address?

A 1904 Victoria Court, League City, Texas 77573. That's "League" like in baseball league or football league.

Q How long have you lived at that address?

A Twenty-five years.

Q For the record, are you represented here today by counsel?

A Yes.

Q Have you ever been deposed before, Ms. Martin?

A No, ma'am. I m very nervous.

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Q No need. Did you discuss the fact that you were subpoenaed for this deposition with anyone other than your attorney?

A I briefly mentioned it to my husband.

Q And what did you tell your husband?

A I told him I had to come up here.

Q And to your knowledge, did he mention it to anyone?

A I know he didn't.

Q And did you mention it to anyone else?

A No.

Q Are you aware that others have been subpoenaed, to appear for deposition in this matter as well?

A No, I wasn't sure about that. I never knew definitely.

Q But you had heard?

A Steve.

Q How did you hear about that?

A I don't recall.

Q Did you speak to Steve?

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A No, I haven't talked to him.

Q Would you please describe your educational background?

A High school. I didn't put it on the form, but I took a medical terminology course, stuff like that, but I didn't write it down because there was no credit.

Q What high school did you go to?

A ---- Creek High School in League City.

Q Are you currently employed, Ms. Martin?

A No.

Q Where were you employed previously?

A I worked for Steve Stockman for about four and a half years.

Q From what time to what time?

A Sometime in the summer, late summer of 1992 until March of this year, I believe it's March.

Q March of 1997?

A Yes, ma am.

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Q Where did you work before you began working with Steve Stockman.

A I was home for ten years, but before then I worked twenty years in the medical field.

Q What did you do in the medical field?

A I started out working in a hospital laboratory, and I worked a total of two hospitals, one three and one five years, then I went to work for an office of four doctors.

Q What was your job title for the hospitals?

A A little bit of everything. At the hospital or the clinic?

Q Yes.

A At the hospital, I was a laboratory secretary, and I did blood work and EKGs.

Q Coming from that background, what made you get into politics?

A As I got older, I started getting interested in politics. My father was a councilman for the city before he died, and I

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think I probably just inherited it.

Q What was your father's name?

A Harold Howard Vaughan, Sr.

Q He lived there in Texas as well?

A In League City; yes, ma'am.

Q Was Steve Stockman's 1992 campaign your first campaign experience?

A Yes -- I beg your pardon. I did some addressing envelopes for one of the Texas governors, but I can't recall who it was now.

Q How long did you do that?

A A few weeks.

Q Was that immediately prior to your --

A No, I can't recall the time span.

Q When did you first meet Steve Stockman?

A First day I walked into the campaign office to volunteer.

Q What made you do that?

A Because I believed in what he was running for.

Q Which was?

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A The main reason was pro-life.

Q How did you know about Steve Stockman at that time?

A I was aware -- I vote. I was aware that he had run the year before, the cycle before. I was aware of his name.

Q Could you just explain from the beginning how your working relationship evolved with Steve Stockman?

A I'll try my best. In the summer when I started, I guess, late summer, all I did was address envelopes. I was new. I didn't know what to do. I didn't know anything about a campaign, so I did just minimal things. That was simply addressing envelopes and stuffing envelopes, putting literature in little plastic bags to put on doors.

Q Addressing envelopes. Were there other people addressing envelopes as well?

A Oh, yes.

Q Can you name some of the other people?

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A No.
Q None?
A Well, there was a friend. Let me think for a minute. Genevieve Martin.
Q No relation, I take it?
A No.
Q No other names come to mind back then in the early days?
A I didn't know anyone. I was actually kind of frightened of the whole thing.
Q Where was Steve's campaign headquarters?
A Campaign headquarters were located on NASA Road 1, which is going toward the Johnson Spacecraft Center.
Q You said you addressed letters and you also stuffed literature in paper bags?
A Yes.
Q What kind of literature did you stuff in bags?
A I have no idea. We would sit on a table, and the ladies would visit as we were

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stuffing, and that's all. I was very shy. I didn't do a lot of talking. I just kind of visited and did my work.

Q Who gave you your direction?

A I don't recall.

Q Was it Steve Stockman?

A No, I only saw him in and out. It was maybe some of the ladies at the table who already knew what was going to take place, but I don't know that for sure.

Q Was it a lot of people there?

A In and out.

Q About how many?

A 10, 15. I only did it during the day. I know one time I dropped off some paper towels one night, and the place was really crowded. People came and worked after they got off work.

Q How long did you say you did it?

A During the day, very little, maybe an hour or two a week.

Q That was starting out in 1992?

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A Uh-huh.

Q How did you evolve from there?

A When Steve lost the 1992 election, I went by, thinking that probably everybody was gone and that he might need to have help to clean up. I went by and helped clean up. He was in his office, and he asked me if I would like to help volunteer when he moved everything back to the house. I told him I wasn't sure, that I'd have to think about it. That was scary for me to do that.

Q Back in 1992, did you answer the phones ever at the campaign office?

A No.

Q Do you know who did?

A There were several ladies there, but I don't recall who they were.

Q Do you know how they greeted callers when they answered the telephone?

A I don't recall that.

Q I want to focus your attention for a moment on election day, 1992, when Steve

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Stockman lost. Did he gather his supporters together?

A I wasn't there.

Q But did he, to your knowledge?

A No, I don't know.

Q Do you know whether people got together to, like, hear the results or anything?

A No, I didn't know anything about that type of thing.

Q You said that after he lost the election you went back to assist him in packing up?

A Uh-huh.

Q Then what did he ask you?

A He asked me if I would like to come and do some secretarial work for him on a part-time basis.

Q So, did you agree?

A Yes. I went home and thought about it for three days.

Q That didn't take long. Did you help

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him move his things from that office?

A Uh-huh.

Q Where did you move the campaign things?

A His home.

Q What part of his home did you go to?

A A bedroom that was like an office setting.

Q Where did you perform the services that you provided to him at that time?

A In that bedroom.

Q Were there any others working there at that time? It was just you?

A I had never worked on a computer. I'd never even seen a fax machine. He taught me how to use the computer and the fax machine.

Q What day did you start? Can you say, like, a month, was it right after the 1992 --

A No, I can't remember. Probably after the holidays.

Q Probably after Thanksgiving of 1992?

A Uh-huh, and Christmas.

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Q You were there going into work at the Stockman home pretty much alone? There weren't other people working in the house?

A His wife was there.

Q How long were you working there alone?

A All that runs together. It was like an evolution. I can't recall specifics.

Q Can you tell me exactly what you did for Mr. Stockman during that time period?

A I started entering data into a computer.

Q What kind of data?

A Mostly people's names and addresses.

Q Who were these people?

A I don't know.

Q He didn't tell you?

A No. They were on cards and I just entered the cards.

Q Did you enter anything other than their name and addresses?

A No. Well, if they had special

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interests in a campaign, there was stuff down at the bottom I could check.

Q What else did you do, other than entering the names?

A That's all. Oh, I answered the phone.

Q How did you greet callers at that time when you answered the telephone?

A I don't recall. I'm sorry. Probably hello. I can't recall specifically but my usual was hello, this is Patty, can I help you.

Q I believe you responded in your answers to our interrogatories that you took dictation at that time. Do you recall that?

A No.

Q Was that 1992?

MR. MILES: I think it's 1993. I'm referring now to your answers.

THE WITNESS: Oh, entering dictation. That was from a tape recorder.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm trying to get a time period. Was that right after the election?

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A No. I didn't do that until later.
Q When would that be?
A Now, I can't recall times. I'm sorry. They all run together to me.
Q January 1, 1993; does that sound about right?
A I guess so. I really can't be specific. I'm sorry.
Q Okay; no problem. You entered dictation from a tape recorder?
A Uh-huh.
Q What kind of thing was being dictated?
A Usually letters, thank you letters.
Q Thank you for?
A Meeting with me or thank you for seeing us.
Q Who would "us" refer to?
A Usually Steve and his wife.
Q Do you know who the people were that they were thanking?
A I didn't know them, no. I'd type an

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address and a name.

Q Do you know what their relationship was to --

A No.

Q Let me just go back for one minute, back to 1992, before the election and your going into the office with the ladies. How often did you see Steve Stockman back then? Did he come into the campaign headquarters?

A I didn't do enough volunteer work back at that time to remember seeing him on a constant basis. My main interest was to go in there and do things I thought I could do, and that was like address envelopes, stuff envelopes.

Q Would you have a sense at all of who his closest advisors were at that time?

A No.

Q Who the campaign manager was?

A I wouldn't even know what a campaign manager did back then.

Q Let's continue on with how your

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responsibilities evolved. After early 1993, the dictation and entry of the names, then how did your responsibilities grow?

A It was a very subtle and gentle process. I would send thank you notes for checks, very simple.

Q I'm sorry. You would send thank you notes to people who would send contributions?

A Uh-huh.

Q When about was this?

A I would just say 1993 probably.

Q The entire 1993?

A Uh-huh. I didn't work full time. That was also part time volunteer. I usually didn't work a full day.

Q About four hours?

MR. MILES: Tracey, I'm going to ask you to refer to her answers, if it's okay with you. She's already answered these questions in a general sense, question four of the interrogatories.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could we go off the

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record for this?

(Discussion off the record)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You began to write thank you notes to people who would send in contributions. Was there anybody else who joined you in that activity?

A No, no one else.

Q What else did you do?

A That's all that I can recall.

Q As 1994 came?

A Then I began scheduling. He taught me how to schedule.

Q This would be around 1994 now?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q You were still going to his home?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Were you still working in that bedroom or were you at some other place in the house?

A Bedroom and another room that made into a study and part of the kitchen table.

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Q Were there any other people at that time in the home?

A I don't recall specifically.

Q It's your testimony that throughout 1993, there were no other people working in the Stockman home?

A It's hard to place people at a certain time, time period. After the campaign got on a swing, of course, there were more people coming in.

Q Were you responsible for picking up the mail?

A At times.

Q That would have been in 1993 as well?

A I don't recall. I'm sorry.

Q When you did pick up the mail, where was it delivered?

A Are you talking about picking it up from the post office?

Q Yes, wherever you went to pick up the mail.

A And then I'd bring it to his house.

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Q What is the address?
A 2402 Whitman Way in Prince Wood.
Q That would be his home?
A Home, yes.
Q Where you picked up the mail was some place different?
A Post office.
Q Do you know the address of the post office box?
A No. I used to.
Q Was there more than one post office box that you picked up mail from?
A No, ma'am.
Q Would that have been Post Office Box 57135?
A Yes, I believe so.
Q I'd like to name some people that perhaps you began to see around the campaign as time went on and I'd like for you to just tell me who they are and what their role was in the campaign. Jeff Van Fleet?
A I knew Jeff. I'm not sure of his

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role.

Q How often did you see him?

A Probably not until the campaign got closer to the election.

Q The primary election in 1994?

A Yes.

Q February, March?

A I can't be sure.

Q When he would come there, what would he be doing?

A I don't know.

Q Would he be on a computer?

A I don't know. He did a lot of coming and going. I was doing my stuff and I really didn't pay much attention.

Q What about Tom Tyler, do you know who he is?

A Yes, I knew Tom.

Q And who was he?

A I don't know. I mean, he came and went. Sometimes, he would take pictures. I know that, but other than that, that's all I know.

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Q Who did he take pictures of?

A Of the event. One time I remember when they had an air show. He went there to take pictures.

Q Did he ever take pictures of Mr. Stockman?

A I don't know.

Q Of Mrs. Stockman?

A I don't know.

Q How often would you see Tom?

A Sporadically.

Q Let me just get the time frame. For Jeff Van Fleet, you said it was around primary election time, 1994. What about Tom Tyler, when did you start seeing him?

A Probably the first time I saw him was probably around early 1993. I remember the first time I saw him because he reminded me of somebody I didn't like.

Q Early 1993. What was he doing the first time you saw him? Did you see him at Mr. Stockman's home?

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A Yes, he was in the house but I don't know what he was doing.

Q How about John Hart, do you know him?

A Yes. I don't remember the time period, I just remember he was there.

Q What did he do there? He was at 2402 Whitman Way?

A He made signs.

Q That was yes to the address I just said?

A 2402 Whitman Way. He made signs. He drew literature, delivering literature to doors.

Q What kind of literature would that be?

A The only thing I can think of is post cards offering abbreviated information.

Q Did you deliver some of that literature?

A No.

Q Where was it distributed, the literature?

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A I don't know.

Q Who determined --

A I had nothing to do with the strategy part of the campaign. I don't know who made those decisions. I'm sure Mr. Stockman did.

Q Tim Frankovich, do you know him?

A Yes.

Q How do you know him?

A He was in the garage. By that time, he had moved into the garage.

Q By what time?

A I don't recall the certain time period but it was gearing up again for the campaign.

Q Would this have been gearing up for the primary 1994 campaign?

A I can't be specific about that.

Q What was Tim Frankovich doing?

A I don't know. He worked at a computer.

Q Give me an idea of what the garage was like, what it looked like. How many

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computers, how many desks?

A It was crowded, busy, hectic.

Q Who made up the crowd generally? Who were the regulars there?

A I was. I guess I was about the only regular one. Jeff would be there sometimes. Tim would be there sometimes. John, sometimes. I don't ever remember any regularity.

Q You said Tim was working at a computer?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Do you know what he was working on?

A No, ma'am.

Q How many computers were there?

A About three, I think.

Q Now, if you could try to remember back at the 1992 campaign on NASA Road 1, when you helped Mr. Stockman bring the campaign things items to his home, did you bring computers then?

A No. The only thing I could get in my car was the file cabinet.

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Q Did he bring computers?

A Yes. Well, I can't say because all I remember is one computer at the house, and that was the one that I worked on.

Q Was there always just one computer there?

A At first.

Q Was that the same computer, the one that you worked on, was that the same computer that Tim Frankovich would work on?

A I have no idea.

Q So, you wouldn't know if he had gone to the same computer that you would work on each day?

A Oh, no. He was later in the campaign. At that time period, it was just me and a small computer.

Q Do you know what kind of computer it was that you worked on?

A No.

Q Do you know Margaret McDonald?

A Yes.

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Q How do you know her?
A She came to work for Steve, volunteer for Steve.
Q About when did she do that?
A I don't recall.
Q What did she do?
A I don't know. I wasn't aware of what she was doing.
Q Was she a very visible person at the campaign? Was she there a lot?
A No, in and out, I would say.
Q How frequently would you say?
A I couldn't be that specific.
Q A couple of days a week?
A Yeah, maybe. She had a busy life.
Q Ever heard of Monroe Davis?
A No.
Q How about Olin Meadows, IV?
A Yes.
Q Who was that?
A I'm not sure.
Q How had you heard of him?

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A Mentioned in the garage.

Q How so?

A What others were saying.

Q What were they saying? First, who was saying it and then what were they saying?

A I can't recall. You would have to understand me to know that I'm a work person and then I can relax. If I've got work to do, everything else is peripheral in my vision. I can't be specific as to who said what or when. I would be zoned in on my work.

Q How about Bonnie Wilson, do you know her?

A Yes.

Q How do you know her?

A She came to volunteer.

Q Was she there frequently?

A She was a hard worker and she had a busy life, too. She helped us to do thank you letters.

Q Who all is the "us" that did thank you letters, you and Bonnie Wilson and who

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else?

A Bonnie would help me and then we'd have other volunteers that might come in at night and do some.

Q Ken Clark, do you know him?

A Yes.

Q Who was he?

A He helped Steve. He seemed to be very close to Steve.

Q How did he help him?

A I don't know. That was the strategy part.

Q Did you see him often around the campaign?

A Off and on.

Q A couple of times a week or more?

A Probably. I mean a couple of times a week.

Q He was the strategy guy?

A No, I don't know.

Q How about James Rodgers, do you know him?

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A Oh, Jim Rodgers?
Q Yes.
A Briefly, yes.
Q How do you know him?
A I knew he came by. I think he wrote articles for the newspaper.
Q What newspaper?
A I think the Southeast Texas Times.
Q Where did he write? Did he come to the campaign and write the articles?
A I don't know how he did that. He had cards.
Q How did you become aware that he was writing articles for the newspaper?
A General conversation, I guess.
Q With whom?
A Same thing, just picking up things.
Q Just the talk around the campaign?
A General conversation.
Q Do you know Dan Norton?
A Yes.
Q Can you tell me about him?

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A Very nice man. He did a lot of work, volunteer work on the campaign.

Q Let me just step back for a minute. Jim Rodgers worked for the newspaper, the Southeast Texas Times?

A Southeast Texas Times.

Q When did you see Jim Rodgers most, at what point? I'm actually trying to get at when in time, in terms of dates, near the 1994 primary, did you start to see Jim Rodgers?

A No. I would say it would be near the primary and general election.

Q Near both elections?

A I would say, to the best of my ability.

Q All right. Dan Norton is a nice guy who works hard. What did he do for the campaign?

A He made signs. He helped get people to block walk literature. I guess that's all I know.

Q How about Dennis Hayes, ever heard of

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him?

A Oh, yes; a very nice man.

Q It must have been a nice place to work.

A Yes. I don't know what he did.

Q How frequently did you see him?

A Sporadically.

Q Did you see him with any particular other campaign workers?

A No.

Q William Brann, do you know him?

A Yes, Bill Brann. I didn't see him very often. I know I did talk to him on occasion on the phone.

Q What did you talk to him about, generally?

A He'd just say he wanted to talk to somebody.

Q Who would he ask to speak to?

A I don't recall.

Q How about Matthew Bulot?

A He had died. He helped volunteer,

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enter data and ran errands. He was a fragile diabetic and he had brain surgery and he died.

Q What about Jeff Fisher, do you know him?

A Yes.

Q How do you know Jeff Fisher?

A I met him when he came to visit on a weekend one time.

Q Where was he visiting from, do you know?

A No, I'm not sure. I knew it was from some area of Texas but I didn't know where it was.

Q Did he work on the campaign?

A No, I don't think so. I might be wrong.

Q To your knowledge, did he provide services to the campaign?

A I don't recall.

Q How about Clifford Murchison, do you know him?

A Yes.

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Q Who is that?

A He's a young man who did volunteer work for Steve.

Q What kind of volunteer work?

A I don't know.

Q Did you see him a lot?

A No.

Q It was a crowded, busy, hectic campaign. Was it laid back? Was it tense? I know it's friendly.

A It's friendly but it was -- phones were ringing. By that time, we had more than one phone, if you are talking about the campaign, the last one for 1993-1994. It was very busy. Sometimes they worked a lot and they had a lot of volunteers.

Q During 1993-1994 when things got really busy, did you see Steve Stockman in the house a lot at that point?

A In and out. He had a busy schedule.

Q Who did he interact most with?

A Nobody in particular. I mean that's

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hard to answer for me. I usually had my back to everybody because I was at my own computer. I tried to tune everything out. I really did. There were times I couldn't even hear the telephone.

Q You did filing as well in 1993?

A We had some volunteers that used to come in and she was a bright young lady and she started taking over the filing.

Q What was her name?

A Corri Falkenstine.

Q But before she got there, you did the filing?

A Early on. We just completely stopped the filing after a while because I didn't have time for it.

Q What would you have been filing?

A Newspaper clippings.

Q About?

A His opponent, referring to Steve or the campaign.

Q This was during 1993 when you first

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started working in this office?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Are you familiar with the periodic reports that the campaign has to file with the Commission?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q How are you familiar with them?

A Just general knowledge.

Q Which is what?

A FEC report. That's all I knew, that they had to be filed periodically, but I don't know in what kind of order. I know it got more often toward the campaign, closer to the campaign.

Q Who prepared those reports?

A I don't know.

MS. LIGON: Let's take a five-minute break.

(Recess)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Let's just go back to the beginning for a second. Your son, William Martin, Jr.,

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you said he's getting ready to start a business now?

A He's in his last year of college and he's doing -- well, power washing. A lot of our homes mildew and our decks mildew down in the south of Texas.

Q What is the name of the business?

A I don't know. He's just started it, with a friend.

Q What's the friend's name?

A John Woodard.

Q When you first started working in the Stockman home, you said that you typed names off cards.

A Uh-huh.

Q Can you tell me a little bit more about those cards? Did contributions come in with those cards?

A They were just stacks of cards. People had written their name and address.

Q Handwritten their name and address?

A Yes.

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Q Do you have any idea where the cards came from, how they were generated in the first place?

A No. I always wondered. I never had time to ask.

Q We were talking about the familiarity with the reports and I was asking you if you were aware of who it was that maintained and filed the reports.

A I was not aware of it at the beginning. As I worked, I became aware. I can't tell you who did it.

Q Was it a woman, a man?

A I couldn't tell you that either.

Q Did you have any part in filing the reports or did you contribute to that whole process?

A No.

Q At all?

A Not at first, no. Only recently, I was requested to look up a check number and I would do that.

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Q Who would make that request of you?
A Chris Cupit.
Q And who was Chris Cupit?
A Somebody that was there in the garage.
Q What would he be doing there?
A Well, he was working in the campaign. I guess that's the best way I can put it.
Q When did you first see Chris Cupit? How did he become involved with the campaign?
A He was already there when I came back from Washington, D.C. I worked for Steve from January to October of 1995 in his congressional office.
Q Then when you --
A When I came back, he was there.
Q Did you enjoy your time while you were working?
A Oh, yes, I did, but my husband and I got too lonesome for each other.
Q Your husband stayed back in Texas while you were here?

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A Uh-huh.

Q What would Chris Cupit want you to look up a check for?

A To make sure it wasn't a duplicate contribution.

Q What was his role in the campaign? What was he doing that for?

A The only way I can describe it is he was on the strategy side, and that's all I know.

Q Let's go back to when you first became aware of who might have been filing the reports. When was that?

A I don't recall specifically. You have to understand that I knew nothing about campaigning. I was so zoned in on what I was being taught at the time and how I was being trained, that I didn't have time to see what else was being done around me.

Q You said you did open mail; is that right?

A Yes.

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Q Did you handle contributions as they came in?

A Yes.

Q What did you do with the contribution checks when they came in?

A At first, I'd enter them into the computer, then I would make a copy and then they would take them to the bank.

Q Who else was doing this? Was there someone other than you that was opening contribution checks?

A What time period are you talking about?

Q Would you please tell me what time period you are talking about?

A That would have been later on in the campaign, like maybe 1993 or 1994.

Q 1993 or 1994.

A Because there was very little activity at the beginning, when I first came to work there.

Q At the end of 1992. In 1993 and

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1994, you began to take in contributions in the mail.

A Yes.

Q Was there anyone else who would do that?

A Eventually. We had a lady that came and helped enter checks. Her name was Ruth Hodges. She volunteered, too.

Q Could you just walk me through what you would do with the check when you got it, from the time it came in the door, when you opened the contribution, what exactly would you do with it?

A Let me see if I can remember. I usually opened the mail and sorted it and would take the checks. I'm trying to remember what order I went in. They were entered into the computer, or at least we checked to see if their name was already on there.

Q Who entered them into the computer?

A I did some and then after a while, it got too much for me and then Ruth did some.

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Q Did you train Ruth in that function?

A No. Ruth was already working when I got back to the campaign. She also helped while I was gone.

Q You did it in 1993 and 1994 pretty much on your own; is that correct? Handling the incoming checks.

A Well, we had other people, volunteers, to help, but I don't recall who or when. It was just somebody we could rely on.

Q You'd take the check and you would?

A Enter it in the computer. Then we would do thank you notes. Then I would make a deposit and it would be sent to the bank.

Q What do you mean when you say "make a deposit?"

A Well, I would hand write the deposit slip out, total it, count the checks and add up the deposit slips and make sure they were correct.

Q Was there anyone else to your knowledge that was performing that role for the

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campaign?

A No.

Q That was a pretty trusting position, I would imagine, that you had evolved into, handling the checks and writing the deposit slips. Would that be fair to say?

A I didn't think of it that way. I take care of my own account at home and it was just like that.

Q You would take in the checks. You would add them up. Would you make copies of the checks?

A I don't remember how we did it at first but when I left, we were doing that.

Q When you left in 1995?

A When I left in this year.

Q When you left in 1997?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Back in 1993 and 1994 when it was you primarily doing it, where did the committee do its banking? Where did it hold an account?

A Johnson's Spacecraft Center Credit

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Union. They call it JSC.

Q Do you remember the account number?

A No, ma'am. I could have told you a month ago but I can't right now.

Q Would it be 453960?

A No, I don't recall the number.

Q Did the committee hold an account at any other bank?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Back again when you first came to the committee, what was the name of the committee back in 1992?

A Stockman for Congress, I think. It changed.

Q What made you think it was Stockman for Congress when you first got there in 1992? Or let you know, rather.

A I don't recall. I don't know whether it was a sign, you know, in the campaign office. I'm sorry. I don't know.

Q Did Steve Stockman ever tell you the name of it?

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A No, I don't remember that.

Q What was the name on the checks that people would write in? How would they make out the checks to the committee?

A Sometimes they did Friends of Steve Stockman or Stockman for Congress or sometimes they didn't even know how, they would just say Stockman Running for Congress or something like that.

Q Was there ever any discussion at all on clarification on what the name of the campaign was?

A Only later on when I dealt with the checkbook did I see that it said Friends of Steve Stockman or Stockman for Congress.

Q Did you like handle the mail of solicitations for contributions?

A Right, what's it called? I'm trying to think of the campaign word for it. No, I did not.

Q Who did that?

A Different people but I don't know who

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they were.

Q Did you address the envelopes that they went out?

A By that time, I had my own, you know, kind of a job and I just didn't do any of that part of it.

Q What time frame are you talking about?

A Probably in the latter part of the 1993-1994 cycle. Mail-outs, direct mail. That's the words I was looking for.

Q Did you ever do direct mail?

A No.

Q Who was responsible for that?

A I guess Steve. In my mind, that was more strategy and I didn't have anything to do with that.

Q Have you heard of Sandra Criswell? Do you know who Sandra Criswell is?

A No. If I do, I don't recall the name.

Q When you took the contributions and

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you tallied them up, who did you give that information to? Did you have to give that information to somebody so they could prepare the reports to the Commission? What would you do with that?

A It was in the checkbook. I don't remember. We must have made some kind of a record but I can't recall. All I remember is the more recent times.

Q When you would do that?

A Uh-huh.

Q What did you do more recently?

A Recently, I would copy the checks and I got more organized about it. I had put them in notebooks and labeled them from one time period to the next time period, until my notebook was full and then I'd get another notebook and put them in there.

Q And then what would you do with the notebook?

A They were filed on a shelf. That's all I know.

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Q You handled the checkbook, the campaign's checkbook? You paid the campaign's bills? Did you sign the checks yourself?

A No. Steve either signed them himself or I had a signature stamp.

Q In what instances did you use the signature stamp?

A I was not authorized to sign it so I used it all the time to pay bills.

Q I guess the question I'm asking is could you use the signature stamp without checking with Steve Stockman each time that you would do that?

A Normal every day deals, I didn't need to contact him.

Q What would normal every day deals be?

A Telephone bill, office supplies, that type of thing.

Q What about if people say were buying signs for the campaign, would you be reimbursing that yourself or would you ask Steve Stockman for that or did it depend on the

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amount?

A I think it usually depended on the amount. If it got too high, I would check with him first.

Q What would the threshold be, do you think, before you would ask Steve Stockman?

A I couldn't tell you that. It was just a gut feeling. Either something that I was not aware of, then I would check with him.

Q If somebody came to you and said they wanted a check for $200 to go do something for the campaign, would you stamp it?

A According to who it was.

Q Who would you stamp it for?

A Whoever was running errands at the time. They ran errands on a regular basis, like John or Matthew.

Q Anybody else?

A This was like early on, and then later on, Chris and Jason. We all ran errands whenever we could.

Q What is the time period? You said

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later on, you would sign when Chris and Jason had to buy things for the campaign. When about did that happen?

A Probably when I got back in 1996.

Q Can you tell me what kind of things Chris Cupit was doing for the campaign in 1996 when you got back?

A All I know is he was helping the campaign.

Q How?

A Well, he didn't have a title. I'm not sure.

Q Was he working on the computers?

A Yes, he worked on the computer.

Q Using the phones?

A Yes.

Q He basically just sort of used whatever was there in the campaign when he came to work on the campaign, like everyone else who was there?

MR. MILES: I'm going to object to that. I think you are suggesting the answer.

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q Can you just describe what he was doing? I need to get an idea of --

A I couldn't tell you what he was doing because I was too much involved with my job.

Q How often was he there?

A Almost every day.

Q About 40 hours a week or more?

A Oh, I don't know. I only know how many hours I spend there. I don't know how often others are there.

Q How long were you there in 1996?

A 1996?

Q Right.

A The whole year.

Q Right, daily, how many hours a day?

A Oh, I worked every day, 10 to 12 hours a day, no lunch break usually.

Q If you were there 10 to 12 hours a day --

A I got there early in the morning. They got in there later.

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Q Let's go back to the reports. Do you know anybody by the name of Rabih?

A He's the accountant, to my knowledge, for the campaign.

Q What does he do? Is he the one that files the reports?

A To my knowledge.

Q The information that you would gather from the contributions that would come in and you would total them, put them in a notebook, did you give them to Rabih so he could file --

A No, I never gave him anything. They usually worked when I had gone home. He had a job so he would come in the evenings.

Q What was John Hart's role? What was your understanding of his role with respect to the reports?

A I don't know.

MS. LIGON: I'm going to take a real quick break here.

(Recess)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q With respect to the payments and disbursements that the campaign would make, you would pay the bills for the campaign, you would record that into the checkbook and you would maintain the bank account?

A Uh-huh.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: You just nodded several times. We need verbal answers.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q With respect to the contributions, you either opened the contribution envelopes yourself or you oversaw others opening those contributions; is that correct?

A If I opened them myself, then that's what I did. If somebody else was working on it, I didn't pay any attention to that.

Q When you opened it yourself, you then wrote the contribution down into your notebook; is that right?

A No, a computer.

Q You entered it into the computer and then you deposited it into the bank?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q Or gave it to someone else to deposit?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Who would that other person be that would deposit into the bank?

A Anybody we could get to run to the bank.

Q Then you maintained a notebook of all the information that I just went over; is that correct? The disbursements and the contributions.

A No. I had check copies in the notebook.

Q That's what I'm talking about, copies of the checks you put in the notebook.

A Recently, we started doing that. We got better and better organized. I don't recall how we did it --

Q You were responsible as well for the database containing the contributor information?

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A No, I wasn't responsible for the database.

Q Who was responsible for that?

A I don't know.

Q When did the campaign get that database and what kind of --

A It was already in existence when I came to work for Steve.

Q In 1992?

A Yes, ma'am. I don't know.

Q But Rabih was the campaign's accountant, is that correct?

A Well, I mean, I don't know, until recently was I really aware that he was the accountant. I saw him more -- recently more regularly.

Q By "recently" you mean?

A This past year. I would say 1996, the end of 1996 and part of 1997. I left in March of 1997.

Q Could you tell me what you know about the Southeast Texas Times newspaper?

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MR. MILES: I'm going to object to the question. It's just too broad. What do you mean what does she know about it?

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Are you familiar with it?

A Yes.

Q How are you familiar with it?

A It was a newspaper.

Q Where did you first see this Southeast Texas Times?

A I think it was thrown on my door or in my yard, in the driveway.

Q Do you know who produced that paper? Do you know who owned the paper?

A Jeff Van Fleet.

Q How do you know that?

A I don't know how I knew that. I think he told me.

Q He told you?

A I guess.

Q Where were you when he told you? What did he say?

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A Well, he was in and around the campaign.

Q Where did he tell you this?

A I don't recall.

Q Would it have been during the time that you were in the Stockman home pretty much by yourself, before things got really busy?

A I couldn't give you a time period.

Q I think you said you started to see him around the 1994 primary election.

MR. MILES: I'm going to object, Tracey. She said more than once that she can't recall. If you can refresh her recollection, it's okay. I don't think that's doing it by repeating it.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm just trying to see if I can refresh your recollection by mentioning to you what you earlier told me, when you first started seeing Jeff Van Fleet around.

A Yes, but I can't tie the two together.

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Q When you saw Jeff Van Fleet, what was he doing?

A I don't know.

Q You don't know what he was doing?

A I mean I really tuned these people out or I couldn't get no work done.

Q But you saw him in the campaign?

A In and out; uh-huh.

Q Was this when you were still working back in the back room that you saw him?

A I was in the back room when I first met him.

Q Were you aware that the newspaper was being worked on at the campaign?

MR. MILES: Objection. Are you asking her or are you telling her?

MS. LIGON: I asked a question.

MR. MILES: I didn't hear the word "whether."

MS. LIGON: Was she aware.

THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't recall.

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q You don't recall whether you knew?

A I just don't recall specifics. I heard talk about the newspaper.

Q Can you please tell me what you heard, who you heard it from?

A No. I mean, you have to realize, a lot of people came into that garage, in and out, and there would be talk and that's all. I don't recall specifics. I flat don't remember.

Q Did you ever see Tom Tyler and Jeff Van Fleet hovering over a computer, brain storming ideas for the paper?

A No.

Q Did you ever see any articles that were written in the Southeast Texas Times?

A I read the paper.

Q When it was all put together already?

A Uh-huh.

Q How about when it was being produced?

A No.

Q Did you ever see it when they were

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working on the paper?

A Not that I recall.

Q You said you received the mail.

A Uh-huh.

MR. MILES: I'm sorry. I missed that.

MS. LIGON: She testified earlier that she would open mail when it came in.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Would you ever receive articles from the Southeast Texas Times in the mail?

A Not that I recall.

Q Would you ever receive responses to surveys that were being conducted in the Southeast Texas Times in the mail?

A I remember a survey. I'm sorry.

Q You remember a survey?

A Yes, I do.

Q What do you remember about the surveys?

A I remember them being in there.

Q You opened the mail and you saw the

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surveys and you would sort the mail, handle the mail. What would you do then with the surveys?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Again, there were several nods of the head. As Tracey was speaking, you were nodding in agreement with her. I don't believe the recorder picked that up.

MR. MILES: I agree but none of those were questions until the very end and she responded to the question. I have a question before you go on.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Actually, you may not interrupt with questions. If Tracey is in the midst of a question, she will finish the question and the answer and then you can address a question.

THE WITNESS: Can you start over again? I'm lost.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You said that you were responsible for taking in the mail. You testified to that earlier, that you opened the campaign's mail.

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Yes, is that correct?

A Yes. I'm sorry.

Q You would sort the mail when it came in; is that correct?

A Yes.

Q You recall receiving surveys that were for the Southeast Texas Times newspaper?

A On occasion.

Q On occasion in the mail?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q How many times would you say?

A I couldn't tell you.

Q More than five?

A Probably.

Q More than ten?

A I don't know.

Q What would you do with the surveys when you received them for the Southeast Texas Times at the campaign office?

A They were put in a stack and I don't know what happened after that.

Q You put them in a stack?

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A No, not necessarily. I opened the mail and sometimes they would just disappear. Different people would look at them. That's all I know.

Q But you would sort the mail; right?

A Yes, uh-huh.

Q Where would you have put the surveys?

A You'd have to see the garage to know why I say that because all the desks were covered.

Q Were there like mail slots?

A No.

Q What do you mean when you say you sorted them? You didn't like put them all together on a desk, did you?

A Oh, no. In my mind, when I'm talking about sorting, he got a lot of mail from political organizations and he kept record of them, and then he'd get personal mail, too.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: By "he" do you mean Mr. Stockman or Mr. Van Fleet?

THE WITNESS: Mr. Stockman. I'm

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sorry. Personal mail, mail that he'd want to look at, bills.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q When you would get something for the Southeast Texas Times, they certainly would not be placed in the same pile with the bills?

A No, ma'am.

Q Or letters to Mr. Stockman?

A That's correct.

Q They would be placed in a separate stack?

A Yes.

Q The other people that would handle taking in the mail, would they follow that same procedure?

A I don't know how they did it.

Q Was Mr. Stockman aware that surveys were being received at the campaign address?

A I think he looked at them. I think I saw him look at some.

Q What did he do --

A I don't know.

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Q You got approximately more than five surveys for the Southeast Texas Times?

A I don't know a time period. I don't know how long the time period would be.

Q About how many times did you see Mr. Stockman look at the surveys?

A I don't recall.

Q Did he ever discuss the surveys with you, responses to the surveys?

A Not that I recall.

Q Did you participate in those surveys yourself?

A Yes.

Q In what manner did you participate?

A My opinion.

Q Did someone ask you?

A I got the newspaper at home, saw the survey and filled it out and sent it in.

Q You sent it in or took it in?

A I don't recall. Well, it probably would have been easier for me to take it in.

Q Who did you give it to?

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A I don't recall.

Q Jeff Van Fleet?

A I don't recall.

Q Were there prizes associated with those surveys?

A Yes.

Q Can you tell me about that at all?

A Well, sometimes you'd get like free hamburgers at a hamburger place.

Q Did they ever talk about that in the garage, about the prize?

A No. You know, that was a peripheral to me. I didn't have time for that. I don't recall anything specific.

Q Did you win a survey?

A Yes, didn't get to take advantage of it.

Q Why not?

A Didn't have time.

Q Did you give it to somebody?

A No.

Q Buffalo Burgers, that's the

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restaurant?

A I don't know what the name of the restaurant was but that's what they served.

Q Did Mr. Stockman ever tell the workers there in the campaign, where you described their office as busy and crowded and cramped, did he ever tell you that, okay, a newspaper is going to be produced over here in this area?

A No.

Q When they came into the garage, did they come in with something?

MR. MILES: Objection. What are you talking about?

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm talking about Jeff Van Fleet. Did he bring things with him?

A I'm not aware of what he did.

Q Did you ever see the structure of the garage change in terms of being sectioned off?

A No.

Q No computer was ever specifically

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designated for one particular thing or everybody just used everything?

A Free for all.

Q Including Jeff Van Fleet?

A Well, I don't know about Jeff. All I know is the computers were there and whoever was volunteering would use the computers if they were there.

Q Did you ever work on the Southeast Texas Times yourself?

A No.

Q Did you ever distribute it at all?

A No.

Q But you were a reader?

A Yes. Sometimes, if I had time.

Q When I say Southeast Texas Times newspaper, other than Jeff Van Fleet, who comes to mind?

A Instantly, nobody.

Q How about not so instantly? Does anybody else come to mind?

A I think John Hart.

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Q Anybody else?
A Not that I recall.
Q How about Ken Clark, did he help?
A I don't know.
Q I think you described Dan Norton as a really hard worker?
A Yes, he was.
Q Did he help with that?
A I'm not sure.
Q The newspaper.
A He was doing a lot of running around. I wasn't aware of what he was doing.
Q You said it was crowded, tense because everybody is busy, did you all have regular meetings of the campaign workers?
A Not that I recall. I never took part in anything.
Q How about informal gatherings where you just sat around and talked about the campaign?
A No, not me.
Q Did you ever see any others gathering

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around just talking about strategy of the campaign?

A No.

Q Did you ever hear Mr. Stockman ask anyone to volunteer to help work on the Southeast Texas Times?

A No.

Q Do you know an individual by the name of David Brannan?

A That doesn't ring a bell.

Q You said that on occasion, you would receive surveys for the Southeast Texas Times in the mail at the campaign; correct?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Would you ever receive money for advertisements in the mail for the newspaper?

A No, ma'am.

Q Did Mr. Stockman ever give money to Jeff Van Fleet to help with the newspaper?

A The only thing I recall is advertising in the newspaper.

Q What do you recall about advertising

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in the newspaper?

A I know he paid him money for advertising in the newspaper.

Q Now, would you have written the check for that? Is that why you recall that?

A I don't know why I recall it.

Q About how much would that advertising have been?

A I don't remember.

Q Was it frequent advertising?

A No, I don't remember.

Q Let me see if I say an amount, you might know. Was it over $1,000 for advertising?

A No, I don't think so.

Q Over $500?

A I don't recall.

Q But you do recall that you paid for advertisement?

A For ads; yes, ma'am.

Q Did the Stockman Committee ever give money to Jeff Van Fleet to help with the

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newspaper?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Let me just go back. You said that Mr. Stockman paid for advertising. Did he do that personally or did he do that --

A Campaign advertising.

Q A check would have been drawn on a campaign account?

A Yes, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: Would you mark this, please?

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Deposition Exhibit No. 1. It's a letter written by Mr. Stockman to Concerned Americans. On the second page, halfway through, he announces "In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U.S. House of Representatives, and I need your help."

A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Down a little ways further, at number three, he's urging people to fill out the Conservative Action Network form.

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Later on, attached to the back of the letter is the Conservative Action Network form.

A That's right.

Q Have you seen this before?

A It's direct mail. I mean, it looks vaguely familiar, but I didn't deal with this so I don't --

Q On the very last page of Conservative Action Network form, the first thing that is offered to check is the newspaper, Southeast Texas Times. "Yes, I would like to help." "Delivery my neighborhood." Do you have any idea why Mr. Stockman would want to get people to help work on the Southeast Texas Times?

A No.

Q Have you ever seen anybody in the campaign talk about this letter at all?

A Not anything specific.

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Q What in general did anyone say?

A Like I said, the letter looks familiar. The reason it does is because I remember that. That was direct mail and I didn't have anything to do with it, so that's about all I can remember.

Q What is that that you are pointing to?

A I don't remember that, either. I remember I asked, and it had something to do about life, I think, but I'm not sure.

MR. MILES: Are we talking about the markings on the first page?

MS. LIGON: We are talking about the markings in the upper right-hand corner.

THE WITNESS: I think it's Chinese but I'm not sure. Oh, well, I guess it is; yes. It says, "The symbol shown above is the Chinese character for crisis."

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Thank you.

A You're welcome.

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Q You said this was considered direct mail, so you weren't directly involved in it.

A Correct.

Q Do you know who was involved with it?

A No.

Q Did you see others sending this out from the campaign headquarters?

A No, I don't know how this was taken care of.

Q You don't even know who it would have been distributed to, the area of distribution?

A Oh, no. No, I don't. I'm sorry. I sure don't. I really didn't pay attention.

Q Ms. Martin, because you handled the mail when it comes in, I suspect that you probably would have also received the responses to the Conservative Action Network form; is that correct?

A Not necessarily because by this time I wasn't the only one opening the mail. We would look in the envelopes, and then we'd sort them out. If it was just paper inside, then

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that went to somebody else. If it was a check inside, then it went over to whoever was entering into the computer, the checks.

Q But if you were to get a Conservative Action Network form in the mail, you yourself got it, and the check was for the Southeast Texas Times, not the check but they expressed interest in helping with the Southeast Texas Times by checking it off here on the form, what would you do with the form?

A I can't remember.

Q Did you ever receive --

A I don't recall specifically.

MS. LIGON: I'd like to have this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 2. Have you ever seen that before?

A Not that I recall.

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Q It's a letter from Jeff Van Fleet to Fellow Republican.

A It doesn't look familiar. I don't recall it.

Q It doesn't look familiar at all?

A No, ma'am.

Q Ms. Martin, are you familiar with Rush parties?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Can you tell me about them?

A People would take programs of Rush Limbaugh and put them on a tape, and then campaign people, volunteers and friends would all gather at a place and have pizza and watch Rush Limbaugh.

Q You said people would tape?

A Uh-huh.

Q The show, the Rush Limbaugh show?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Now, who would these people be?

A I have no idea. I never went to one. By the time in the evening it was time for

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that, I was too tired. I wanted nothing to do with that. I wanted to go home.

Q How did you know they were going on?

A Because they would send out cards and we'd get phone calls sometimes.

Q Who would send out cards?

A The campaign.

Q Who would they be sending the cards to?

A Whoever was on the mailing list.

Q Who would call you?

A Different people. Sometimes it was a pot luck and they might want to know what to bring, directions, that type of thing.

Q These were people from the campaign?

A Sometimes. Sometimes, they weren't. Sometimes they were just interested people.

Q Can you tell me who sent out the invitations? Did you ever send out the invitations?

A No.

Q Did anybody ever come and tell you,

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you know, what kind of time they had at the Rush parties?

A Yes.

Q What did they say?

A They usually had fun. Everybody had fun.

Q What did they say happen other than the show?

A Nothing that I recall. Might be too crowded or they ran out of food, something like that.

Q To your knowledge, did Mr. Stockman ever speak at Rush parties like introduce what was going on?

A He was there. To my knowledge, what took place, I couldn't tell you.

Q Who organized the Rush parties?

A I don't know. They just seemed to pop up.

Q Did you ever hear Mr. Stockman talking about Rush parties?

A Yes.

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Q What would he say?

A Well, it was always in a positive context, about how much fun they had. People would call and say, when's the next Rush party, and then they'd have to get busy and getting the wheels going again. It --

Q We have testimony that -- go ahead.

A It was just a family type of situation. Everybody brought their kids.

Q Just sat around and watched the show?

A Yeah, it was fun.

Q We have testimony that at Rush parties, people would roll newspapers, sit around and watch and roll newspapers and put them in plastic bags. Did you hear about that?

A I don't recall the specifics. I was never there.

Q Did anyone ever say, you know, hey, why don't you come on, we need some help?

A They wouldn't ask me. I put in my time. They didn't ask me.

Q Did you ever hear anybody asking

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anybody?

A I don't recall. They always thought I was a little weird because I didn't do anything at night but I was tired when I got through. I wanted to go home to my family.

MS. LIGON: Could I have this marked, please?

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit 3. Can you tell me what it is, please?

A It looks like a card that they would mail out for those parties.

Q The Rush parties?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Who are you referring to when you say "they" would mail out?

A I'm saying volunteers.

Q Volunteers of the Stockman campaign?

A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Can you just read the first two lines? Actually, yes, the first three lines of that, please?

A "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress, 7:15 p.m. Saturday June 5."

Q Thank you.

MS. LIGON: I'd like to have this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 4 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibit No. 4. Can you likewise look on the second page and just read the first three lines?

A "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress, 6:50 p.m. Saturday June 27."

Q Down on the very bottom, could you read the very last line?

A "Call (713) 996-6900 for more information."

Q Whose number is that?

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A That's the campaign office number.

Q You would answer the phones at the campaign office, is that right?

A Not solely.

Q Did you ever receive calls for this?

A Yes.

Q And you would give them --

A Whatever they were asking for.

Q Did they ever mention the Southeast Texas Times at all when they were talking about --

A I don't recall.

MS. LIGON: I'd like to have this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No 5 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, this is Exhibit 5 that I'm now handing you. This is page two of the July 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times newspaper. At the top, the heading is "Upcoming Community Events." Can you tell me,

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the third column over, bottom of the column, top portion what that says?

A "Rush Parties. Watch the last two weeks of the Rush Limbaugh Show. Fun, fellowship and friendship. Saturday, July 17th. Dinner and video begins at 6:45. CADDY SHACK, Next to Randall's across from the South Shore Hotel and Resort."

Q Would this be the same Rush party from the invitations I showed you previously, the previous two invitations?

MR. MILES: Objection. How would she know?

BY MS. LIGON:

Q In the previous exhibit, the Rush Limbaugh party was being held at the CADDY SHACK. It described how you watch shows of Rush Limbaugh -- not you yourself, but that's what occurred at the Rush parties?

A That was my understanding.

Q Here in the newspaper it announces the very same kind of party. I'm asking you is

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that the same Rush party? Is that the same Rush party that the Stockman campaign would sponsor?

MR. MILES: If you know.

THE WITNESS: I don't know that for sure. I mean, that would be an assumption on my part to say so.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Did you ever hear Jeff Van Fleet talking about Rush parties?

A Not specifically, no.

Q Do you have any idea why, if this is the same Rush party, and I believe it is, any idea why Stockman for Congress would be listed with the invitations that went out but not listed in the newspaper, but they both refer to the Rush Limbaugh parties at the Caddy Shack?

A I have no way of being able to answer that. I just don't know that much about it.

Q Thank you. Ms. Martin, are you familiar with a Post Office box at P.O. Box 115, 190 B2 Gulf Freeway in League City?

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A That might have been the -- I can't say specifically but it might have been the address for Southeast Texas Times newspaper.

Q What makes you think that's --

A It sounded familiar.

Q Have you ever been to that Post Office box yourself?

A That is a store where our box is.

Q Have you ever been at that store to pick up mail from this P.O. Box?

A I don't remember specifically. I did mostly just the mail at the Post Office.

Q You mean the campaign Post Office?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Are you aware of anyone else who used this particular Post Office box?

A No, I'm not aware of any of that or I don't recall it.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 6.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was marked for identification.)

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q It is a report from the Friends of Steve Stockman Committee that was filed with the FEC. It reflects in the first entry that the Stockman campaign paid $422 at the end of 1992 to a gentleman by the name of Henry Kjellander. Could you read the purpose of the disbursements written there?

A "World War II document," I think is what it says.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A No, I do not.

Q Are you familiar with this particular disbursement?

A No, ma'am.

Q Have you ever seen anything like a World War II document at the campaign?

A Yes, I believe so.

Q When did you see it?

A I think it came with a tape. It was a surrender document and I believe there was a

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narrative tape that came with it.

Q Did the campaign have lots of them?

A I don't know how many they had.

Q When you saw what you just described, were there several or just one?

A Several.

Q What was the campaign doing with them?

A They were -- well, I'm not sure. I really don't know. I know that this man sold them but I don't know what they did with them. I never even read the whole thing, never heard the video.

Q Who on the campaign would you associate with the World War II document? Who comes to mind when you --

A Steve.

MS. LIGON: I'd like this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 7 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 7. It is page nine of an issue of the Southeast Texas Times. On the right-hand side, I'd like you to please just read the second sentence of the second paragraph on the right-hand side that begins, More than"?

A "More than any other symbol of World War II, this impressive document truly represents a lasting tribute to those who fought to preserve our nation's freedom."

Q Would you just go down to the third sentence of the last paragraph and please read where it begins "The Southeast Texas Times."

A "The Southeast Texas Times has been able to secure at the manufacturer's cost a limited number of full size reproductions of the Japanese Surrender document, along with an one hour cassette of historic recordings from the attack on Pearl Harbor to the surrender ceremonies."

Q Is this article in the Southeast

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Texas Times referring to the same World War II documents that you saw in the Stockman campaign headquarters?

MR. MILES: If you know.

THE WITNESS: I don't know specifically, but I could -- I mean I don't think it would be proper to assume.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you think you have some basis for an assumption that --

A It looks familiar.

Q It does look familiar?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q What looks familiar?

A I remember the picture, although I never read the document, the print of the document looks familiar.

Q It would be your assumption that this would be the same World War II documents that the Stockman campaign purchased and had there at campaign headquarters that are referred to here in this article?

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A It would have to be an assumption. I do not know for sure.

MR. MILES: May I ask what the date of the newspaper is?

MS. LIGON: Yes. I believe is the July 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, if someone had written a check to the campaign in payment for the documents, you would be aware of that, is that right, since you kept track of the money coming into the campaign?

A No, not necessarily. If they didn't designate on their check what the money was for, then I would just consider it a donation. I wouldn't know --

Q Do you recall receiving a check from the Southeast Texas Times?

A No, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: If it's okay, I don't know how everybody is doing, but I'd thought we'd break for lunch at 1:00, to accommodate

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Karen's schedule, if that's okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Five of one. Thank you.

THE WITNESS: It's all right with me.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 8.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 8 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q It's a page from a disclosure report that the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission. It reflects that the Stockman Committee paid Jeff Van Fleet $1,260 for consulting in September of 1992. First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on the report?

A No, ma'am.

Q Do you recall writing that check for this disbursement?

A No, ma'am.

Q Are you aware of any consulting services that Jeff Van Fleet provided in 1992?

A No, ma'am.

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Q Are you aware of whether Mr. Van Fleet purchased billboards in that amount for the campaign back in 1992?

A I wouldn't know, especially during that time.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I've just handed you what's been marked Exhibit No. 9.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q It's again a report from the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission. It shows the committee's disbursements, payments that they made. Among them is a payment to the Southeast Texas Times, entry D, in September of 1993 in the amount of $400, t First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A Yes.

Q Whose is it?

A Mine.

Q Do you recall this disbursement?

A I don't recall the disbursement.

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Q Do you recall an ad being placed by the Stockman campaign in the Southeast Texas Times?

A I remember ads being placed in the newspaper. I don't remember any time, specific time.

Q How many ads?

A I couldn't tell you.

Q More than five?

A I wouldn't even hazard a guess.

Q But more than one?

A I'm not sure. I really don't know. I don't know what they charge for their ads.

Q Would you please describe the ad for me, the one you're thinking of?

A No, I don't recall.

Q We have testimony that the Stockman campaign never paid for an ad in the Southeast Texas Times or that suggests --

A Oh, really?

Q We do. I wanted to know what else this payment could possibly be for, to your

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knowledge, to the Southeast Texas Times.

A I have no idea.

Q You would have been the one to write the check; is that correct?

A That would have to be an assumption on my part. I can't remember specifically.

Q Writing the check or --

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Who would have told you to enter for the purpose of the disbursement as newspaper ads?

A I don't know that someone told me. I would think it would have been on the memo part of the check.

Q But you wrote the check out; isn't that right?

A I don't know. I haven't seen the check.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibit No. 10.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 10 was marked for

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identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you recognize that?

A Yes, that's my handwriting.

Q Does that refresh your recollection at all? You don't think you wrote in the memo section, ad for newspaper? It's a pretty bad copy.

A Yes, it is a pretty bad copy. Yes, that's my handwriting.

Q Who would have told you to write something, whatever, in the memo section of the check?

A I don't know that anybody ever told me that. It was just my way of doing things because of my medical field experience. In the medical field, you always have to be very careful about what you document.

Q I understand. I just want to know where you would get the idea of writing down, you know, ads for newspaper, in this particular --

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A I would write that if I was in the belief that's what it was for.

Q Would you write a check to the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $400 without Steve Stockman's prior approval?

A If I knew it was for an ad in the newspaper, then I would do it; yes.

Q Were you also responsible for selecting ads?

A Oh, no, that was not in my field.

Q Who did that?

A I don't know.

Q How would you know to purchase an ad? Wouldn't you have to see it first?

A No, not me. I mean, graphics, I'm thinking in graphic form. If it's presentable, whatever the computer terminology is for it. I had nothing to do with that. I would just simply -- somebody would either tell me that we owed the paper for an ad or I would get a bill or whatever.

MS. LIGON: I am handing you what's

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been marked as Exhibit No. 11.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 11 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q It again is a disbursement, Schedule B disbursement from a report filed by the Friends of Steve Stockman campaign with the Federal Election Commission and it reflects a couple of payments in entry A to the Southeast Texas Times from the campaign in Do you recognize the handwriting on that report?

A No, ma'am.

Q That's not your handwriting?

A No, ma'am.

Q The purpose of the disbursement is materials for literature distribution.

A I see that now.

Q Do you recall writing the checks for these disbursements?

A I couldn't tell you unless I looked at the checks.

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Q Do you have any idea what kind of materials that might have been for that the campaign would be paying money to Southeast Texas Times for?

A Not without looking at the check and seeing the memo. That might refresh my memory.

Q We have testimony that this purchase was for plastic bags. Would that jog your memory at all? Does that sound familiar?

A No, ma'am. I know that is possible but I don't recall personally.

Q Were you aware that the Southeast Texas Times had plastic bags available?

A That's what I'm saying. I knew they used them.

Q I'm sorry. How did you know they used them?

A They had to get them at a newspaper store, at a newspaper company.

Q Which one was that?

A Texas City Sun.

Q How did you know they got them from

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the Texas City Sun?

A I just knew, I guess. I don't remember anything specifically. I guess general conversation.

Q Are you saying the campaign couldn't have gone to the Texas City Sun and gotten the bags themselves?

A I wouldn't know.

Q You heard in general conversation about the Southeast Texas Times being involved with the Texas City Sun? You heard that at the campaign; is that right?

A Yes.

Q Who would have been talking, just --

A I can't recall anybody in particular.

MS. LIGON: I'd like these marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 12 and 13 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's

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been marked as Exhibits 12 and 13. They are again copies of the disbursement sections from reports filed with the Commission by the Stockman campaign. Looking at the first of the two that I handed to you, it actually reflects two payments in June of 1994 to Jeff Van Fleet for the purpose of reimbursement. The amount looks to be $200 and $250.

A Yes.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A No, ma'am.

Q Do you know Rabih's handwriting at all?

A Not well enough, no; I don't think so.

Q Do you recall writing the checks for these disbursements?

A No, I do not.

Q Would campaign workers typically be reimbursed amounts like this, $200 and $250? Is that something that was routine or something

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that needed to go to Mr. Stockman for approval?

A I can't say. I mean, I don't know. I really don't.

Q But you wrote the checks for the campaign; is that right?

A If I was there, yes.

Q Would you have written a check in these amounts?

A I would have to see the checks to see if I did, you know.

MS. LIGON: I'd like these marked.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 14 and 15 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I am handing you what has been marked Exhibits 14 and 15. Do you recognize those checks?

A Yes. It's not my handwriting.

Q But you recognize the checks?

A Yes, as a campaign check.

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Q Do you recognize the handwriting?
A I can't be sure.
Q Whose do you think it is?
A It looks like Jeff's handwriting.
Q Thank you.
A You're welcome.
MR. MILES: Could I see those?
MS. LIGON: Sure.
MS. ZIMMERMAN: Are we doing all this off the record?
(Discussion off the record)
BY MS. LIGON:
Q Ms. Martin, just before we move on, just to look back again at Exhibits 14 and 15, on both checks that appears to be the handwriting of Jeff Van Fleet?
A To the best of my knowledge, yes, ma'am.
Q It reflects that a check was deposited into the account from the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $2,600. Do you recall that check?

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A No, ma'am.

Q Would it refresh your recollection to note that it was returned for insufficient funds?

A No.

Q Would you have any idea why the Southeast Texas Times would be paying the Stockman Committee $2,600?

A I can't recall it.

Q Ms. Martin, do you remember a disbursement back in December of 1993 in the amount of $3,867.27 for the purpose of buying Christmas cards for the campaign?

A No. I'd have to look at the check. I don't recall anything specific.

MS. LIGON: I'll come back to that. Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 17.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 17 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q It is a page from a report filed by the Stockman Committee with the Federal Election Commission. It reflects down, second from the bottom, payment to Jeff Van Fleet, for contracting services, non-employee compensation, and that was made in December First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on the report?

A No, and I wasn't there during that time.

Q When did you leave?

A We went to orientation and I took the rest of the year off to get ready to go to D.C.

Q What was your last day?

A I don't recall the date. I know orientation started the day after Thanksgiving, I believe, and lasted into part of December. Then I came home to get ready.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: By "orientation," do you mean freshman orientation?

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: When soon to be

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Congressman Stockman was moving to D.C.?

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you have any idea what kind of contracting services that Jeff Van Fleet would be providing to the campaign for $1,500?

A No, ma'am.

Q We have testimony that at the end of the year, as a measure of gratitude, Mr. Stockman gave bonuses to some campaign workers. Are you aware of that at all?

A No.

Q And this was actually a part of a gratitude --

A No, I would not know about this time period.

Q So, you are not aware of any bonuses that Mr. Stockman had given to anyone; is that correct?

A No. The only bonuses that we ever got that I know of was 1996, Christmas.

Q By "we," who are you referring to?

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A He gave John Hart, me, Chris and Jason -- I'm sorry. I don't remember the amount.

Q Was it over $1,000?

A I don't think so.

Q Over $500?

A I just can't recall. I'd have to look.

Q That would have been around December of 1996?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Why would Mr. Stockman have decided to give you all bonuses at the end of 1996 as opposed to other years?

A I don't know. We had worked really hard, and I think because he had lost.

Q Can you just go through what each of the four recipients of those bonuses in 1996 -- I know what you did, I'm not talking about you, but John Hart, what was he doing at that time?

A I can't say. He did a lot of -- in charge of mailing letters out. Chris and Jason

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worked on the campaign as consultants.

Q Are you aware of Ken Clark ever getting a bonus?

A No.

Q Jeff Fisher?

A No.

MS. LIGON: I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibits 18 and 19.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 18 and 19 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you recognize those checks?

A That's my handwriting.

Q What's the date on each of the two checks that I just handed you?

A Oh, that's December 9 on one of them and December 14.

Q What year?

A Of 1994.

Q The check is written out to?

A Jeff Van Fleet.

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Q On one, what does it say on the first one?

A Payment for debt.

Q And on the second one?

A Reimbursement for food and gas.

Q Just comparing these dates to the dates on the report that I just showed you in the previous exhibit, these checks appear to be what is underlying the entry to Jeff Van Fleet for the payment of $1,500 on 12/19/94. Would that be your recollection?

A I'm sorry. I couldn't read it. $1,500. I'm trying to think.

MR. MILES: Please testify as to what you know.

THE WITNESS: I don't know.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q This is the only disbursement for the time period that we see.

A I can assume that it is.

Q This is your handwriting on both of the checks?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q Why would the entry on one be payment on debt? Did Jeff Van Fleet loan the committee $750?

A I don't recall.

Q Why would you have put "payment on debt" on the memo entry?

A I imagine that's probably what I was told to do or knew about at the time I wrote it.

Q So, which one was it?

A No, I'm guessing because I don't recall.

Q On the second one, the purpose is listed as reimbursement of food and gas. Do you recall that disbursement?

A No.

Q Do you have any idea why the purposes would be listed as they are on the checks and then listed as contracting services, non-employee compensation on the report?

A No, ma'am.

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Q Would you have been at the campaign at this time?

A I had to have been; yes.

Q Ms. Martin, let me ask you to look again at Exhibit No. 17. Do you see that just below the entry for the check for $1,500 made out to Jeff Van Fleet, there's an entry for payment of $1,500 as well made out to Ken Clark. Are you familiar with that?

A No, ma'am.

Q That's for contracting services. What about above Jeff Van Fleet's entry there, a $1,500 entry for Jeff Fisher?

A I don't recall that.

MS. LIGON: Thank you. Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibits 20 and 21.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 20 and 21 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q They are both pages from disclosure

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reports that the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission. At the very bottom of Exhibit No. 20, it reflects that the Stockman Committee paid Jeff Van Fleet $1,000 in January of 1995. Exhibit 21 reflects that Do you know anything about those payments?

A No, ma'am. I was in Washington.

Q To your knowledge, Ms. Martin, would Jeff Van Fleet be in a position to loan such large sums of money to the campaign?

A I would have no idea.

Q Do you recall receiving a loan from Jeff Van Fleet at any time?

A I don't recall.

Q You were in Washington at that time?

A Yes, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I am going to hand you now Exhibit No. 22.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 22 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q Can you identify the check and the handwriting on the check?

A The check is a campaign check, and the handwriting appears to be Jeff Van Fleet's.

Q And who is the check made out to, please?

A Jeff Van Fleet.

Q In the amount of?

A $1,000.

Q And the date, please.

A 23 January 1995.

Q Thank you. I was a little worried about the time at one point, but I'm not any more. We are really getting through this. I'll give you a break on the exhibits for a while. I would just focus you on the campaign's activities in 1994. I'd just like to focus on the campaign literature that was distributed during that period. Can you tell me about the different types or kinds of campaign literature?

A I don't really know because it wasn't

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my job.

Q Did you ever see people working on the newspaper format campaign literature?

A I don't recall.

Q You don't recall seeing the campaign literature called Chronicle of Our Times?

A No.

Q To your knowledge, who determined the content of campaign literature?

A I have no idea.

Q Did you attend Mr. Stockman's 1994 victory celebration? Did he have one? I'm assuming he did.

A Isn't that terrible? I don't know whether I was there or not. I'm sorry.

Q You know there was a campaign celebration, victory celebration?

A Yes; uh-huh. I was trying to remember where it was, if that was going to be any help. I don't think I was there.

Q You said a little earlier that you all received bonuses for hard work in 1996. I

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was just wondering if anyone to your knowledge received anything in the wake of a victory in 1994, in terms of bonuses.

A No, not to my knowledge.

Q Did Mr. Stockman send any special thanks to any particular individuals?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q He didn't thank you?

A Well, he thanked us, but the campaign was still going to go on and those that wanted to go to D.C. with him were in a state of shock. That was a transition for me. It was a big thing. I had never lived alone and never been away from my husband, so I can only speak for myself, and it was just a big shcok, culture shock.

Q Ms. Martin, did he pack up his 1994 campaign office, the garage, did he pack that up or what happened after that?

A Tina Hatch took my place and the campaign kept on going.

Q Operating out of the garage?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q Do you know who all were regulars in the garage at that time?

A No, ma'am.

Q Did you speak back and forth with people at the campaign?

A I would talk to Tina.

Q What did you talk to Tina about?

A It was usually visiting.

Q Visiting with her on the phone, nothing in particular?

A We were homesick for each other. We had grown to be good friends. I would call her and check on her, and she would call and check on me.

Q Was the campaign, when you returned at the end of 1995, to your knowledge, as you left it at the beginning of 1995 in terms of the setup of the garage, the number of computers, the desks?

A I can only recall my desk because it was like I had never left. Whether there was

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more computers or more desks, I can't recall. I was just stunned with the fact that it was like I had never left. The same things were in the drawers, that type of thing.

Q To your knowledge, was anything given to anyone or loaned to anyone from the campaign after the victory in 1994?

A I don't know.

Q Are you familiar with the Southeast Texas Statesman?

A No.

Q Have you ever heard of that?

A No.

Q Did Mr. Stockman speak frequently with people in the campaign back at home while he was serving in Congress, to your knowledge?

A I know he spoke with them. Frequency or when, I don't know.

Q Do you know who he would speak with mostly?

A No.

Q To your knowledge, did Mr. Stockman

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ever give money to Tim Frankovich to help him with any newspaper or starting a new business?

A No, not that I recall. Start a newspaper?

Q Yes.

A Oh, no; not that I know of. I don't know really anything about that.

Q How about to John Hart, to your knowledge, did he give John Hart --

A I don't know anything about that.

MS. LIGON: This is a good breaking point.

(Whereupon, at 12:50 p.m., a luncheon recess was taken.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

(2:01 p.m.)

Whereupon,

TRISHA ANN MARTIN

was recalled as a witness and, having been previously duly sworn, was examined and testified further as follows:

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'd just like to go back just for a minute. Would you please name every person, each person, of whom you are aware that had the authority to write checks on behalf of the Stockman campaign?

A I had authority and I can't say other than that except if Steve's wife was on the premises and he gave her permission to do it.

Q What is the amount over which you absolutely would not have written a check without Steve Stockman's prior approval?

A Anything that we didn't have. You

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know, if the checking account was a certain amount of money and if it was more than that, I wouldn't write it. If it was just for unusually large numbers that I had not written before, like if we had a company that we used. If I had written a large amount of money on them before, then I probably ----.

Q With respect to individuals, what would be the limit that you would write a check for without his prior approval?

A An individual? Probably almost anything except if like they were going to Office Max or that kind of thing, and again, like I said, it depended on the person, too.

Q Could you just tell me again what factors would qualify someone for receiving a check over a certain amount, based on how you view that person, what would you be looking for in that particular person?

A You mean a check written to that person or for that person?

Q To that person.

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A I don't think I can really answer that. I would have to know what it was for and why and get Steve's permission, that type of thing.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 23.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 23 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Would you please tell me what it is?

A It's a check from the Stockman for Congress campaign.

Q To whom?

A To John Hart.

Q And the date on the check?

A January 3 of 1994.

Q And the amount on the check?

A $2,200.

Q The memo entry?

A Consultant, I think is what it says.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on

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this check?

A No.

Q Do you recall writing this check yourself?

A No, that's not my handwriting.

Q Can you tell me what kind of consultant services that Mr. Hart may have performed for the campaign?

A No.

Q To your knowledge, had he ever performed consulting services for the campaign before?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q If you could just remind me, what are the types of things that you saw Mr. Hart doing when he was at the campaign?

A Well, he did the mailing. He worked with the Post Office a great deal. In fact, he went to some classes at the Post Office. He did errands. That's all I can think of off the top of my head.

Q What do you mean when you say he

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worked with the Post Office?

A Well, you know, the Post Office has regulations for mass mailing and you have to be trained in that, and that's what he did.

Q To your knowledge, one who was performing services such as mailing, working with the Post Office and running errands, would that be the type of campaign worker that would be a paid worker or a volunteer?

A I could not say. I just don't think I know enough to be able to answer that question.

Q Do you know what paid positions were on the campaign?

A I was paid.

Q What was your official title in the campaign?

A I'm not much into titles. Office administrator.

Q Who else was a paid employee of the campaign?

A No one consistently that I know of.

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Q Can you just tell me the ones that you are aware of and try to think of the time periods?

A Tina.

Q Tina Hatch?

A Hatch, but I can't give you the time period.

Q She was paid as an office administrator as well?

A When I left; yes, ma'am. Other than that, that's the only one I can think of that was consistent.

MS. LIGON: I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibits 24 and 25.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 24 and 25 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Exhibit 24 was a 1994 12-day pre-primary report that was filed by the Stockman Committee with the Commission. You can see that it covers the period beginning

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January 1, 1994, through February 16, 1994, which would cover the time in which the check, t Could you just look back to the page entitled "itemized disbursements," and you will note there is no disbursement recorded to Mr. John Hart in the amount of $2,200. If you look at the next exhibit, that is the 1994 -- the amended 1994 12 day pre-primary report. You will see that it was filed on July 18, 1994. That's stamped at the top. If you look at those pages, you will see there are no additional disbursements. Do you have any idea what could be the explanation for that?

A No, ma'am.

Q Ms. Martin, did the campaign have outside vendors?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Could you name them for me?

A No, ma'am. I can maybe give you a few off the top of my head.

Q Please.

A Office Max; Office Depot; U.S. Post

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Office; Bosworth's Paper.

Q I'm looking more in terms like independent contractor kind.

A Like direct mailing? I think the name of one of them -- I don't remember all of them -- one sticks in my mind. I think it was U.S. Direct Mail, but don't quote me on that because I'm not quite sure of that.

Q They provided services to the campaign?

A Yes.

Q During what time period?

A I can't say. I don't remember.

Q Can you recall whether it was after you returned from Washington back to the campaign?

A Well, I think we used them over a period of time. I know we used them before I went to Washington.

Q Can you think of any other vendors that the campaign used?

A The people that took care of the fax

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machine and the copiers, telephones, Stark Communications comes to mind.

Q Were there any other direct mail providers other than U.S. Direct Mail?

A There were but I don't remember their name.

Q Would you know the principals?

A I just don't remember.

Q Are you familiar with Political One Stop?

A Yes.

Q How are you familiar with Political Won Stop?

A It was my understanding they were a company that did a lot of the campaign business. They paid vendors and worked on the campaign.

Q Can you just describe a little more, what else they did? They paid vendors?

A They set up fund raisers. They talked to people all the time, so I assume that was part of the --

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Q Fund raising?

A Yeah, on the campaign strategy.

Q Who are you referring to when you say "they?"

A I was of the understanding that Jason Posey and Chris Cupit owned that company.

Q Do you know how either of them became involved with the campaign?

A Well, Chris was already here when I got back, and Jason came a little bit after I got back, and the time span was right around my returning from Washington, but I can't give an exact date.

Q Did they do direct mail at all, to your knowledge?

A Yes.

Q While they were still there working in the campaign, you would see them daily, is that right?

A Almost daily, yes, ma'am. I came in earlier than they did, and I left at a human time; they didn't.

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Q During that period after you had returned from Washington, before you stopped working for the campaign, were you still opening mail?

A No.

Q Who was?

A I think Jason was.

Q The campaign's mail?

A Yes. I was under such a load that I didn't have time for that, so he and Ruth Hodges helped with that.

Q So, when responses from the direct mail came in, they would open that?

Q Was Ruth Hodges associated with Political One Stop?

A No, she was just a volunteer on the campaign.

Q Would you say that Chris Cupit was also a campaign worker as well?

A Well, he helped the campaign so I'd have to say yes.

Q And Jason Posey?

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A Yes.

Q I'd like to just go through some names of people and see if you recognize them as being associated with the Stockman campaign in any capacity. Mark Jennes?

A I know Mark; don't remember what his job was.

Q How do you know him?

A I saw him there and met him there, in the garage.

Q When was that?

A During the last part of the last cycle.

Q The end of 1996?

A Yes.

Q What was he doing?

A I'm not sure. I don't remember exactly what he was doing.

Q How about Chris Perkins?

A He was like an intern, I think.

Q With?

A The campaign.

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Q How about Booker Stalworth?
A He was an intern.
Q With?
A I'm not sure what his duties were.
Q He was associated with the campaign?
A Somehow.
Q What did you see him doing ever?
A He did computer work, real nice man.
Q On the campaign's computers?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q What about David Potter?
A He was also I guess considered an intern.
Q With the campaign?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q Bob Bruener?
A I never met that man.
Q You heard the name?
A Heard the name.
Q Around the campaign?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q How about Rosemary Amabile?

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A No.
Q How about Albert Anderson?
A No, ma'am.
Q Susan Baker?
A Yes, I knew Susan.
Q How do you know her?
A She was a volunteer.
Q When about did she volunteer?
A Off and on for several years.
Q Beginning?
A I think I first met her in 1992 and she was in college, so it was sporadic.
Q Ashli Barber? Do you recall that name?
A I don't recall that.
Q James Bayard? Jim Bayard?
A No.
Q Josh Bergeron?
A No.
Q Christina Black?
A That name sounds familiar but I can't place it.

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Q You can't say whether you heard it around the campaign?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q How about Michael Brown, have you heard that name?

A No.

Q Marla Carter?

A No.

Q Alan Coburn?

A No.

Q Grace Daley?

A No.

Q Dane Dison?

A No.

Q Josh Duncan?

A No.

Q How about Tracy Smith?

A I know Tracy Smith. She came and helped out off and on in the campaign.

Q What did she do?

A Whatever was needed.

Q Was she a volunteer?

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A Yes, to my knowledge.
Q How about Tracy Sanborn?
A Yes, that name is familiar.
Q How is it familiar?
A She did some volunteer work in another district. I think I only saw her once.
Q She was working in another campaign office?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q Which one was that?
A The Beaumont office.
Q To your knowledge, she was a volunteer?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q What kinds of things did you ever see her doing?
A I didn't see her do anything.
Q Before we move on, Ms. Martin, as far as you are aware, did Chris Cupit and Jason Posey, Political Won Stop, did they have other clients other than the Stockman campaign?
A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Are you aware of who they were?

A No, ma'am. I just remember during the campaign that some of these things came up, that they had outside jobs to do.

Q With other clients?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Do you know Stephen Clouse?

A I know of him. I don't recall specifically ever meeting him.

Q What do you know of him?

A I knew he did production of videos.

Q How did you know that?

A Because I wrote a check to him for that.

Q He provided that to the campaign?

A As far as I know. I never saw the video.

Q What other services did he provide to the campaign?

A I don't know.

Q When about did you first become aware of Stephen Clouse?

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A I don't know whether it was before I went to Washington or after. I'm sorry.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibits 26 through 30.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 26 through 30 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Let's take a look at them one at a time. Exhibit No. 26 is a check for $20,600 written in August 1995 from the Stockman campaign to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on this check?

A No.

Q Then this would not be your handwriting?

A No, ma'am.

Q Would this kind of check be the type of check in terms of the payee as well as the amount that would seek Steve Stockman's approval on?

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A I couldn't say because I didn't write the check.

Q Well, I'm saying if you --

A I would have to know in advance, personally.

Q I'm sorry?

A I would have to know that it was all right to write this kind of money.

Q So, you would seek approval from Steve Stockman?

A Yes.

Q And moving onto Exhibit 27, it is a check for $20,600 again, written in October of 1995 from the Stockman campaign to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on this one?

A No.

Q Onto Exhibit 28, that is for $3,293.01, written to Stephen Clouse & Associates in October of 1995. Do you recognize the handwriting?

A No.

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Q Would this have been an amount, $3,200, the kind of amount that you would seek prior approval on?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Exhibit No. 29 is a check for $633.72 written in October 1995 from the Stockman Committee to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on this one?

A No, ma'am.

Q And the last one is a check for $1,500 written in January 1996 from the Stockman Committee to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on that check?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Whose handwriting is that?

A Mine.

Q Would you have sought approval before writing this check?

A I would have known in advance that was to be paid.

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Q And did you?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q You recall this check?
A Well, I mean, I know I wrote it.
Q You said you would have known in advance that this was to be paid. How did you know this was to be paid?
A He would probably have said like we need to pay Stephen Clouse such and such.
Q "He" being?
A Steve Stockman.
Q Hang on for one quick minute.
A Okay.
Q This is an 1995 year end report. The first four exhibits that I just showed you there would fall within this reporting period, but payments to Stephen Clouse in these amounts will not be found in this report. There are, however, payments that match the amount and the date that were reported as having been made to Political One Stop rather than Stephen Clouse, as the checks reflect. If you'd like to look

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at the report, I'd be happy to show you.

A I cannot comment on that.

Q The last exhibit, the last check, the one that you did write, that falls within a subsequent reporting period. That would be the 12 day pre-primary 1996. Here again, here's the report that it should have been contained in. There is no matching payment. Would you have an explanation for that?

A No, ma'am.

Q Who would have been responsible for preparing this report at this time?

A I'm not sure who was preparing it at that time.

Q After you wrote the check, you did what with it?

A I most likely, and I can't be sure, that we used to Fed Ex these checks to them.

Q To?

A Stephen Clouse.

Q But in terms of a record of the check by the Treasurer or whoever was going to fill

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out the report, what did you --

A I have no answer for that.

Q You don't recall what you did with it?

A No, ma'am. When I look at that, that's to Stephen Clouse from the Stockman campaign. That's the way it should have been throughout the recordkeeping.

Q But you recall that Mr. Stockman instructed you to write a check to Stephen Clouse in that amount for that purpose; is that correct?

A I would assume so; yes.

Q Do you recall specifically?

A No.

Q I was going through the checks and the fact they weren't reflected accurately in the reports. You seemed to be frowning. I was wondering what you were thinking.

A Well, it just didn't make sense to me.

Q You have no idea what could have

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happened or who could be responsible?

A No.

Q Could you just remind me of what you were doing in 1995? I know you said.

A Early 1994, I went to orientation and then came home --

MR. MILES: Excuse me for interrupting. I think you said "early 1994."

THE WITNESS: I did. That was orientation, and then January 2, 1995 --

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Late 1994.

THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. Ask me again.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I wanted you to tell me about what all you did in 1995.

A In 1995?

Q Yes.

A January 2, 1995, I went to Washington, D.C., and I was there until the last days of October.

Q And then what did you do?

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A I came back to the campaign office. I don't remember the exact date, but it was toward the last week of October, I believe. Tina was there with me for a week and tried to get me re-grouped, and then I worked the last two months, November and December.

Q And were you a paid employee?

A As of December, I was paid.

Q Did you ever provide any services to Political One Stop?

A Yes.

Q What did you do?

A I helped them with the checkbook.

Q When did you do that?

A From the beginning of the company, which again, I don't know specifically when that was, but it was about the time of my return, somewhere in those months. I began helping them, like, a month or so later.

Q With the checkbook?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q And would you describe what you did

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with the checkbook?

A Okay. I would pay bills for them, make deposits.

Q Make copies of direct mail responses, contributions that came in?

A I made copies of checks for outside work for recordkeeping.

Q For them?

A Yes, ma'am..

Q And you did much of what you were doing for the campaign for them?

A Somewhat; Yes, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, we are at the end of this. You are entitled to review and sign the deposition for typographical errors. You may, however, waive that right if you so desire. It's up to you. I am reserving the right to recall you as a witness if, upon further review, we need further testimony.

MR. MILES: On the signature, maybe you can work through me and I'll just tell you

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where to send it.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, we will determine where you are through your counsel. If it's Jacksonville, if you can give us an address, we can work with the court reporting service to find a court reporter in Jacksonville. You will need to go into the court reporting service to review it. You can't take a copy out. We will get it to as close to your daughter's house as we can.

THE WITNESS: Jacksonville is a pretty big town.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: You will have to find where in Jacksonville.

THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

MS. LIGON: Thank you.

MR. MILES: Thank you both for your hospitality.

(Whereupon, at 2:40 p.m., the deposition of TRISHA ANN MARTIN was adjourned.)

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I, HEIDI SUSKI, the officer before whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby certify that the witness whose testimony appears in the foregoing deposition was duly sworn; that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage and I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 1996.

Heidi Suski

My Commission Expires:

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DEPOSITION EXHIBIT #1
Patty Martin Depo
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Dear Concerned American,

We live in troubled yet exciting times.

The symbol shown above is the Chinese character for "*Crisis*". This symbol is based on two other characters: *"opportunity"* and *"danger"*.

I am writing you today to alert you to the ***dangers*** and inform you of the ***opportunities*** to avert an impending ***crisis***.

Look at some of the ***dangers*** of the Clinton administration:

- Introducing the largest tax and spend budget in U. S. history.
- Granting special rights for those who commit sodomy.
- Ordering unilateral disembowelment of the military.
- Launching an unprecedented attack on family rights, values and morals.

With threats like this, it is hard for some to see the ***opportunity***.

The ***crises*** come about because of a fear of ***danger*** without seeing the ***opportunity***.

Many conservative activists are devouring each other and grimacing about their current sad state of affairs, while their followers are drowning in fear and inaction.

Now is the time to act!

Our long held arguments against the liberal dogma are no longer abstract theories. These theories have become a reality to many of those who have never been interested or involved in the political arena. Fence sitters and middle grounders are now awakening to the hard truths and wanting to get involved.

This is why our numbers will grow!

In late December 1992, People for the American Way -- the liberal organization spawned by Norman Lear -- stated their fears are that:

> "the 'Right' will be so alarmed by Clinton's policies and actions that they [the conservatives] will better organize and recruit new followers, thereby creating a bigger threat ... What we [People for the American Way] have set up is a special think tank to help Clinton to rephrase and restructure policy so as not to alarm the 'Right' into action."

Shocking! I for one do not want to let Mr. Lear down. We must unite and stop infighting. Our enemy is out there and waging war on our country's social and economic structure.

Bill Clinton and his purveyors of liberalism have given us the ***opportunity*** to strengthen our numbers and voices against this onslaught of constant attacks on our American values. We are being tested, much like when gold is heated to remove impurities or when steel is tempered to increase its strength.

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Will we respond and meet the challenge?

Are we the biggest stumbling block to our own success? Pogo aptly phrased it, "I have seen the enemy and he is us."

Twenty-six months ago, many of you joined with me in what became an historic effort to help defeat the Dean of the Texas Congressional delegation, Mr. Jack Brooks. By all accounts, we came very close to achieving the task. The efforts that you put forth were tremendous!

Running against Jack Brooks, you helped Stockman for Congress outdistance all other prior general election challengers to Brooks! Though a mayor and other "seasoned" political "professionals" ran against Jack Brooks and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more than we did, (on page 4 is an official fact sheet) Stockman outperformed them all!

- *Outspent 6 to 1, we came within 5% of victory!*
- *We had the lowest dollar per vote ratio in Texas in one of the closest races in the state!*
- *Brooks received just 53% of the vote.*
- *Brooks was held to his lowest general election vote count during his 40 years in office.*

Now we must finish the job we started!

Here is your opportunity to get involved! In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U. S. House of Representatives and I need your help.

1. Enclosed is a petition to put my name on the ballot. In addition to saving 2,500 precious dollars in lieu of filing fee, collecting signatures will give a chance to others who may want to get involved. Note the blank box to the far right of the sheet. If someone would like a phone call about contributing time or funds, please check this box. Please help me by copying this form, collecting signatures and submitting the petitions you have at the end of each month. (*Note*: There is a mis-print at the bottom of the petition; the correct return zip code is 77598)

2. We need 56 people to make local survey calls to neighbors. This will also save money and is an inexpensive yet invaluable way to join the effort. This survey data will also help other races as it enables us to turn out the vote more effectively. Please volunteer to make survey calls in your local area.

3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

4. Volunteer one or two days or nights a week.

5. Proudly proclaim your support by attaching bumper stickers to your vehicles. This in itself is a critical start. If you need more, just mail a self-addressed envelope and let us know how many you need. Please make sure you use them as we want to be good stewards of donated funds. (Folks outside the 77xxx zip code will not receive a bumper sticker or petitions but may certainly get involved).

Some of you may not live in the district but live near the district line. Even though Brooks does not "represent" you per se, his policy affects us all, and what better way to show people that may travel into your area your opposition to those policies. Also, if you live in the 77xxx zip code, you will very likely cross into the district many times. Stickers are a visible means of support which are very economical and effective.

6. Finally, contribute financially. "Early money is like yeast. It is the ingredient that raises dough." To put it a different way, others will be encouraged to give because people like you have given earlier. Start donations on a monthly or weekly plan if necessary. Action now means success in the fall.

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Jack Brooks is the chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee where, with his help, the infamous Freedom of Choice Act sped through his committee in record time; this is the bill that allows " taxpayers to foot the bill for late term abortions. He is also helping promote the notorious BTU/energy tax which, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle, will cost Texans thousands of jobs!

Other bills which Brooks has played a critical role in inflicting upon Americans include allowing Haitians who are infected with the HIV AIDS virus to come to America for "free" health care (paid for by you and me). Jack Brooks also led the fight to gut President Bush's crime bill. The list of outrageous bills during his 41 years in office (Yes, 41 years!) goes on and on and on . . .

With the defeat of Bob Krueger for the U. S. Senate, Mr. Brooks is now the ranking Democrat representing Texas in Washington. All Clinton administration appointments for Texas -- such as our federal judges -- now must go through Jack Brooks!

As ABC news commentator George Will stated, "Mr. Brooks is the number one stumbling block to term limits and the number one reason for them. He has been around since God was a child."

You can help.

Yes, the defeat of the 41-year incumbent Mr. Brooks will send a very loud and real message across this nation. With your participation, we can defeat Jack Brooks.

Now is the time to unite and organize.

Organization is a very real and effective way to impact change. Filling out the Conservative Action Network sheet will take only ten minutes but will prepare both of us for a real and dramatic understanding of your goals and level of commitment.

Remember: In every crisis there is *danger* and *opportunity*.

Avoid the *danger*; seize the *opportunity*!

Set a goal for yourself: get involved to make a change! Large or small, please make a commitment.

I urge you to join us today in this battle for the soul of our nation.

Warmest wishes,

Steve

Steve Stockman

PS. I have listed five ways that cost little or no money to make a difference.

Please, take this opportunity to restore America to her core values.

Because of our success last fall, there will likely be liberal opportunists in the Republican primary who wish to take advantage of the foundation we built. Join with me now to complete the job we began last year.

Steve Stockman • P. O. Box 57135 • Webster • 77598 • 713 332-8300

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Stockman for U.S. Congress

e media erroneously reported that Jack Brooks won an "easy victory -- a dslide". To clear up the confusion caused by the press and misstatements by Jefferson County officials, here are the facts:

Steve Stockman ran against Jack Brooks for the first time November 3, 1992.

	Jack Brooks	118,690 votes (53.6%)
The final	Steve Stockman	96,270 votes (43.5%)
count was:	Billy Joe Crawford	6,401 votes (2.9%)

Running against Steve, Jack Brooks received the lowest percent (53.6%) in his 40-year history of general elections.

With a change of just 5% or 11,211 votes from Jack to Steve, Steve would have won!

Steve received more total votes than Jack Brooks in 1990.

Stockman was endorsed by the *National Republican Congressional Committee, GOPAC, Phil Gramm, and the Texas Republican Party.*

Steve's race was not targeted for large funds like other races. Even with his limited funds 99,000), Steve had one of the lowest dollar per vote ratios, demonstrating his good ewardship of donated funds. Steve was outspend 6 to 1!

Stockman had a 2,200 square foot office, seven computers, and several hundred volunteers/activists to help push his campaign into the historic final numbers.

On election day in Galveston County, Steve received more votes than either George Bush (7,000 more) or newly elected State Senator Jerry Patterson. Some precincts, which normally go Democrat, *especially in union areas* such as Texas City and Santa Fe, went for Stockman.

Stockman focused on jobs and corruption in Congress. Funds needed to solicit votes during early voting were not there. Consequently, vote percentages for Steve were lower for early voting.

Contrary to statements made by Jefferson County officials, Jefferson County did not have the highest turnout in the state. Its turnout was on par with many counties across Texas.

Other ""picked"" congressional candidates in Texas did not do as well as *Stockman*, even though hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent on their campaigns:

Dolly Madison McKenna spent $550,000+ and got only 41% of the vote

Donna Peterson spent $325,000+ and, yet, her, opponent Charlie Wilson received 56% compared to Jack Brooks 53%.

Clark Kent Ervin spent $500,000+ and acquired only 35%

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Conservative Action Network

Name(First)_____(Last)_____Spouse_____Children names_____

Add_____City_____Zip_____

Home Phone_____Business Phone_____Fax_____

Other pager/mobile/phone#2_____PCT_____County_____Date_____

Church_____D.O.B. his ____/____/____ hers ____/____/__

Only Check the ones that interest you.

Newspaper (Southeast Texas Times): ☐ YES, I would like to help! ☐ Delivery my neighbohood

___ I know someone who might want to take an ad out._____

___ Yes, I would like to subscribe. What! Only $14.00 for a half a year?! Or better yet, $26.50 for full year!

Oh, we want to help even more. We want to donate $_____towards a computer to do the paper.

___ Write articles ___ Sell subscriptions

Organization of My Community: __Phone Tree __Phone Bank __Precinct Organization __Run for office

__Fundraising __Coffee in my home __ Surrogate Speaker Clerical: __Data entry __Filing __Answering phones

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Education and Training: **Yes,** I would like to help here too!

___ Camp counsellors for political training school.

___ Run an information booth at Church fairs or rallys

___ Help prepare seminar's

___ Collect information, through phone survey's

___ Help manage video/book library

___ Please put me on your computer voice phone tree

Organizations to which I am currently active in

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General/Campaigns Yes, I would even like to help here:

___ Register voters	___ Collect signatures	___ Be part of a phone tree
___ Block walking	___ Donate Food	___ Work Child care
___ Work the polls on election day	___ Work in Office	___ Put a sign in my yard
___ Put on a bumper sticker	___ Work Chid care	___ Put yard signs out for others

My best days to work are (please include days and hours a.m./p.m.): _____

Areas where I am strong: (Circle): Writing Research Artwork Organizing events Media Relations

Phone Skills Communicating Public Speaking Fundraising

Movtivating others Computer programing Desktop Publishing Other_____

(Optional) Areas where I can not work:_____

I am intrested in : (Circle) Taxes/Economic AIDS/Homosexual Rights Education Life issues

Victims Rights/Law Reform International Policy/Communism Crime/Drugs Home Education

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C.A.N. * P.O. Box 57135 Webster Texas 77598 * Please Copy and Distribute and Return in mail.

DEPOSITION EXHIBIT #2
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October 6, 1993

Jeff Van Fleet
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Dear Fellow Republican,

It grieves me to have to write this letter.

Apparently, the strategy of taking the low road has once again raised its ugly head.

A third place loser in the 1990 primary, Steve Clifford, who has made it known that he intends to run for Congress in Texas' ninth district in 1996, is trying to steal our best chance at beating Jack Brooks for his own political gain.

Steve Stockman, who received more votes than ANY Republican on the ballot in the ninth district against Jack Brooks, is now on the receiving end of a malicious attack by Steve Clifford's candidate for 1994.

Clifford, who calls himself a political consultant, has never won an election or a referendum.

Mr. Clifford gets paid by a research institute all the while collecting money from political clients. Steve Stockman has taken leave from his work believing that it is wrong to collect money from employers while at the same time campaigning for public office on company time.

Clifford has persuaded John LeCour to run for U.S. Congress in 1994. While Mr. Stockman recognizes Mr. LeCour's rights to seek political office, he does not believe that it is in the best interest of the Republicans to use personal attacks to divide the party. The real target of this election should be the sitting congressman, Jack Brooks.

It seems Mr. Clifford is still embittered over the resounding defeat in 1990 by Steve Stockman and Maury Meyers. It is apparent that Clifford hopes to derail the campaign of Steve Stockman by using Mr. LeCour, who admittedly has only been working in the Republican party for twelve months, as a sacrificial lamb to sling Clifford's mud. Mr. Clifford apparently thinks that there will be little resistance in 1996 for him to be the Republican nominee for U.S. Congress if he can attack Steve Stockman now.

Mr. Clifford is destroying our chances to defeating Jack Brooks in 1994. He is working to ensure a Republican defeat in 1994 for his own political ambitions.

In a letter Clifford wrote for his candidate, it was stated that, "In 1992... widespread questions about his personal ethics and the accuracy of his resume, hampered the campaign of Steve Stockman...". When asked to show one piece of evidence, one news report, one piece of literature or a campaign commercial to support the allegation that Mr. Stockman's character or resume played a role in his narrow defeat in 1992, not one item was produced.

Mr. Clifford claims to be a researcher; yet he incorrectly stated that Jack Brooks received 56% of the vote in 1992. Actually, Congressman Brooks was held to just 53.6% of the vote against Steve Stockman, the lowest percentage he has received in a general election in his entire 41 years in office.

By dusting off the negative campaign literature from his failed 1988/90 crusade, Mr. Clifford has tried to divide us, the Republican party, with false accusations and half-truths. There are not that many of us now. Why anyone would want to drive a wedge between us is beyond me. We must

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stand together to defeat men like Jack Brooks. If we do not stand with one another, and put aside our hurt feelings, we will lose the opportunity to make a difference in America in 1994.

I wanted to express my outrage and sadness at Mr. Clifford's cheap attacks directly to Mr. LeCour, but no proper phone number was ever given. When I tried to call, the only person I could reach was the treasurer.

What puzzles me the most is that Clifford's candidate states in his campaign literature that he advocates clean campaigns. Two pages later, he is slinging mud.

Mr. LeCour never mentions one issue—NOT ONE. For or against.

Arguably, he does take one stand. He is <u>against</u> Steve Stockman.

Like Mr. LeCour, I too advocate clean campaigns. Unless the Republicans put an end to this, it looks as if this will be anything but a clean campaign. It is difficult for me to tolerate men who say one thing yet do another. There is nothing I can do about Bill Clinton. He has already been elected. I will not tolerate it in my party. I hope that you will not either.

Mr. Clifford prides himself on the fact that he attended the Massachusetts Institute of World Peace, yet he has been unable to make peace with himself or his fellow Republican.

Mr. Clifford, please show some respect.

<u>We should win. We will win. Steve Stockman is our BEST chance.</u>

I know you believe as I do that all Republicans should act with civility. Let's ask our candidates to exercise common courtesy and sense.

Warmest wishes,

Jeff Van Fleet

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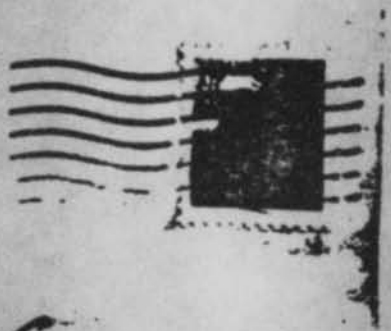

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Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

7:15 p.m. Saturday June 5

The Caddyshack

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(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

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Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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John LeCour
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Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

6:50 p.m. Saturday June 27

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Missed a show or don't wsnt to stay up late? Watch the last two weeks of Rush commerical free with like minded folks. Friends, Fun & Fellowship. Everyone welcomed! Bring a friend.

Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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Upcoming Community Events

Richmond, Texas Horse Show

July 17. Open Horse Show 9:00a.m. Awards: ribbons, first-sixth. High Point trophies in each age group. For more info: Call Jeanne Poe 713/3461603

Clear Lake Republicans

meet second Thursday of each month at the Harris County Courthouse Annex, 16603 Buccaneer, 2nd floor. Come bring a friend. For information call: Wade Webster (713) 488-1318.

Creative Memories

Workshop for the community and organizations. Instructor Tracey Overton will speak to your group or lead hands-on workshops to help you begin your scrapbook-style album with photo-safe, acid-free mounting and decorating supplies. Info: call Tracey: (713) 534-2911.

Committee of Correspondence

Committee of Correspondence with Christian Coalition will sponsor a forum on current political and social activity in the Bay Area. For more information call: (713) 332-4484 or write 2800F W Main, #150 League City, 77573

Political Events N

Stockman for Congress, volunteers needed. Petition collection and distribution. Join the winning team and have fun at the Americas favorite pass time-Politics. Call: 409-935-8800 and leave name and number.

Appaloosa Show

August 21. Bahia Farms, 24706 FM 2978, Tomball. Start 8:30 a.m. Registered Appaloosa Show/All Breed Show. Great Fun for the whole family. Judge: Pete Navaro. Contact Cathie George, 713/324-4320

Space Station Freedom Fighters

Grassroots group supporting Station meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at noon and 5 p.m. Open to the public. For information and meeting location, call David Cochran, 482-7005.

Bay Area Republican Women

Meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Rd 1. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Meeting at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. All Republican women are welcome.

Rush Parties P

Watch the last two weeks of the *Rush Limbaugh Show*. Fun, Fellowship, and Friendship. Saturday, July 17th. Dinner and video begins at 6:45 p.m. CADDY SHACK Next to Randalls accross from South Shore Hotel and Resort.

JSC Fellowship Luncheon

Join other Christians in the aerospace community for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of every month 11:30-12:30 at the Clear Lake Park community building. Reservations: 483-1849.

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	G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	STOP N GO 17310 N. HWY 3 WEBSTER, TX 77598	GAS Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/22/92	12.21
	H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
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The Growth of Government

Can we get some idea of how big government is? Surely. Let's look at some revealing figures. All dollar amounts are adjusted for inflation by showing buying power in 1990 dollars:

More Americans are employed by governments than by all U.S. manufacturers.

From 196[illegible] to 1992, the federal government spent $2.5 trillion on welfare and to cities, enough to buy all of the assets of all of the Fortune 500 companies plus all U.S. farmland.

In 1987, farmers received more money in government subsidies than they did in selling their crops in the marketplace. Government, not shoppers, is their main customer now.

In California, New York, and Maine, almost half of all employment and self-employment income is taken by income tax, payroll tax, property tax, sales tax, and other taxes/fees.

In 1900, the federal government consumed less than 5 percent of total economic output; in 1950, 15 percent; and in 1993, 25 percent.

From 1800 to 1990, federal government spending multiplied 10,000 times.

In 1900, the average family (and families were bigger) paid nearly $1,400 in taxes; in 1950, nearly $7,000; and in 1992, more than $16,000. (In the mid-1800's, Karl Marx proposed, as one of the ten planks of his Communist Manifesto, a graduated income tax.)

In 1800, per capita federal taxes were $20; in 1900, $110; in 1950, $1,460; and in 1990, $4,000. (Soon after 1900, the federal graduated income tax system was created by the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)

Before World War II, only a handful of states had an income tax. Today, only nine states don't have an income tax, and politicians in four of them (including Texas) want it.

The IRS has the authority to search your property and financial records without a search warrant and to seize your property without a trial.

The federal tax exemption for four dependent children fell from $13,260 in 1950 to $8,000 in 1989. That size family paid taxes on $5,000 more income in 1989 than in 1950.

Transfer payments (tax money paid for subsidies, retirement checks, food stamps, medical care, etc.) were 12 percent of the federal budget in 1950 and 39 percent in 1992.

The food stamp budget is $23 billion a year. About 25 million people receive food stamps — that's one out of every 10 Americans.

In 1992, the year the federal deficit set a new record high, the U.S. House of Representatives defeated the balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The largest employment sector is government. The largest government is the federal government (18 million employees). The largest federal employer is the Department of Defense (2.2 million employees). In addition, many millions of people work for government contractors. All of the foregoing people are paid money originally taken from taxpayers.

The above figures do not include the cost of complying to complicated and time-consuming tax laws and other burdensome laws and regulations.

Since the days when politicians created the federal income tax cash cow, when Franklin D. Roosevelt prolonged the Great Depression by interfering with the economy in order to help it, when John F. Kennedy promised us Camelot, we have paid for paradise many times but have not received it. The good news, today's crop of politicians tell us, is that if we sacrifice enough, there's light at the end of the tunnel. The bad news (which they don't tell us) is that there's another tunnel. The natural, unescapable effect of ever-bigger governments is ever-longer, ever-darker, ever-more-oppressive tunnels.

Because of the efforts of wholesome organizations and individuals, something good is happening in America and abroad. People are waking up. An increasing number of people no longer want or expect government to meet their needs. These folks want to go back to esteeming and protecting the God-created value and freedom of each person. Back to each person's right to be independent and responsible for himself.

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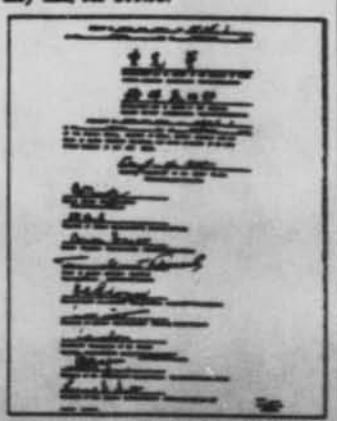

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DEPOSITION EXHIBIT #7
Patti Martin
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DEPOSITION EXHIBIT #8
Patty Mathy
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COMMITTEE (Its Full)

TOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS '92

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
DU PAC 600 RIVER OAKS BLVD HOUSTON, TX 77006	LUNCHEON Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/9/92	40.00
HOUSTON POST PO BOX 4747 HOUSTON, TX 77210	AD Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	8/4/92	80.00
SAEED WYLIE 803 NASA RD 1 STE 126 WEBSTER, TX 77598	OFFICE SUPPLIES Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/3/92 8/1/92 8/24/92	100.00 300.00 65.00
JEFF VAN FLEET POBOX 1117 VIDOR TX 77670	CONSULTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9/21/92	1500.00
JUSTIN MICKLIN 145 HIDDEN LAKE LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573	GAS REIMB Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	8/10/92	10.00
KINKOS 989 NASA RD 1 WEBSTER TX 77598	COPIES + PRINTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/2/92 7/10/92 7/10/92	12.15 6.91 3.67
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SAME AS ABOVE	PRINTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/10/92 7/10/92 8/15/92	42.10 5.10 16.90
SAME AS ABOVE	PRINTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	7/10/92 8/11/92 8/11/92	5.10 59.07 34.28
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	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Eastmalm 17077 N. Jacinto Line Webster, Tx 77598	stamps Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	8-25-93	58.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Southwestern Bell P.O. Box 1180 Houston, Tx 77251	phone bill Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	8-27-93	32.39
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Bay Electric 109 Gulf Freeway S League City, Tx 77573	current breakers (3) Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-1-93	30.44
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Gulf Coast Legal Times 100 Gulf Freeway, Suite 115 League City, Tx 77573	newspaper ads Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-7-93	400.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code LTF Marketnet 100 Glenborough Suite 400 Houston, Tx 77067	phone bill Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-8-93	29.80
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Lowe's Planner-Calendars 4514 Pinehurst Webster, Tx 77598	ad on 1993 calendar Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-8-93	265.72
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Patti Martin 501 Victoria Court League City, Tx 77573	Computer paper, labels Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-9-93	58.64
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Office Max Outlet 17319 N Hwy 3 Webster, Tx 77598	Computer parts Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-16-93	28.85
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Builders Square 2004 I 45 Webster, Tx 77598	Building supplies Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)		7.00
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			910.54
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Friends of Steve Stockman

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Southwest TX Times P.O. Box 52 Gulf Freeway Lee. Clin. TX 77573	Materials for Literature distribution	9-8-94	165.00
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-12-94	100.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Mercer Printing	Signal bumper stickers		2864 34
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Cindy Ransom 3757 Sunset Beaumont, TX 77706	Reimbursement	9-8-94	477.00
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-7-94	195.64
		9-14-94	75.72
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
The Lay Hodges Agency 2115 Jasmine Nederland, TX 77627	Reimbursement	9-30-94	240.00
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
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H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
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SCHEDULE C (Revised 3/90) — LOANS — Page 1 of 3

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Jeff Van Fleet P.O. Box 58354 Webster, Tx 77598	Reimbursement ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-7-94 6-17-94	200. 80.
Chemical Usa P.O. Box 1010 Hicksville, New York 11802	Campaign expenditures ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-8-94 6-30-94	100. 416.
Raymond Baker 819 Hardgate Houston, Tx 77062	reimbursement ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-13-94 6-29-94	68. 15 [illegible]
Phone Comm. Inc. P.O. Box 9170 Houston, Tx 77261	Phone System - Rental ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-14-94	338.
Sam Desmond 3430 Sunrose Dr. Port Arthur, Tx 77619	phone reimbursement ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-15-94 6-15-94	230. 28.
Laura Mc Donald 8814 Mesa Drive Austin, Tx 78759	reimbursement ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-16-94	150.
Texas New Mexico Power 4711 Video Dickinson, Tx 77539	Utilities ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-30-94	104. 87
Pitney Bowes P.O. Box 856390 San Antonio, Tx 78279	Postal Meeting Services ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-30-94	120.99
State Farm Insurance P.O. Box 1084 La Marque, Tx 77568	Campaign Headquarter Insurance ☐ Primary ☑ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-20-94 6-20-94	310. 67.
SUBTOTAL of Disbursements This Page (optional)			2,618.34
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SCHEDULE B ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Tommy Braun 3311 Lockhurst Beaumont, Tx 77707	Reimbursements	10-5-94	360.00
Electronic Industrial 17319 A Hwy 3 Webster, Tx 77598	Campaign equipment	10-10-94	1350.00
GTE Mobilnet 1111 Clemson Dr Ste 114 Seabrook, Tx 77586	Cellular Phone Bills	10-7-94	214.35
Plumbing Inc Box 55954 Baytown, Tx	Sign	10-11-94	270.00
Coastal Consultants 1400 Commerce Ste 1000 Houston Tx 77010	Taxes	10-13-94	439.00
John Hunt 7002 Center Pasadena, Tx 77505	Reimbursements	10-11-94	430.00
Commonwealth Trade Supply 1005 Pennsylvania Houston, Tx	Sign supplies	10-13-94	436.48
Bill Lee Fleet 1001 W Bay Area Blvd Webster, Tx 77598	Reimbursement	10-11-94	200.00
Tim St. Clair 3811 Highlands #41 Baytown, Tx 77521	Reimbursement	10-13-94	360.00

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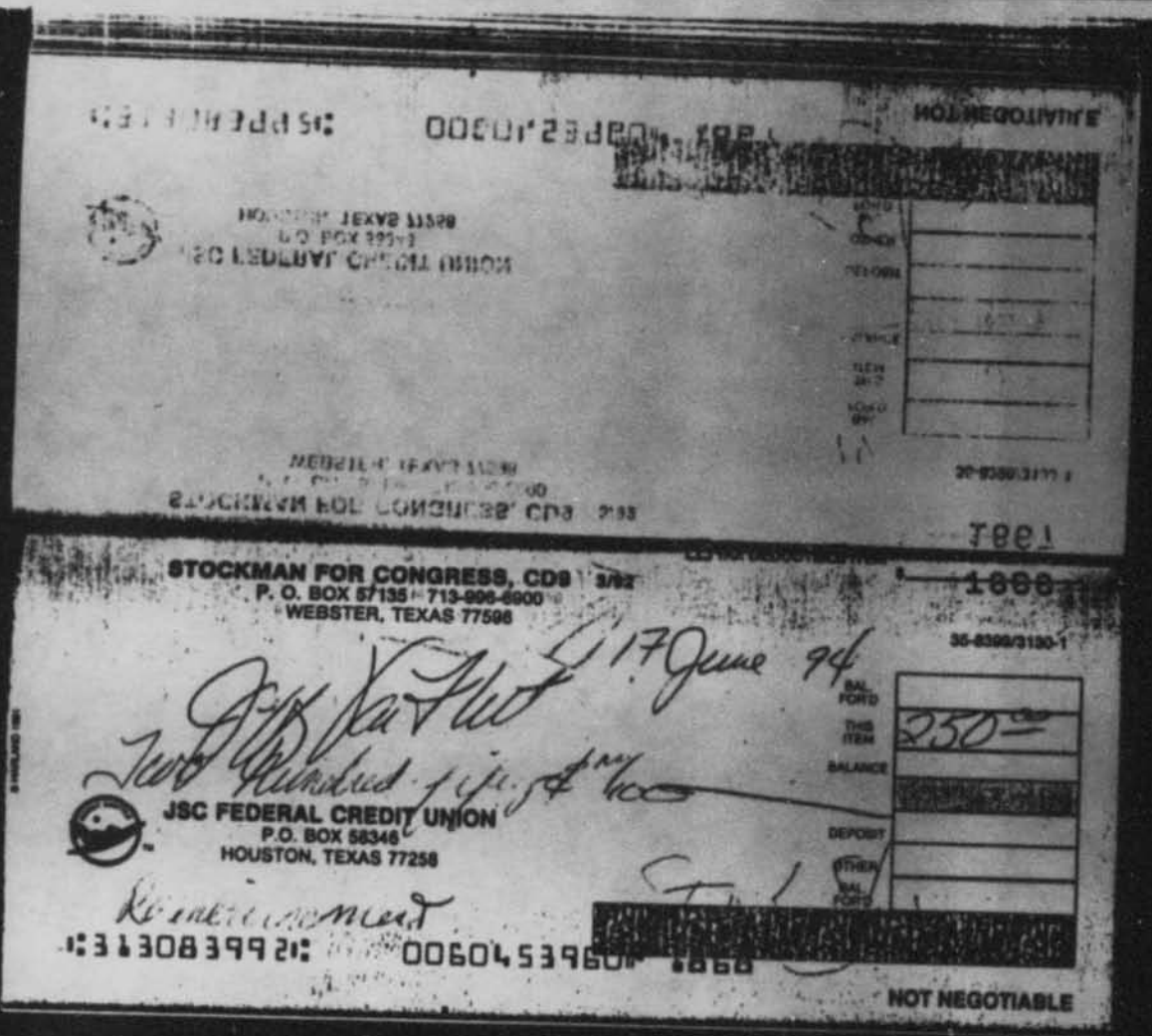

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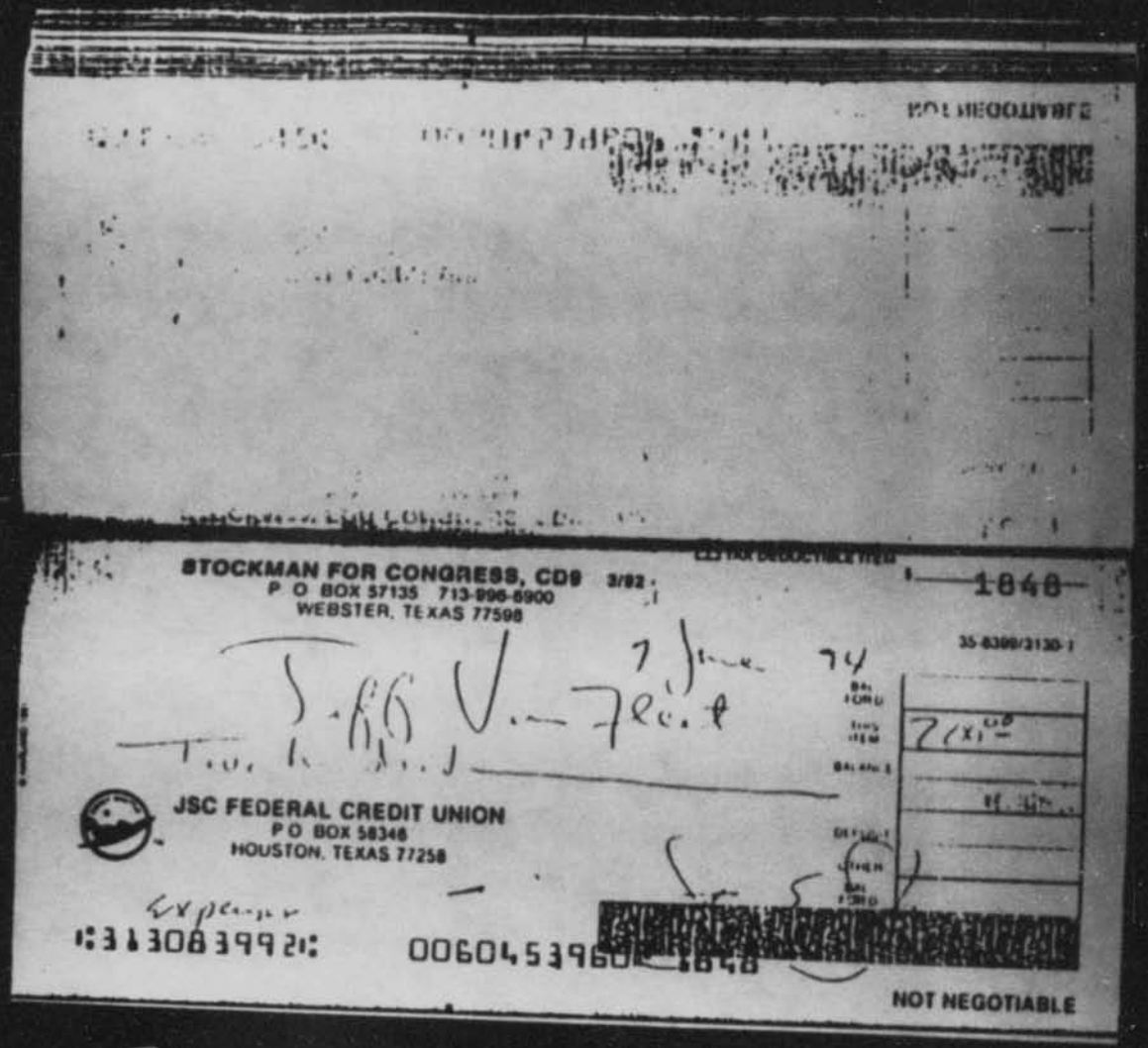

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EXHIBIT #76
Patti Mackin dep.
6-26-97

$1 SHARE A/C - REGULAR SHARES

DEC1	Previous Balance			52.52
DEC31	Closing Date...New Balance			52.52
	(0.35 DIVIDEND TO BE POSTED JAN1)			

Dividend rate as of 31 DEC 93 was 2.600%

$75 SHARE A/C - STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS

DEC1	DIVIDEND CREDIT			0.94	471.43
DEC1	CHECK NO. 1547	Trace # 217410 01	98.00		373.43
DEC2	CHECK NO. 1548	Trace # 38950 02	117.82		255.61
DEC2	CHECK NO. 1550	Trace # 11180 02	35.13		220.48
DEC3	CHECK NO. 1549	Trace # 65320 03	68.42		152.06
DEC7	CHECK NO. 1555	Trace # 169050 07	15.00		137.06
DEC8	CHECK NO. 1546	Trace # 98560 08	10.00		127.06
DEC13	CHECK NO. 1554	Trace # 93840 13	15.00		112.06
DEC13	CHECK NO. 1557	Trace # 105900 13	69.90		42.16
DEC14	CHECK DEPOSIT			1000.00	1042.16
DEC17	CHECK NO. 1558	Trace # 3780 17	5.14		1037.02
DEC20	DEPOSIT TR#383			3400.00	4437.02
DEC20	CHECK NO. 1559	Trace # 47380 20	9.20		4427.82
DEC20	CHECK NO. 1560	Trace # 96740 20	38.00		4389.82
DEC22	DEPOSIT TR#228			150.00	4539.82
DEC27	RET CHECK S.E. TEXAS TIMES		2600.00		1939.82
DEC29#	RETURNED DRAFT FEE # 1561 AMT 3867.27		14.00		1925.82
DEC31	SERVICE FEE		4.00		1921.82
	(2.80 DIVIDEND TO BE POSTED JAN1)				

Cleared Checks Recap

Check #	Date	Amount	Check #	Date	Amount	Check #	Date	Amount
1546	DEC08	10.00	1550	DEC02	35.13	1558	DEC17	5.14
1547	DEC01	98.00	*1554	DEC13	15.00	1559	DEC20	9.20
1548	DEC02	117.82	1555	DEC07	15.00	1560	DEC20	38.00
1549	DEC03	68.42	*1557	DEC13	69.90			

Dividend rate as of 31 DEC 93 was 2.250%

----------SUMMARY----------

Previous Balance as of 01 DEC 93.....	470.49	
Total of 11 Checks for	481.61	-
Total of 3 Other Debits for.....	2618.00	-
Total of 3 Deposits for	4550.00	+
Total of 1 Other Credits for	0.94	+
Ending Balance as of 31 DEC 93.....	1921.82	

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EXHIBIT #7
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SCHEDULE B

Friends of Steve Stockman

N.R.C.C. National Republican Congressional Committee 320 1st St / Washington DC 20003	Campaign Consulting	11-01-99	2,500.00
Patti Martin 1904 Victoriact League City, TX 77573	Travel expense	11-17-99	337.00
Adriana Williams 2525 Bay Area BLVD #600 Houston, TX 77058	Event Expense	11-11-99	1,000.00
Bill Hatch 6222 Richmond Avenue Houston, TX 77057	Campaign Consulting	11-01-99	1,000.00
Dan Horton 202 Hurst La Marque, TX 77568	Travel expense	11-01-99	1,000.00
Jeff Fisher 1215 Main #21 Houston, TX 77057	Consulting Services	11-01-99	1,000.00
Jeff Van Fleet 2801 W Bay Area BLVD #1209 Webster, TX 77598	Campaign Consulting Services	11-01-99	1,000.00
Ken Clark P.O. Box 1684 League City, TX 77573	Campaign Consulting	11-01-99	1,000.00
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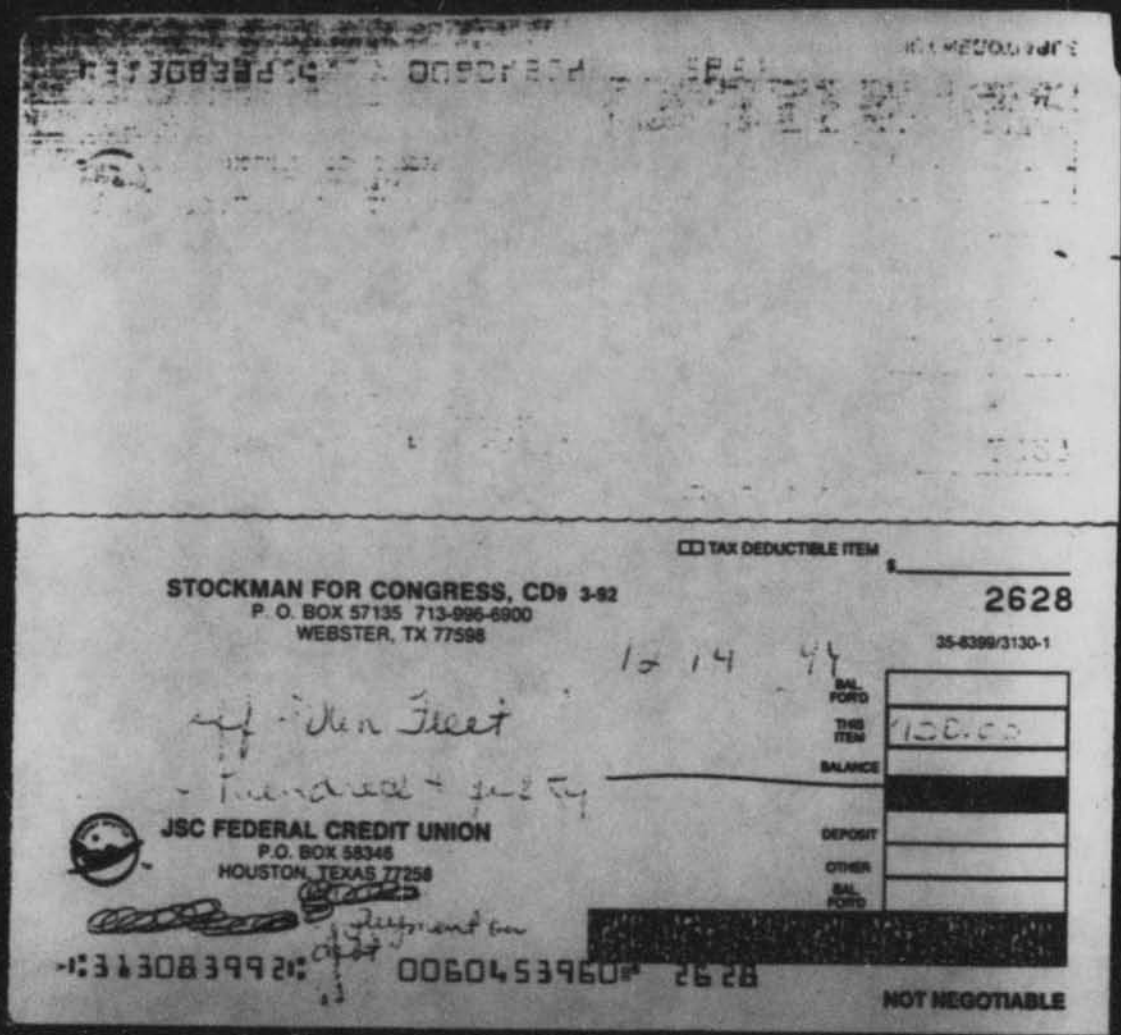

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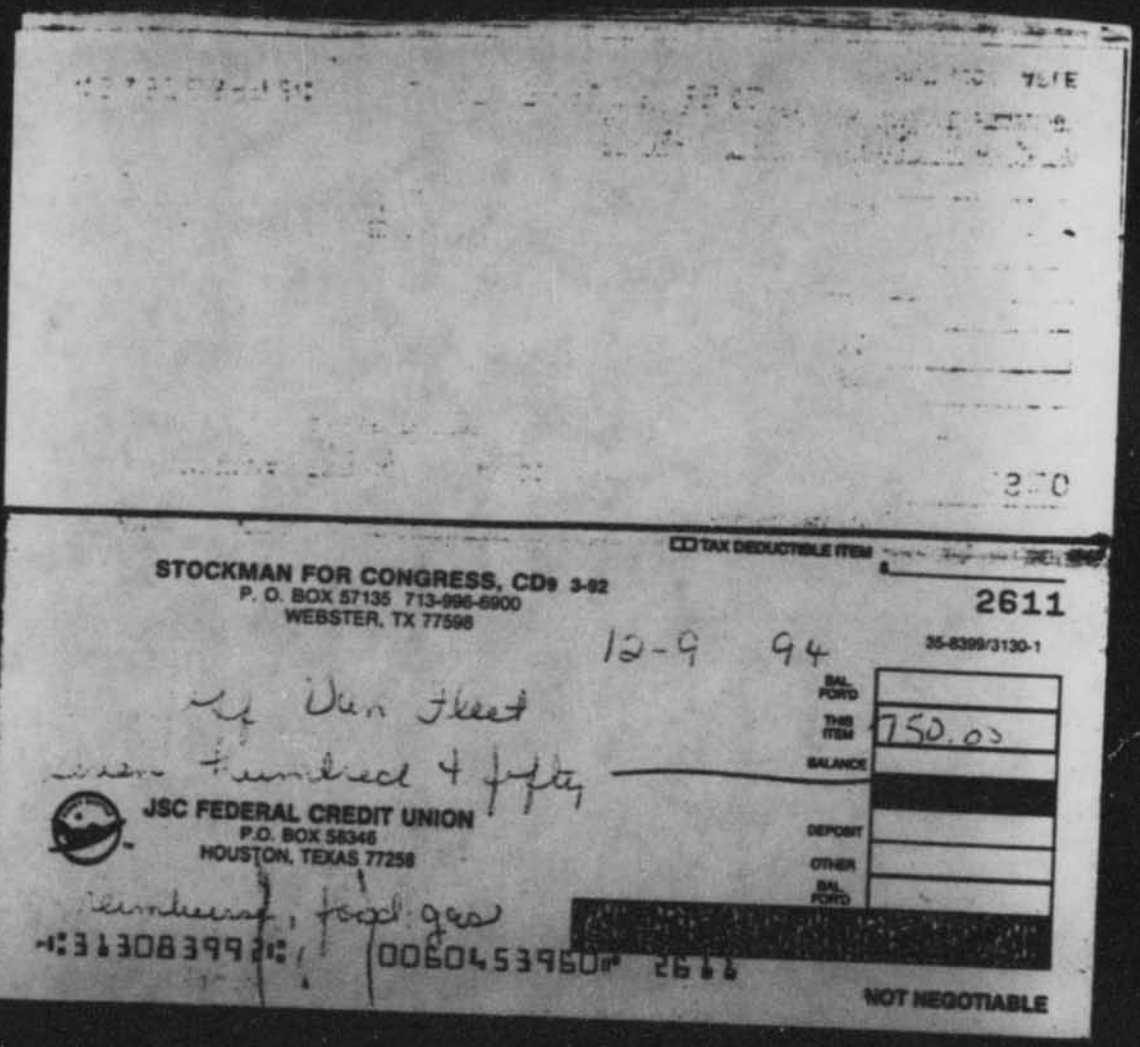

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Friends of Steve Stockman — Com170339

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Robert's Services 1720 S. Lakeshore Blvd. Austin, TX 78741	Computer Programming Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	6-5-95	500.
South western Bell P.O. Box 1550 Houston, TX 77097	Phone Services Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-1-95 to 6-1-95	2349.27
Office Max 1529-A West Bay Area Blvd. League City, TX 77573	Office Supplies Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-3-95 to 6-23-95	508.82
Clary's Restaurant 8509 Teichman Rd. Galveston, TX	Fund Raising Event Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) '94 Expense	1-4-95	570.00
Page net 900 Sam Houston Pkwy. Houston, TX 77060	Phone Services Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-3-95 to 6-1-95	243.16
Americision Communication, Inc. P.O. Box 7735 Moore, OK 73153	Phone Services Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-9-95 to 5-26-95	2723.16
Jeff Fisher 2260 Ashley Beaumont, TX 77701	Reimbursements - Travel Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-12-95 to 4-11-95	1713.36
National Prayer Breakfast 1909 N. Adams Arlington, VA	Charitable Event. Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-12-95	560.00
Jeff VAN Fleet 9520 Burdette Burke, VA 22015	Payment of Debt Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) '94 Expense	1-26-95	1400.00
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Patty Martin dep.
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A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jeff van Fleet 9530 Burdette Burke, VA 22015	Payment of Debt ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) 94 General	5-31-95	1500.00
Clifton Murchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) 94 General	1-24-95	1500.00
Clifton Murchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-12-95	1440.00
Clifton Murchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-13-95	500.00
Clifton Murchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-30-95	1245.00
Clifton Murchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Reimbursement - Postage ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-24-95	640.00
Clifton Murchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Reimbursement - Travel, Misc ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-13-95	316.20
La Mariposa Gardens 1303 Nasa Rd. 1 Houston, TX 77058	Fundraising ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-30-95 TO 6-15-95	229.92
Tina Hatch 2014 Lauren Lake Dr. League City, TX 77573	Contract Services ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-1-95 TO 4-6-95	2567.01

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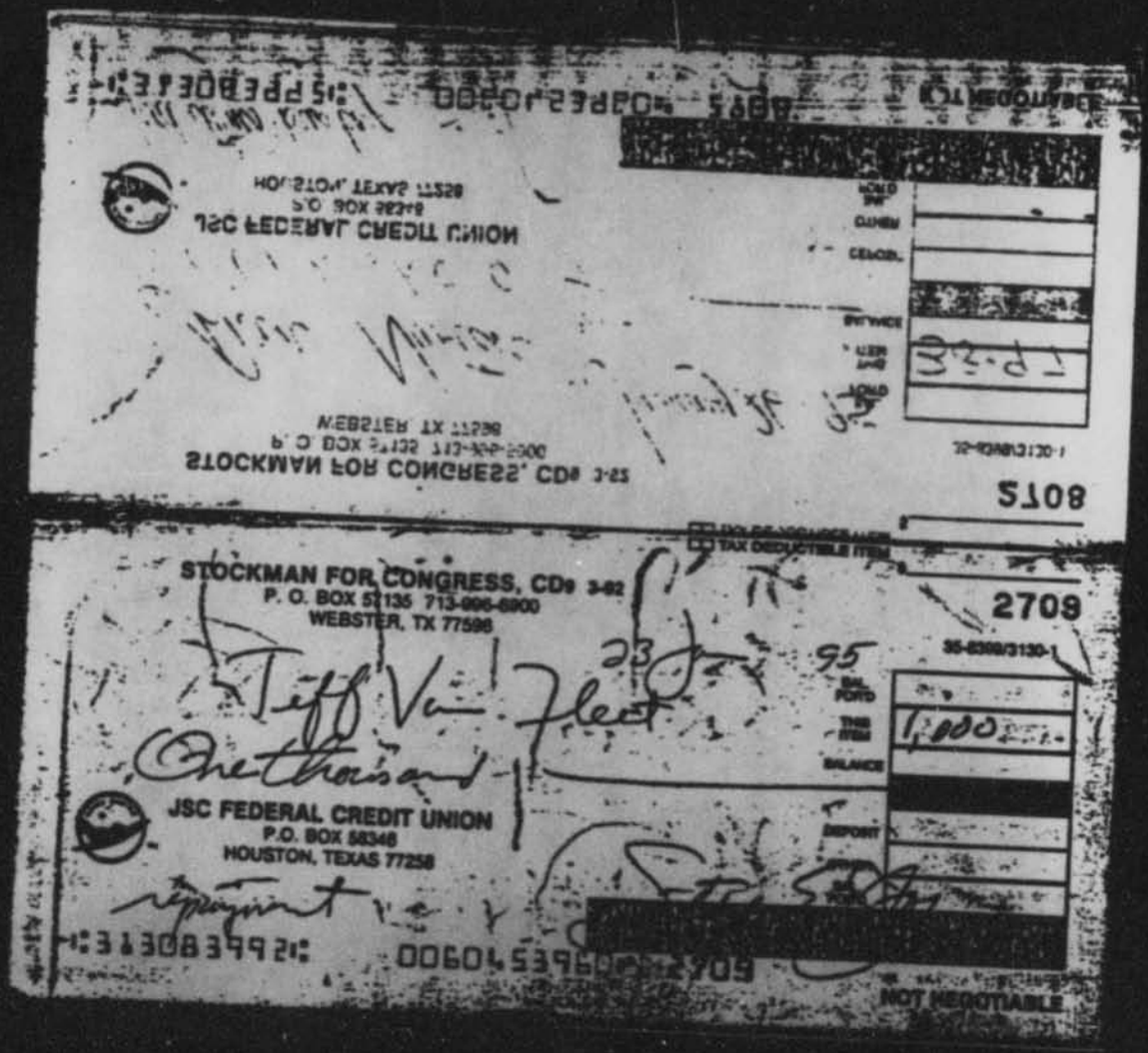

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Jeff Van Fleet

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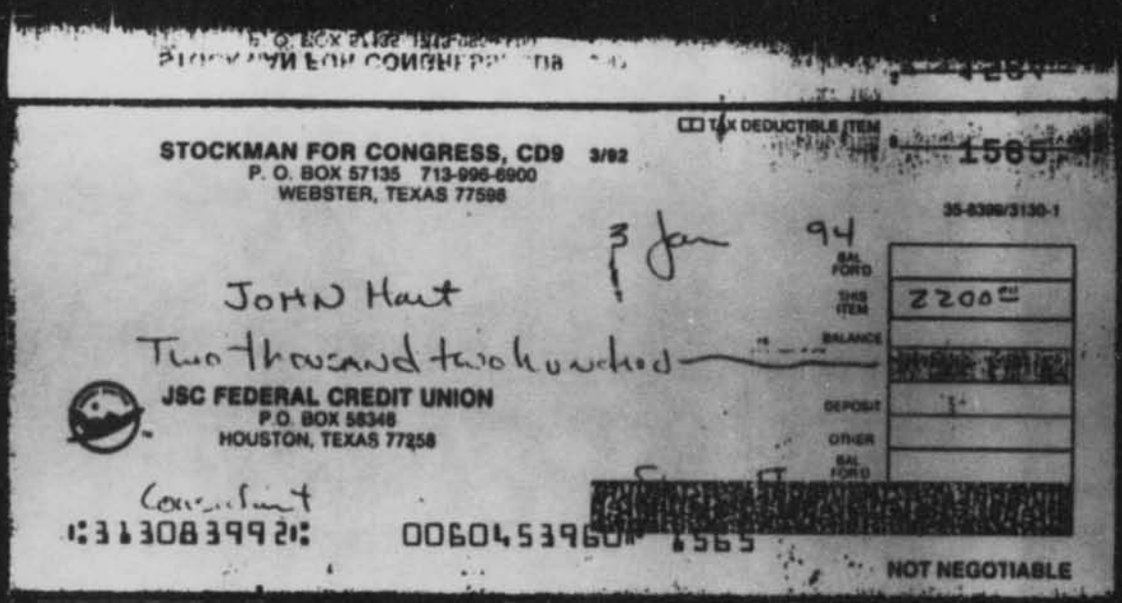

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3 Jan 94

JOHN Hart

Two thousand two hundred

$ 2200.00

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Consultant

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EXHIBIT #24
Patti Hart IN
6-28-94 depo.

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1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
Friends of Steve Stockman

ADDRESS (number and street) ☐ Check if different than previously reported.
P.O. Box 57135

CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE — STATE/DISTRICT
Webster TX 77598

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
H0TX03143 (149435)

3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT?
☐ YES ☒ NO

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- ☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ October 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ January 31 Year End Report
- ☐ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)
- ☒ Twelve day report preceding the (Type of Election) election on _____ in the State of _____
- ☐ Thirty day report following the General Election on _____ in the State of _____
- ☐ Termination Report

This report contains activity for: ☒ Primary Election ☐ General Election ☐ Special Election ☐ Runoff Election

SUMMARY

		COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5	Covering Period 1-1-94 through 2-16-94		
6	Net Contributions (other than loans)		
	(a) Total Contributions (other than loans) (From Line 11(d))	4403.11	4403.11
	(b) Total Contribution Refunds (From Line 20(d))	—	—
	(c) Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 6(b) from 6(a))	4403.11	4403.11
7	Net Operating Expenditures		
	(a) Total Operating Expenditures (From Line 17)	3356.99	3356.99
	(b) Total Offsets to Operating Expenditures (From Line 14)	—	—
	(c) Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 7(b) from 7(a))	3356.99	3356.99
8	Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (From Line 27)	1297.00	For further information contact: Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463 Toll Free 800-424-9530 Local 202-376-3120
9	Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	—	
10	Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	—	

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer
John Hart

Signature of Treasurer
John Hart

Date
2-21-94

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FEC FORM 3
(revised 4/87)

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

of Receipts and Disbursements
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3)

Name of Committee (in full)

Report Covering the Period:
From: To:

I. RECEIPTS	COLUMN A Total This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-To-Date	
11. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees			
(i) Itemized (use Schedule A)	2000.00		11(a)(i)
(ii) Unitemized	1403.11		11(a)(ii)
(iii) Total of contributions from individuals	4403.11	4403.11	11(a)(iii)
(b) Political Party Committees	—	—	11(b)
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	—	—	11(c)
(d) The Candidate	—	—	11(d)
(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (add 11(a)(iii), (b), (c) and (d))	4403.11	4403.11	11(e)
12. TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	251.84	251.84	12
13. LOANS:			
(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate	—	—	13(a)
(b) All Other Loans	—	—	13(b)
(c) TOTAL LOANS (add 13(a) and (b))	—	—	13(c)
14. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)	—	—	14
15. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)	—	—	15
16. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14 and 15)	4654.95	4654.95	16
II. DISBURSEMENTS			
17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES	3356.84	3356.84	17
18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	—	—	18
19. LOAN REPAYMENTS:			
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate	—	—	19(a)
(b) Of All Other Loans	—	—	19(b)
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add 19(a) and (b))	—	—	19(c)
20. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:			
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	—	—	20(a)
(b) Political Party Committees	—	—	20(b)
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	—	—	20(c)
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add 20(a), (b) and (c))	—	—	20(d)
21. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	—	—	21
22. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21)	3356.84	3356.84	22

III. CASH SUMMARY

23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD	$ 0	23
24. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16)	$ 4654.95	24
25. SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24)	$ 4654.95	25
26. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22)	$ 3356.84	26
27. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from 25)	$ 1297.96	27

SCHEDULE A **ITEMIZED RECEIPTS**

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Full Line Number: 11.9

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Donald W Wing 285 Bayou Manor Circle Houston, Tx 77024 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer Retired Occupation Retired Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000	Date (month, day, year) 1-12-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 1000.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Wally Walling Ford 89 Bayou Ln Kemah, Tx 77565 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer Lockheed Occupation Advanced System Analyst Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 200	Date (month, day, year) 1-18-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 200.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Raymond Billard P.O. Box 191 Mexia, Tx 76667 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer SELF Occupation Lawyer Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000	Date (month, day, year) 1-25-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 1000.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Lawrence Bosworth Jr P.O. Box 691 Houston, Tx 77265 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer Retired Occupation Retired Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 300	Date (month, day, year) 1-31-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 300.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Barbara LeCompte 5901 Ave L Santa Fe, Tx 77510 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer Self Occupation Homemaker Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 200	Date (month, day, year) 2-10-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 200.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Mrs William C Roeh 909 Pine Hollow Drive Friendswood, Tx 77546 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer Self Occupation Housewife Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 400	Date (month, day, year) 2-14-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 200.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Wally Walling Ford 89 Bayou Ln Kemah, Tx 77565 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer Lockheed Occupation Advanced System Analyst Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 300	Date (month, day, year) 2-15-94	Amount of Each Receipt this Period $ 100.00
SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)			$ 3000.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)			$ 3000.00

TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) ..... $ 3000.00

SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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FOR LINE NUMBER 17

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Southwestern Bell P.O Box 1780 Houston, Tx 77251	Phones Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-26-94	$ 495.10
Att. Martin 904 victoria ct League city Tx 77573	Reimbursements Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-19-94	$ 200.00
Patrick Signs 113 west Loop north Houston, Tx 77001	Billboards Disbursement for: ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-20-94	$ 1350.00
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		
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	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		
	Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		

Subtotal of Disbursements This Page (last item only) ..... $ 2045.10

Period (last page this line number only) ..... $ 2045.10

EXHIBIT # 25
Patti Martin
10-26-97 EP

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For An Authorized Committee
(Summary Page)

TYPE OR PRINT

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Friends of Steve Stockman

ADDRESS (number and street) ☐ Check if different than previously reported.
P.O. Box 57135

CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE
Webster TX 77598

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
120295 (147935)

3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT?
☒ YES ☐ NO

4. TYPE OF REPORT

☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
☐ October 15 Quarterly Report
☐ January 31 Year End Report
☐ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-Election Year Only)
☒ Twelfth day report preceding PRIMARY election on March 8 (Type of Election) in the State of TX
☐ Twelfth day report following the General Election on _____ in the State of _____
☐ Termination Report

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9.	Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	—	
10.	Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	20,760	

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Washington, DC 20463
Toll Free 800-424-9530
Local 202-376-3120

I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer
John Hart

Signature of Treasurer
John Hart

Date 7-13-94

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FEC FORM 3

SCHEDULE C
(Revised 3/95)

LOANS

Page 1 of 2
Loans received from
Non-zero schedules
for each numbered item

Name of Committee (In Full)
FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN C00270330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Cumulative Payments To Date	Balance Outstanding at Close of This Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 WEBSTER, TX. 77598	2,500	-0-	2,500

Election: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):
Terms: Date Incurred 10-22-97 Date Due 12-31-97 Interest Rate 0% ☐ Secured ☐ Unsecured

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) to Item A

1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed Outstanding $
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed Outstanding $
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed Outstanding $

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Cumulative Payments To Date	Balance Outstanding at Close of This Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 WEBSTER, TX 77598	3,000	0	3,000

Election: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):
Terms: Date Incurred 10-22-97 Date Due 12-31-97 Interest Rate 0% ☐ Secured ☐ Unsecured

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) to Item B

1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed Outstanding $
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed Outstanding $
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed Outstanding $

SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)	5,500
TOTALS This Period (last page in this line only)	

Carry outstanding balances only to LINES 12, Schedule 3A, Line 6(a) Box, 13 on Schedule 3B, carry forward to appropriate line of Summary.

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SCHEDULE C

LOANS

FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN C00270330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Unpaid Balance as of Close of This Period	Amount Outstanding at Close of This Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 WEBSTER, TX. 77598	5,000	1,600	3400

Nature: Ordinary Delayed Other Specified

Terms: Date Incurred 7-20-13 Date Due 12-31-13 Interest Rate 0% Secured

Use All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) as Sole A

1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Unpaid Balance as of Close of This Period	Amount Outstanding at Close of This Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 Webster, TX. 77598	5,500	0	5,500

Nature: Ordinary Delayed Other Specified

Terms: Date Incurred 10-2-13 Date Due 12-31-13 Interest Rate 0% Secured

Use All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) as Sole B

1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding

SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional) 5500

TOTALS This Period (or page) to Date (Cumulative) .....

Carry totals to Schedule C, Schedule D, Part 6(a), Line 6, Schedule D, Part 6(b), Line 6, or Schedule D, carry forward to appropriate Line of Summary.

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SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (if any)	6900
TOTALS This Period (Carry to 6b this side)	

SCHEDULE C
(Period 2000) — LOANS

Name of Operation to Fill: FARMS of Steve Stockman — C00376330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Each Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Balance This Period	Amount Unpaid at Close of Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 5785 WEBSTER, TX. 77598	2,000	0	2,000

Type: Bank Loan [ ] Individual [ ] Other [ ] — Date Incurred: MARCH — Due Date: 11-07-00 — Interest Rate: 0 % Fixed [ ] — Secured [ ]

Use All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) on Item A

I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Each Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Balance This Period	Amount Unpaid at Close of Period

Type: Bank Loan [ ] Individual [ ] Other [ ] — Date Incurred: _____ — Due Date: _____ — Interest Rate: _____ % Fixed [ ] — Secured [ ]

Use All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) on Item B

I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed

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6-26-9 depo

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STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS, CD# 3-92
P. O. BOX 57135 713-996-6900
WEBSTER, TX 77598

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JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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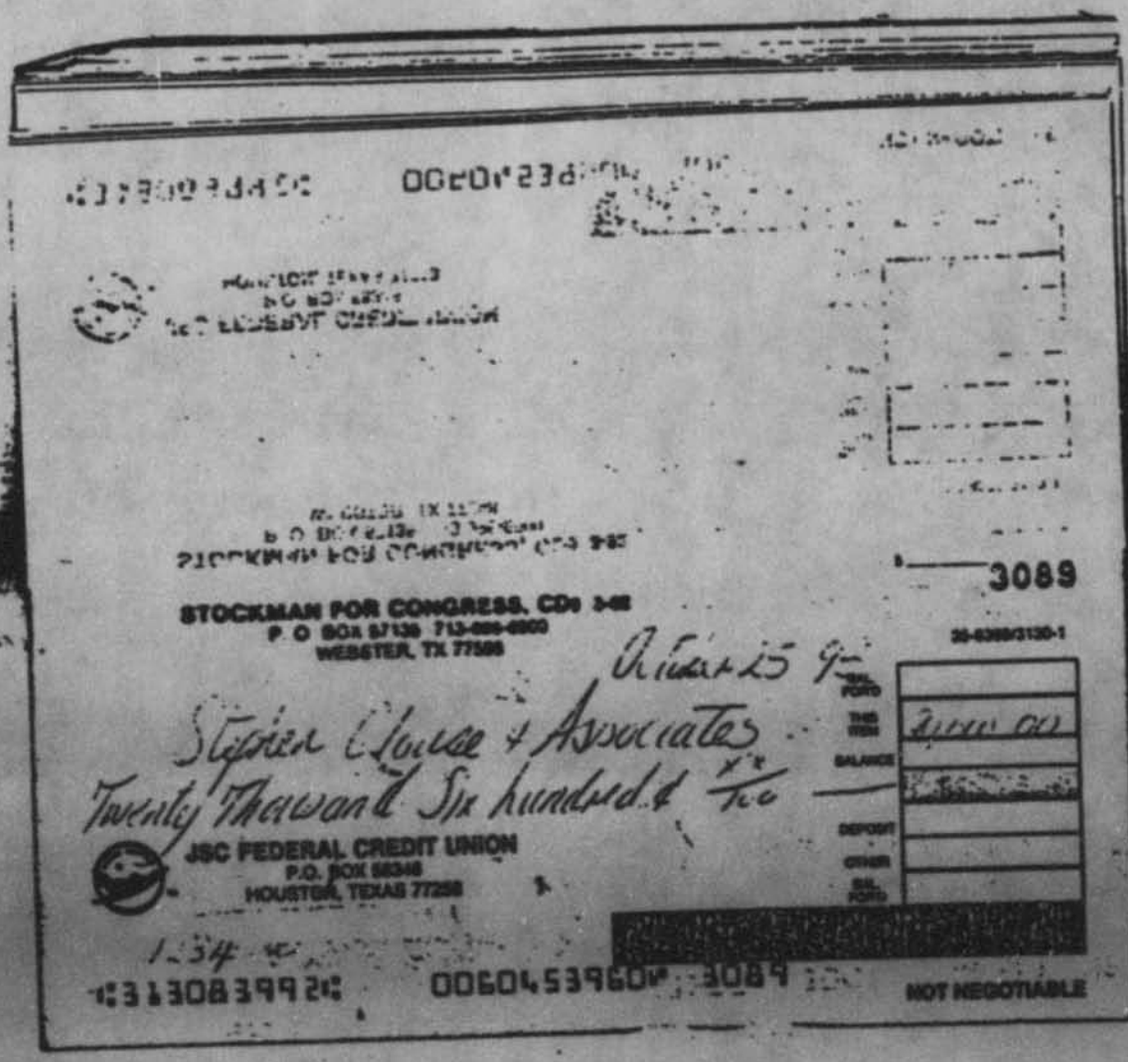

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STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS, CD# 348
P O BOX 57138 713-686-6900
WEBSTER, TX 77598

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Stephen House & Associates

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT #28
Patti Mathis
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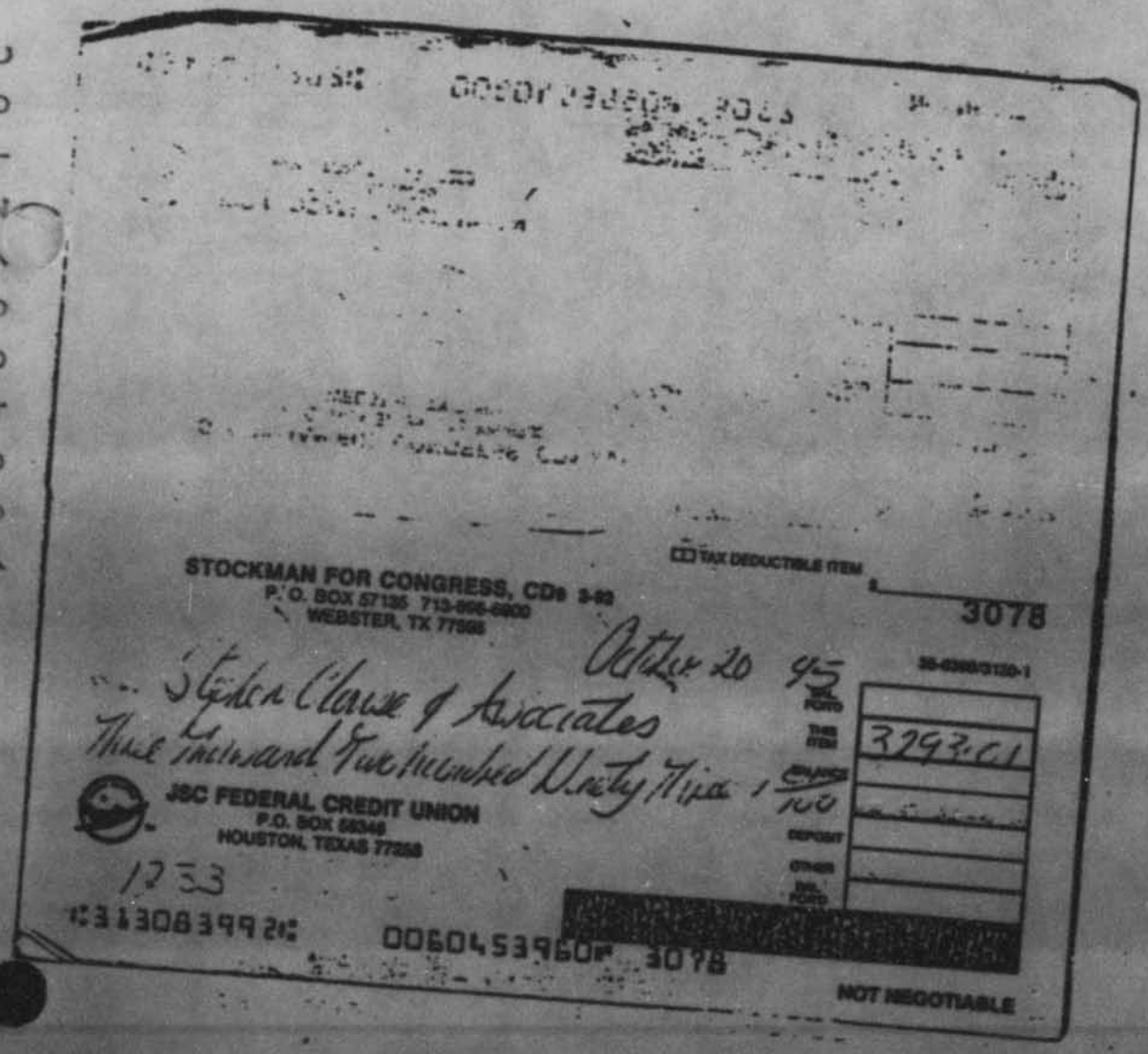

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WEBSTER, TX 77598

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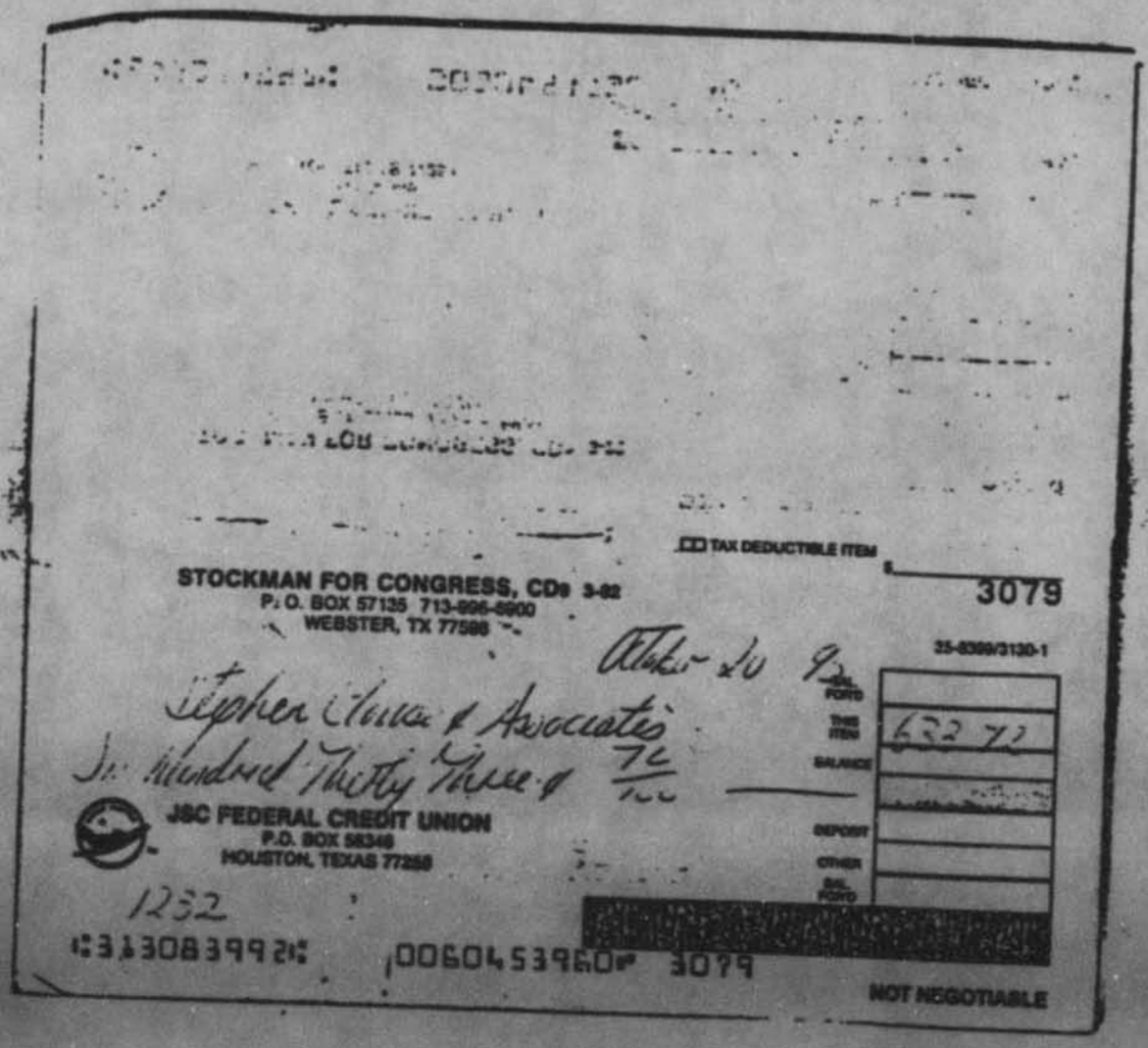

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT #29
Patty Machin
6-26-97 dep

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P.O. BOX 57135 713-996-6900
WEBSTER, TX 77598

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Stephen Clouse & Associates
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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT #30
Patti Martin
6-26-97 Depo

STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS, CD9 3-92
P. O. BOX 57155 713-996-6900
WEBSTER, TX 77598

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Pay to the Order of Stephen Clark $1500.00

One thousand, five hundred Dollars

JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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Steph E. Stockman

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	:	
	:	
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION INVESTIGATION	:	No. MUR 38-47
	:	

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COUNSEL
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Washington, D.C.

Thursday, June 26, 1997

Deposition of

PATTI ANN MARTIN

called for examination by counsel for the Federal Election Commission pursuant to notice and agreement of counsel, beginning at approximately 9:36 a.m. at Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C., before Heidi M. Suski, notary public in and for the District of Columbia, when were present on behalf of the respective parties:

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APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the Federal Election Commission:

TRACEY L. LIGON, ESQUIRE
KAREN ZIMMERMAN, ESQUIRE
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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On behalf of Deponent:

JOHN S. MILES, ESQUIRE
Law Offices of William J. Olson, P.C.
1815 H Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
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Counsel for the Federal Election Commission 5

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PROCEEDINGS

Whereupon,

PATTI ANN MARTIN

was called as a witness and, having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

MS. LIGON: My name is Tracey Ligon, and I'm here today representing the Federal Election Commission along with Karen Zimmerman. This deposition is being taken pursuant to a subpoena issued in connection with the matter designated MUR 38-47. Please treat this proceeding as if you were in a court of law. Remember you are under oath. Please also remember that pursuant to Section 437(g) of Title 2 of the United States Code the confidentiality of this matter must be maintained until the Commission closes the matter.

I'll be asking you questions regarding an investigation conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended.

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If I ask you a question and you don't understand the question I've asked, please just let me know and I'll try to rephrase it for you. If you don't hear it, let me know and I'll restate it.

If at any time you realize that you have given an incomplete response or an inaccurate response, please just let me know, and I'll give you an opportunity to modify your response.

Please keep in mind that the Court Reporter can only If you need words, so, if you want to nod, feel free, but, please, also speak so the court reporter can take it down. And if you need a break for any reason, please let me know and, after I'm done with my line of questioning, we can take a quick break.

MR. MILES: Tracey, may I make a little statement?

MS. LIGON: Sure.

MR. MILES: My name is John Miles. I'm with the law firm of William J. Olson,

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P.C., and we represent Ms. Martin for purposes of this deposition.

For the record, in this MUR conducted by the FEC, we have attempted to discover the General Counsel of the Federal Election Commission's policy with respect to depositions, policy as I understand it being we not only can't order a copy of this deposition or deposition of our clients, the respondents, but we can't even take notes with respect to depositions that have been taken in the past.

Ms. Ligon yesterday was kind enough to make available to me a deposition that was taken of one of our clients in the past, but I wasn't permitted to take any notes.

We don't understand the policy. As you know, we wrote you a letter, Ms. Ligon, dated June 25, 1997. We don't understand the General Counsel's policy, and we think it's wrong, and we've asked you to reconsider it. I just wanted to say that for the record. We are agreeable to conducting this deposition, as we

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explained, and we do object to it.

MS. LIGON: Your objection is noted. Not only is it General Counsel's policy but the Commission's policy.

MR. MILES: It's FEC policy?

MS. LIGON: It is, based on Section 437(g) of Title 2 of the United States Code, confidentiality.

MR. MILES: Has that been the subject of a Commission ruling, to your knowledge?

MS. LIGON: I couldn't tell you right now, but I know that other Respondents have made the same argument before and this is the Commission's position.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: It's written into the statute.

MR. MILES: This deposition policy?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: The confidentiality of all investigations is written into the statute.

MR. MILES: I understand that. I don't understand the connection between the

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confidentiality requirement and the deposition policy.

We have to keep a lot of things confidential in a MUR, and we agreed to do that, and in fact we asked that it be kept confidential. We don't understand why having a copy of the deposition would destroy that confidentiality, any more than a copy of answers to interrogatories would.

I would like to add one more thing. This deposition was arranged with great courtesy by General Counsel's office, and we appreciate the accommodation you made. Ms. Martin had to go to some lengths to get here because of things going on in her family, and I wanted to say on the record that she had to stretch and get a lot of family help to get here today.

MS. LIGON: And we appreciate it, definitely. We will try to get through this as quickly as possible.

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR FEDERAL

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q Why don't you state your name, your full name for the record, please?

A Patti Ann Martin.

Q And what is your date of birth?

A 1/14/41.

Q What is your Social Security number?

A I don't know.

Q Do you have a card?

A Yes, I do. May I get it?

Q Yes, please.

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Q Ms. Martin, are you married?

A Yes.

Q What is your husband's name?

A William D. Martin, Sr.

Q And his occupation?

A He retired June 1; certified industrial hygienist.

Q Do you have children, Ms. Martin?

A Yes, ma'am.

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Q What are their names?

A Denise Ann Martin O'Dell and William D. Martin, Jr.

Q Their occupations?

A My daughter is a homemaker and a mother, and my son is in school and works full-time. He's trying to start a business of his own right now.

Q Ms. Martin, what is your home address?

A 1904 Victoria Court, League City, Texas 77573. That's "League" like in baseball league or football league.

Q How long have you lived at that address?

A Twenty-five years.

Q For the record, are you represented here today by counsel?

A Yes.

Q Have you ever been deposed before, Ms. Martin?

A No, ma'am. I m very nervous.

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Q No need. Did you discuss the fact that you were subpoenaed for this deposition with anyone other than your attorney?

A I briefly mentioned it to my husband.

Q And what did you tell your husband?

A I told him I had to come up here.

Q And to your knowledge, did he mention it to anyone?

A I know he didn't.

Q And did you mention it to anyone else?

A No.

Q Are you aware that others have been subpoenaed, to appear for deposition in this matter as well?

A No, I wasn't sure about that. I never knew definitely.

Q But you had heard?

A Steve.

Q How did you hear about that?

A I don't recall.

Q Did you speak to Steve?

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A No, I haven't talked to him.

Q Would you please describe your educational background?

A High school. I didn't put it on the form, but I took a medical terminology course, stuff like that, but I didn't write it down because there was no credit.

Q What high school did you go to?

A ---- Creek High School in League City.

Q Are you currently employed, Ms. Martin?

A No.

Q Where were you employed previously?

A I worked for Steve Stockman for about four and a half years.

Q From what time to what time?

A Sometime in the summer, late summer of 1992 until March of this year, I believe it's March.

Q March of 1997?

A Yes, ma am.

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Q Where did you work before you began working with Steve Stockman.

A I was home for ten years, but before then I worked twenty years in the medical field.

Q What did you do in the medical field?

A I started out working in a hospital laboratory, and I worked a total of two hospitals, one three and one five years, then I went to work for an office of four doctors.

Q What was your job title for the hospitals?

A A little bit of everything. At the hospital or the clinic?

Q Yes.

A At the hospital, I was a laboratory secretary, and I did blood work and EKGs.

Q Coming from that background, what made you get into politics?

A As I got older, I started getting interested in politics. My father was a councilman for the city before he died, and I

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think I probably just inherited it.

Q What was your father's name?

A Harold Howard Vaughan, Sr.

Q He lived there in Texas as well?

A In League City; yes, ma'am.

Q Was Steve Stockman's 1992 campaign your first campaign experience?

A Yes -- I beg your pardon. I did some addressing envelopes for one of the Texas governors, but I can't recall who it was now.

Q How long did you do that?

A A few weeks.

Q Was that immediately prior to your --

A No, I can't recall the time span.

Q When did you first meet Steve Stockman?

A First day I walked into the campaign office to volunteer.

Q What made you do that?

A Because I believed in what he was running for.

Q Which was?

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A The main reason was pro-life.

Q How did you know about Steve Stockman at that time?

A I was aware -- I vote. I was aware that he had run the year before, the cycle before. I was aware of his name.

Q Could you just explain from the beginning how your working relationship evolved with Steve Stockman?

A I'll try my best. In the summer when I started, I guess, late summer, all I did was address envelopes. I was new. I didn't know what to do. I didn't know anything about a campaign, so I did just minimal things. That was simply addressing envelopes and stuffing envelopes, putting literature in little plastic bags to put on doors.

Q Addressing envelopes. Were there other people addressing envelopes as well?

A Oh, yes.

Q Can you name some of the other people?

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A No.

Q None?

A Well, there was a friend. Let me think for a minute. Genevieve Martin.

Q No relation, I take it?

A No.

Q No other names come to mind back then in the early days?

A I didn't know anyone. I was actually kind of frightened of the whole thing.

Q Where was Steve's campaign headquarters?

A Campaign headquarters were located on NASA Road 1, which is going toward the Johnson Spacecraft Center.

Q You said you addressed letters and you also stuffed literature in paper bags?

A Yes.

Q What kind of literature did you stuff in bags?

A I have no idea. We would sit on a table, and the ladies would visit as we were

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stuffing, and that's all. I was very shy. I didn't do a lot of talking. I just kind of visited and did my work.

Q Who gave you your direction?

A I don't recall.

Q Was it Steve Stockman?

A No, I only saw him in and out. It was maybe some of the ladies at the table who already knew what was going to take place, but I don't know that for sure.

Q Was it a lot of people there?

A In and out.

Q About how many?

A 10, 15. I only did it during the day. I know one time I dropped off some paper towels one night, and the place was really crowded. People came and worked after they got off work.

Q How long did you say you did it?

A During the day, very little, maybe an hour or two a week.

Q That was starting out in 1992?

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A Uh-huh.

Q How did you evolve from there?

A When Steve lost the 1992 election, I went by, thinking that probably everybody was gone and that he might need to have help to clean up. I went by and helped clean up. He was in his office, and he asked me if I would like to help volunteer when he moved everything back to the house. I told him I wasn't sure, that I'd have to think about it. That was scary for me to do that.

Q Back in 1992, did you answer the phones ever at the campaign office?

A No.

Q Do you know who did?

A There were several ladies there, but I don't recall who they were.

Q Do you know how they greeted callers when they answered the telephone?

A I don't recall that.

Q I want to focus your attention for a moment on election day, 1992, when Steve

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Stockman lost. Did he gather his supporters together?

A I wasn't there.

Q But did he, to your knowledge?

A No, I don't know.

Q Do you know whether people got together to, like, hear the results or anything?

A No, I didn't know anything about that type of thing.

Q You said that after he lost the election you went back to assist him in packing up?

A Uh-huh.

Q Then what did he ask you?

A He asked me if I would like to come and do some secretarial work for him on a part-time basis.

Q So, did you agree?

A Yes. I went home and thought about it for three days.

Q That didn't take long. Did you help

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him move his things from that office?

A Uh-huh.

Q Where did you move the campaign things?

A His home.

Q What part of his home did you go to?

A A bedroom that was like an office setting.

Q Where did you perform the services that you provided to him at that time?

A In that bedroom.

Q Were there any others working there at that time? It was just you?

A I had never worked on a computer. I'd never even seen a fax machine. He taught me how to use the computer and the fax machine.

Q What day did you start? Can you say, like, a month, was it right after the 1992 --

A No, I can't remember. Probably after the holidays.

Q Probably after Thanksgiving of 1992?

A Uh-huh, and Christmas.

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Q You were there going into work at the Stockman home pretty much alone? There weren't other people working in the house?

A His wife was there.

Q How long were you working there alone?

A All that runs together. It was like an evolution. I can't recall specifics.

Q Can you tell me exactly what you did for Mr. Stockman during that time period?

A I started entering data into a computer.

Q What kind of data?

A Mostly people's names and addresses.

Q Who were these people?

A I don't know.

Q He didn't tell you?

A No. They were on cards and I just entered the cards.

Q Did you enter anything other than their name and addresses?

A No. Well, if they had special

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interests in a campaign, there was stuff down at the bottom I could check.

Q What else did you do, other than entering the names?

A That's all. Oh, I answered the phone.

Q How did you greet callers at that time when you answered the telephone?

A I don't recall. I'm sorry. Probably hello. I can't recall specifically but my usual was hello, this is Patty, can I help you.

Q I believe you responded in your answers to our interrogatories that you took dictation at that time. Do you recall that?

A No.

Q Was that 1992?

MR. MILES: I think it's 1993. I'm referring now to your answers.

THE WITNESS: Oh, entering dictation. That was from a tape recorder.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm trying to get a time period. Was that right after the election?

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A No. I didn't do that until later.
Q When would that be?
A Now, I can't recall times. I'm sorry. They all run together to me.
Q January 1, 1993; does that sound about right?
A I guess so. I really can't be specific. I'm sorry.
Q Okay; no problem. You entered dictation from a tape recorder?
A Uh-huh.
Q What kind of thing was being dictated?
A Usually letters, thank you letters.
Q Thank you for?
A Meeting with me or thank you for seeing us.
Q Who would "us" refer to?
A Usually Steve and his wife.
Q Do you know who the people were that they were thanking?
A I didn't know them, no. I'd type an

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address and a name.

Q Do you know what their relationship was to --

A No.

Q Let me just go back for one minute, back to 1992, before the election and your going into the office with the ladies. How often did you see Steve Stockman back then? Did he come into the campaign headquarters?

A I didn't do enough volunteer work back at that time to remember seeing him on a constant basis. My main interest was to go in there and do things I thought I could do, and that was like address envelopes, stuff envelopes.

Q Would you have a sense at all of who his closest advisors were at that time?

A No.

Q Who the campaign manager was?

A I wouldn't even know what a campaign manager did back then.

Q Let's continue on with how your

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responsibilities evolved. After early 1993, the dictation and entry of the names, then how did your responsibilities grow?

A It was a very subtle and gentle process. I would send thank you notes for checks, very simple.

Q I'm sorry. You would send thank you notes to people who would send contributions?

A Uh-huh.

Q When about was this?

A I would just say 1993 probably.

Q The entire 1993?

A Uh-huh. I didn't work full time. That was also part time volunteer. I usually didn't work a full day.

Q About four hours?

MR. MILES: Tracey, I'm going to ask you to refer to her answers, if it's okay with you. She's already answered these questions in a general sense, question four of the interrogatories.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Could we go off the

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record for this?

(Discussion off the record)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You began to write thank you notes to people who would send in contributions. Was there anybody else who joined you in that activity?

A No, no one else.

Q What else did you do?

A That's all that I can recall.

Q As 1994 came?

A Then I began scheduling. He taught me how to schedule.

Q This would be around 1994 now?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q You were still going to his home?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Were you still working in that bedroom or were you at some other place in the house?

A Bedroom and another room that made into a study and part of the kitchen table.

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Q Were there any other people at that time in the home?

A I don't recall specifically.

Q It's your testimony that throughout 1993, there were no other people working in the Stockman home?

A It's hard to place people at a certain time, time period. After the campaign got on a swing, of course, there were more people coming in.

Q Were you responsible for picking up the mail?

A At times.

Q That would have been in 1993 as well?

A I don't recall. I'm sorry.

Q When you did pick up the mail, where was it delivered?

A Are you talking about picking it up from the post office?

Q Yes, wherever you went to pick up the mail.

A And then I'd bring it to his house.

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Q What is the address?
A 2402 Whitman Way in Prince Wood.
Q That would be his home?
A Home, yes.
Q Where you picked up the mail was some place different?
A Post office.
Q Do you know the address of the post office box?
A No. I used to.
Q Was there more than one post office box that you picked up mail from?
A No, ma'am.
Q Would that have been Post Office Box 57135?
A Yes, I believe so.
Q I'd like to name some people that perhaps you began to see around the campaign as time went on and I'd like for you to just tell me who they are and what their role was in the campaign. Jeff Van Fleet?
A I knew Jeff. I'm not sure of his

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role.

Q How often did you see him?

A Probably not until the campaign got closer to the election.

Q The primary election in 1994?

A Yes.

Q February, March?

A I can't be sure.

Q When he would come there, what would he be doing?

A I don't know.

Q Would he be on a computer?

A I don't know. He did a lot of coming and going. I was doing my stuff and I really didn't pay much attention.

Q What about Tom Tyler, do you know who he is?

A Yes, I knew Tom.

Q And who was he?

A I don't know. I mean, he came and went. Sometimes, he would take pictures. I know that, but other than that, that's all I know.

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Q Who did he take pictures of?

A Of the event. One time I remember when they had an air show. He went there to take pictures.

Q Did he ever take pictures of Mr. Stockman?

A I don't know.

Q Of Mrs. Stockman?

A I don't know.

Q How often would you see Tom?

A Sporadically.

Q Let me just get the time frame. For Jeff Van Fleet, you said it was around primary election time, 1994. What about Tom Tyler, when did you start seeing him?

A Probably the first time I saw him was probably around early 1993. I remember the first time I saw him because he reminded me of somebody I didn't like.

Q Early 1993. What was he doing the first time you saw him? Did you see him at Mr. Stockman's home?

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A Yes, he was in the house but I don't know what he was doing.

Q How about John Hart, do you know him?

A Yes. I don't remember the time period, I just remember he was there.

Q What did he do there? He was at 2402 Whitman Way?

A He made signs.

Q That was yes to the address I just said?

A 2402 Whitman Way. He made signs. He drew literature, delivering literature to doors.

Q What kind of literature would that be?

A The only thing I can think of is post cards offering abbreviated information.

Q Did you deliver some of that literature?

A No.

Q Where was it distributed, the literature?

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A I don't know.

Q Who determined --

A I had nothing to do with the strategy part of the campaign. I don't know who made those decisions. I'm sure Mr. Stockman did.

Q Tim Frankovich, do you know him?

A Yes.

Q How do you know him?

A He was in the garage. By that time, he had moved into the garage.

Q By what time?

A I don't recall the certain time period but it was gearing up again for the campaign.

Q Would this have been gearing up for the primary 1994 campaign?

A I can't be specific about that.

Q What was Tim Frankovich doing?

A I don't know. He worked at a computer.

Q Give me an idea of what the garage was like, what it looked like. How many

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computers, how many desks?

A It was crowded, busy, hectic.

Q Who made up the crowd generally? Who were the regulars there?

A I was. I guess I was about the only regular one. Jeff would be there sometimes. Tim would be there sometimes. John, sometimes. I don't ever remember any regularity.

Q You said Tim was working at a computer?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Do you know what he was working on?

A No, ma'am.

Q How many computers were there?

A About three, I think.

Q Now, if you could try to remember back at the 1992 campaign on NASA Road 1, when you helped Mr. Stockman bring the campaign things items to his home, did you bring computers then?

A No. The only thing I could get in my car was the file cabinet.

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Q Did he bring computers?

A Yes. Well, I can't say because all I remember is one computer at the house, and that was the one that I worked on.

Q Was there always just one computer there?

A At first.

Q Was that the same computer, the one that you worked on, was that the same computer that Tim Frankovich would work on?

A I have no idea.

Q So, you wouldn't know if he had gone to the same computer that you would work on each day?

A Oh, no. He was later in the campaign. At that time period, it was just me and a small computer.

Q Do you know what kind of computer it was that you worked on?

A No.

Q Do you know Margaret McDonald?

A Yes.

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Q How do you know her?

A She came to work for Steve, volunteer for Steve.

Q About when did she do that?

A I don't recall.

Q What did she do?

A I don't know. I wasn't aware of what she was doing.

Q Was she a very visible person at the campaign? Was she there a lot?

A No, in and out, I would say.

Q How frequently would you say?

A I couldn't be that specific.

Q A couple of days a week?

A Yeah, maybe. She had a busy life.

Q Ever heard of Monroe Davis?

A No.

Q How about Olin Meadows, IV?

A Yes.

Q Who was that?

A I'm not sure.

Q Hcw had you heard of him?

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A Mentioned in the garage.

Q How so?

A What others were saying.

Q What were they saying? First, who was saying it and then what were they saying?

A I can't recall. You would have to understand me to know that I'm a work person and then I can relax. If I've got work to do, everything else is peripheral in my vision. I can't be specific as to who said what or when. I would be zoned in on my work.

Q How about Bonnie Wilson, do you know her?

A Yes.

Q How do you know her?

A She came to volunteer.

Q Was she there frequently?

A She was a hard worker and she had a busy life, too. She helped us to do thank you letters.

Q Who all is the "us" that did thank you letters, you and Bonnie Wilson and who

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else?

A Bonnie would help me and then we'd have other volunteers that might come in at night and do some.

Q Ken Clark, do you know him?

A Yes.

Q Who was he?

A He helped Steve. He seemed to be very close to Steve.

Q How did he help him?

A I don't know. That was the strategy part.

Q Did you see him often around the campaign?

A Off and on.

Q A couple of times a week or more?

A Probably. I mean a couple of times a week.

Q He was the strategy guy?

A No, I don't know.

Q How about James Rodgers, do you know him?

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A Oh, Jim Rodgers?
Q Yes.
A Briefly, yes.
Q How do you know him?
A I knew he came by. I think he wrote articles for the newspaper.
Q What newspaper?
A I think the Southeast Texas Times.
Q Where did he write? Did he come to the campaign and write the articles?
A I don't know how he did that. He had cards.
Q How did you become aware that he was writing articles for the newspaper?
A General conversation, I guess.
Q With whom?
A Same thing, just picking up things.
Q Just the talk around the campaign?
A General conversation.
Q Do you know Dan Norton?
A Yes.
Q Can you tell me about him?

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A Very nice man. He did a lot of work, volunteer work on the campaign.

Q Let me just step back for a minute. Jim Rodgers worked for the newspaper, the Southeast Texas Times?

A Southeast Texas Times.

Q When did you see Jim Rodgers most, at what point? I'm actually trying to get at when in time, in terms of dates, near the 1994 primary, did you start to see Jim Rodgers?

A No. I would say it would be near the primary and general election.

Q Near both elections?

A I would say, to the best of my ability.

Q All right. Dan Norton is a nice guy who works hard. What did he do for the campaign?

A He made signs. He helped get people to block walk literature. I guess that's all I know.

Q How about Dennis Hayes, ever heard of

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him?

A Oh, yes; a very nice man.

Q It must have been a nice place to work.

A Yes. I don't know what he did.

Q How frequently did you see him?

A Sporadically.

Q Did you see him with any particular other campaign workers?

A No.

Q William Brann, do you know him?

A Yes, Bill Brann. I didn't see him very often. I know I did talk to him on occasion on the phone.

Q What did you talk to him about, generally?

A He'd just say he wanted to talk to somebody.

Q Who would he ask to speak to?

A I don't recall.

Q How about Matthew Bulot?

A He had died. He helped volunteer,

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enter data and ran errands. He was a fragile diabetic and he had brain surgery and he died.

Q What about Jeff Fisher, do you know him?

A Yes.

Q How do you know Jeff Fisher?

A I met him when he came to visit on a weekend one time.

Q Where was he visiting from, do you know?

A No, I'm not sure. I knew it was from some area of Texas but I didn't know where it was.

Q Did he work on the campaign?

A No, I don't think so. I might be wrong.

Q To your knowledge, did he provide services to the campaign?

A I don't recall.

Q How about Clifford Murchison, do you know him?

A Yes.

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Q Who is that?

A He's a young man who did volunteer work for Steve.

Q What kind of volunteer work?

A I don't know.

Q Did you see him a lot?

A No.

Q It was a crowded, busy, hectic campaign. Was it laid back? Was it tense? I know it's friendly.

A It's friendly but it was -- phones were ringing. By that time, we had more than one phone, if you are talking about the campaign, the last one for 1993-1994. It was very busy. Sometimes they worked a lot and they had a lot of volunteers.

Q During 1993-1994 when things got really busy, did you see Steve Stockman in the house a lot at that point?

A In and out. He had a busy schedule.

Q Who did he interact most with?

A Nobody in particular. I mean that's

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hard to answer for me. I usually had my back to everybody because I was at my own computer. I tried to tune everything out. I really did. There were times I couldn't even hear the telephone.

Q You did filing as well in 1993?

A We had some volunteers that used to come in and she was a bright young lady and she started taking over the filing.

Q What was her name?

A Corri Falkenstine.

Q But before she got there, you did the filing?

A Early on. We just completely stopped the filing after a while because I didn't have time for it.

Q What would you have been filing?

A Newspaper clippings.

Q About?

A His opponent, referring to Steve or the campaign.

Q This was during 1993 when you first

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started working in this office?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Are you familiar with the periodic reports that the campaign has to file with the Commission?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q How are you familiar with them?

A Just general knowledge.

Q Which is what?

A FEC report. That's all I knew, that they had to be filed periodically, but I don't know in what kind of order. I know it got more often toward the campaign, closer to the campaign.

Q Who prepared those reports?

A I don't know.

MS. LIGON: Let's take a five-minute break.

(Recess)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Let's just go back to the beginning for a second. Your son, William Martin, Jr.,

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you said he's getting ready to start a business now?

A He's in his last year of college and he's doing -- well, power washing. A lot of our homes mildew and our decks mildew down in the south of Texas.

Q What is the name of the business?

A I don't know. He's just started it, with a friend.

Q What's the friend's name?

A John Woodard.

Q When you first started working in the Stockman home, you said that you typed names off cards.

A Uh-huh.

Q Can you tell me a little bit more about those cards? Did contributions come in with those cards?

A They were just stacks of cards. People had written their name and address.

Q Handwritten their name and address?

A Yes.

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Q Do you have any idea where the cards came from, how they were generated in the first place?

A No. I always wondered. I never had time to ask.

Q We were talking about the familiarity with the reports and I was asking you if you were aware of who it was that maintained and filed the reports.

A I was not aware of it at the beginning. As I worked, I became aware. I can't tell you who did it.

Q Was it a woman, a man?

A I couldn't tell you that either.

Q Did you have any part in filing the reports or did you contribute to that whole process?

A No.

Q At all?

A Not at first, no. Only recently, I was requested to look up a check number and I would do that.

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Q Who would make that request of you?
A Chris Cupit.
Q And who was Chris Cupit?
A Somebody that was there in the garage.
Q What would he be doing there?
A Well, he was working in the campaign. I guess that's the best way I can put it.
Q When did you first see Chris Cupit? How did he become involved with the campaign?
A He was already there when I came back from Washington, D.C. I worked for Steve from January to October of 1995 in his congressional office.
Q Then when you --
A When I came back, he was there.
Q Did you enjoy your time while you were working?
A Oh, yes, I did, but my husband and I got too lonesome for each other.
Q Your husband stayed back in Texas while you were here?

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A Uh-huh.

Q What would Chris Cupit want you to look up a check for?

A To make sure it wasn't a duplicate contribution.

Q What was his role in the campaign? What was he doing that for?

A The only way I can describe it is he was on the strategy side, and that's all I know.

Q Let's go back to when you first became aware of who might have been filing the reports. When was that?

A I don't recall specifically. You have to understand that I knew nothing about campaigning. I was so zoned in on what I was being taught at the time and how I was being trained, that I didn't have time to see what else was being done around me.

Q You said you did open mail; is that right?

A Yes.

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Q Did you handle contributions as they came in?

A Yes.

Q What did you do with the contribution checks when they came in?

A At first, I'd enter them into the computer, then I would make a copy and then they would take them to the bank.

Q Who else was doing this? Was there someone other than you that was opening contribution checks?

A What time period are you talking about?

Q Would you please tell me what time period you are talking about?

A That would have been later on in the campaign, like maybe 1993 or 1994.

Q 1993 or 1994.

A Because there was very little activity at the beginning, when I first came to work there.

Q At the end of 1992. In 1993 and

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1994, you began to take in contributions in the mail.

A Yes.

Q Was there anyone else who would do that?

A Eventually. We had a lady that came and helped enter checks. Her name was Ruth Hodges. She volunteered, too.

Q Could you just walk me through what you would do with the check when you got it, from the time it came in the door, when you opened the contribution, what exactly would you do with it?

A Let me see if I can remember. I usually opened the mail and sorted it and would take the checks. I'm trying to remember what order I went in. They were entered into the computer, or at least we checked to see if their name was already on there.

Q Who entered them into the computer?

A I did some and then after a while, it got too much for me and then Ruth did some.

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Q Did you train Ruth in that function?

A No. Ruth was already working when I got back to the campaign. She also helped while I was gone.

Q You did it in 1993 and 1994 pretty much on your own; is that correct? Handling the incoming checks.

A Well, we had other people, volunteers, to help, but I don't recall who or when. It was just somebody we could rely on.

Q You'd take the check and you would?

A Enter it in the computer. Then we would do thank you notes. Then I would make a deposit and it would be sent to the bank.

Q What do you mean when you say "make a deposit?"

A Well, I would hand write the deposit slip out, total it, count the checks and add up the deposit slips and make sure they were correct.

Q Was there anyone else to your knowledge that was performing that role for the

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campaign?

A No.

Q That was a pretty trusting position, I would imagine, that you had evolved into, handling the checks and writing the deposit slips. Would that be fair to say?

A I didn't think of it that way. I take care of my own account at home and it was just like that.

Q You would take in the checks. You would add them up. Would you make copies of the checks?

A I don't remember how we did it at first but when I left, we were doing that.

Q When you left in 1995?

A When I left in this year.

Q When you left in 1997?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Back in 1993 and 1994 when it was you primarily doing it, where did the committee do its banking? Where did it hold an account?

A Johnson's Spacecraft Center Credit

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Union. They call it JSC.

Q Do you remember the account number?

A No, ma'am. I could have told you a month ago but I can't right now.

Q Would it be 453960?

A No, I don't recall the number.

Q Did the committee hold an account at any other bank?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Back again when you first came to the committee, what was the name of the committee back in 1992?

A Stockman for Congress, I think. It changed.

Q What made you think it was Stockman for Congress when you first got there in 1992? Or let you know, rather.

A I don't recall. I don't know whether it was a sign, you know, in the campaign office. I'm sorry. I don't know.

Q Did Steve Stockman ever tell you the name of it?

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A No, I don't remember that.

Q What was the name on the checks that people would write in? How would they make out the checks to the committee?

A Sometimes they did Friends of Steve Stockman or Stockman for Congress or sometimes they didn't even know how, they would just say Stockman Running for Congress or something like that.

Q Was there ever any discussion at all on clarification on what the name of the campaign was?

A Only later on when I dealt with the checkbook did I see that it said Friends of Steve Stockman or Stockman for Congress.

Q Did you like handle the mail of solicitations for contributions?

A Right, what's it called? I'm trying to think of the campaign word for it. No, I did not.

Q Who did that?

A Different people but I don't know who

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they were.

Q Did you address the envelopes that they went out?

A By that time, I had my own, you know, kind of a job and I just didn't do any of that part of it.

Q What time frame are you talking about?

A Probably in the latter part of the 1993-1994 cycle. Mail-outs, direct mail. That's the words I was looking for.

Q Did you ever do direct mail?

A No.

Q Who was responsible for that?

A I guess Steve. In my mind, that was more strategy and I didn't have anything to do with that.

Q Have you heard of Sandra Criswell? Do you know who Sandra Criswell is?

A No. If I do, I don't recall the name.

Q When you took the contributions and

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you tallied them up, who did you give that information to? Did you have to give that information to somebody so they could prepare the reports to the Commission? What would you do with that?

A It was in the checkbook. I don't remember. We must have made some kind of a record but I can't recall. All I remember is the more recent times.

Q When you would do that?

A Uh-huh.

Q What did you do more recently?

A Recently, I would copy the checks and I got more organized about it. I had put them in notebooks and labeled them from one time period to the next time period, until my notebook was full and then I'd get another notebook and put them in there.

Q And then what would you do with the notebook?

A They were filed on a shelf. That's all I know.

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Q You handled the checkbook, the campaign's checkbook? You paid the campaign's bills? Did you sign the checks yourself?

A No. Steve either signed them himself or I had a signature stamp.

Q In what instances did you use the signature stamp?

A I was not authorized to sign it so I used it all the time to pay bills.

Q I guess the question I'm asking is could you use the signature stamp without checking with Steve Stockman each time that you would do that?

A Normal every day deals, I didn't need to contact him.

Q What would normal every day deals be?

A Telephone bill, office supplies, that type of thing.

Q What about if people say were buying signs for the campaign, would you be reimbursing that yourself or would you ask Steve Stockman for that or did it depend on the

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amount?

A I think it usually depended on the amount. If it got too high, I would check with him first.

Q What would the threshold be, do you think, before you would ask Steve Stockman?

A I couldn't tell you that. It was just a gut feeling. Either something that I was not aware of, then I would check with him.

Q If somebody came to you and said they wanted a check for $200 to go do something for the campaign, would you stamp it?

A According to who it was.

Q Who would you stamp it for?

A Whoever was running errands at the time. They ran errands on a regular basis, like John or Matthew.

Q Anybody else?

A This was like early on, and then later on, Chris and Jason. We all ran errands whenever we could.

Q What is the time period? You said

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later on, you would sign when Chris and Jason had to buy things for the campaign. When about did that happen?

A Probably when I got back in 1996.

Q Can you tell me what kind of things Chris Cupit was doing for the campaign in 1996 when you got back?

A All I know is he was helping the campaign.

Q How?

A Well, he didn't have a title. I'm not sure.

Q Was he working on the computers?

A Yes, he worked on the computer.

Q Using the phones?

A Yes.

Q He basically just sort of used whatever was there in the campaign when he came to work on the campaign, like everyone else who was there?

MR. MILES: I'm going to object to that. I think you are suggesting the answer.

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q Can you just describe what he was doing? I need to get an idea of --

A I couldn't tell you what he was doing because I was too much involved with my job.

Q How often was he there?

A Almost every day.

Q About 40 hours a week or more?

A Oh, I don't know. I only know how many hours I spend there. I don't know how often others are there.

Q How long were you there in 1996?

A 1996?

Q Right.

A The whole year.

Q Right, daily, how many hours a day?

A Oh, I worked every day, 10 to 12 hours a day, no lunch break usually.

Q If you were there 10 to 12 hours a day --

A I got there early in the morning. They got in there later.

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Q Let's go back to the reports. Do you know anybody by the name of Rabih?

A He's the accountant, to my knowledge, for the campaign.

Q What does he do? Is he the one that files the reports?

A To my knowledge.

Q The information that you would gather from the contributions that would come in and you would total them, put them in a notebook, did you give them to Rabih so he could file --

A No, I never gave him anything. They usually worked when I had gone home. He had a job so he would come in the evenings.

Q What was John Hart's role? What was your understanding of his role with respect to the reports?

A I don't know.

MS. LIGON: I'm going to take a real quick break here.

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BY MS. LIGON:

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Q With respect to the payments and disbursements that the campaign would make, you would pay the bills for the campaign, you would record that into the checkbook and you would maintain the bank account?

A Uh-huh.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: You just nodded several times. We need verbal answers.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q With respect to the contributions, you either opened the contribution envelopes yourself or you oversaw others opening those contributions; is that correct?

A If I opened them myself, then that's what I did. If somebody else was working on it, I didn't pay any attention to that.

Q When you opened it yourself, you then wrote the contribution down into your notebook; is that right?

A No, a computer.

Q You entered it into the computer and then you deposited it into the bank?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q Or gave it to someone else to deposit?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Who would that other person be that would deposit into the bank?

A Anybody we could get to run to the bank.

Q Then you maintained a notebook of all the information that I just went over; is that correct? The disbursements and the contributions.

A No. I had check copies in the notebook.

Q That's what I'm talking about, copies of the checks you put in the notebook.

A Recently, we started doing that. We got better and better organized. I don't recall how we did it --

Q You were responsible as well for the database containing the contributor information?

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A No, I wasn't responsible for the database.

Q Who was responsible for that?

A I don't know.

Q When did the campaign get that database and what kind of --

A It was already in existence when I came to work for Steve.

Q In 1992?

A Yes, ma'am. I don't know.

Q But Rabih was the campaign's accountant, is that correct?

A Well, I mean, I don't know, until recently was I really aware that he was the accountant. I saw him more -- recently more regularly.

Q By "recently" you mean?

A This past year. I would say 1996, the end of 1996 and part of 1997. I left in March of 1997.

Q Could you tell me what you know about the Southeast Texas Times newspaper?

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MR. MILES: I'm going to object to the question. It's just too broad. What do you mean what does she know about it?

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Are you familiar with it?

A Yes.

Q How are you familiar with it?

A It was a newspaper.

Q Where did you first see this Southeast Texas Times?

A I think it was thrown on my door or in my yard, in the driveway.

Q Do you know who produced that paper? Do you know who owned the paper?

A Jeff Van Fleet.

Q How do you know that?

A I don't know how I knew that. I think he told me.

Q He told you?

A I guess.

Q Where were you when he told you? What did he say?

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A Well, he was in and around the campaign.

Q Where did he tell you this?

A I don't recall.

Q Would it have been during the time that you were in the Stockman home pretty much by yourself, before things got really busy?

A I couldn't give you a time period.

Q I think you said you started to see him around the 1994 primary election.

MR. MILES: I'm going to object, Tracey. She said more than once that she can't recall. If you can refresh her recollection, it's okay. I don't think that's doing it by repeating it.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm just trying to see if I can refresh your recollection by mentioning to you what you earlier told me, when you first started seeing Jeff Van Fleet around.

A Yes, but I can't tie the two together.

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Q When you saw Jeff Van Fleet, what was he doing?

A I don't know.

Q You don't know what he was doing?

A I mean I really tuned these people out or I couldn't get no work done.

Q But you saw him in the campaign?

A In and out; uh-huh.

Q Was this when you were still working back in the back room that you saw him?

A I was in the back room when I first met him.

Q Were you aware that the newspaper was being worked on at the campaign?

MR. MILES: Objection. Are you asking her or are you telling her?

MS. LIGON: I asked a question.

MR. MILES: I didn't hear the word "whether."

MS. LIGON: Was she aware.

THE WITNESS: I don't know. I don't recall.

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q You don't recall whether you knew?

A I just don't recall specifics. I heard talk about the newspaper.

Q Can you please tell me what you heard, who you heard it from?

A No. I mean, you have to realize, a lot of people came into that garage, in and out, and there would be talk and that's all. I don't recall specifics. I flat don't remember.

Q Did you ever see Tom Tyler and Jeff Van Fleet hovering over a computer, brain storming ideas for the paper?

A No.

Q Did you ever see any articles that were written in the Southeast Texas Times?

A I read the paper.

Q When it was all put together already?

A Uh-huh.

Q How about when it was being produced?

A No.

Q Did you ever see it when they were

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working on the paper?

A Not that I recall.

Q You said you received the mail.

A Uh-huh.

MR. MILES: I'm sorry. I missed that.

MS. LIGON: She testified earlier that she would open mail when it came in.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Would you ever receive articles from the Southeast Texas Times in the mail?

A Not that I recall.

Q Would you ever receive responses to surveys that were being conducted in the Southeast Texas Times in the mail?

A I remember a survey. I'm sorry.

Q You remember a survey?

A Yes, I do.

Q What do you remember about the surveys?

A I remember them being in there.

Q You opened the mail and you saw the

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surveys and you would sort the mail, handle the mail. What would you do then with the surveys?

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Again, there were several nods of the head. As Tracey was speaking, you were nodding in agreement with her. I don't believe the recorder picked that up.

MR. MILES: I agree but none of those were questions until the very end and she responded to the question. I have a question before you go on.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Actually, you may not interrupt with questions. If Tracey is in the midst of a question, she will finish the question and the answer and then you can address a question.

THE WITNESS: Can you start over again? I'm lost.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You said that you were responsible for taking in the mail. You testified to that earlier, that you opened the campaign's mail.

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Yes, is that correct?

A Yes. I'm sorry.

Q You would sort the mail when it came in; is that correct?

A Yes.

Q You recall receiving surveys that were for the Southeast Texas Times newspaper?

A On occasion.

Q On occasion in the mail?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q How many times would you say?

A I couldn't tell you.

Q More than five?

A Probably.

Q More than ten?

A I don't know.

Q What would you do with the surveys when you received them for the Southeast Texas Times at the campaign office?

A They were put in a stack and I don't know what happened after that.

Q You put them in a stack?

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A No, not necessarily. I opened the mail and sometimes they would just disappear. Different people would look at them. That's all I know.

Q But you would sort the mail; right?

A Yes, uh-huh.

Q Where would you have put the surveys?

A You'd have to see the garage to know why I say that because all the desks were covered.

Q Were there like mail slots?

A No.

Q What do you mean when you say you sorted them? You didn't like put them all together on a desk, did you?

A Oh, no. In my mind, when I'm talking about sorting, he got a lot of mail from political organizations and he kept record of them, and then he'd get personal mail, too.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: By "he" do you mean Mr. Stockman or Mr. Van Fleet?

THE WITNESS: Mr. Stockman. I'm

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sorry. Personal mail, mail that he'd want to look at, bills.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q When you would get something for the Southeast Texas Times, they certainly would not be placed in the same pile with the bills?

A No, ma'am.

Q Or letters to Mr. Stockman?

A That's correct.

Q They would be placed in a separate stack?

A Yes.

Q The other people that would handle taking in the mail, would they follow that same procedure?

A I don't know how they did it.

Q Was Mr. Stockman aware that surveys were being received at the campaign address?

A I think he looked at them. I think I saw him look at some.

Q What did he do --

A I don't know.

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Q You got approximately more than five surveys for the Southeast Texas Times?

A I don't know a time period. I don't know how long the time period would be.

Q About how many times did you see Mr. Stockman look at the surveys?

A I don't recall.

Q Did he ever discuss the surveys with you, responses to the surveys?

A Not that I recall.

Q Did you participate in those surveys yourself?

A Yes.

Q In what manner did you participate?

A My opinion.

Q Did someone ask you?

A I got the newspaper at home, saw the survey and filled it out and sent it in.

Q You sent it in or took it in?

A I don't recall. Well, it probably would have been easier for me to take it in.

Q Who did you give it to?

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A I don't recall.
Q Jeff Van Fleet?
A I don't recall.
Q Were there prizes associated with those surveys?
A Yes.
Q Can you tell me about that at all?
A Well, sometimes you'd get like free hamburgers at a hamburger place.
Q Did they ever talk about that in the garage, about the prize?
A No. You know, that was a peripheral to me. I didn't have time for that. I don't recall anything specific.
Q Did you win a survey?
A Yes, didn't get to take advantage of it.
Q Why not?
A Didn't have time.
Q Did you give it to somebody?
A No.
Q Buffalo Burgers, that's the

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restaurant?

A I don't know what the name of the restaurant was but that's what they served.

Q Did Mr. Stockman ever tell the workers there in the campaign, where you described their office as busy and crowded and cramped, did he ever tell you that, okay, a newspaper is going to be produced over here in this area?

A No.

Q When they came into the garage, did they come in with something?

MR. MILES: Objection. What are you talking about?

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm talking about Jeff Van Fleet. Did he bring things with him?

A I'm not aware of what he did.

Q Did you ever see the structure of the garage change in terms of being sectioned off?

A No.

Q No computer was ever specifically

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designated for one particular thing or everybody just used everything?

A Free for all.

Q Including Jeff Van Fleet?

A Well, I don't know about Jeff. All I know is the computers were there and whoever was volunteering would use the computers if they were there.

Q Did you ever work on the Southeast Texas Times yourself?

A No.

Q Did you ever distribute it at all?

A No.

Q But you were a reader?

A Yes. Sometimes, if I had time.

Q When I say Southeast Texas Times newspaper, other than Jeff Van Fleet, who comes to mind?

A Instantly, nobody.

Q How about not so instantly? Does anybody else come to mind?

A I think John Hart.

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Q Anybody else?
A Not that I recall.
Q How about Ken Clark, did he help?
A I don't know.
Q I think you described Dan Norton as a really hard worker?
A Yes, he was.
Q Did he help with that?
A I'm not sure.
Q The newspaper.
A He was doing a lot of running around. I wasn't aware of what he was doing.
Q You said it was crowded, tense because everybody is busy, did you all have regular meetings of the campaign workers?
A Not that I recall. I never took part in anything.
Q How about informal gatherings where you just sat around and talked about the campaign?
A No, not me.
Q Did you ever see any others gathering

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around just talking about strategy of the campaign?

A No.

Q Did you ever hear Mr. Stockman ask anyone to volunteer to help work on the Southeast Texas Times?

A No.

Q Do you know an individual by the name of David Brannan?

A That doesn't ring a bell.

Q You said that on occasion, you would receive surveys for the Southeast Texas Times in the mail at the campaign; correct?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Would you ever receive money for advertisements in the mail for the newspaper?

A No, ma'am.

Q Did Mr. Stockman ever give money to Jeff Van Fleet to help with the newspaper?

A The only thing I recall is advertising in the newspaper.

Q What do you recall about advertising

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in the newspaper?

A I know he paid him money for advertising in the newspaper.

Q Now, would you have written the check for that? Is that why you recall that?

A I don't know why I recall it.

Q About how much would that advertising have been?

A I don't remember.

Q Was it frequent advertising?

A No, I don't remember.

Q Let me see if I say an amount, you might know. Was it over $1,000 for advertising?

A No, I don't think so.

Q Over $500?

A I don't recall.

Q But you do recall that you paid for advertisement?

A For ads; yes, ma'am.

Q Did the Stockman Committee ever give money to Jeff Van Fleet to help with the

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newspaper?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Let me just go back. You said that Mr. Stockman paid for advertising. Did he do that personally or did he do that --

A Campaign advertising.

Q A check would have been drawn on a campaign account?

A Yes, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: Would you mark this, please?

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Deposition Exhibit No. 1. It's a letter written by Mr. Stockman to Concerned Americans. On the second page, halfway through, he announces "In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U.S. House of Representatives, and I need your help."

A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Down a little ways further, at number three, he's urging people to fill out the Conservative Action Network form.

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Later on, attached to the back of the letter is the Conservative Action Network form.

A That's right.

Q Have you seen this before?

A It's direct mail. I mean, it looks vaguely familiar, but I didn't deal with this so I don't --

Q On the very last page of Conservative Action Network form, the first thing that is offered to check is the newspaper, Southeast Texas Times. "Yes, I would like to help." "Delivery my neighborhood." Do you have any idea why Mr. Stockman would want to get people to help work on the Southeast Texas Times?

A No.

Q Have you ever seen anybody in the campaign talk about this letter at all?

A Not anything specific.

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Q What in general did anyone say?

A Like I said, the letter looks familiar. The reason it does is because I remember that. That was direct mail and I didn't have anything to do with it, so that's about all I can remember.

Q What is that that you are pointing to?

A I don't remember that, either. I remember I asked, and it had something to do about life, I think, but I'm not sure.

MR. MILES: Are we talking about the markings on the first page?

MS. LIGON: We are talking about the markings in the upper right-hand corner.

THE WITNESS: I think it's Chinese but I'm not sure. Oh, well, I guess it is; yes. It says, "The symbol shown above is the Chinese character for crisis."

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Thank you.

A You're welcome.

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Q You said this was considered direct mail, so you weren't directly involved in it.

A Correct.

Q Do you know who was involved with it?

A No.

Q Did you see others sending this out from the campaign headquarters?

A No, I don't know how this was taken care of.

Q You don't even know who it would have been distributed to, the area of distribution?

A Oh, no. No, I don't. I'm sorry. I sure don't. I really didn't pay attention.

Q Ms. Martin, because you handled the mail when it comes in, I suspect that you probably would have also received the responses to the Conservative Action Network form; is that correct?

A Not necessarily because by this time I wasn't the only one opening the mail. We would look in the envelopes, and then we'd sort them out. If it was just paper inside, then

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that went to somebody else. If it was a check inside, then it went over to whoever was entering into the computer, the checks.

Q But if you were to get a Conservative Action Network form in the mail, you yourself got it, and the check was for the Southeast Texas Times, not the check but they expressed interest in helping with the Southeast Texas Times by checking it off here on the form, what would you do with the form?

A I can't remember.

Q Did you ever receive --

A I don't recall specifically.

MS. LIGON: I'd like to have this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 2. Have you ever seen that before?

A Not that I recall.

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Q It's a letter from Jeff Van Fleet to Fellow Republican.

A It doesn't look familiar. I don't recall it.

Q It doesn't look familiar at all?

A No, ma'am.

Q Ms. Martin, are you familiar with Rush parties?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Can you tell me about them?

A People would take programs of Rush Limbaugh and put them on a tape, and then campaign people, volunteers and friends would all gather at a place and have pizza and watch Rush Limbaugh.

Q You said people would tape?

A Uh-huh.

Q The show, the Rush Limbaugh show?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Now, who would these people be?

A I have no idea. I never went to one. By the time in the evening it was time for

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that, I was too tired. I wanted nothing to do with that. I wanted to go home.

Q How did you know they were going on?

A Because they would send out cards and we'd get phone calls sometimes.

Q Who would send out cards?

A The campaign.

Q Who would they be sending the cards to?

A Whoever was on the mailing list.

Q Who would call you?

A Different people. Sometimes it was a pot luck and they might want to know what to bring, directions, that type of thing.

Q These were people from the campaign?

A Sometimes. Sometimes, they weren't. Sometimes they were just interested people.

Q Can you tell me who sent out the invitations? Did you ever send out the invitations?

A No.

Q Did anybody ever come and tell you,

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you know, what kind of time they had at the Rush parties?

A Yes.

Q What did they say?

A They usually had fun. Everybody had fun.

Q What did they say happen other than the show?

A Nothing that I recall. Might be too crowded or they ran out of food, something like that.

Q To your knowledge, did Mr. Stockman ever speak at Rush parties like introduce what was going on?

A He was there. To my knowledge, what took place, I couldn't tell you.

Q Who organized the Rush parties?

A I don't know. They just seemed to pop up.

Q Did you ever hear Mr. Stockman talking about Rush parties?

A Yes.

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Q What would he say?

A Well, it was always in a positive context, about how much fun they had. People would call and say, when's the next Rush party, and then they'd have to get busy and getting the wheels going again. It --

Q We have testimony that -- go ahead.

A It was just a family type of situation. Everybody brought their kids.

Q Just sat around and watched the show?

A Yeah, it was fun.

Q We have testimony that at Rush parties, people would roll newspapers, sit around and watch and roll newspapers and put them in plastic bags. Did you hear about that?

A I don't recall the specifics. I was never there.

Q Did anyone ever say, you know, hey, why don't you come on, we need some help?

A They wouldn't ask me. I put in my time. They didn't ask me.

Q Did you ever hear anybody asking

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anybody?

A I don't recall. They always thought I was a little weird because I didn't do anything at night but I was tired when I got through. I wanted to go home to my family.

MS. LIGON: Could I have this marked, please?

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit 3. Can you tell me what it is, please?

A It looks like a card that they would mail out for those parties.

Q The Rush parties?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Who are you referring to when you say "they" would mail out?

A I'm saying volunteers.

Q Volunteers of the Stockman campaign?

A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Can you just read the first two lines? Actually, yes, the first three lines of that, please?

A "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress, 7:15 p.m. Saturday June 5."

Q Thank you.

MS. LIGON: I'd like to have this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 4 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibit No. 4. Can you likewise look on the second page and just read the first three lines?

A "Rush Limbaugh Party & Stockman for Congress, 6:50 p.m. Saturday June 27."

Q Down on the very bottom, could you read the very last line?

A "Call (713) 996-6900 for more information."

Q Whose number is that?

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A That's the campaign office number.

Q You would answer the phones at the campaign office, is that right?

A Not solely.

Q Did you ever receive calls for this?

A Yes.

Q And you would give them --

A Whatever they were asking for.

Q Did they ever mention the Southeast Texas Times at all when they were talking about --

A I don't recall.

MS. LIGON: I'd like to have this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No 5 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, this is Exhibit 5 that I'm now handing you. This is page two of the July 1993 edition of the Southeast Texas Times newspaper. At the top, the heading is "Upcoming Community Events." Can you tell me,

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the third column over, bottom of the column, top portion what that says?

A "Rush Parties. Watch the last two weeks of the Rush Limbaugh Show. Fun, fellowship and friendship. Saturday, July 17th. Dinner and video begins at 6:45. CADDY SHACK, Next to Randall's across from the South Shore Hotel and Resort."

Q Would this be the same Rush party from the invitations I showed you previously, the previous two invitations?

MR. MILES: Objection. How would she know?

BY MS. LIGON:

Q In the previous exhibit, the Rush Limbaugh party was being held at the CADDY SHACK. It described how you watch shows of Rush Limbaugh -- not you yourself, but that's what occurred at the Rush parties?

A That was my understanding.

Q Here in the newspaper it announces the very same kind of party. I'm asking you is

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that the same Rush party? Is that the same Rush party that the Stockman campaign would sponsor?

MR. MILES: If you know.

THE WITNESS: I don't know that for sure. I mean, that would be an assumption on my part to say so.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Did you ever hear Jeff Van Fleet talking about Rush parties?

A Not specifically, no.

Q Do you have any idea why, if this is the same Rush party, and I believe it is, any idea why Stockman for Congress would be listed with the invitations that went out but not listed in the newspaper, but they both refer to the Rush Limbaugh parties at the Caddy Shack?

A I have no way of being able to answer that. I just don't know that much about it.

Q Thank you. Ms. Martin, are you familiar with a Post Office box at P.O. Box 115, 190 B2 Gulf Freeway in League City?

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A That might have been the -- I can't say specifically but it might have been the address for Southeast Texas Times newspaper.

Q What makes you think that's --

A It sounded familiar.

Q Have you ever been to that Post Office box yourself?

A That is a store where our box is.

Q Have you ever been at that store to pick up mail from this P.O. Box?

A I don't remember specifically. I did mostly just the mail at the Post Office.

Q You mean the campaign Post Office?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Are you aware of anyone else who used this particular Post Office box?

A No, I'm not aware of any of that or I don't recall it.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 6.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was marked for identification.)

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q It is a report from the Friends of Steve Stockman Committee that was filed with the FEC. It reflects in the first entry that the Stockman campaign paid $422 at the end of 1992 to a gentleman by the name of Henry Kjellander. Could you read the purpose of the disbursements written there?

A "World War II document," I think is what it says.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A No, I do not.

Q Are you familiar with this particular disbursement?

A No, ma'am.

Q Have you ever seen anything like a World War II document at the campaign?

A Yes, I believe so.

Q When did you see it?

A I think it came with a tape. It was a surrender document and I believe there was a

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narrative tape that came with it.

Q Did the campaign have lots of them?

A I don't know how many they had.

Q When you saw what you just described, were there several or just one?

A Several.

Q What was the campaign doing with them?

A They were -- well, I'm not sure. I really don't know. I know that this man sold them but I don't know what they did with them. I never even read the whole thing, never heard the video.

Q Who on the campaign would you associate with the World War II document? Who comes to mind when you --

A Steve.

MS. LIGON: I'd like this marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 7 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 7. It is page nine of an issue of the Southeast Texas Times. On the right-hand side, I'd like you to please just read the second sentence of the second paragraph on the right-hand side that begins, More than"?

A "More than any other symbol of World War II, this impressive document truly represents a lasting tribute to those who fought to preserve our nation's freedom."

Q Would you just go down to the third sentence of the last paragraph and please read where it begins "The Southeast Texas Times."

A "The Southeast Texas Times has been able to secure at the manufacturer's cost a limited number of full size reproductions of the Japanese Surrender document, along with an one hour cassette of historic recordings from the attack on Pearl Harbor to the surrender ceremonies."

Q Is this article in the Southeast

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Texas Times referring to the same World War II documents that you saw in the Stockman campaign headquarters?

MR. MILES: If you know.

THE WITNESS: I don't know specifically, but I could -- I mean I don't think it would be proper to assume.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you think you have some basis for an assumption that --

A It looks familiar.

Q It does look familiar?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q What looks familiar?

A I remember the picture, although I never read the document, the print of the document looks familiar.

Q It would be your assumption that this would be the same World War II documents that the Stockman campaign purchased and had there at campaign headquarters that are referred to here in this article?

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A It would have to be an assumption. I do not know for sure.

MR. MILES: May I ask what the date of the newspaper is?

MS. LIGON: Yes. I believe is the July 1993 issue of the Southeast Texas Times.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, if someone had written a check to the campaign in payment for the documents, you would be aware of that, is that right, since you kept track of the money coming into the campaign?

A No, not necessarily. If they didn't designate on their check what the money was for, then I would just consider it a donation. I wouldn't know --

Q Do you recall receiving a check from the Southeast Texas Times?

A No, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: If it's okay, I don't know how everybody is doing, but I'd thought we'd break for lunch at 1:00, to accommodate

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Karen's schedule, if that's okay.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Five of one. Thank you.

THE WITNESS: It's all right with me.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 8.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 8 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q It's a page from a disclosure report that the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission. It reflects that the Stockman Committee paid Jeff Van Fleet $1,260 for consulting in September of 1992. First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on the report?

A No, ma'am.

Q Do you recall writing that check for this disbursement?

A No, ma'am.

Q Are you aware of any consulting services that Jeff Van Fleet provided in 1992?

A No, ma'am.

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Q Are you aware of whether Mr. Van Fleet purchased billboards in that amount for the campaign back in 1992?

A I wouldn't know, especially during that time.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I've just handed you what's been marked Exhibit No. 9.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q It's again a report from the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission. It shows the committee's disbursements, payments that they made. Among them is a payment to the Southeast Texas Times, entry D, in September of 1993 in the amount of $400, t First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A Yes.

Q Whose is it?

A Mine.

Q Do you recall this disbursement?

A I don't recall the disbursement.

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Q Do you recall an ad being placed by the Stockman campaign in the Southeast Texas Times?

A I remember ads being placed in the newspaper. I don't remember any time, specific time.

Q How many ads?

A I couldn't tell you.

Q More than five?

A I wouldn't even hazard a guess.

Q But more than one?

A I'm not sure. I really don't know. I don't know what they charge for their ads.

Q Would you please describe the ad for me, the one you're thinking of?

A No, I don't recall.

Q We have testimony that the Stockman campaign never paid for an ad in the Southeast Texas Times or that suggests --

A Oh, really?

Q We do. I wanted to know what else this payment could possibly be for, to your

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knowledge, to the Southeast Texas Times.

A I have no idea.

Q You would have been the one to write the check; is that correct?

A That would have to be an assumption on my part. I can't remember specifically.

Q Writing the check or --

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Who would have told you to enter for the purpose of the disbursement as newspaper ads?

A I don't know that someone told me. I would think it would have been on the memo part of the check.

Q But you wrote the check out; isn't that right?

A I don't know. I haven't seen the check.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibit No. 10.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 10 was marked for

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identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you recognize that?

A Yes, that's my handwriting.

Q Does that refresh your recollection at all? You don't think you wrote in the memo section, ad for newspaper? It's a pretty bad copy.

A Yes, it is a pretty bad copy. Yes, that's my handwriting.

Q Who would have told you to write something, whatever, in the memo section of the check?

A I don't know that anybody ever told me that. It was just my way of doing things because of my medical field experience. In the medical field, you always have to be very careful about what you document.

Q I understand. I just want to know where you would get the idea of writing down, you know, ads for newspaper, in this particular --

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A I would write that if I was in the belief that's what it was for.

Q Would you write a check to the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $400 without Steve Stockman's prior approval?

A If I knew it was for an ad in the newspaper, then I would do it; yes.

Q Were you also responsible for selecting ads?

A Oh, no, that was not in my field.

Q Who did that?

A I don't know.

Q How would you know to purchase an ad? Wouldn't you have to see it first?

A No, not me. I mean, graphics, I'm thinking in graphic form. If it's presentable, whatever the computer terminology is for it. I had nothing to do with that. I would just simply -- somebody would either tell me that we owed the paper for an ad or I would get a bill or whatever.

MS. LIGON: I am handing you what's

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been marked as Exhibit No. 11.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 11 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q It again is a disbursement, Schedule B disbursement from a report filed by the Friends of Steve Stockman campaign with the Federal Election Commission and it reflects a couple of payments in entry A to the Southeast Texas Times from the campaign in Do you recognize the handwriting on that report?

A No, ma'am.

Q That's not your handwriting?

A No, ma'am.

Q The purpose of the disbursement is materials for literature distribution.

A I see that now.

Q Do you recall writing the checks for these disbursements?

A I couldn't tell you unless I looked at the checks.

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Q Do you have any idea what kind of materials that might have been for that the campaign would be paying money to Southeast Texas Times for?

A Not without looking at the check and seeing the memo. That might refresh my memory.

Q We have testimony that this purchase was for plastic bags. Would that jog your memory at all? Does that sound familiar?

A No, ma'am. I know that is possible but I don't recall personally.

Q Were you aware that the Southeast Texas Times had plastic bags available?

A That's what I'm saying. I knew they used them.

Q I'm sorry. How did you know they used them?

A They had to get them at a newspaper store, at a newspaper company.

Q Which one was that?

A Texas City Sun.

Q How did you know they got them from

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the Texas City Sun?

A I just knew, I guess. I don't remember anything specifically. I guess general conversation.

Q Are you saying the campaign couldn't have gone to the Texas City Sun and gotten the bags themselves?

A I wouldn't know.

Q You heard in general conversation about the Southeast Texas Times being involved with the Texas City Sun? You heard that at the campaign; is that right?

A Yes.

Q Who would have been talking, just --

A I can't recall anybody in particular.

MS. LIGON: I'd like these marked, please.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 12 and 13 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's

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been marked as Exhibits 12 and 13. They are again copies of the disbursement sections from reports filed with the Commission by the Stockman campaign. Looking at the first of the two that I handed to you, it actually reflects two payments in June of 1994 to Jeff Van Fleet for the purpose of reimbursement. The amount looks to be $200 and $250.

A Yes.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A No, ma'am.

Q Do you know Rabih's handwriting at all?

A Not well enough, no; I don't think so.

Q Do you recall writing the checks for these disbursements?

A No, I do not.

Q Would campaign workers typically be reimbursed amounts like this, $200 and $250? Is that something that was routine or something

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that needed to go to Mr. Stockman for approval?

A I can't say. I mean, I don't know. I really don't.

Q But you wrote the checks for the campaign; is that right?

A If I was there, yes.

Q Would you have written a check in these amounts?

A I would have to see the checks to see if I did, you know.

MS. LIGON: I'd like these marked.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 14 and 15 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I am handing you what has been marked Exhibits 14 and 15. Do you recognize those checks?

A Yes. It's not my handwriting.

Q But you recognize the checks?

A Yes, as a campaign check.

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Q Do you recognize the handwriting?
A I can't be sure.
Q Whose do you think it is?
A It looks like Jeff's handwriting.
Q Thank you.
A You're welcome.
MR. MILES: Could I see those?
MS. LIGON: Sure.
MS. ZIMMERMAN: Are we doing all this off the record?
(Discussion off the record)
BY MS. LIGON:
Q Ms. Martin, just before we move on, just to look back again at Exhibits 14 and 15, on both checks that appears to be the handwriting of Jeff Van Fleet?
A To the best of my knowledge, yes, ma'am.
Q It reflects that a check was deposited into the account from the Southeast Texas Times in the amount of $2,600. Do you recall that check?

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A No, ma'am.

Q Would it refresh your recollection to note that it was returned for insufficient funds?

A No.

Q Would you have any idea why the Southeast Texas Times would be paying the Stockman Committee $2,600?

A I can't recall it.

Q Ms. Martin, do you remember a disbursement back in December of 1993 in the amount of $3,867.27 for the purpose of buying Christmas cards for the campaign?

A No. I'd have to look at the check. I don't recall anything specific.

MS. LIGON: I'll come back to that. Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibit No. 17.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 17 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q It is a page from a report filed by the Stockman Committee with the Federal Election Commission. It reflects down, second from the bottom, payment to Jeff Van Fleet, for contracting services, non-employee compensation, and that was made in December First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on the report?

A No, and I wasn't there during that time.

Q When did you leave?

A We went to orientation and I took the rest of the year off to get ready to go to D.C.

Q What was your last day?

A I don't recall the date. I know orientation started the day after Thanksgiving, I believe, and lasted into part of December. Then I came home to get ready.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: By "orientation," do you mean freshman orientation?

THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: When soon to be

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Congressman Stockman was moving to D.C.?

THE WITNESS: That's correct.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you have any idea what kind of contracting services that Jeff Van Fleet would be providing to the campaign for $1,500?

A No, ma'am.

Q We have testimony that at the end of the year, as a measure of gratitude, Mr. Stockman gave bonuses to some campaign workers. Are you aware of that at all?

A No.

Q And this was actually a part of a gratitude --

A No, I would not know about this time period.

Q So, you are not aware of any bonuses that Mr. Stockman had given to anyone; is that correct?

A No. The only bonuses that we ever got that I know of was 1996, Christmas.

Q By "we," who are you referring to?

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A He gave John Hart, me, Chris and Jason -- I'm sorry. I don't remember the amount.

Q Was it over $1,000?

A I don't think so.

Q Over $500?

A I just can't recall. I'd have to look.

Q That would have been around December of 1996?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Why would Mr. Stockman have decided to give you all bonuses at the end of 1996 as opposed to other years?

A I don't know. We had worked really hard, and I think because he had lost.

Q Can you just go through what each of the four recipients of those bonuses in 1996 -- I know what you did, I'm not talking about you, but John Hart, what was he doing at that time?

A I can't say. He did a lot of -- in charge of mailing letters out. Chris and Jason

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worked on the campaign as consultants.

Q Are you aware of Ken Clark ever getting a bonus?

A No.

Q Jeff Fisher?

A No.

MS. LIGON: I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibits 18 and 19.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 18 and 19 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you recognize those checks?

A That's my handwriting.

Q What's the date on each of the two checks that I just handed you?

A Oh, that's December 9 on one of them and December 14.

Q What year?

A Of 1994.

Q The check is written out to?

A Jeff Van Fleet.

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Q On one, what does it say on the first one?

A Payment for debt.

Q And on the second one?

A Reimbursement for food and gas.

Q Just comparing these dates to the dates on the report that I just showed you in the previous exhibit, these checks appear to be what is underlying the entry to Jeff Van Fleet for the payment of $1,500 on 12/19/94. Would that be your recollection?

A I'm sorry. I couldn't read it. $1,500. I'm trying to think.

MR. MILES: Please testify as to what you know.

THE WITNESS: I don't know.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q This is the only disbursement for the time period that we see.

A I can assume that it is.

Q This is your handwriting on both of the checks?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q Why would the entry on one be payment on debt? Did Jeff Van Fleet loan the committee $750?

A I don't recall.

Q Why would you have put "payment on debt" on the memo entry?

A I imagine that's probably what I was told to do or knew about at the time I wrote it.

Q So, which one was it?

A No, I'm guessing because I don't recall.

Q On the second one, the purpose is listed as reimbursement of food and gas. Do you recall that disbursement?

A No.

Q Do you have any idea why the purposes would be listed as they are on the checks and then listed as contracting services, non-employee compensation on the report?

A No, ma'am.

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Q Would you have been at the campaign at this time?

A I had to have been; yes.

Q Ms. Martin, let me ask you to look again at Exhibit No. 17. Do you see that just below the entry for the check for $1,500 made out to Jeff Van Fleet, there's an entry for payment of $1,500 as well made out to Ken Clark. Are you familiar with that?

A No, ma'am.

Q That's for contracting services. What about above Jeff Van Fleet's entry there, a $1,500 entry for Jeff Fisher?

A I don't recall that.

MS. LIGON: Thank you. Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibits 20 and 21.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 20 and 21 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q They are both pages from disclosure

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reports that the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission. At the very bottom of Exhibit No. 20, it reflects that the Stockman Committee paid Jeff Van Fleet $1,000 in January of 1995. Exhibit 21 reflects that Do you know anything about those payments?

A No, ma'am. I was in Washington.

Q To your knowledge, Ms. Martin, would Jeff Van Fleet be in a position to loan such large sums of money to the campaign?

A I would have no idea.

Q Do you recall receiving a loan from Jeff Van Fleet at any time?

A I don't recall.

Q You were in Washington at that time?

A Yes, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I am going to hand you now Exhibit No. 22.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 22 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q Can you identify the check and the handwriting on the check?

A The check is a campaign check, and the handwriting appears to be Jeff Van Fleet's.

Q And who is the check made out to, please?

A Jeff Van Fleet.

Q In the amount of?

A $1,000.

Q And the date, please.

A 23 January 1995.

Q Thank you. I was a little worried about the time at one point, but I'm not any more. We are really getting through this. I'll give you a break on the exhibits for a while. I would just focus you on the campaign's activities in 1994. I'd just like to focus on the campaign literature that was distributed during that period. Can you tell me about the different types or kinds of campaign literature?

A I don't really know because it wasn't

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my job.

Q Did you ever see people working on the newspaper format campaign literature?

A I don't recall.

Q You don't recall seeing the campaign literature called Chronicle of Our Times?

A No.

Q To your knowledge, who determined the content of campaign literature?

A I have no idea.

Q Did you attend Mr. Stockman's 1994 victory celebration? Did he have one? I'm assuming he did.

A Isn't that terrible? I don't know whether I was there or not. I'm sorry.

Q You know there was a campaign celebration, victory celebration?

A Yes; uh-huh. I was trying to remember where it was, if that was going to be any help. I don't think I was there.

Q You said a little earlier that you all received bonuses for hard work in 1996. I

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was just wondering if anyone to your knowledge received anything in the wake of a victory in 1994, in terms of bonuses.

A No, not to my knowledge.

Q Did Mr. Stockman send any special thanks to any particular individuals?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q He didn't thank you?

A Well, he thanked us, but the campaign was still going to go on and those that wanted to go to D.C. with him were in a state of shock. That was a transition for me. It was a big thing. I had never lived alone and never been away from my husband, so I can only speak for myself, and it was just a big shcok, culture shock.

Q Ms. Martin, did he pack up his 1994 campaign office, the garage, did he pack that up or what happened after that?

A Tina Hatch took my place and the campaign kept on going.

Q Operating out of the garage?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q Do you know who all were regulars in the garage at that time?

A No, ma'am.

Q Did you speak back and forth with people at the campaign?

A I would talk to Tina.

Q What did you talk to Tina about?

A It was usually visiting.

Q Visiting with her on the phone, nothing in particular?

A We were homesick for each other. We had grown to be good friends. I would call her and check on her, and she would call and check on me.

Q Was the campaign, when you returned at the end of 1995, to your knowledge, as you left it at the beginning of 1995 in terms of the setup of the garage, the number of computers, the desks?

A I can only recall my desk because it was like I had never left. Whether there was

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more computers or more desks, I can't recall. I was just stunned with the fact that it was like I had never left. The same things were in the drawers, that type of thing.

Q To your knowledge, was anything given to anyone or loaned to anyone from the campaign after the victory in 1994?

A I don't know.

Q Are you familiar with the Southeast Texas Statesman?

A No.

Q Have you ever heard of that?

A No.

Q Did Mr. Stockman speak frequently with people in the campaign back at home while he was serving in Congress, to your knowledge?

A I know he spoke with them. Frequency or when, I don't know.

Q Do you know who he would speak with mostly?

A No.

Q To your knowledge, did Mr. Stockman

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ever give money to Tim Frankovich to help him with any newspaper or starting a new business?

A No, not that I recall. Start a newspaper?

Q Yes.

A Oh, no; not that I know of. I don't know really anything about that.

Q How about to John Hart, to your knowledge, did he give John Hart --

A I don't know anything about that.

MS. LIGON: This is a good breaking point.

(Whereupon, at 12:50 p.m., a luncheon recess was taken.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

(2:01 p.m.)

Whereupon,

PATTI ANN MARTIN

was recalled as a witness and, having been previously duly sworn, was examined and testified further as follows:

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION CONTINUED

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Ms. Martin, I'd just like to go back just for a minute. Would you please name every person, each person, of whom you are aware that had the authority to write checks on behalf of the Stockman campaign?

A I had authority and I can't say other than that except if Steve's wife was on the premises and he gave her permission to do it.

Q What is the amount over which you absolutely would not have written a check without Steve Stockman's prior approval?

A Anything that we didn't have. You

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know, if the checking account was a certain amount of money and if it was more than that, I wouldn't write it. If it was just for unusually large numbers that I had not written before, like if we had a company that we used. If I had written a large amount of money on them before, then I probably ----.

Q With respect to individuals, what would be the limit that you would write a check for without his prior approval?

A An individual? Probably almost anything except if like they were going to Office Max or that kind of thing, and again, like I said, it depended on the person, too.

Q Could you just tell me again what factors would qualify someone for receiving a check over a certain amount, based on how you view that person, what would you be looking for in that particular person?

A You mean a check written to that person or for that person?

Q To that person.

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A I don't think I can really answer that. I would have to know what it was for and why and get Steve's permission, that type of thing.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 23.

(Martin Deposition Exhibit No. 23 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Would you please tell me what it is?

A It's a check from the Stockman for Congress campaign.

Q To whom?

A To John Hart.

Q And the date on the check?

A January 3 of 1994.

Q And the amount on the check?

A $2,200.

Q The memo entry?

A Consultant, I think is what it says.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on

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this check?

A No.

Q Do you recall writing this check yourself?

A No, that's not my handwriting.

Q Can you tell me what kind of consultant services that Mr. Hart may have performed for the campaign?

A No.

Q To your knowledge, had he ever performed consulting services for the campaign before?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q If you could just remind me, what are the types of things that you saw Mr. Hart doing when he was at the campaign?

A Well, he did the mailing. He worked with the Post Office a great deal. In fact, he went to some classes at the Post Office. He did errands. That's all I can think of off the top of my head.

Q What do you mean when you say he

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worked with the Post Office?

A Well, you know, the Post Office has regulations for mass mailing and you have to be trained in that, and that's what he did.

Q To your knowledge, one who was performing services such as mailing, working with the Post Office and running errands, would that be the type of campaign worker that would be a paid worker or a volunteer?

A I could not say. I just don't think I know enough to be able to answer that question.

Q Do you know what paid positions were on the campaign?

A I was paid.

Q What was your official title in the campaign?

A I'm not much into titles. Office administrator.

Q Who else was a paid employee of the campaign?

A No one consistently that I know of.

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Q Can you just tell me the ones that you are aware of and try to think of the time periods?

A Tina.

Q Tina Hatch?

A Hatch, but I can't give you the time period.

Q She was paid as an office administrator as well?

A When I left; yes, ma'am. Other than that, that's the only one I can think of that was consistent.

MS. LIGON: I'm handing you what has been marked Exhibits 24 and 25.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 24 and 25 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Exhibit 24 was a 1994 12-day pre-primary report that was filed by the Stockman Committee with the Commission. You can see that it covers the period beginning

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January 1, 1994, through February 16, 1994, which would cover the time in which the check, t Could you just look back to the page entitled "itemized disbursements," and you will note there is no disbursement recorded to Mr. John Hart in the amount of $2,200. If you look at the next exhibit, that is the 1994 -- the amended 1994 12 day pre-primary report. You will see that it was filed on July 18, 1994. That's stamped at the top. If you look at those pages, you will see there are no additional disbursements. Do you have any idea what could be the explanation for that?

A No, ma'am.

Q Ms. Martin, did the campaign have outside vendors?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Could you name them for me?

A No, ma'am. I can maybe give you a few off the top of my head.

Q Please.

A Office Max; Office Depot; U.S. Post

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Office; Bosworth's Paper.

Q I'm looking more in terms like independent contractor kind.

A Like direct mailing? I think the name of one of them -- I don't remember all of them -- one sticks in my mind. I think it was U.S. Direct Mail, but don't quote me on that because I'm not quite sure of that.

Q They provided services to the campaign?

A Yes.

Q During what time period?

A I can't say. I don't remember.

Q Can you recall whether it was after you returned from Washington back to the campaign?

A Well, I think we used them over a period of time. I know we used them before I went to Washington.

Q Can you think of any other vendors that the campaign used?

A The people that took care of the fax

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machine and the copiers, telephones, Stark Communications comes to mind.

Q Were there any other direct mail providers other than U.S. Direct Mail?

A There were but I don't remember their name.

Q Would you know the principals?

A I just don't remember.

Q Are you familiar with Political One Stop?

A Yes.

Q How are you familiar with Political Won Stop?

A It was my understanding they were a company that did a lot of the campaign business. They paid vendors and worked on the campaign.

Q Can you just describe a little more, what else they did? They paid vendors?

A They set up fund raisers. They talked to people all the time, so I assume that was part of the --

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Q Fund raising?

A Yeah, on the campaign strategy.

Q Who are you referring to when you say "they?"

A I was of the understanding that Jason Posey and Chris Cupit owned that company.

Q Do you know how either of them became involved with the campaign?

A Well, Chris was already here when I got back, and Jason came a little bit after I got back, and the time span was right around my returning from Washington, but I can't give an exact date.

Q Did they do direct mail at all, to your knowledge?

A Yes.

Q While they were still there working in the campaign, you would see them daily, is that right?

A Almost daily, yes, ma'am. I came in earlier than they did, and I left at a human time; they didn't.

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Q During that period after you had returned from Washington, before you stopped working for the campaign, were you still opening mail?

A No.

Q Who was?

A I think Jason was.

Q The campaign's mail?

A Yes. I was under such a load that I didn't have time for that, so he and Ruth Hodges helped with that.

Q So, when responses from the direct mail came in, they would open that?

Q Was Ruth Hodges associated with Political One Stop?

A No, she was just a volunteer on the campaign.

Q Would you say that Chris Cupit was also a campaign worker as well?

A Well, he helped the campaign so I'd have to say yes.

Q And Jason Posey?

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A Yes.

Q I'd like to just go through some names of people and see if you recognize them as being associated with the Stockman campaign in any capacity. Mark Jennes?

A I know Mark; don't remember what his job was.

Q How do you know him?

A I saw him there and met him there, in the garage.

Q When was that?

A During the last part of the last cycle.

Q The end of 1996?

A Yes.

Q What was he doing?

A I'm not sure. I don't remember exactly what he was doing.

Q How about Chris Perkins?

A He was like an intern, I think.

Q With?

A The campaign.

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Q How about Booker Stalworth?
A He was an intern.
Q With?
A I'm not sure what his duties were.
Q He was associated with the campaign?
A Somehow.
Q What did you see him doing ever?
A He did computer work, real nice man.
Q On the campaign's computers?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q What about David Potter?
A He was also I guess considered an intern.
Q With the campaign?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q Bob Bruener?
A I never met that man.
Q You heard the name?
A Heard the name.
Q Around the campaign?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q How about Rosemary Amabile?

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A No.
Q How about Albert Anderson?
A No, ma'am.
Q Susan Baker?
A Yes, I knew Susan.
Q How do you know her?
A She was a volunteer.
Q When about did she volunteer?
A Off and on for several years.
Q Beginning?
A I think I first met her in 1992 and she was in college, so it was sporadic.
Q Ashli Barber? Do you recall that name?
A I don't recall that.
Q James Bayard? Jim Bayard?
A No.
Q Josh Bergeron?
A No.
Q Christina Black?
A That name sounds familiar but I can't place it.

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Q You can't say whether you heard it around the campaign?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q How about Michael Brown, have you heard that name?

A No.

Q Marla Carter?

A No.

Q Alan Coburn?

A No.

Q Grace Daley?

A No.

Q Dane Dison?

A No.

Q Josh Duncan?

A No.

Q How about Tracy Smith?

A I know Tracy Smith. She came and helped out off and on in the campaign.

Q What did she do?

A Whatever was needed.

Q Was she a volunteer?

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A Yes, to my knowledge.
Q How about Tracy Sanborn?
A Yes, that name is familiar.
Q How is it familiar?
A She did some volunteer work in another district. I think I only saw her once.
Q She was working in another campaign office?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q Which one was that?
A The Beaumont office.
Q To your knowledge, she was a volunteer?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q What kinds of things did you ever see her doing?
A I didn't see her do anything.
Q Before we move on, Ms. Martin, as far as you are aware, did Chris Cupit and Jason Posey, Political Won Stop, did they have other clients other than the Stockman campaign?
A Yes, ma'am.

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Q Are you aware of who they were?

A No, ma'am. I just remember during the campaign that some of these things came up, that they had outside jobs to do.

Q With other clients?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Do you know Stephen Clouse?

A I know of him. I don't recall specifically ever meeting him.

Q What do you know of him?

A I knew he did production of videos.

Q How did you know that?

A Because I wrote a check to him for that.

Q He provided that to the campaign?

A As far as I know. I never saw the video.

Q What other services did he provide to the campaign?

A I don't know.

Q When about did you first become aware of Stephen Clouse?

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A I don't know whether it was before I went to Washington or after. I'm sorry.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibits 26 through 30.

(Martin Deposition Exhibits Nos. 26 through 30 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Let's take a look at them one at a time. Exhibit No. 26 is a check for $20,600 written in August 1995 from the Stockman campaign to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on this check?

A No.

Q Then this would not be your handwriting?

A No, ma'am.

Q Would this kind of check be the type of check in terms of the payee as well as the amount that would seek Steve Stockman's approval on?

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A I couldn't say because I didn't write the check.

Q Well, I'm saying if you --

A I would have to know in advance, personally.

Q I'm sorry?

A I would have to know that it was all right to write this kind of money.

Q So, you would seek approval from Steve Stockman?

A Yes.

Q And moving onto Exhibit 27, it is a check for $20,600 again, written in October of 1995 from the Stockman campaign to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on this one?

A No.

Q Onto Exhibit 28, that is for $3,293.01, written to Stephen Clouse & Associates in October of 1995. Do you recognize the handwriting?

A No.

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Q Would this have been an amount, $3,200, the kind of amount that you would seek prior approval on?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Exhibit No. 29 is a check for $633.72 written in October 1995 from the Stockman Committee to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on this one?

A No, ma'am.

Q And the last one is a check for $1,500 written in January 1996 from the Stockman Committee to Stephen Clouse & Associates. Do you recognize the handwriting on that check?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q Whose handwriting is that?

A Mine.

Q Would you have sought approval before writing this check?

A I would have known in advance that was to be paid.

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Q And did you?
A Yes, ma'am.
Q You recall this check?
A Well, I mean, I know I wrote it.
Q You said you would have known in advance that this was to be paid. How did you know this was to be paid?
A He would probably have said like we need to pay Stephen Clouse such and such.
Q "He" being?
A Steve Stockman.
Q Hang on for one quick minute.
A Okay.
Q This is an 1995 year end report. The first four exhibits that I just showed you there would fall within this reporting period, but payments to Stephen Clouse in these amounts will not be found in this report. There are, however, payments that match the amount and the date that were reported as having been made to Political One Stop rather than Stephen Clouse, as the checks reflect. If you'd like to look

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at the report, I'd be happy to show you.

A I cannot comment on that.

Q The last exhibit, the last check, the one that you did write, that falls within a subsequent reporting period. That would be the 12 day pre-primary 1996. Here again, here's the report that it should have been contained in. There is no matching payment. Would you have an explanation for that?

A No, ma'am.

Q Who would have been responsible for preparing this report at this time?

A I'm not sure who was preparing it at that time.

Q After you wrote the check, you did what with it?

A I most likely, and I can't be sure, that we used to Fed Ex these checks to them.

Q To?

A Stephen Clouse.

Q But in terms of a record of the check by the Treasurer or whoever was going to fill

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out the report, what did you --

A I have no answer for that.

Q You don't recall what you did with it?

A No, ma'am. When I look at that, that's to Stephen Clouse from the Stockman campaign. That's the way it should have been throughout the recordkeeping.

Q But you recall that Mr. Stockman instructed you to write a check to Stephen Clouse in that amount for that purpose; is that correct?

A I would assume so; yes.

Q Do you recall specifically?

A No.

Q I was going through the checks and the fact they weren't reflected accurately in the reports. You seemed to be frowning. I was wondering what you were thinking.

A Well, it just didn't make sense to me.

Q You have no idea what could have

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happened or who could be responsible?

A No.

Q Could you just remind me of what you were doing in 1995? I know you said.

A Early 1994, I went to orientation and then came home --

MR. MILES: Excuse me for interrupting. I think you said "early 1994."

THE WITNESS: I did. That was orientation, and then January 2, 1995 --

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Late 1994.

THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. Ask me again.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I wanted you to tell me about what all you did in 1995.

A In 1995?

Q Yes.

A January 2, 1995, I went to Washington, D.C., and I was there until the last days of October.

Q And then what did you do?

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A I came back to the campaign office. I don't remember the exact date, but it was toward the last week of October, I believe. Tina was there with me for a week and tried to get me re-grouped, and then I worked the last two months, November and December.

Q And were you a paid employee?

A As of December, I was paid.

Q Did you ever provide any services to Political One Stop?

A Yes.

Q What did you do?

A I helped them with the checkbook.

Q When did you do that?

A From the beginning of the company, which again, I don't know specifically when that was, but it was about the time of my return, somewhere in those months. I began helping them, like, a month or so later.

Q With the checkbook?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q And would you describe what you did

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with the checkbook?

A Okay. I would pay bills for them, make deposits.

Q Make copies of direct mail responses, contributions that came in?

A I made copies of checks for outside work for recordkeeping.

Q For them?

A Yes, ma'am..

Q And you did much of what you were doing for the campaign for them?

A Somewhat; Yes, ma'am.

MS. LIGON: Ms. Martin, we are at the end of this. You are entitled to review and sign the deposition for typographical errors. You may, however, waive that right if you so desire. It's up to you. I am reserving the right to recall you as a witness if, upon further review, we need further testimony.

MR. MILES: On the signature, maybe you can work through me and I'll just tell you

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where to send it.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: Yes, we will determine where you are through your counsel. If it's Jacksonville, if you can give us an address, we can work with the court reporting service to find a court reporter in Jacksonville. You will need to go into the court reporting service to review it. You can't take a copy out. We will get it to as close to your daughter's house as we can.

THE WITNESS: Jacksonville is a pretty big town.

MS. ZIMMERMAN: You will have to find where in Jacksonville.

THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

MS. LIGON: Thank you.

MR. MILES: Thank you both for your hospitality.

(Whereupon, at 2:40 p.m., the deposition of PATTI ANN MARTIN was adjourned.)

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Deposition of

STEVE STOCKMAN

called for examination by counsel for the Federal Election Commission (FEC) pursuant to notice and agreement of counsel, beginning at approximately 9:35 a.m. at Office of the General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C., before Monica A. Voorhees, notary public in and for the District of Columbia, when were present on behalf of the respective parties:

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PROCEEDINGS

Whereupon,

STEVE STOCKMAN

was called as a witness and, having been duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR THE FEC

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, my name is Tracey Ligon and I'm here today representing the Federal Election Commission along with Abigail Shaine.

This deposition is being taken pursuant to a subpoena which was issued in connection with the matter designated MUR 3847.

Please treat this proceeding as if you were in a Court of law and remember that you are under oath. Please also remember that pursuant to Section 437, Section G of Title 2 of the United States Code, the confidentiality of this matter must be maintained until the Commission closes the matter.

I'll be asking you questions regarding an investigation that's being

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conducted pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended.

If I ask you a question and you don't understand the question I've asked, please just let me know that and I'll try to rephrase it for you. If you don't hear it, please let me know and I'll repeat it.

If at any time you realize that testimony that you've given is inaccurate or incomplete, please let me know that and I'll give you an opportunity to modify or clarify your earlier responses.

Please be mindful that the court reporter can only take down words, so please respond verbally and if you have a tendency to nod, go ahead, but please also speak so she can get it down.

If you need to take a break for any reason, please let me know and as soon as I'm finished with my line of questioning, I'll try and accommodate you.

A Thanks.

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Q Mr. Stockman, do you understand that you're under oath and sworn to tell the truth?

A Yes.

Q Do you understand everything else that I just went over?

A Yes.

MR. MILES: Tracey, for the record at this point, on behalf of Mr. Stockman and the other respondents in this MUR, we object to the deposition being conducted at this point for the reasons we've already discussed with you and set forth in writing to you, principally because of the FEC, the apparent FEC deposition policy which precludes us from obtaining other depositions in the case and examining them and being able to take notes on them and being able to reveal them to Mr. Stockman or other respondents.

We don't think that the deposition policy is in accord with the law and it's impeded us in our preparation of this case.

We have agreed, however, to go ahead

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with the deposition, especially because this issue just arose what we hope is the conclusion of the investigation.

MS. LIGON: Your objection is noted.

MR. MILES: Thank you.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, would you please state your full name and spell it for the record?

A Stephen Stockman, Stephen E., Stephen Ernest Stockman, S-t-e-p-h-e-n, Ernest, E-r-n-e-s-t, Stockman, S-t-o-c-k-m-a-n.

Q Have you ever identified yourself by any other name?

A Steve.

Q Any other name?

A No.

Q What is your date of birth?

A November 14th, 1946. Just turned 40.

Q What is your social security number?

A I don't like to give it out, but I'll give it out to you. I know this is going to become public and it will make it easier

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access.

MR. MILES: Is it necessary? It's in the public record.

MS. LIGON: It is a routine background question.

MR. OLSON: Why don't we write it down on a piece of paper and give it to you and have it not, therefore, appear in the transcript.

MS. SHAINE: I don't have a problem with that.

THE WITNESS: Okay, go ahead, next question.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, are you married?

A Yes.

Q What is your wife's name?

A Patti.

Q What is her occupation?

A She works at NASA.

Q Where is that located?

A In Houston.

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Q I mean Houston, Texas?
A Yes.
Q Do you have any children?
A No. We'd like to, though, but we don't. We have a cat.
Q What is your home address?
A 2402 Whitman Way.
Q What city is that?
A Friendswood.
Q Friendswood, Texas?
A Yes.
Q For the record, are you represented here today by counsel?
A Yes.
Q Have you ever been deposed before?
A No.
Q Did you discuss the fact that you were subpoenaed for this deposition with anyone other than your attorneys?
A My wife.
Q What did you say to her?
A I've got to go to Washington to be

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deposed.

Q What else did you say?

A Well I just let her know we are being deposed.

Q So you didn't talk about the substance of the matter at all?

A No, uh-uh.

Q To your knowledge, did she discuss the fact that you were being deposed with anyone else?

A No.

Q Are you aware that others in this matter have been deposed?

A Yes.

Q How are you aware of that?

A From my attorneys, and well obviously from Chris Cupid and others that have been deposed.

Q Let's start with Chris Cupid, when did you talk to Chris Cupid about his having been deposed?

A When we were preparing our responses

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to the -- as I stated in our responses that we discussed them in preparation for -- the responses which -- interrogatories you gave. I guess he wasn't deposed, I apologize. I was thinking he was.

Q Well when you spoke with Chris Cupid about this matter, what did you discuss?

A Nothing, really; we just talked about the fact that in with regard to our attorneys.

Q I'm sorry?

A We just, Chris and I had to answer questions regarding your interrogatories and where I had to get information from him to answer your interrogatories is when I talked to him.

Q And did you discuss whether any other individuals have been deposed in this matter?

A No.

Q Are you aware of other individuals that have been deposed in this matter? Let me go back to the original question.

A Yes, I am aware Patty has.

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Q How are you aware of that?

A From my attorneys.

Q Any other way?

A No.

Q Are you aware that any other person has been deposed in this matter?

A Yes, I believe John Hart has, because he's my treasurer, and I believe Mr. VanFleet has.

Q How are you aware that John Stock has been deposed in this matter?

A You mean John Hart?

Q I mean John Hart, excuse me.

A I can't remember exactly, but I think he told me when he was -- that he had -- I think he told me when he had to leave to Washington or go wherever he had to go.

Q What did he say to you?

A I'm being deposed and that was it. He didn't talk about it.

Q How were you aware that Mr. VanFleet has been deposed in this matter?

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A He left, he was -- I think he was working for me at the time he had to leave, go -- I can't remember, I can't remember when it was, but I think he told me he had to go be deposed. I don't remember when it was.

Q What else did he say about it?

A I don't recall.

Q Have you had any other discussions with the individuals that we just went over about this case?

A Not that I can recall, no.

Q Mr. Stockman, would you please describe your educational background?

A I have an accounting degree from the University of Houston.

Q What year did you receive that degree?

A 1990.

Q And then where did you attend high school?

A Dondero in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Q Dondero?

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A He was a former Congressman that they named the school after.

Q Are you currently employed?

A No.

Q You hesitated, what were you thinking about?

A Well I just left the -- I was the vice president of a bank. I just left.

Q What bank was that?

A Mooney Bank, Mooney National Bank.

Q Where is that located?

A Galveston, Texas.

Q When did you leave that employment?

A Officially about a week -- I guess it's been -- I'm trying to think exactly. Two to three weeks ago.

Q When did you begin that employment?

A In January, I believe, late January, I think I came.

Q For the record, prior to that, where were you employed?

A U.S. Congress.

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Q Prior to that, where were you employed?

A McKee Environmental.

Q And where is that located in?

A In Friendswood.

Q What did you do there?

A I was their accountant and technician, environmental technician.

Q Did you perform those duties simultaneously?

A Well, no, I had to do one or the other, I couldn't -- you mean -- I don't understand your question.

Q Were you their accountant for one particular time period and then were you later --

A Oh, I see what you were saying. No, it was a small company so I did the accounting -- it was a small company. Whatever they needed done, I would do.

Q So you said accounting and the second --

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A Environmental technician.

Q And when did you begin working for McKee Environmental?

A I'm guessing about 1990.

Q Would that be early 1990?

A Yeah, I think -- right after I graduated, yeah.

Q So you worked for McKee Environmental from 1990 through --

A There was some point at which I took leave from there to run for Congress, but I can't remember. I think I left McKee in '93 at some time, late '93.

Q Late '93?

A I think so. I'm not sure.

Q What month would that be, about?

A I don't know.

Q Would it be after Summer or during the Summer?

A Well, like I said, late '93, probably the Fall. I'm guessing, I don't know.

Q And how long did you, were you on

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leave at that point?

A Well, he would call me back in when they were overloaded, so I can't give you -- you know what I'm saying. When they had an overload of work, they would call me back in to help out. So I don't -- it's a hard answer, I mean. It was a small company, family operated company and they would say, you know, we are overloaded, can you give up some time and can you come in and help, I would do it.

Q So how often do you go back, would you say?

A I have no idea. If I tell you, I would be purely guessing. I don't want to guess. I mean we just, if you want me to get that, I'll try to get that information for you.

Q When was your final day of employment with McKee?

A In terms of -- well I told you late 1993. But, see --

Q Late 1993 you took leave and that was officially?

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A Yeah, they would call me back and say, hey, we got this job, we are short people, can you do it. And if I could do it, I would say yes. But I was never -- I wouldn't constitute myself necessarily '94, I mean I know I filled out an income tax form for '94, I'm sure I did some stuff, but I can't tell you to what degree. I can't tell you specifically I worked this week, this week, this week.

Q So throughout '94 at different periods you had gone back to work for McKee?

A Right.

Q Mr. Stockman, when did you first become involved in politics?

A When I was a child, my dad took me out, so I was pretty young, '63, '63, '64.

Q How about beginning in your adult life, what kinds of campaign activities did you do?

A Well I worked in various campaigns in the mid-70s, '73, '72 -- no, '72, '71.

Q Whose campaigns did you work on?

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A Richard Nixon's.

Q Who else?

A Is that going to hurt me?

Q I'm sorry?

A Nothing. I can't -- I'm trying to remember. I worked in George Bush's and Ronald Regean's in 1980, '84 I worked in some more campaigns, but I was also just a volunteer, things like that.

Q What made you run for Congress, Mr. Stockman?

A I thought that America needed a choice. My opponent a lot of times didn't have an opponent and no one wanted to run against him because they were afraid to run against him and I didn't think you should be afraid of your representative.

Q Did you enjoy serving in Congress?

A Yeah, it was very -- very much an honor. It was very neat. I didn't get to see the city enough, but it was very much an honor.

Q Busy, huh, very busy?

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A Yes.

Q I'd like to just go back to your first campaign. When was your first campaign?

A Well, first campaign for Congress?

Q Yes.

A It was 1990.

Q Let me just go back one minute. Did you run for other office other than Congress?

A I ran for precinct chairman.

Q When was that?

A '88, I believe.

Q This would have been a precinct in?

A In Harris County.

Q Did you run for any other local office?

A Uh-uh.

Q Can you just tell me what your campaign was like back in 1990, how big it was?

A It was small. We had two people helping us. It was in our kitchen and it was fun.

Q Who were the two people that helped?

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A Kelly Gordon and Brian Carr.

Q And you said two people helping us, who would us be?

A Well I referred to me. Whenever I use us, I'm used to in campaigns using us and we because I don't think I should take the credit for what -- for our results. So I'm referring to me --

Q About how much time did you, back then did you devote to campaigning, back in 1990?

A Oh, gosh, how much time. Well, see, we just had, it was just a primary, so we lost the primary. We lost the runoff, so, which was in April.

So, from January to April we campaigned.

Q Did you campaign five days a week?

A Oh, I don't know. I was working I think. No, not that much. I mean it's hard to quantify. How much did I work.

I don't know, it varied. You know,

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campaigns are varied. You don't -- I mean, it's not a 9 to 5 job.

Q What kinds of things did you do back in 1990 for campaigning?

A Spoke to groups, trying to remember what we did. We didn't win, so we must not have done enough.

I don't know, spoke to groups, went door to door, lots of door to door.

Q Door to door talking to people?

A Yeah, you knock on the doors.

Q Passing out campaign literature and stuff?

A Uh-huh, yeah.

Q Who was responsible for creating the campaign literature?

A Brian Carr.

Q What kind of literature were you distributing at that time?

A Well, we didn't have a lot of money, so it was called push cards, little, a third of a piece of paper.

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Q Any other kinds of literature?

A Yeah, but I can't recall specifically. I mean, door hangers or something like that.

Q Who was the campaign manager back then, was there a campaign manager?

A There really wasn't.

Q Who was the treasurer at that time?

A I think Brian was.

Q Was there anybody else involved at all? You said Kelly Gordon and Brian Carr?

A Well, I mean, those are the two main. I mean, at that time we didn't have a lot of help.

Q Can you think of any other people that --

A No, not specifically.

Q I'd like to go on to your 1992 campaign now.

Did you adjust your campaign strategy at all in '92?

A Yeah, don't have an opponent works

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better for winning. No, what we did, I'm trying to think of '92, Brian and Kelly started out with us again in '92. I don't think we filed again until January, so we didn't really do anything between the primary and January.

Q You say you don't think you filed again, filed what?

A For candidacy until January. And I'm thinking, I'm trying to remember if '92 we did not have a primary opponent.

Q So in '92 you filed for candidacy, in January of '92?

A Of '92 and then, and because we didn't have a primary opponent, I don't think we really got going until probably April or May of that year.

Q So that's when you began campaigning?

A I'm guessing. Yeah, you know, when we got kind of serious.

Q Brian and Kelly were --

A Started out.

Q Started out with you?

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A And they eventually left the campaign.

Q Why did they leave?

A Personal reasons. I'm not...

Q And Brian was the treasurer?

A I believe so, yeah.

Q Where was the '92 campaign headquartered?

A In an abandoned mall strip center.

Q Where was that?

A On NASA Road 1, I don't know the address, but it was on NASA Road 1. It was there for, I want to say it was there from, well, I don't know, I think July through November.

Q From July of --

A I'm guessing between July through November.

Q Of '92, through November of '92?

A Right.

Q In what city was NASA Road 1?

A Webster.

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Q Who else, Brian and Kelly started out with you?

A Uh-huh.

Q Who else was around campaigning with you at that time in '92?

A We had, I'm trying to remember their names, but we had some college students come down, and I guess there was about six college students.

Q Can you take a minute and try to recall their names?

A Try to remember their names. Yeah, I'll try to do that. I remember their faces, I mean, some of their faces I can really remember. I can get that for you, if you want.

Q Even first names?

A Steve, one name was Steve and he's now a, I think he's a stock broker or something like that. He ended up graduating. But one was Steve and I can't remember the other one.

Q He was a college student?

A Oh, one was Corey Berenbaum, that's

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right, I remember Corey. Yeah, Corey was a college student, too.

But we had, we had just young people working for the Summer.

Q Can you think of anybody else that was there?

A During the Summer, no, then later on came Dan Norton and he was after the Summer, after the kids went back to college.

Q What kind of things did Steve and Corey do for the campaign?

A Corey primarily did press stuff, if I recall correctly, he worked with the press.

And Steve did, just all kinds of things like signs and things like that.

Q Can you be more specific, you said press stuff, worked with the press, what does that mean?

A Well, he took calls, did press releases. I mean, you know, press releases.

Q And was that a paid position?

A No. No, none of those that I recall

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were ever paid.

Q And then you said Corey did?

A They may have got a stipend, I'm not sure, but I don't think they were paid.

Corey was press releases.

Q Corey was press releases, Steve did what?

A Steve just did volunteer stuff, made signs, stapled signs, stuffed envelopes.

Q And those kinds of things you would consider strictly volunteer stuff?

A Right.

Q Never paid stuff?

A Right. Oh, and Ken Clark worked with us, somewhat, too.

Q What did Ken Clark provide?

A He would volunteer work in the evenings because I think he had a job during the day.

Q What kind of volunteer work did he do?

A That's so long ago. I'm trying to

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remember. Ken, I think -- I know in addition to the regular stuff, like, you know, making signs and stuffed envelopes, I think that's when he started working with volunteers.

Q So what did he do with volunteers?

A He tried to recruit some, took -- you know, made sure that they had work to do.

Q So he organized the volunteers' activities?

A He tried.

Q He tried to do that?

A Yeah.

Q He wasn't successful?

A Well, apparently not.

Q What about Dan Norton, what did he provide to the campaign at that time?

A Energy. He was in his late 50s or early 60s and he was just a real energetic guy, built signs, was real, just real handy with things with his hands. He wasn't real, I mean, he didn't do any white collar stuff like write press releases or anything like that, it was

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more with his hands.

Q And was he paid for his services?

A No. They may have been reimbursed, but they were never, to my knowledge, paid, you know, on a regular basis.

Q And their reimbursements would be for such things as what?

A Well if he went out and bought stakes, we would reimburse him for the stakes or staple gun.

Q Can you think of anybody else who was helping you in '92?

A No, but if I remember, I'll bring it up as we go along.

Q What about Patty Martin, was she around in '92?

A I don't think so, at least I wasn't aware of it. I mean, she may have come in and, because you remember, I'm not necessarily there all the time. I'm going out and campaigning.

Q Who at that time would you consider to have been your closest advisors, if you had

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any?

A In the beginning, Kelly and Brian.

Q And how about later on during that campaign?

A Advisors in terms of what?

Q Campaign strategy.

A Strategy. Well, I mean, no one in particular at that time because -- I don't remember. I mean, but Kelly and Brian were until they left.

Q When about did they leave?

A I can't remember. During the middle of the campaign. In the Summer.

Q I'd like to --

A Late Summer. I'm trying to remember. Go ahead.

Q I'd like to focus now on election day, 1992.

Did your campaign supporters gather together to hear the results of the election?

A Yes.

Q Were you there?

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A Oh, yes.
Q Where did they gather?
A In '92?
Q Yes.
A I think it was at the Crazy Cajun.
Q And that is a restaurant?
A Yes, NASA Road 1.
Q Can you recall who was there?
A No. It was a lot.
Q Anybody, any folks that you definitely remember were there?
A My wife.
Q Who else?
A There was maybe 100, 200 people. Oh, well -- no, he wasn't there, because he was back at school.
Q Who were you thinking of?
A I was thinking of Corey. But actually, Dan Norton was probably there, Dan and his wife, and Sunny Paine.
Q Sonya Paine?
A Sunny Paine, he's the owner of the

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restaurant.

Q What's Dan Norton's wife's name?

A Ultress.

Q Ultress?

A Uh-huh.

Q What was the atmosphere like when the results came in?

A Well, I'll tell you the truth, you may not like this, I think they were more depressed about who was elected to president than me losing. I think they were more upset over President Bush losing than my loss, I think. They were actually happy that we did so well because we did do fairly well.

Q Why did you feel that you did so well?

A Because we did. I mean, Brooks, I think, got 53 percent of the vote.

Q What did you attribute your accomplishments to?

A Well I don't know if it's my accomplishments or his. Lack of coming back to

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the district. I mean, I think it was primarily due to his neglect of the district.

Q Did you address your supporters at that gathering that night?

A I don't know if we did or not.

MR. MILES: If you don't know, that's your answer.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't know.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Did you thank any specific individuals?

A I can't remember. That was a long time. I mean, I think the overall mood was more towards the Presidential than towards the Congressional.

Q Because you had come so close to defeating Brooks at that time, did anybody ask or did you say, hey, I'm going to run again?

A No, no.

Q No?

A Uh-uh. That was too premature.

Q So at the time of the election, you

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still had the campaign office on NASA Road 1 set up?

A On the day of the election?

Q Yes.

A Yeah, but by the end, by the end of the evening, it was pretty much they started dismantling it that day.

Q Who dismantled it?

A I believe Ken Clark.

Q Who else?

A Well I don't know because I wasn't part of it.

Q Where were the campaign belongings taken?

A Well, most of it was probably returned to wherever we got, we borrowed the stuff from. It wasn't much in the way of, that I recall, much of what the campaign owed -- had. I mean, it wasn't much to it.

Q So there was nothing that was taken from that office to your home?

A Not that I am aware of.

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Q Did the campaign do anything specifically to thank volunteers after that?

A That's a good question. I don't know.

Q Do you recall like a gathering for a pot luck dinner, anything like that?

A I think my birthday party, we had a birthday party.

Q When was that?

A In November 14th, 1992.

Q Where did you have that?

A I want to say I think we had it in the dismantled office.

Q Did you talk about the result of the campaign at that after party?

A I don't recall specifically.

Q Did you see any particular problems with the '92 election that your campaign in particular was facing?

MR. OLSON: I don't understand the question, for one.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't either.

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q We have testimony that at the end of 1992, your campaign volunteers gathered and they discussed that negative media was a particular problem that faced your '92 campaign.

A We didn't get any press coverage, so I don't think --

Q So was that a problem?

A No. I mean -- no. No.

Q Or in the testimony was also that there was no press coverage for your campaign.

A Well how could it be both negative and no press coverage.

I mean, no, that's clearly not the case.

Q So that wasn't discussed at any campaign?

A Well I don't recall.

Q Let's go on to after the election, what did you do after the election?

A Went back to work.

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Q Went back to work at McKee?
A McKee, yeah.
Q So when did you decide to run again?
A Probably late December -- you're talking about for '94?
Q Yes.
A Probably once again in January is when we actually decided we would file, like we did in '92 and '90.
Q In January of '94 then?
A Uh-huh, we actually filed.
Q So prior to that, had you done any campaigning at all?
A No. I mean, we explored, I mean, like everybody else does.
Q What all did you do?
A Well I asked people whether we think we should run or not.
Q How did you do that?
A What do you mean how did I do that?
Q How did you go about asking people whether you should run again, did you send

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letters, did you call them up?

A We probably did an assortment of things like that. I don't recall specifically, but I'm sure we did...

Q Who is we?

A Well, me, I.

Q You, alone?

A Yeah. I mean, like I told you earlier, when I use we, I'm referring to myself.

Q But I just need to be clear.

A Yeah, it was I.

Q So during the first quarter of 1993, did you do any exploring?

A I don't think so.

Q Did anybody, was anybody working in your home for you for the campaign in 1993?

A Yeah, later on, but not for the campaign, it was -- we had, in 1990 we acquired, had some debt, and we were still trying to, and I believe, I'm not sure, and I think we even had some debt from '92 and we

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were trying to pay off the debt.

Q And so, therefore, people were working in your home; is that what you're saying?

A Well, we had one person work in our home, Patty Martin.

Q And when did she begin working in your home?

A Sometime in 1993, and I cannot specifically recall when in 1993. Just I can't remember -- I just know she was and I can't remember. I want to say the middle of the year, but I don't know if that's accurate.

Q Would it have been in early, like January of '93?

A I don't think so, no.

Q February?

A No, I told you in the middle of the year.

Q In the middle of the year?

A Yeah, I think so.

Q What kinds of things did Patty Martin

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do in your home?

A In '93, I think she just worked with the D-base, database.

Q What did she do with the database?

A Trying to enter, if I recall correctly, trying to enter people that supported us or gave us money from the 1992 and '90 campaigns.

Q Where would she get the information, you had records of that?

A Yeah, from FEC reports.

Q And why were you compiling that database?

A Trying to pay off our debts.

Q So you were soliciting your previous contributors to help try and pay down the debt?

A Right.

Q Patty Martin was doing that?

A Patty Martin was doing what?

Q Sending out letters or calling people?

A She could have, but I don't recall

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specifically. She could have, yeah.

Q What did you do in terms of trying to pay down --

A I was working at McKee.

Q But you said you were trying to pay down the debt and you're not sure whether she --

A Well I'm sure we sent letters out. I don't recall specifically which letters, but I'm sure we solicited with phones to pay down the debt, or called.

Q Was anyone else working in your home in 1993?

A For the -- for working on reducing the debt?

Q Just anybody, at all, just working?

A Yeah, yeah, Jeff VanFleet was working there.

Q What was he doing there?

A He was publishing his paper. He was living there.

Q When did he live there?

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A I think he lived there in '93 from, I know several months he lived there. I'm not sure, from -- in the beginning of '93.

Q From, say, January to March, round about?

A Yeah, I'm guessing.

Q And what paper was he publishing?

A *Southeast Texas Times*.

Q How did you know that he was publishing the paper there?

A Because I saw him.

Q Did you know in advance that he was going to publish the paper there?

A He asked me if I would give him help starting a paper, I said sure.

Q What kind of help did you provide?

A He got to use the computer, the phone lines. I mean, everything that he needed in terms of what I had. I mean, I couldn't give him beyond what I had. I was broke, I mean, I was working to make a living.

Q And why did you allow him to produce

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a newspaper in your home?

A Because he was a friend. He couldn't find work. He wanted to make money and he asked if I would help, I said sure.

Q So Jeff VanFleet lived in your home from about January to March of 1993?

A Uh-huh.

Q And produced the paper in your home. Where about --

A He didn't produce in our home. He, I mean, he wrote stories for it in our home. He produced it somewhere else. I mean, he had it printed at another location.

Q Where did he have it printed?

A I believe it's South -- I mean, at Texas City South.

Q And what causes you to believe that that's where he had the paper printed?

A From my memory.

Q Did he tell you, did you discuss it?

A I don't recall.

Q How often did he work on the paper in

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your home during those months, you said he lived there, but how often do you recall that he --

A I don't know, I was at work when he was doing his thing.

Q So you worked at different times; is that what you're saying, he was at your home while you were at work?

A Uh-huh. Well, yeah, he was living there.

Q Oh, and he didn't have a job, okay, that was your testimony?

A Well, he was trying to make money on the paper.

Q Yes.

A I was working at McKee Environmental. I did not stay home with him and baby-sit him. I mean, I went to work.

Q And your testimony is that he didn't have a job at that time, he stayed at your home?

A Right, he was looking for work.

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Q And you did that as a friend?

A Right.

Q So where did he go after March of '93?

A I mean, he moved out with his wife. I mean, it was -- our home is not that big, it's only 1,400 square feet, so he moved out.

Q So did his wife live there during those months?

A Oh, yeah, yeah. Yeah, it was pretty cramped.

Q Did he continue to work on the newspaper at your home after he moved out?

A I don't know. I can't recall. He may have.

Q Was there anyone else that came in to work on the newspaper with him?

A Oh, I'm sure there was.

Q Can you give me some names, please?

A I mean, no, I don't know, but I'm sure he had help. I mean, like I said, I went to work and he -- I don't recall.

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Q So can you just say roughly how much time you spent with Jeff VanFleet during that period that he lived with you, like, in the same working area?

A No, I can't. It's impossible. I mean, you know, if someone moved in with you, could you -- I mean, no one could answer that question.

Q Well, but could you say how much time you spent maybe discussing the paper, how about that?

A No, I have no idea.

Q Did you spend time discussing the paper with him?

A I don't recall, no.

Q I just want to ask you about all of your campaigns now.

Can you tell me what the paid positions for your campaigns were?

A In '95, Patty Martin, Tracey -- Tracey, Patty Martin and Tina Hatch were paid.

Q What did they do?

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A They handled the books.
Q What do you mean by handled books?
A Checking account.
Q Were they the only two that were paid in 19 --
A '95.
Q In 1995, '96?
A I mean, yeah, as a regular employee.
Q How about --
A I'm trying to think who else. I don't think of -- there was anybody else that was paid regularly.
Q How about in previously, how about in '94, that election cycle?
A I'm sorry?
Q In 1994?
A I don't think, and I'm trying to remember this, I don't think we ever had paid employees prior to that, as regular employees.
Q Let's just, I want to talk about various people at this point and how their relationship or your relationship with them

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evolved over time and what their role was in your campaign and how that evolved over time. And I know we talked about Jeff VanFleet some, we talked about him with respect to the *Southeast Texas Times*.

When did you first meet him?

A I believe in 1990.

Q How did you meet him?

A At a campaign event with Oliver North I think is where I met him, and I don't remember what month that was. But it was, I want to guess, February.

Q How did he become involved with your campaign?

A He thought I was a charming guy and wanted to get involved.

Q So right after you met in 1990, he came on?

A Yeah, he -- now this I don't particularly remember, but he's told me after, you know, after it happened that he started getting involved, putting out signs, but I was

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not aware of it.

Q Putting out signs?

A Yeah.

Q Right after you met?

A Right.

Q What other kinds of things did he do back in --

A Well that's all he's told me he's ever did in 1990.

Q Could you just describe how your relationship with him evolved over the campaigns?

A I really -- I mean he -- I'm trying to remember if he came back in '92. I believe he did, but I don't think he had -- I'm trying to remember if he had any substantial role, because our campaign headquarters was in Webster and he lived in Jefferson County, which was an hour and a half away. So, he had a pretty minimum role, if I recall, if any, in '92.

Q In '92.

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A Yeah.

Q So when did he begin to take on more responsibility?

A I'd have to say real heavily '94.

Q When exactly about, just a time frame?

A I'm trying -- well I'm trying to remember what he did so I can give you that answer. I imagine when we started picking up in the '94 race is when he joined and '94's campaign probably picked up in, started picking up in April, May, something like that. So, maybe he started helping us in June or July of '94.

Q What kinds of things did he do during that time?

A Putting out signs, building signs. I would imagine going door to door, stuffing envelopes.

Q Would he have been paid for any of these kinds of things?

A Not on a regular basis, no.

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Q But he would have been paid on occasion; is that what you're saying?

A If he was, if he advised us or did something -- you've got to understand, all these people would have been -- if I could afford it, I would have paid everybody. I would have gave them all lots of money because they were giving up their time.

So, whenever we had any kind of funds, the people worked very hard, I would try to give them something. But I, primarily, do not recall. We never paid him on a regular basis, I know that, there's no way.

Q You don't recall him being active, really actively involved in any of your campaigns until --

A No, I didn't say that. I told you he was putting out signs.

Q I'm just going back now for a second to be clear.

A Okay.

Q He didn't become really significantly

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involved in your campaigns until the '94 election; is that right?

A Yeah, I guess. I mean, you've got to understand, my wife and my philosophy is, was always we had an open door policy to all our people that helped us out. And we reciprocated their graciousness and we were trying to help people.

And I don't know to what degree. You're asking me specifically, you know, what degree is his involvement, and you would have to ask Jeff that. I mean, he probably has a better memory on that than I would.

Q Well when he did become involved, as you recall around June or July of 1994, would you say he was doing it full time, part time?

A Well I think he got a job, he had a job at that time, so it was part time.

Q Do you know where he was working?

A Yeah, at McKee, I believe he was working at McKee Environmental. I got him a job at McKee.

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Q You got him a job at McKee?

A I believe it was me, but he was working at McKee.

Q How did you get him a job at McKee?

A I said here's a guy that needs a job. I mean, I don't specifically remember, but I'm sure I said here's an honest, hard working American that needs a job that needs to move out of my house so my wife will be happy.

Q When did he begin working at McKee?

A I don't recall. I mean, you can ask Jeff.

Q But it was after he moved out of your home?

A I don't remember if it was after or if it was because he got a job he was able to move out.

Q Would you consider Jeff VanFleet to be more of a friend or a supporter, campaign supporter or both?

A I would hope he was both, but I consider him a very good friend.

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Q We talked about Ken Clark a little bit. Can you tell me how you first met Ken?

A I'm trying to remember. I think it was at a counter demonstration against the communistic use, I believe. Ken has cerebral palsy and he's just a real nice individual.

Q And the demonstration that you're referring to, when was that?

A Oh, my goodness, I'm guessing sometime in the late '80s.

Q And you said that back in '92 he coordinated volunteers?

A Right.

Q How did his responsibilities evolve over the span of your campaigns?

A Ken was just a really, I don't know how to explain it, really nice guy, focused guy, and he -- I never, I don't think anybody in the campaign ever directly -- people felt they could fill a role, they filled the role. So Ken just liked to do that, so he started doing it. I mean, it wasn't anybody saying,

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hey, you've got to do this or do that.

Q So basically he throughout his work on your various campaigns, he continued to coordinate volunteers?

A Yeah. To a less, more or less extent, I mean, that's what he liked. I mean, like, for instance, if you came to me and said I want to volunteer, I didn't say, okay, you're going to lift concrete. You would say this is what I want to do and we would let it go at that.

Q What else did Ken Clark do?

A He built signs, he put signs out, he distributed literature, he -- I'm trying to remember what else he did. Kept track of volunteers, or tried to.

Q You said he distributed literature.

A Uh-huh.

Q Did he distribute literature for the *Southeast Texas Times*, did he distribute the newspaper?

A I'm not aware of, no.

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Q Did he work on the newspaper?

A I don't know.

Q Did he come to your house in '93 while Jeff VanFleet was working there?

A I'm sure he did, I mean, we were friends.

Q You would consider him a friend then?

A Oh, yeah, yeah.

Q How else would you describe him as a person, please?

A He can be witty, he can be charming.

Q But all of the services that he provided were basically volunteer services; is that right?

A Yeah, primarily. Are we referring to, I'm not following you, you're referring to which election?

Q Any of them.

A Oh, okay. Well, no, in '94 he got a bonus. He left his work and got a bonus for winning the election.

Q For winning the election?

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A Uh-huh.

Q So you paid him a bonus?

A Right, for winning.

Q Who else received a bonus in '94?

A I don't recall, but, if we had more money, I would have gave everybody that worked on the campaign a bonus.

Q We talked about Dan Norton with respect to the '92 campaign. I believe you said he had a lot of energy and he built signs?

A Liked to be outside. In fact, he came to Washington and went back because he was confined. Didn't like being confined.

Q When did you first meet Dan Norton?

A Oh, that's -- I don't recall. You know, it was -- it was obviously between '90 and '94.

MR. MILES: Tracey, for the record, I don't know how many people we are going to be talking about.

Why are all these things relevant to this case?

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MS. LIGON: Well, they are relevant. I don't believe I need to tell you exactly why it's relevant. Obviously, I think it's relevant.

MR. MILES: Well I've read the reason to believe findings, and I'm trying to figure it out.

There's some background information that clearly could be relevant to certain people vis-a-vis the allegations that have been made. I'm trying to figure these out. You're going on and on.

MS. LIGON: We need to place the people that were involved and when they got involved and what kinds of things that they did.

MS. SHAINE: Are you suggesting this is beyond the scope of the investigation, because if not, quite honestly, we've got to move on. We have a lot to cover.

MR. MILES: It seems to be beyond that.

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MS. SHAINE: Are you going to instruct your client not to answer these questions?

MR. MILES: I'd like to know why they are within the scope.

MS. SHAINE: I don't think we need to tell you why. If you're going to instruct him not to answer, then we'll need to compel.

MR. MILES: Can you tell me how they are relevant to the investigation?

MS. SHAINE: No.

MR. MILES: Let me ask you a question --

MS. SHAINE: Ms. Ligon has told you how she believes it's relevant. We are not at liberty to discuss with you all the names that have come up during the course of the investigation or how they may be involved.

MR. MILES: Let me ask you a question, is the scope of the investigation within the reason to believe findings?

MS. SHAINE: Well I think the

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standard for what is possible for us to inquire with respect to the reason to believe findings is broader than that. It's broader than the standard in Court.

I really don't want to debate the issue. Are you going to instruct him not to answer because me just need to move on?

MR. MILES: No, I'll hold off for now. I object to the line of questioning because it appears to me to be way beyond the reason to believe findings and from what I can determine, the scope of the investigation.

Mr. Stockman, just answer to the best of your ability.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q So you say you met Dan Norton somewhere between 1990 and 1994?

A Right.

Q How did he become involved with your campaign?

A You mean -- I'm not trying to be

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hard, what do you mean by becoming involved?

Q Start to work on your campaigns?

A I don't recall specifically when he did.

Q Throughout the time that he worked on your campaigns, what other services did he provide to your campaigns?

A I mean he would provide as much as he could in terms of, you know, whatever he could do. I mean, he was a volunteer.

Q Do you know James Rogers?

A Yes.

Q How do you know him?

A Jim Rogers was a volunteer I believe in the -- I think it was in the 1994 campaign.

Q What kind of services did he provide to the campaign?

A Stuffing envelopes, primarily. I mean -- you have to understand, I wasn't -- I was not in the office when these people were coming in. I'm giving you to the best of my ability because I'm not -- I was out

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campaigning, so I'm not sure of everything Jim did.

Q So in 1994, the campaign office was where?

A In a garage -- well, it was moved to our garage out of our living room.

Q When did that occur?

A In the Summer of '94.

Q When did campaigning first begin in your living room, then?

A Well like I said, it was probably April of '94. I'm trying to remember, because -- well, see, that's what I'm trying to remember. In '92 we didn't have an opponent. '94 we did have an opponent, I think. So, it began in January of '94, because we had an opponent that year. We didn't have an opponent in '92. I'm trying to keep them straight, because they are get -- you know, mixed up.

Q I understand. So in January of '94, you set up a campaign office in your living room in your home?

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A Well, no, not set it up. You said when did the campaign activities start and I'm telling you I think --

Q In January?

A I mean, you don't set up. I mean the way you described it. People start -- we start having meetings or whatever. It wasn't, it wasn't a full-blown campaign.

Q But people started working on the campaign in your living room in January of '94?

A Well we started meeting in January, February, like that, because we had a primary.

Q Do you know Tim Frankovich?

A Yes.

Q How do you know him?

A He's a gentleman I met over the years.

Q When did you first meet him?

A I'm trying to recall when I first met Tim. I can't recall specifically. I don't know if I knew him from casually for a long time or if I knew him -- I can't remember.

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Q But he worked on your campaign?

A In 1994, yes.

Q What kind of services did he provide to your campaign?

A He did, I want to say he worked with computers or computers, did computer work, laid out literature, stuff like that.

Q Campaign literature?

A Uh-huh.

Q What else did he do for the campaign?

A I think that's primarily it. I don't think -- I'm not sure -- well I shouldn't say that. He probably did other volunteer activities, too.

Q Did he work on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A I believe so, yes.

Q What causes you to believe that?

A Because I saw the information that was given to me in Steve Clifford's complaint.

Q Did you have any other way of knowing that he worked on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

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A Not that I can recall specifically. I mean, I'm sure -- I'm aware of it.

Q And you're aware of it only based on the complaint?

A No, I mean, I can't specifically point to, you know, I was having a submarine sandwich, that's when it struck me he was working on it, I mean.

Q Did somebody tell you, did he tell you he was working on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A Oh, I mean, he was in my house.

Q He was in your house working on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A Jeff was living in my house.

Q I understand.

A So, I mean, I saw the finished product. It was in my house.

Q So Tim Frankovich also worked on the *Southeast Texas Times* in your house?

A I can't answer that, I don't know. I'm just telling you I saw his, you know, some

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of the stuff he did. I can't remember what he did, but I'm sure I -- I'm trying to shoot straight with you. I don't remember him being in my house. He could have been, yes.

Q I'm just trying to get at how you were aware that he worked on the *Southeast Texas Times*, that was my original question.

A Yeah, and I understand that. I'm just telling you that if I, you know, if I asked you specifically what you did four years ago, it would be very difficult for you. And I'm telling you I'm having the same trouble specifically answering, you know, I knew this for this reason.

Q Mr. Stockman, I want to talk about the various campaign names.

Can you tell me what Stockman for Congress was or is?

A It was a campaign committee in 1990.

Q What happened with that whole name, was it continually used by the subsequent committee or how did that, what happened with

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that?

A I'm not understanding your question.

Q I'm trying to understand why you're saying that Stockman for Congress was a 1990 committee.

We have documents that reflect checks that were written subsequent to 1990 and the name on the check was Stockman for Congress.

A Right.

Q Why did that occur?

A Well the check company couldn't put Friends of Steve Stockman, so they put Stockman for Congress.

Q Why couldn't they put Friends of Steve Stockman?

A It was too long.

Q So you inquired?

A Oh, yeah, yeah, they said it was too long, so I said that's fine.

Q We also have documents which reflect the committee's continued use of Stockman for Congress, say, in disclaimers on things.

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Why did the committee continue to use that name?

A I didn't micromanage it. It might have been a mistake.

Q So you never made it clear to your committee what the committee's official name was?

MR. MILES: I would object to that question. I don't think that's what he said.

MS. LIGON: I'm asking him.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Did you ever make it clear to your committees what the official name of the committee was?

A When you say, who are you referring to the committee?

Q I'm referring to the subsequent, after 1990, you said Stockman for Congress was a 1990 committee.

Your subsequent committee, which I'm going to refer to as the Stockman committee.

A I fill out paperwork Friends of Steve

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Stockman, yes.

Q And you told the committee that that was the official name of the committee; is that what you're saying?

A Go ahead.

Q Who did you tell what the name of the committee was?

A Oh, Friends of Steve Stockman?

Q Yes.

A Well I told everybody. I mean, that was the committee.

Q Did you tell the treasurer?

A Yes.

Q Which was?

A It was either Sandy -- Sam Criswell or John Hart.

Q I'm sorry?

A When John Hart took it over, John Hart knew it, I mean, he signed the paperwork. I mean, both the treasurers should know, I mean, it was at the top of the, you know, the report.

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Q We also have checks from contributors who continued to write checks out to Stockman for Congress subsequent to 1990.

A Right, uh-huh.

Q Can you explain why that would have occurred?

A I mean, that's a common name for campaign committees. It's intuitive, I mean.

Q So did you, when you solicited contributions, did you tell them what the committee's name was?

A Yes.

Q Who to write out the checks?

A If they were spoken to particularly on the phone, yes.

Q I'm referring to the Friends of Steve Stockman committee when I say, I'm referring to the 1992 and later committee when I say the Stockman committee, okay?

A Well, see, even you're making mistakes.

Q No, no, because of the confusion, I'm

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just going to say Stockman committee, but I want you to know that I'm saying from 1992 on, okay.

Where did the Stockman committee do its banking, where did it hold a banking account?

A JSC, Johnson Space Center Credit Union.

Q Did it hold an account anywhere else?

A Not that I am aware of that I can recall.

Q Do you recall the account number on the account?

A No.

Q Was this account also your personal account?

A No.

Q So you didn't receive personal checks into that account?

A Absolutely not.

Q But the bank accepted checks written to Stockman for Congress and to Friends of

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Steve Stockman into that account; is that correct?

A I'm assuming they did, yes.

MR. MILES: By bank, you mean the credit union?

MS. LIGON: I mean the credit union, yes.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, you're familiar with the periodic reports that your campaigns had to file with the Commission?

A Yes, right.

Q Starting with 1992, could you just tell me who was responsible for preparing those reports?

A I think either Sam Criswell, Criswell, I'm sorry, Criswell, I believe she was.

Q And you're saying Sam?

A Sam, yeah, short for Samantha.

Q And she was responsible for filling them out in 1992?

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A Yes, ma'am.

Q And thereafter, who was responsible for filling them out?

A I believe John Hart.

Q Our records reflect that a Sondra Criswell --

A It's the same thing, I'm sorry.

Q -- resigned from the position of treasurer in early 1993 and that John Hart became the treasurer sometime thereafter.

Was there anybody in between the two that handled the filing of the reports?

A I think it was John Hart.

Q And these were the two people who actually prepared the reports; is that your testimony?

A I'm not -- no, I don't know who actually prepared them. I'm assuming.

Q Could you just describe to me step by step the process that was used in preparing the reports as far as you know, like who filled them out, who helped prepare them, how --

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A I'm assuming Sam filled -- what did you say, Sandra, I called her Sam, I'm assuming Sandra filled them out and I'm assuming John filled them out.

Q Who received the contributions that came in to the campaign?

A What years?

Q Start with '92.

A I think, now I can't remember in '92. In '94 it was Patty Martin. '92, I don't -- I think maybe Sam did.

Q What did they do with the contributions from the time that they came in in the mail? Could you just describe --

A Well I hope they deposited it. They are supposed to make copies and then deposit the checks.

Q Make copies of the contributions?

A Right.

Q The check, the actual checks?

A Right.

Q And why would they make copies of the

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actual checks?

A Because we didn't want an FEC complaint against us.

Q And then they would use the actual checks to then look on there and fill out the reports for the FEC?

A I believe so, yeah, I mean --

MR. MILES: Excuse me, did you mean use the copies of the checks? I missed that last question.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I was trying to figure out if whether like when contributions came in, I would imagine you don't sit and fill out the FEC report daily, you may not do that, I was thinking you probably keep contributions --

A I mean, I didn't do it, so I'm assuming that's how they do it.

Q I'm just trying to find out from you.

A Well, I don't know. Yeah, I'm assuming that's what they did.

Q Can you tell me who all was

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authorized to make campaign disbursements?

A In what years?

Q In 1992.

A '92, I believe myself and I think Sam. I'm not sure. But I believe Sam, too.

Q Was anybody else authorized to make disbursements?

A Not, I mean, not on a regular basis.

Q And in 1993, who was authorized to make disbursements?

A '93?

Q Yes.

A I guess Sam and then I don't know if -- I don't know if we had any -- there wasn't that many checks written, so I don't know. I just don't know. '93, I don't think we had -- I mean, there wasn't any activity.

Q So any checks written in 1993 probably would have been written, if they were written, by you or Sam; is that right?

A I'm assuming that would be right, but I just don't believe there was that many

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checks.

Q And in 1994, who was --

A Patty Martin.

Q Was it --

A She didn't sign it, she used, like, a stamp; I think she had a rubber stamp.

Q So she was authorized to stamp it?

A Right.

Q Stamp your signature?

A Right.

Q And did she just have a wide ranging authorization to stamp anything or did she check with you on certain things?

A Well I imagine, this is the way that I remember it, was that if it was really a big deal, she would call me. But on routine stuff, it was, you know, in '94, we didn't have that much money.

Q What would you consider to be the routine stuff that she --

A Bills.

Q Your regular campaign bills?

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A Uh-huh.

Q And you said if it was a big deal, then she would need to check with you?

A I would imagine she would, yeah.

Q That was your understanding, that she would check with you if there was something --

A Right.

Q Can you just give me an amount, like what would be considered a big --

A There was no set amount. I think she would use her better judgment. She was a smart woman.

Q Who else was authorized to write checks in 1994?

A There wasn't anybody authorized to do it on an ongoing basis.

Q In '95 --

A That I recall.

Q Between '95 and '96, was it Patty --

A Still pretty much Patty, yeah.

Q And she was basically the only one other than yourself that wrote --

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A I mean, that had carte blanch or whatever, you know, to do it all the time, yeah.

Q So was it Patty Martin that actually kept custody of the campaign checkbook?

A Yes.

Q Are you familiar with Rabih Zeidan?

A Rabih, yes.

Q Who is that?

A He is a CPA.

Q How do you know Rabih?

A Long-time friend before I --

Q So he worked for your campaign?

A He does now, well, he does in terms of filling out FEC reports.

Q What does he do?

A Fills out FEC reports.

Q How long has he been doing it?

A I don't know. I mean, it's -- I'm -- I don't know specifically. It's been -- he's been doing it I'm guessing for several years, I don't know, a couple. I don't know when.

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Q In '92?

A He could have helped in '92, yes.

Q With filling out the FEC reports?

A Right. I don't think he helped in 1990, though.

MS. LIGON: Why don't we take a quick break.

(Discussion off the record)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, I would just like to go back on a couple of things.

Before we were talking about the continued use of the Stockman for Congress name on checks subsequent to 1990 and you mentioned that the bank couldn't print the Friends of Steve Stockman name why didn't you just go to another bank?

A Because we were cheap, we were broke, it was free. It was a credit union.

Q Wasn't that a bit confusing, though, were you at all concerned about the appearance?

A I mean, you could put anything on the

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check. I don't think it had to do with the name of the committee.

Q I also want to talk about 1993. You said that you didn't write many checks in 1993; is that right?

A From the best I recall, right.

Q But Patty Martin was in your home at that time writing down names of people who contributed before so that you could ask them for money to help pay down a prior debt; was that your testimony?

A Uh-huh.

Q Did you receive money in from those requests to those individuals?

A I don't recall. I mean, if you remember or if you look at the filings, I mean, for two years we made about $100,000, so most of that was in '94, so '93 was almost no money at all. In terms of Congressional race, it's very little money.

Q Did you set up a separate account for the purposes of paying down the prior debt, was

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that a separate account or was that the same account?

A The same account. You don't, I don't think under the rules, of course I'm not that familiar with them, but I don't think you have to have a separate account.

Q No, I wasn't asking that, I just wanted to know what you did.

A Okay.

Q Were you successful at all in paying down any of the prior debt?

A I would have to go back and look at the FEC reports.

Q Was any of the money that you received as a result of those requests for contributions used for expenses going forward as opposed to paying down the debt?

A I don't -- what is your question?

Q The money that you received from these solicitations that Patty Martin and you were doing that you say was being done to pay down the debt, the prior debt, the

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contributions that you received from those solicitations, did you use any of that for expenses going forward or for purposes other than the pay down of prior debt?

A Well, I mean, the process of soliciting, you're going to have nominal costs for postage and things like that, so you incur expenses as you're going on. So, yeah, there was money used to, you know, for postage and things, of course.

Q Was some of that money used for any other purpose, to your knowledge?

A For?

Q For any other purpose other than postage?

A At this time, no, I don't recall any.

Q I'm just going to ask you this again, I tried to get an answer earlier, I don't think I absolutely got it.

A That's okay.

Q Did you know that Tim Frankovich was working on the *Southeast Texas Times* in your

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home?

A As of today, no, I didn't know if he was or not. I'm assuming, as I stated earlier, that he probably was, but I have no direct recollection at this time.

Q Before we took our break, we were talking about Rabih.

A Right.

Q I believe you stated that he helped in 1992 with preparing the FEC reports?

A I believe he did.

Q You believe.

A Yeah, I'm not sure if Sam did them all.

Q Can you tell me how it was that he helped, he wasn't the treasurer; isn't that correct?

A No, he was not.

Q What was his role in helping to prepare the FEC reports?

A I don't know. I'm just saying I assumed he probably did. I mean, I don't know

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when he came on, I was just giving a general answer. I really believe that the majority of it was done by Sam, because she, I think, is a CPA.

Q So you're saying that you don't know what Rabih's role was?

A No, I don't know specifically, no, but I am assuming he helped. Sam would probably know specifically if he did help, because I didn't -- in other words, I didn't act in preparing the reports, so I'm just trying to guess for you who was all involved.

Q Who would have gotten Rabih involved with preparing the reports?

A Probably John Hart, because John Hart had a hard time understanding the complicated forms and the rules and all that, so probably Rabih was the one that tried to help him out.

Q We have testimony that John Hart only actually prepared two reports, that he would come and sign reports that Rabih had prepared.

Were you aware of that?

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A Well, I mean, however they were done was fine with me. I mean, if that's the testimony, then that's the testimony.

Q Were you aware of that, though?

A No.

Q Do you have any idea why Rabih would not have been the treasurer if he was actually the one that was preparing the reports?

A I think John Hart wanted to be the treasurer.

Q Why did he want to be treasurer?

A I don't know. He -- I don't know. Just because he wanted to be treasurer, I guess. I don't know. You've got to ask John.

Q Whose idea was it to start the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A I believe it was Jeff's.

Q Did you have any input into that whole concept of that whole idea?

A Uh-uh, no, Jeff wanted to -- Jeff was out of a job and wanted to make money.

Q So what did he say when he first

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talked to you about the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A I mean, I don't remember a specific conversation, but the best I can recollect is that he wanted to start a paper to make some money, because he couldn't find a job. He had been looking for work and couldn't find a job.

Q When about did he, if you can recall, when about did he share with you that he wanted to start the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A The best I can recall, around January of '93.

Q To your knowledge, what was the purpose of the newspaper?

A As I stated earlier, to -- so he could make money.

Q Any other purpose?

A No.

Q So when Jeff VanFleet was working on the paper in your home in January to March of 1993, Patty Martin was also in your home working; isn't that correct?

A No, I don't know if that's correct.

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I think the way I recall it is that I believe Jeff worked there first and then Patty came on. We only had one computer, that I remember.

Q When did you acquire more computers?

A For which election?

Q You're saying that in 1993 when Jeff VanFleet worked on the *Southeast Texas Times* you only had one computer.

A Right.

Q When did you acquire more computers?

A For the '94 election?

Q Yes.

A Sometime in '94 and I'm not sure when. I think -- I mean, it wasn't, we didn't go out and buy a bunch of computers, we had one, then we got a little bit more money, we would add another one.

Q So Patty Martin and Jeff VanFleet would work on the same computer at different times?

A If -- well, I don't know if it was -- see, what I'm saying is I don't know if they

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were there at the same time. You know what I'm saying.

The way that I remember it is that Jeff was there until he moved out, and then Patty started coming in. I don't think there was an overlapping, necessarily.

Q After he moved out, though, did he come back and work at times on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A He could have, yeah, he could have.

Q In your home?

A Right.

Q On that one computer?

A Correct.

Q Can you just name for me all the people of whom you are aware that worked on the *Southeast Texas Times*, and that is writing articles, brainstorming, contributing ideas, distributing the paper, anybody that you are aware that worked on that newspaper?

A I think Frankovich did, I think Jim Rogers did, I think Dan Norton did. Jeff

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VanFleet did. That's all I can remember right now.

Q How did you know that Jim Rogers worked on it, on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A When the attorneys were reviewing -- I forget, when we were reviewing the complaint yesterday, I looked at it and saw it. I forgot, but I remembered it.

Q You forgot but you remembered it, so what was your memory, you knew at one point, then you forgot, so how did you know?

A Well, I mean, I saw some of the papers, so I saw that Jim wrote it. I mean, I saw the papers.

Q Did he come to your home and work on the newspaper there?

A I don't know, but I'm assuming he may have. I mean, I don't know specifically if he did, I'm assuming he could have, yeah.

Q What time period would that have been around that you would --

A I mean, Jeff was there in the

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beginning of '93, so it probably would have been around '93, beginning of '93.

Q And Dan Norton, how did you know that he worked on the Times?

A Same thing I saw in the paper, I believe. I think that's when I remember it now.

Q Do you know Tom Tyler?

A Yes, I do.

Q How do you know him?

A I've known him from YCT, Young Conservators of Texas, and tax reform, or something like that.

Q Did he work on the *Southeast Texas Times*, to your knowledge?

A Yes, I believe he did, yes.

Q How do you know that?

A Because I remembered it in reviewing the case. I think he did Bar reviews.

Q He did what?

A I think I remember he did Bar reviews, reviewing Bars.

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Q How did you know that he did Bar reviews?

A Because we reviewed it in the Clifford complaint. But I also, like I said --

Q But did you know prior to that?

A Like I said, I saw that paper, so I mean, I had forgotten until we reviewed it, but I saw it in the paper.

Q Did he work on the *Southeast Texas Times* in your home with Jeff VanFleet?

A I assume that he would have, yeah. I mean, I don't know that specifically because, like I said, I was at work or out.

Q How about Olin Meadows, IX, do you know him?

A Yes, he's my brother's, at the time, 7 year old son.

Q Did he work on the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A No, I don't think so. May have been more of a joke or whatever.

Q What makes you say that?

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A Because when I was reviewing it, they showed me he was in there. I think Jeff probably put it in there as a...

Q Did you know prior to that that he was in the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A I imagine that when I read it that I did.

Q You imagine that you knew prior?

A Well what I'm saying is I'm sure that when I read it, that -- I mean, it was in there.

Q Right, I know, but prior to your reading the complaint or reviewing --

A No, no, no, I'm saying before the complaint, I read the paper.

Q Right, reading the paper.

A You know, it was in my house.

Q I understand that, but, other than having read the paper and seeing his name on the masthead, did you --

A My view of it was that Jeff did it as humor.

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Q Did he talk to you about that, did he say, hey, I want to use his name?

A I don't recall. I don't recall.

MS. LIGON: For the record, we are now being joined by, on behalf of the Federal Election Commission, by Karen Zimmerman.

THE WITNESS: Hi, Karen.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Do you know Monroe Davis?

A No.

Q Ever heard of the name?

A No.

Q Who organized the people that worked on the *Southeast Texas Times*, do you know? You mentioned that you were aware that several people worked on the times.

A I didn't say -- I said I assumed that they were. Jeff.

Q Mr. Stockman, did you ever recruit people to work on the *Southeast Texas Times*? Did you ever say --

A I probably tried to, yeah.

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Q Why did you do that?

A To help Jeff.

Q Who did you recruit?

A I don't remember recruiting anybody specifically, but I'm sure I did. I tried. I mean, he was trying to run a paper, to make a newspaper, so I tried to -- I told you I would help him and, you know --

Q So what did you recruit them to do on the paper, write articles?

A That could be, yeah, write articles.

Q Contribute money to the paper?

A No, I don't ever recall doing that and I don't recall -- I never recall signing any ads or anything like that.

Q Did you solicit any ads?

A I don't recall, no.

Q Did you solicit subscribers?

A No.

Q But you recall just asking people to help with the times?

A I'm sure I did.

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MS. LIGON: Would you mark this.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 1. It's a letter from you to Concerned Americans; do you recognize that letter?

A Yes, I do.

Q And attached, if you look back attached to the form, to the letter is a form entitled Conservative Action Network.

A Right.

Q And this letter is dated July 1993 and it talks about your impending candidacy?

A Uh-huh.

Q And it urges readers to fill out the form?

A Right.

Q Among other things, the form requests volunteers for the *Southeast Texas Times*?

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A Right.

Q How did this all come about that you would request form volunteers for the *Southeast Texas Times* in your letter to your supporters?

A This is not in the letter.

Q It's a form that was attached to the letter and the letter refers to the form; isn't that right?

A Well I don't know, I haven't read the letter in a long time, but if I'm assuming you're correct, the letter is attached to this paper does not necessarily mean this is the form, but if I'm assuming Jeff or somebody could have put that in the form, yes.

I don't understand your question.

Q Did you not know --

MR. MILES: Counsel, would it be helpful if he read the letter?

MS. LIGON: Yes.

THE WITNESS: (Witness examined document) Okay, go ahead.

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q Do you see that in your letter you're asking your supporters to fill out this form entitled Conservative Action Network?

A Uh-huh, right.

Q And that form requests volunteers for the *Southeast Texas Times*.

How did that come about that you include a form requesting supporters --

A Okay, let me say two things, first of all, this form went through several reiterations. It was just a form. I do not know if this was the form that was enclosed with the letter. We did at one time put this in there at Jeff's request to put that in there, and we did. But I do not know if this is the same form that was with this letter.

Q Who drafted the form?

A Well, like I said, it was just a form. Probably either Jeff, myself or some other volunteer drafted it.

Q You don't know for sure whether you drafted this form?

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A Correct, right, because it was a form, it was a form that's been around by other groups that used and we just continually did reiterations on it and changing the form. I mean, we still, to this day, have a form like this.

Q Who first obtained this form?

A Oh, I don't know. I don't know. It may have been Eagle Form, Consumer for America, but it's not a form that's unusual in its scope.

Q What is the Conservative Action Network?

A Well as it says in the letter, it's the form, it's the name of the form.

Q How did the name Conservative Action Network come about?

A I don't know. As I said, it's a common form that I understand other groups to have.

Q So when you got it, that name was already there; is that what you're saying?

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A I believe so, yes.

MS. SHAINE: When you got it from whom, I'm sorry?

THE WITNESS: That's why I say, we either got it from Eagle Form or Consumer for America, some other groups had names similar than this.

MS. SHAINE: And the name Conservative Action Network was on it?

THE WITNESS: I don't remember, I believe so. It's just a form.

MS. SHAINE: Who provided the form to you?

THE WITNESS: I'm not understanding your question.

MS. SHAINE: You said when you received the form the name Conservative Action Network was already on it.

THE WITNESS: Right. I believe that's correct. I mean, you're asking me to -- this form, like I said, has been around a long time. You're asking me to specifically

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remember when I got a form. I don't remember.

MS. SHAINE: Do you remember how the name Conservative Action Network came to be associated with this form?

THE WITNESS: No, I don't remember.

MS. SHAINE: And you never heard that name before?

THE WITNESS: Before what?

MS. SHAINE: Before you got this form.

THE WITNESS: No, I do not.

MS. SHAINE: You don't know if Mr. VanFleet came up with this name?

THE WITNESS: No, I don't know.

MS. SHAINE: And you just took that form and used it?

THE WITNESS: Right, I believe so. I believe what it is is we took their idea and used it.

MS. SHAINE: But I'm talking specifically about the name, you also took the name of the organization and used it?

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THE WITNESS: There wasn't an organization. It's the name of the form.

MS. SHAINE: It's a form called Conservative Action Network.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, like Form 1045.

MS. SHAINE: At the bottom of the form it says C.A.N. and there's an address.

THE WITNESS: It's not an organization.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q So the P.O. box down at the bottom of the form?

A Is my P.O. box.

Q 37135 is your P.O. box?

A Right.

Q Would that be the campaign's P.O. box?

A No, it's my personal box.

Q It's your personal P.O. box?

A Right, which the campaign used. I mean, it still is. I mean, we have used the same in my private life. I'm not a congressman

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now, I'm not running now, and I still use it.

Q And so the responses from this solicitation for volunteers for the *Southeast Texas Times*, they then would have been returned to this P.O. box; is that right?

A Correct. That's absolutely correct.

Q And you received those forms in your P.O. box?

A If they filled them out and they turned them in and they mailed them to the address, we would have gotten them there.

Q Do you recall getting some back?

A No, no, I do not, but I'm -- you know, like I said, this is many years ago. I'm sure we probably did, but I don't recall specifically getting those back.

Q How were these letters distributed? Did you send them by mail or did you --

A I believe, if I'm not mistaken, I believe we mailed this one, and we mailed it to people that worked on the previous campaigns.

Q Why would you want people that worked

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on the previous campaigns to volunteer for the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A Oh, I didn't -- never stated that in the letter. Like I said, I don't know if this form is connected with this letter.

Q Mr. Stockman, this letter was produced to us this way.

Do you have another form, another version of this form anywhere or have you seen another version of the same thing?

A Uh-huh, well I told you, I told you we had many different copies of this form. Like I said, I think today we still have a copy.

MS. SHAINE: Could we ask counsel to please provide us with what is the final version of the form that was sent with this letter if it varies from this, if you still have it?

THE WITNESS: Let me make a clarification. I don't know what, as I stated in my testimony, I don't know what form was

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sent with this letter.

What I'm telling you is that this form went through several different reiterations and I don't know which one went with it. I mean, this is a letter, look.

MR. MILES: Steve, that's enough. That's enough.

MS. SHAINE: Do you have any reason to doubt that this form is the one that was sent that's referred to in the letter?

THE WITNESS: Yes, I do, and the reason I do is because the gentleman that filed the complaint is Mr. Clifford, who I ran against in 1990. He's very bitter.

MS. SHAINE: Well, I would ask you again, Counsel, if you would please search his files and if he has another version or something which would indicate what the final version was, if it varied from this in any way, to please provide it to us.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You said you've seen various forms of

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this form.

Did each of them have a request for volunteers to the *Southeast Texas Times* each version of the form?

A Uh-uh, no.

Q Do you recall whether this particular version of the form was sent to your former campaign contributors?

A No, I do not recall.

Q Let me just ask you this again, just to be very clear.

Did you get this precise form from some other organization and then edit it and put your own versions of it?

A To say I got this precise form, no, not this precise form, no.

MS. SHAINE: Did you get a form that's similar to this from another organization?

THE WITNESS: Yes, right.

MS. SHAINE: And then you edited it?

THE WITNESS: Right.

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q You said the form was mailed to the people who worked on your previous campaigns, supported your --

A I don't believe I said that. I believe that it was a form similar or this, to this was mailed, yes.

Q Was mailed to previous campaign workers; is that what you said?

A Yes, right.

Q Was it mailed to anybody else?

A Not that I am aware of, no.

Q Was it distributed in any other manner?

A It could have been, yes. I mean, yes, it could have been.

Q Do you recall --

A No, I don't recall. But I'm not going to preclude it. I mean, it could have been, of course.

Q Did you ever ask people to help distribute the *Southeast Texas Times*?

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A I don't recall, no. I don't recall that.

Q Do you know where the *Southeast Texas Times* was distributed?

A Yes, it was. I'm sure it was.

Q No, I said do you know where it was distributed?

A Oh, where, no, I am not aware of where it was distributed.

Q Did you ever give members of the *Southeast Texas Times* staff, meaning the people that you've already testified being aware worked for the paper or worked on the paper, do you recall ever sharing any ideas for new stories with them?

A No, not specifically. No.

Q Do you recall ever suggesting that they come take pictures of you at any events?

A No.

Q You never did that?

A No.

Q Did you ever give them stories to

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write about you?

A No.

Q Did you ever provide photos or --

A I could have done that, yes. If I was asked for it, yeah, I could have done that, yeah.

Q But would you have just done it on your own, here, here's a picture of me, write a story about me?

A I don't recall doing that, but if Jeff asked me for it, I would have gave it to him.

MS. LIGON: Can I just have those exhibits back.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit 2.

Would you tell me what it is, please?

A It's a Xerox copy of the *Southeast*

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Texas Times.

Q Can you tell me what issue it is?

A May '93.

Q Could you just focus on the article about Kay Bailey Hutchison and just so we know what the article is about, would you please read the underlined portion?

A Sure.

Q Out loud, please, I'm sorry.

A I can't read the full thing because it's a bad copy.

"Clear Lake, Steve Stockman, the Republican U.S. candidate who narrowly lost to 41-year incumbent Jack Brooks released a statement regarding the Krueger Hutchison run-off in which he officially gave his support to Kay Bailey Hutchison. The statement was read before a small and enthusiastic group of Hutchison supporters."

Q Did you ever discuss this particular article with any members of the *Southeast Texas Times* before this was printed, before this

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particular issue was printed?

A I don't recall specifically.

Q Do you recall them taking a picture, anyone, who took this picture of you?

Well first of all, can you identify the people that are in this picture that are in the center of the article?

A That's Steve Stockman, myself, represented on the left and I believe it's Kay Bailey Hutchison on the right.

Q Did members of the *Southeast Texas Times* staff take this picture of you?

A I don't know. I don't know.

Q Where was this picture taken?

A I don't know.

Q The article talks about you endorsing Kay Bailey Hutchison and reading a statement before a small crowd.

So do you recall at all where that was, where that happened?

A No, I really don't.

Q Was it a big press event?

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A Apparently not.

Q What do you mean apparently not?

A Well apparently this is the only story that was out there. I'm not sure if there was other stories or not, I don't know. I mean, I don't know to answer your question.

Q You don't know whether it was a big press event?

A What I'm saying is I'm not aware of any coverage besides what you're showing me here. There may have been, I'm not sure. I don't know.

Q You were there, though?

A Oh, yeah, but I didn't do --

Q Isn't that correct?

A I didn't get press clippings or anything like that.

Q Were there lots of photographers there taking your picture?

A Not lots, no.

Q How many, 10?

A I don't remember.

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Q More than one?
A I believe so, yeah.
Q Were Kay Bailey Hutchison's supporters there when you --
A See, the press conference, if I recall this correctly, I don't think Kay was there. So I don't know if this picture is from that press conference.
Q Do you know where this picture came from at all?
A No, I do not. He may have asked me for a copy of it. I don't know.
Q Who is he?
A Jeff.
Q May have asked you for what?
A A copy of a picture of me. I just don't know.
Q So did Jeff VanFleet take this picture of you?
A I don't know. I don't know who took the picture.
Q So you have no idea of knowing how he

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got this picture?

A No, I didn't say that.

Q I'm asking you.

A Who took the picture?

Q I'm asking you.

A I'm saying I don't know who took the picture and I don't know how he got the picture. He could have got the picture from me if I had it. I mean, like I told you earlier, if he asked me for a picture and I had it, I would give it to him.

Q Would you have just said, here, Jeff, or did you, not would you, did you say here's a picture of me?

A You speculate and I don't know. I don't know.

Q I'm asking you, did you say that?

A No, I don't remember that.

Q Do you remember endorsing her?

A Yes.

Q Where was the press conference held?

A I believe it was held, I want to say

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on NASA Road 1, at the Clear Lake building on NASA Road 1.

Q About how many people were in attendance at that event?

A It was I think in the afternoon.

Q How many people were at the event?

A I don't recall. I'm -- a small crowd.

Q About 100?

A No, no, no, no, not that many, no.

Q 50.

A No, maybe, I'm guessing now, 10 or 20.

Q And you said it was in the afternoon?

A Right. Now, I mean, this is what I'm trying to recall. I don't remember the details.

Q And you said there was more than, you think there was at least one photographer there?

A I believe so. I mean, you're asking me about specifics about something -- I've done

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countless press conferences and I'm trying to remember, I'm trying to help you out specifically with this one and I'm really vague on it.

Q So how did the press conference come about, who arranged it?

A I would assume, I don't know, but I would assume I did, to help Kay.

Q And Jeff VanFleet was present at the press conference; isn't that correct?

A I don't know if he was.

Q But he wrote the story?

A I don't know. I mean --

Q Was there more than one press conference on this, on your endorsement of Kay Bailey Hutchison?

A I'm not aware of any more press conferences.

Q So it's your testimony that the press conference took place in the afternoon?

A I believe.

Q You believe?

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A I believe. I mean, like I said, I've done --

Q At campaign headquarters, though?

A No, no, no, no, no, no, no. This is what I'm trying to remember. I remember doing a press conference near Clear Lake annex and I think it was for this press conference, I'm not sure, but I believe it was for this one.

Q Mr. Stockman, could you just list for me all of the things of value that you provided to the *Southeast Texas Times*? You've already said --

A You mean to Jeff or?

Q To Jeff, yourself, for his work on the *Southeast Texas Times*.

Would you just go over those things?

A Like I said earlier, I think it was a computer. He got to use our phone lines, phone line. At one point he had a PO box which he paid for, but eventually -- let's see, what else. Of course he was living in my house, so I mean, I guess I gave him a bed.

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Q Did the *Southeast Texas Times* use your fax machine?

A I'm -- I don't recall, but they could have if it was working. I don't know if we had one at that time or not.

Q Did you charge Jeff VanFleet for his use of any of these things?

A I don't recall charging him, no.

Q Are you familiar with Post Office Box 115190B2 Gulf Freeway?

A Yes.

Q How are you familiar with that?

A That's the one, like I said, the postal box I let him use.

Q When did you let him use that Post Office Box?

A I think it was from the February through October, whatever. I mean, I basically -- I don't know. I gave it to him. He handled it.

Q Was this your personal Post Office Box?

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A It was until he took it over, yeah. I believe he made payments on it after he got it.

Q How long did you have the, you said the P.O. box at 57135, that was your personal Post Office Box, as well?

A Right.

Q How long did you have that one, that one you had for quite a while; is that right?

A Right.

Q Since '92 or '90?

A I would guess that long, yeah.

Q Since 1990 or so you had it?

A '88, maybe, I don't know. I mean, I've had it for a long time.

Q When did you acquire the Post Office Box 115?

A I don't recall. I don't know.

Q What was the purpose of having two post office, personal post office boxes?

A We, for some reason we wanted another P.O. Box to get literature because our current

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P.O. box I guess was getting too packed, which during one campaign, we had to get a larger box.

I don't recall why.

Q So the Post Office Box 115 was also used for campaign literature, as well; is that your testimony?

A No, no, no, that's not my testimony.

Q It was --

A I said I don't remember why is my testimony. I don't remember why we got the other box.

Q While Jeff VanFleet was using the Post Office Box initially when you said you first let him use the Post Office Box in February, who paid for it then?

A I believe he did.

Q We have testimony that Jeff VanFleet had his own personal box, Post Office Box for his own personal things.

A You may be right, I don't know.

Q Do you have any clue as to why he

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just wouldn't use his own personal box rather than want to use your personal box?

A No, you would have to ask Jeff. Or he may --

Q Go ahead.

A No, no. Go ahead. I mean, he may have wanted it for the paper, I mean, that's --

Q I'm just trying to understand. If you acquired a second Post Office Box because your first Post Office Box was too crowded --

A No, I didn't say that. I said I didn't remember why I acquired the second one.

Q One of the things you mentioned was that it could have been that you were receiving too much stuff in the first one, did you testify to that?

A No, I did testify it was possible. That's not what I said the reason we got it for. I said it could have been. I was trying to be helpful in my answer.

Q Isn't it true that a campaign would receive a lot of literature over the course of

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campaigns?

A Not necessarily, no. I mean, not in an off-year election.

Q Did your campaign receive a lot of literature?

A In '93?

Q Yes.

A No, I don't believe so.

Q How about in '92?

A Well during the campaign in '92, yeah, I received mail.

Q Now I'm talking about the Post Office Box at 115. Who all received mail there?

A I believe Jeff did.

Q Who else did?

A I'm not sure.

Q When did you stop receiving mail there?

A I don't know if I ever actually got mail there, to tell you the truth. I don't recall ever getting mail there.

Q You don't recall ever getting mail

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there?

A Uh-uh. I mean, we got the P.O. box and Jeff took it over.

Q When did you get the P.O. box? I don't think I got an answer to that.

A Yeah, I did, I said I think I got it in '93, early '93.

Q Early '93 you acquired a P.O. box?

A Yes, I believe so.

Q For Jeff VanFleet's use; is that right?

A Correct.

Q For the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A I'm assuming so, yes.

Q And because you acquired that --

A Now he could have -- go ahead.

Q Because you acquired that P.O. box, then you would have access to the mail that would be delivered there; isn't that right?

A I would assume so, yeah.

Q Would you pick up mail there for the *Southeast Texas Times*?

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A No, absolutely not, no.

Q Why did you acquire the PO box instead of Jeff VanFleet acquiring it?

A I don't know. That's what I'm saying, I don't remember. I don't know --

Q What was the discussion? That seems weird.

A I don't remember. I mean, he could have asked me to go down and open one, I don't know.

Q Was he incapable of doing that himself?

A No, he was very capable of doing it. I mean, he could have done it. I'm just, I'm being honest with you. He could have done it easily himself.

Q Did you think, well, why are you asking me?

A No, when someone asks you, when I ask for something, a glass of water, you didn't say why are you asking me.

Q Well if you could get it yourself, I

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think I might say why.

A Well, you didn't. Look, the thing is, I told you, I wanted to help him. It's part of helping. I may have done it to help him. I mean, it's not -- I don't understand, you know, maybe I'm just not understanding the line of questioning.

MS. SHAINE: Who paid for the Post Office Box?

THE WITNESS: He did.

MS. SHAINE: At the time?

THE WITNESS: At the time I don't remember, it could have been him or it could have been me.

MS. SHAINE: Once you testified that you paid for it and once you --

THE WITNESS: No, I never testified. I said I believe. I don't remember is what I told you.

MS. SHAINE: I think at one point you may have said he may have paid you back after the fact.

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THE WITNESS: No, I never said that.

MR. MILES: I don't recall that.

THE WITNESS: I think, I'm telling you I'm trying to help you guys out the best I can. I could very easily have said I didn't do it.

MS. SHAINE: When we used the word acquired, does that mean you're the one that paid for it?

THE WITNESS: That's what I don't remember. I'm trying to remember exactly what happened. I believe I went down there and got it. I don't know if I did. I believe I did. I'm trying to remember and he -- but the bottom line is he took it over, I had nothing to do with it after the initial.

MS. SHAINE: You never paid for it?

THE WITNESS: I don't recall. I really don't recall.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Who else received mail there?

A I don't know.

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Q Who else was on the, I guess contract to receive mail there?

A After Jeff took it over, I don't know what he did with it. I mean, I don't know who else he put on it.

Q So is it your testimony that you never picked up mail from that --

A Correct, yeah, emphatically correct.

Q And is it your testimony that you never received mail personally in that Post Office Box?

A Well, that I don't know. I don't know, because people can get names of people on boxes and mail you stuff. I don't know.

Q Do you know whether Tim Frankovich received mail there, as well?

A No, I do not know.

Q Tom Tyler?

A No, I do not know.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification.)

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 3. It's a page from the disclosure report that the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission and it reflects disbursements made by the committee.

In box A you see a payment to Henry Kjellander?

A Uh-huh.

Q Would you please state the purpose of the disbursement listed there, please?

A The purpose of disbursement, it says World War II Doc.

Q Do you recall this disbursement?

A No, I do not.

Q Do you recall acquiring anything at the campaign that would be World War II Doc?

A Yes, I do.

Q Can you tell me about that?

A It was a document I believe for the surrender of Japanese aboard the Nimitz I think is what it is.

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Q About how many, what was the quantity of these items that the committee purchased at that time, do you recall? I see it's --

A Yeah, I don't know. I didn't -- now I'm not sure why they bought them or what they did with them. I believe -- I don't know how many they purchased.

Q Who would have made the decision to make this purchase?

A I'm guessing now. I imagine it was a premium for donations, like if someone was a big donor, you give them a premium.

Q Do you know Henry Kjellander?

A I have met him, yes, I have, yes.

MR. MILES: Tracey, excuse me, what report is that from, Exhibit 3?

MS. LIGON: Exhibit 3 is from, let's see, it's 1992, looks like it would probably be the pre-general report.

You can just look at the date and figure out the date of the disbursements and figure out what report it would fall within.

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It looks like it may be the 1992 pre-general report. I can let you know that information.

MR. MILES: Thank you.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You said you met Henry Kjellander before.

A Uh-huh.

Q What was that meeting about, was he just a supporter or what?

A I believe he was a supporter and I don't remember the context in which I met him.

Q But was he selling these documents when you met him?

A I don't know if he was or not.

Q So are you saying that you weren't very familiar with these documents, the World War II documents?

A No, I'm telling you what I thought. I think what they did is when people gave us large contributions, they gave them this document, that's the best that I can recall. I was not -- I mean, I didn't sit there and do

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that stuff. That's not something I did as a candidate, you know, wrapped it up and mailed it and all that. You know, I didn't do that.

Q So they just gave, they, being your campaign committee workers?

A Yeah.

Q Would give large contributors copies of this document?

A Yes. Yes.

Q Did the campaign have a written solicitation to that effect stating if you contribute over a certain amount, you will receive a copy of a World War II --

A There could have been, I don't know. There could have been, or they could just --

Q You don't know for sure?

A No, I don't.

Q Would you have seen all the solicitations that would go out of your campaign?

A No, uh-uh.

Q Who would have done that kind of

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thing?

A Well, I mean, different -- you've got to remember in '92 and stuff, we didn't have a lot of money, so different people did different things to help the campaign. We were not always aware of every activity that everybody did. I mean, it was virtually impossible to know that.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 4 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 4.

A Right.

Q It's from the September 1993 issue of the *Southeast Texas Times*.

A Uh-huh.

Q Could you please just take a look at it and over on the right-hand column, could you just read starting from the second sentence in the second paragraph, beginning with "More

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than"?

A "More than any other symbol of World War II, this impressive document truly represents a lasting tribute to those who fought to preserve our nation's freedom."

Q And then could you read the third sentence in the last paragraph, which begins "The *Southeast Texas Times*," do you see it there?

A "The *Southeast Texas Times* has been able to secure at the manufacturer's cost, a limited number of full size reproductions of the Japanese surrender document, along with one hour cassette of historic recordings, from the attack on Pearl Harbor, to the surrender ceremonies."

Q Did the Stockman committee provide the *Southeast Texas Times* with copies of the surrender document?

A No.

Q You're absolutely sure of that?

A No, but I know we didn't. I mean, we

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gave them away, from what I understand.

Q You made the purchase in October of 1992?

A Uh-huh.

Q How soon after that did you give them all away, do you recall?

A No, I do not.

MR. MILES: I believe that, I believe the report reflects the date of payment. I don't know if that was the date of purchase, but if you're relying on the --

MS. LIGON: I'm assuming date of payment was when he acquired the quantities of the document.

MR. MILES: That's possible.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q And I'm just wondering how long they were there on the campaign, how long the campaign had them?

A They could have been there like, they could have been invoiced at any time.

MS. SHAINE: Are you suggesting that

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the date reflected here would be the date of payment, date of invoice and not the date when you actually contracted to purchase?

THE WITNESS: Sure, could be, sure.

MR. MILES: I'm just saying I'm not sure.

MS. SHAINE: Can you, is there a way for you to check that and find out?

MR. MILES: I can try.

MS. LIGON: Also, if you do have copies of solicitations where you say if you make a contribution of a certain amount, we'll provide you with a copy of the World War II document, would you please provide that through counsel?

THE WITNESS: Sure.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'll take those back. Mr. Stockman, did you ever give Jeff VanFleet money to help him with the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A Personally, no.

Q Why are you qualifying that? Did you

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give it to somebody else to give to Jeff VanFleet?

A No, I'm saying our campaign may have given him money, but I personally never have.

Q Your campaign may have given him money to help with the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A No, our campaign may have purchased an ad from him, I'm not sure. But I -- the answer to your question, no, I never personally gave him money.

Q Again, let me, because I just want to be sure that I got an answer, did you ever give money to anyone else to give to Jeff VanFleet to help with the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A No. No.

Q Other than possibly purchasing an ad, did the Stockman committee ever give money to Jeff VanFleet or to anybody associated with the newspaper to help with the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A No, we never gave money to him.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit

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No. 5 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, you just testified that you never gave money, the committee never gave money to Jeff VanFleet.

Did you ever loan any money to Jeff VanFleet to help him with the Southeast --

A No, uh-uh.

Q Did the committee ever loan?

A Not that I know of, no.

Q The Stockman campaign committee.

A No.

Q I hand you what has been Marked Exhibit No. 5. It's a page from a disclosure report that the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission.

It reflects that the Stockman Committee paid Jeff VanFleet $1,260 for purposes described as consulting on September 21, 1992. First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

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A No, I do not.

Q But so is it fair to say that this is not your handwriting?

A Positive it's not my handwriting.

Q Do you recall this particular disbursement to Jeff VanFleet?

A No, I do not.

Q I believe you testified earlier that back in 1992, he, Jeff VanFleet, virtually did nothing with the with the campaign.

A That's true.

Q It wasn't until 1994 that he really became involved with the campaign.

A That's true.

Q How would you explain a payment from the committee to Jeff VanFleet in 1992 in the amount of $1,260?

A Well it looks like a one time payment, that's insignificant in a campaign, for $1,200. It says for consulting.

Q Who would have made this disbursement to Jeff VanFleet?

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A I believe Sam Criswell or whoever was handling the checkbook. Probably Sam, if it's '92.

Q You just testified earlier that Sam Criswell and Patty Martin had authority to write routine checks, pay routine bills. You also just testified that this was a one time thing.

Wouldn't this have been the kind of disbursement that they would have sought your approval for?

A Sure, could have been, very well.

Q So wouldn't you have approved this particular payment?

A I could have, yeah. You're asking me do I specifically remember, I don't.

Q We have testimony that this particular payment was not, in fact, for consulting services, that it was for something other than consulting services.

Do you have any idea what else it could have been for?

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A No, I don't.

Q This payment was made in the latter part of 1992 and the newspaper started in the following January, the *Southeast Texas Times*; is that correct?

A (Nodding)

MS. LIGON: May I have that back, please.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 6 was marked for identification.)

MR. MILES: Counsel, may I ask, are you permitted to tell us whose testimony you have?

MS. SHAINE: Not at this time. You can, as we explained to you earlier, request access to the deposition transcripts at the time of the probable cause brief.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Mr. Stockman, I've just handed you what's been marked Exhibit No. 6, this is a page from a report that the Stockman Committee

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filed with the Commission. It shows the Committee's disbursements. Among them it reflects payment to the *Southeast Texas Times* for purposes listed as newspaper ads in September '93 in the amount of $400.

Do you recognize the handwriting on this report?

A I think it's Patty Martin's, but I'm not sure. I believe it is.

Q Do you recall the committee purchasing an ad from the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A No, I don't. I -- no, I don't. And I don't know, as in reference before, I don't know when that billing date is. I don't know if that's the billing date or, you know what I'm saying.

MR. MILES: Just respond to the questions.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q We have testimony that suggests that the committee never purchased an ad from the

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Southeast Texas Times.

Do you have any idea what other than an ad this particular disbursement to the *Southeast Texas Times* could have been for?

A It says newspaper ads. I doubt it was for anything else. I don't know -- no, I don't know. I don't know.

Q Mr. Stockman, earlier you testified that in September of 1993, the campaign wasn't, you weren't campaigning.

What kind of ad would the campaign have purchased at that time since you were not campaigning?

A Well like I said, I don't remember the ad, so I don't know what they would have bought.

MS. SHAINE: Were you running other newspaper ads at that time, do you remember, anywhere?

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't remember.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 7 was marked for

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identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 7. It's another disclosure report from the Stockman Committee and it reflects payments to the *Southeast Texas Times* in September of '94, two payments, one appears to be in the amount of $165 and one for $100, both in September of '94.

And the purpose appears to be materials for literature distribution?

A Uh-huh.

Q Do you recall that?

A I didn't until we reviewed it in the complaint.

Q And you do recall that now?

A Yeah.

Q Can you tell me what that was for exactly?

A I think it was for the plastic bags he had left over.

Q That Jeff VanFleet had left over?

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A Right, yeah.

Q How was the committee aware that he had plastic bags left over?

A Well he lived in my house, he probably told me. At one time he told me. I'm assuming he just told me.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 8 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 8. It is the December 1993 account statement for JSC Federal Credit Union, account number 453960, it reflects a check deposited into the account from the *Southeast Texas Times* in the amount of $2,600.

Do you recall that check?

A No, I do not.

Q You have absolutely no recollection of that check?

A No, absolutely not.

Q Do you have any idea what the

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Southeast Texas Times would have been paying the campaign for?

A No, I do not.

Q Who would have received this kind of check and put it into the account?

A Probably Patty Martin.

Q Would you have reviewed the receipts of the campaign?

A No, I don't. I don't do that.

Q This check looks like it was deposited on December of, well it was deposited in December of 1993, and that would have been just after the *Southeast Texas Times* stopped being produced; is that correct; is that your recollection?

A I believe that *Southeast Texas Times* stopped before December, yes.

Q Mr. Stockman, who from the *Southeast Texas Times* would have made out a check like that to the campaign?

A I assume it -- I mean, I don't know, but I assume it probably would have been Jeff

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VanFleet.

Q And he is somebody, he is your friend as you described earlier; isn't that right?

A Right.

Q And you talked to him frequently; isn't that right?

A Yeah.

Q Why would he send a check to the campaign in the amount of $2,600 and you not know about it?

MR. OLSON: Could I just have one second.

(Discussion off the record)

MR. OLSON: Thank you.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I was just saying, you and Jeff VanFleet were friends, were close friends; is that right?

A Yeah.

Q And he told you about the --

MR. MILES: Wait for the question.

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q It seems odd that he would tell you about plastic bags and the campaign would purchase plastic bags from him and you would know that he had plastic bags on hand, but he would make a check out to the campaign and you not be aware of it.

A Well, like I said, I remember the plastic bags because we reviewed it and I was trying to help you out. That doesn't mean that under every circumstance I'm going to remember everything.

Q You're familiar with the *Southeast Texas Times* and Jeff VanFleet. I mean, he needed money, he got into the paper to make money, he stayed at your house because he didn't have money.

A Right.

Q You helped him out because he didn't have money?

A Right.

Q Would it be, did you think that he would have like $2,600 just sitting around that

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he could give to the campaign?

A Like I said, I don't remember receiving the check. Patty probably received the check, to the best of my knowledge. I wasn't involved in that. I was not involved in that exchange, to the best of I remember. And --

Q You testified earlier that this particular account at the JSC Credit Union was a campaign's account; is that right?

A Correct, yeah.

Q And it was not your personal account?

A Correct.

Q So then a check appearing here would then have been made out to the campaign; is that correct?

A Correct. I would assume that's the way it would be made out, yeah.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 9 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

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Q Mr. Stockman, I'm handing you the best copy there.

A Okay, thank you.

Q It's marked Exhibit No. 9.

A Uh-huh.

Q Can you tell me what that is, please?

A It looks like a copy from *Southeast Texas Times*.

Q It's a check from the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A Correct, it looks like --

Q Who is it made payable to?

A To me.

Q What is the amount of that check?

A Through this, it looks like $2,600.

Q And could you read to me the purpose that's written on the memo line?

A Repayment of loan.

Q Does this refresh your recollection at all?

A No.

Q So this would indicate, though, that

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your personal checks would have been a part of the same account that --

A No, it doesn't indicate that. It indicates that Jeff wrote out a check wrong or they deposited it in the wrong account, I just don't know.

Q So are you saying that you don't recall loaning any money to the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A Correct.

Q And you have no idea why Jeff VanFleet would write a check to you for purposes listed as repayment of loan?

A Correct. I mean, obviously it bounced, I mean.

Q Who would have deposited this check?

A I'm assuming Patty Martin.

Q Don't you think Patty Martin would have come to you normally, under normal circumstances and shown you something like that?

A No. I mean -- in fact, all the time

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that she made deposits, she doesn't say, hey, I'm depositing this amount.

MS. SHAINE: Would Patty Martin have told you that a 2,600 dollar check written by Jeff VanFleet, a very good friend of yours, bounced?

THE WITNESS: Yes, she would have told me that.

MS. SHAINE: Do you have any recollection of that happening?

THE WITNESS: No, but I'm sure we would have.

MS. SHAINE: Would you have raised the question at that point as to why you were getting a 2,600 dollar check?

THE WITNESS: I'm sure I would have.

MS. SHAINE: You have absolutely no recollection at this time of the circumstances surrounding any of this?

THE WITNESS: I want to help you guys, I'm telling you, I just don't remember.

MR. MILES: May I ask if you all

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agree on the date on this check, because I can't read it.

MS. LIGON: The date appears to be December 29th, or something, December 20 something, 1993.

MS. SHAINE: Can we go off the record just a minute.

(Discussion off the record)

MR. MILES: I'm not questioning that this is the best copy that you could get, but is it --

MS. LIGON: Mr. Stockman has a better copy. You may want to look at that one. I gave him the best. You might be able to make it out better.

MR. OLSON: Is the amount 2,600?

MS. LIGON: 2,600 is the amount. The date on the check appears to be December 20, 1993. May I just have those exhibits back, please. This is probably a good time to break for lunch, a little early, but --

MR. MILES: Okay.

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(Whereupon, a luncheon recess was taken.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION

Whereupon,

STEVE STOCKMAN

was recalled as a witness and, having been previously duly sworn, was examined and testified further as follows:

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'd like to ask you just some other questions about other campaign disbursements.

A Okay.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit Nos. 10 and 11 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibits 10 and 11.

Let's just look at Exhibit 10, first. It's a page of a disclosure report from the Stockman Committee filed with the Commission.

A Uh-huh.

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Q And the first entry you'll see there reflects a disbursement to Jeff VanFleet, actually a couple of disbursements to Jeff VanFleet, made in June of '94 in the amounts of $200 and $250 for purpose listed as disbursement.

MR. MILES: I'm sorry, as what?

MS. LIGON: I'm sorry, reimbursement.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q First of all, do you recognize the handwriting on the report?

A No, I don't. It does not look like Patty's. So I don't know who that is.

Q Do you recall these particular disbursements to Jeff VanFleet?

A No.

Q What kinds of things would he have been reimbursed for in June of '94?

A Not just Jeff, but anybody that, if they brought in receipts and said we did this and we bought this, could be signs, what do you call it, the posts, the stakes. Any time

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someone would bring in a legitimate receipt, Patty would reimburse them.

Q Now just looking at Exhibit No. 11, down second from the bottom is another disbursement to Jeff VanFleet, and this is in October of 1994, in the amount of $200. Again, reimbursement.

Would that, do you recall that particular disbursement?

A No, but I mean, also, if you notice, then you have John Hart or I think it's John Hart and somebody else down here. You -- if they brought in receipts for gas and food, whatever, Patty would have, in the course of the thing, reimbursed them. Given it's right before the election, I'm sure they had a lot.

MR. MILES: Just answer the question.

THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.

MS. LIGON: I'll take those back.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 12 was marked for identification.)

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BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 12. Can you tell me what they are, please?

A Copies of, copies of the carbons of the checks.

Q Of checks made payable to whom?

A In one -- they look both like Jeff VanFleet.

Q And could you just tell me what the dates are on that?

A One looks like June 7th and one June 17th.

Q So these would be what appear to be the checks that reflect the disbursements that we just talked about in the other exhibit?

A I'm assuming so.

Q Do you recall, does this refresh your recollection at all, do you recall more specifically this?

A No.

Q Is this your handwriting on the

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check?

A I don't believe so, no.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on the check?

A No. It -- do you want me to guess?

Q Yes.

A It looks like it could be Jeff's.

MS. LIGON: Thank you. I just want you to hold on to that for a second.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 13 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you now Exhibit No. 13. I just gave you that along with the other one because I would like for you to look at the handwriting on those.

First of all, can you tell me what they are, please?

A It's a copy of a carbon, it's a copy of a carbon of the check.

Q And could you tell me the dates on

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each of the checks, please?

A 22nd November, 3rd of January.

Q January what year?

A Oh, I'm sorry, 22nd November '92, 3rd of January '93, 3rd of January '93, 4th of '93 and 12/93 and, I'm sorry, 12 November '93, 12 November '93, 22nd of November, '93.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on these checks?

A It could be and I believe it's mine.

Q On each of these checks?

A No, I'm not sure of each check, but I believe it is, yes.

Q Let's just go through them. On the first one, the first check, a check dated November 22, 1992, written to Patty Martin.

A Uh-huh.

Q Is that your handwriting?

A I believe it is.

Q The second check, January 3rd, 1993, is that your handwriting?

A I believe it is.

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Q January 3rd, 1993, is the next one, is that your handwriting?

A I don't know. That's one I'm not sure of.

Q Then the next one is dated March 4th, 1993, is that your handwriting?

A I believe that one, I believe that is.

Q That is your handwriting?

A I believe.

Q November 12th, 1993, is the next check?

A Yeah, I'm not sure about that one.

Q This check, just looking at the other exhibit that I showed you, that would be Exhibit No. 12, would you say the handwriting, I know you're not an expert in handwriting, but would you say that that handwriting looks similar to that of Jeff VanFleet as reflected in the previous exhibit?

A Which one?

Q Well both of them.

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A No, I don't think that the 200 on the -- I think this one, exhibit, I don't have an exhibit on this one.

Q It's the same exhibit, it would be Exhibit No. 12, it would be check number I believe you're referring to June 7th, 1994?

A Right. This one definitely is not mine. This one could be mine, yes.

Q I'm sorry. Can you identify the check that you're saying could be yours?

A There's a 7th of June could be mine, yes.

Q Could be your handwriting?

A I'm not sure.

Q Is that what you're saying?

A Yes. But I can't -- it's not a very detailed copy.

Q Both of the checks in Exhibit No. 12 have been identified in previous testimony not by an expert, but by someone who believes the handwriting to be that of Jeff VanFleet.

A Okay, that's true.

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Q And I'm just looking now at the next exhibit, which is Exhibit No. 13, the check that's dated November 12th, 1993, and I'm asking you if you recognize that to be Jeff VanFleet's handwriting, as well?

A Which date, the 12th?

Q Yes.

A I -- no, I'm not sure that is Jeff's.

Q Would you look at how 200 is written on the two checks?

A No, I agree, it could be.

Q Let's go on. So in November of 1993, then, are you saying that Jeff VanFleet could have had access to the checkbook and written a check?

A No, I'm not saying that. You asked me if it could be his handwriting, I said yeah, it could be.

Q Well would you have authorized him to write a check on behalf of the campaign?

A I could have, yes, which I stated earlier. But the main person that had the

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authority was Patty Martin.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 14 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 14. Again, it's a disclosure report from the Stockman Committee to the Commission.

It reflects in let's see the second box from the bottom a disbursement to Jeff VanFleet in the amount of $1,500, date is December 1994, the purpose is listed as contracting services non-employee compensation.

Do you recall this particular disbursement?

A No, I do not.

Q What kind of contracting services do you think Jeff VanFleet would have provided to the committee back in 1994?

A Consulting, whatever, whatever he did to help us, whether it was his advice or

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whatever.

Q What kind of advice would Jeff VanFleet normally give?

A I didn't say he normally gives advice, I said it could have been advice.

Q Has he given advice to the campaign before?

A In '94, I believe he did.

Q And what kind of advice was it?

A Regarding Jefferson County, probably, but I mean, I don't recall. But he -- he was from Jefferson County.

Q What with respect to Jefferson County?

A How to win in Jefferson. I don't specifically remember what he said, but I'm sure it was on how to win Jefferson County.

Q You said that you believed this particular disbursement may have been for consulting or giving advice?

A No, I said it could have been. You asked me to speculate and I speculated.

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Q We have testimony that this particular disbursement, well, in fact, I'm going to show you, I'm just going to show you these, these are two checks dated 12/9/1994 and 12/14/94 to Jeff VanFleet in the amount of $750.

A Okay.

MR. OLSON: Can we see those, please?

MR. MILES: Are these exhibits, Tracey?

MS. LIGON: Yes, I better enter them, yes. Let me mark those, please.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit Nos. 15 and 16 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you Exhibits 15 and 16. They are checks made out, each made out to Jeff VanFleet in the amount of $750, both written in December 1994, and they would appear to be the checks that underlie the $1,500 disbursements reported in the previous exhibit.

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A Right.

Q And just looking at the check that's dated December 9th, 1994, you see on the memo line that it says reimbursement, well, reimburse, food and gas, and then on the one that's dated 12/14/1994, on the memo line it says payment on debt.

Do you have any idea why this entry would be different from the entry that's written on the report, payment on debt on one and --

A No, obviously they made a mistake, either on the report or on the check.

Q Do you recall Jeff VanFleet making a loan of $750 to the campaign?

A No, unless he bought something and she was referring to repaying that.

Q We have testimony that these particular checks actually represented a bonus to Jeff VanFleet that were given to him by you.

Does this refresh your recollection of these disbursements at all?

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A No, but it wouldn't -- I mean, I didn't write the checks or the report, so --

Q But you would have approved the writing of the check?

A Possibly. I mean, I don't know.

Q If it were a bonus to Jeff VanFleet, would you have been the one to approve?

A I would suspect that I would be, yeah, sure.

Q Do you recall --

A No, I don't.

Q Do you recall having a conversation to Jeff, with Jeff VanFleet saying, look, you did a good job on the '94 campaign, I want to give you a bonus?

A Not specifically. No. Not specifically, no. But, I mean, if -- I think that the checks' memos probably accurately reflect what the checks are.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on the report?

A No, ma'am.

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Q And that would be in Exhibit 14. You don't recognize that handwriting?

A Uh-uh.

Q But you know at that time, you're saying that John Hart was responsible for preparing the reports?

A Yes, ma'am.

Q That is your testimony?

A Yes.

Q How would John Hart know what to write in the purpose of the disbursement section?

A He's supposed to, the way I understand it, is go back to the checks and take it from there.

Q And so how can you explain the fact that the checks say something different than what he wrote on the --

A I can't, I didn't do it. I can't explain it.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 17 was marked for

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identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit 17. These are pages from reports submitted to the Commission reflecting the Committee's disbursements.

At the very bottom, I'm sorry, at the very top of the first page is the payment to Jeff VanFleet in May of 1995 in the amount of $1,500.

Then on the second page at the very bottom you'll see another payment of $1,000 in January of 1995 to Jeff VanFleet.

The purpose of the disbursement for both of these is listed as payment of debt. Do you recall these particular payments?

A No, but -- no, I don't. I mean, this could be the bonus.

Q I'm sorry?

A This could be a bonus for the --

Q So you recall then giving a bonus to Jeff VanFleet in 1994?

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A No, I'm just saying it could have been.

Q If it were a bonus, why would it be listed as payment of a debt?

A Well, if there is an agreement or if there is some understanding he would get a bonus and we owed him a bonus, this is my theory, I don't know, we could have listed -- I didn't fill out the reports, I'm trying to help you out, we could have said, okay, we owe money for the bonus, it's a payment for that service which would have had to be listed as a debt.

Q Do you recall having an agreement with Jeff VanFleet to give him a bonus at the end of the campaign?

A No, I do not recall an agreement like that.

Q So you did not have an agreement, such an agreement?

A I don't recall one, no.

Q If you had an agreement with him to give him a bonus at the end of the campaign --

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A You have to understand, everybody that worked really hard in our campaign, if I had the money, I would have given everybody huge bonuses. I didn't have it. And I think that if an opportunity availed itself where I could give him money for all his service that he gave free, I would do it.

Q But at the time he provided those services, it was his understanding and yours, as well, that he was not being paid for those services; is that correct?

A Oh, yeah, he was volunteering.

Q So then there was really no debt owed; is that correct?

A No, I wouldn't interpret that, no.

Q I just want to go back now just for a second to the activity occurring in 1993.

Are you familiar with Rush parties?

A Yes.

Q How are you familiar with them?

A I helped put them on.

Q What do you mean you helped put them

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on?

A I invited friends over to watch Rush Limbaugh.

Q Where did you invite these friends?

A It was at a pizza parlor.

Q So were these friends or Stockman campaign supporters?

A Well, I mean, I would hope if someone is working in my campaign, they would also be friends. It's friends to watch Rush Limbaugh.

Q So you invited campaign workers?

A Well, no, not necessarily invited -- I invited friends and some of them were campaign workers. I don't -- I mean, it wasn't that exclusive.

Q About how many people would attend these, the Rush parties?

A Between 70 and 100 or something like that.

Q And where were they held?

A I think they were held at, not all of them were held in the same place. One of them

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was held at Mr. Gaddy's. It's a pizza place.

Q Can you think of any other place where they were held?

A Yeah, there was one held in what was a Randall strip center, but I don't remember the name of the restaurant. One was I think at my house.

Q Was it Caddyshack?

A That's it, yeah.

Q You said you put on these Rush parties. Who else helped organize these parties?

A I don't recall who else. I mean, it wasn't real complicated, I mean, you just --

Q Well, did you have to make arrangements with the restaurant, you just couldn't walk in with 100 people?

A Oh, yeah. Well, we didn't know it was going to be 100 people or 70 people or whatever it was the first time. Apparently people told other people, got bigger than we anticipated. We told them it would be about

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Q Who is the we that you refer to?

A Me, I referred to myself.

Q So you, yourself, made the arrangements with the restaurant?

A Right. The best I recall it was me. I don't know if anybody else helped me, but I really, I'm pretty sure it was me.

Q And who sent out, how did you promote these Rush parties?

A We sent out, sometimes we called, sometimes we sent out postcards.

Q Who all called and who all sent out postcards?

A I think I sent out the postcards and I probably told people about it.

Q Who else did that?

A Who else did what?

Q Sent out postcards?

A I don't know. I'm -- what I'm trying to tell you is I believe it was me. I don't know who else did, but I believe it was me that

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did it.

Q Was there any other way that these Rush parties were promoted?

A Not to my knowledge, no.

Q Could you just describe, just describe from the beginning --

A What a Rush party --

Q Yes.

A Well, you go in and you order pizza. You get a piece of pizza and then you pop in a video of Rush and you watch Rush Limbaugh, which was funny. I mean, he has a sense of humor.

Q Where would you get the video?

A We make tapes, tape the show.

Q Who made the tapes?

A Either I did or Dan Norton I think may have made some.

Q Did the restaurants charge you?

A Well, for the pizza.

Q For use of the facility?

A No, just the pizza.

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Q For bringing all the people in?
A No, they liked the customers, I mean.
Q Did --
A Well at one point they got a little frustrated because we had a little bit more than we anticipated.
Q Who were the owners of these places?
A I have no idea.
Q Were they campaign supporters, do you know?
A No, I don't know. Mr. Gaddy's is a huge company. I have no idea who they are.
Q Did the campaign share in any of the restaurant's profits for the night?
A No.
Q At the parties, did you, like, welcome everybody or what did you say at the parties?
A I don't remember, but I could have. I mean -- but it was to watch the videos, not to hear me talk. It was like someone going to football games, you don't get up and say

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welcome to the football game, we are going to watch the Bears play the Houston Oilers.

Q Did you happen to ask for campaign volunteers at any of them?

A No, I don't recall that, no.

Q Did anybody ask for volunteers for the Stockman campaign there?

A No, I don't recall. I mean, it was there, it was promoted and it was there to watch Rush Limbaugh. I mean, it was -- he -- I think his show was just coming on and it was shown real late at night in Houston, so we were just making it available to people that couldn't see it, just had fun.

Q Did you accept campaign contributions there?

A No, I mean, it was pizza.

Q Did you ask anybody for contributions?

A I don't remember doing that, no, although I should have.

Q Do you recall anybody asking people

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in attendance?

A I don't specifically remember that, no.

Q Would you consider those Rush parties to be campaign parties?

A No. I mean, you look at it as having fun. I mean, it was a funny show and it was educational and I thought we had a great time. I mean, it was just, you know, a get-together.

Q Did the people that you earlier identified as working for the *Southeast Texas Times*, some of them, did they attend the Rush parties?

A I'm sure they must have, yes.

Q Who all, could you just name some of them?

A No, I couldn't.

Q Was Jeff VanFleet there?

A I don't think so, but I imagine he would be there. Now I don't know, I don't know if he was there every time. A lot of times, you know, we didn't take role or anything like

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that, so. But, sure, he probably was there.

Q Did he ever come and say, hey, why don't you people help me with my newspaper while you're here?

A He might have, I don't know.

Q Do you recall that?

A No.

Q Did he ever bring his newspapers to the Rush party?

A He could have.

Q Do you recall that?

A No, but he could have very well have done that. You would even have fun.

Q I bet I would. If he had brought 10,000 newspapers to a Rush party, do you think you would recall that?

A 10,000, yeah, I bet I would, yeah.

Q Do you ever recall him bringing --

A No, he didn't, 10,000 newspapers.

Q Did he bring any newspapers?

A Yeah, I told you he probably could have, yeah.

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Q He probably did, you recall that, is that --

A No, I didn't say that. I said he could have.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 18 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 18.

Could you tell me what they are, please, each of them?

A They are invitations to Rush parties.

Q Would you just tell me what the dates are on each of the invitations?

A It's June 5th on the first one and June 27th on the second one and August 14th on the third one.

Q Could you just read the first two lines of the first invitation?

A "Rush Limbaugh party and Stockman for Congress."

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Q So you're saying that you don't consider these to have been campaign parties?

A No.

Q Is that your testimony?

A Yeah.

Q So why would you use Stockman for Congress in your invitation to the Rush party?

A To invite people to come to Rush Limbaugh parties doesn't exclude the fact that I can put Stockman for Congress on it.

Q What was the purpose for putting Stockman for Congress if it was just a Rush party?

A Well, I don't know. I mean, you could be more enticed to come see Rush Limbaugh if you thought also I was going to be there.

Q I see. Mr. Stockman, you testified earlier that you invited your friends, campaign workers?

A Right.

Q These invitations were sent to John LeCarr?

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A Uh-huh.

Q Would you consider him to be your friend?

A Well, I thought so, yeah. At some point, I don't know. Like I say, we sent them out to a lot of people.

Q Who all did you send them to, I mean, did you have a particular list that you were looking at that you used to send invitations to?

A Yeah, people that I thought would be either interested in coming or would have an interest in watching Rush Limbaugh.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on the front there of the first exhibit, the address?

A It could be mine.

Q You don't recognize your own handwriting?

A Not always, no, but it looks like mine. I also don't know if this page is necessarily congruent with this page.

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Q I'm handing you back an exhibit that we've looked at previously. I don't remember the number, but it's --

A Two.

Q Exhibit No. 2, okay.

A Exhibit 2.

Q It's the May 1993 issue of a *Southeast Texas Times*.

A Uh-huh.

Q And could you just open it to the second page, please.

A Yes.

Q And would you just, third column from the right, read the blurb under Rush parties?

A "Watch the last two weeks of Rush Limbaugh. Call for more details. June 5th. Dinner and the video begins at," and it's illegible, "996-6900 for reservations."

Q And whose number is that, 996-6900?

A That's my phone number.

Q And how would the *Southeast Texas Times* have known about the Rush parties?

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A I'm sure Jeff put them in there.
Q Did you tell him about them?
A Well I don't know exactly how it happened, but I'm sure he found out about them.
Q Did you tell him, though?
A Like I said --
Q Did you say would you put this in the paper, would you advertise the Rush parties in the paper?
A I mean, I don't exactly recall. But I'm sure that he either, either I told him or he found out somehow and put it in there, sure.
Q Could you just, I noticed on the announcement in the *Southeast Texas Times*, it does not state that, does not state Stockman for Congress as it does on the invitations that you sent out?
A Right.
Q Do you know of any reason why that particular piece of information would have been left out on the announcement in the newspaper?
A Because I didn't do it. If I did it,

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I would have put it on there.

Q But he knew you were going to be there, as well; isn't that right?

A I don't know. I mean, you're asking me why it's not there. If I put this together, I would have put it down.

Q Did Jeff VanFleet, to your knowledge, did he ask anybody at the Rush parties to help him out with the *Southeast Texas Times*?

A To my knowledge, no.

Q Did he have people at the Rush parties rolling copies of the *Southeast Texas Times* and stuffing them into plastic bags?

A He could have, yes.

Q Do you recall that?

A Like I said earlier, I don't specifically recall, but that could be a possibility, yes. You have to understand, too, I did not attend all of the Rush parties, although I tried to.

Q But you recall attending Rush parties at Mr. Gaddy's, I believe you named Mr.

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Gaddy's?

A Yes, right.

Q And there were two there; is that right, that you recall?

A Two what?

Q Two Rush parties held at Mr. Gaddy's?

A I don't remember how many were held there.

Q Would you have been present at all of the Rush parties that were written on the invitations that said Stockman for Congress?

A I would try to be, but it doesn't -- I mean, it didn't -- it was a thing that we were doing for fun, that we were friends getting together. If something came up and I couldn't make it, then I didn't make it.

Q And it was your testimony earlier that you weren't campaigning at that time in May of 1993?

A Uh-uh, I didn't feel I was.

Q But you used Stockman for Congress in materials that you distributed?

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A Right.

Q I'd like to talk about your campaigning that you did in 1994.

A Uh-huh.

Q What kinds of campaign literature did you use in 1994?

A We produced lots of literature. Everything from door hangers to push cards to tabloids to everything, bumper stickers, yard signs.

Q Did you produce newspaper-like campaign literature?

A Yeah, yeah, we sure did, yeah.

Q Whose idea was that?

A I don't know.

Q You don't know?

A Uh-uh.

Q Who worked on that particular kind of campaign literature?

A Frankovich I think did.

Q Who else?

A Probably Jeff VanFleet.

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Q Were they paid for working on that kind of literature?

A I don't know. I don't think so. I don't know. They -- I don't know.

Q You don't know who was paid in your campaign in 1994?

A Well, no, I already told you Patty Martin was the only one -- well, no, she was a volunteer that year. She didn't start paying until '95.

The only person, the only person that ever got paid that I recall is Patty Martin and in 1995 to '96. I don't think -- we didn't have anybody on a regular basis getting money, that I was aware of, on a regular basis.

Q So who else, you said Frankovich, Tim Frankovich and Jeff VanFleet worked on the campaign literature in '94?

A Right.

Q Who else worked on it?

A And I did.

Q Did you have significant input into

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the content of that?

A Not really, I mean, they, I mean, I was out, you've got to understand, I was out -- I wasn't there all the time, I mean, I'm out campaigning. I'm not sitting there saying, you know, do this, do that.

Q Where was the campaign literature distributed, throughout the --

A Entire district.

Q District?

A Yeah.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 19 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit 19.

Would you tell me what it is, please?

A It's a tabloid called The Republican Voice.

Q Was that produced by the Stockman campaign?

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A Yes.

Q Would you please turn to the very last page of this paper?

A Paper.

Q Paper, yes. And could you read to me what's at the very bottom of the page?

A Paid for by Friends of Steve Stockman.

Q That's pretty good. Can you tell me what this --

A This is a reduction, by the way, so that's why it's so small.

Q I see. This disclaimer, what all did this particular disclaimer refer to? Was it, I see that just above the disclaimer there's a little ad that says Steve Stockman for U.S. Congress.

A Right.

Q Did this disclaimer refer to that particular thing or to the entire document?

A No, it's to the entire document. It's a piece of campaign literature that has a

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disclaimer on it.

Q Is there any reason why it was written so small?

A I just stated to you, this is a reduction.

Q But it's still small, even as, if we blew that up, that would still be small?

A Well, I disagree.

Q You disagree that that would be small?

A Well, it's -- you shrunk it down. I mean, okay, we'll have a disagreement over what size it is. But on almost all standard letters you get, it's the same size.

Q Was there a reason why this disclaimer was placed as it is in this particular piece of literature?

A I didn't lay it out, but it's because the law requires you to have a disclaimer.

Q Did you see it before it --

A Oh, yeah.

MS. SHAINE: For the record, can you

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tell us what the original size of this was, because actually it was produced to us in this form?

THE WITNESS: I don't know the original size, but I can get that for you, if you'd like.

MS. SHAINE: Do you have any copies of the original?

THE WITNESS: No, but, I mean, I can find out, we can find out what they shrunk this down to and try to blow it back up.

MS. SHAINE: Well it would be helpful to know what the original dimensions were because this was what was produced to us.

THE WITNESS: I mean, it's a tabloid and you've got an 8 and a half by 11 and a tabloid is, like, you know, much bigger.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q So, is it fair to say that you and Jeff VanFleet and Tim Frankovich just worked together in producing this, the campaign literature in 1994?

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A Right, the general campaign literature. I actually think this one was, I'm guessing, I think it was produced by Tim.

Q But you saw it before it was actually produced and went out, printed and went out?

A I'm assuming that I would, yeah, I mean.

Q We have testimony that this disclaimer on this particular one and others like it was strategically placed so that readers wouldn't know it was campaign literature.

A Well the only --

MR. MILES: There's no question pending.

THE WITNESS: Okay, all right. That's your testimony, that's fine.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Does that surprise you at all?

A If it was -- I don't know who said that. If it was Mr. Clifford, it would not surprise me.

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Q Was it strategically placed to confuse the readers?

A No. This complaint was -- no, it was not.

Q Was there any discussion about the --

A I mean, you look at this and tell me if you're an average person if you thought it was about anybody else but me, I mean --

Q Can you tell me what the discussion amongst the three of you in producing --

A No, I can't.

Q The articles with respect to disclaimer, was there any discussion with respect to the placement of the disclaimer?

A No, you're not hearing me. I did not lay this out. I think Tim Frankovich did, okay.

Q I understand you didn't lay it out, but did you ever have any discussion with the others with respect to the placement of the disclaimers?

A No.

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Q After the '94 election, did you pack up the stuff in the garage? What did you do with all of the campaign items that were in the garage?

A Well I went off to Congress, so I mean, we did the contract with America and I only came home, I mean, I don't think they did anything with it, to my knowledge.

Q Did --

A I came home on weekends.

Q To your knowledge, was anything loaned, computers loaned to anyone?

A No. No, it was not.

Q Are you familiar with the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A Yes, I am.

Q How are you familiar with that?

A From the complaint, you -- we've covered in Mr. -- from going over stuff.

Q How else are you familiar, was that the first time that you became aware?

A No, no, no. I knew about it when I

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was in Washington. We received calls from Mr. Frankovich.

Q What would he say in those calls, who would he speak to?

A Well he wouldn't speak to me, because I wouldn't return his calls.

Q Why not?

A Because I didn't want Mr. Clifford, quite frankly, to fill out another complaint. I didn't need the grief.

Q So you never spoke to him about the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A I don't recall speaking to him specifically about it, no.

Q When did you first, you may have said it, but when did you first hear about the Southeast Texas Statesmen being in existence?

A Well, like I said, I got word through somebody, and I don't remember who, that they were trying to do that and I didn't approve.

Q And you what?

A I didn't approve.

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Q Why didn't you approve?

A Well I just told you, I didn't need more grief from Mr. Clifford.

Q So did you say please don't do the paper?

A No, I just didn't respond to their requests. I forwarded them.

Q So who did Tim Frankovich speak to when he called your Congressional office?

A I don't know, you would have to ask Tim.

Q How were you aware that he called?

A Because I was told that he called.

Q Who told you that he called?

A One of my staff, I'm sure. I mean, I don't know who on the staff told me.

Q Do you know where the newspaper was produced, the *Southeast Texas Times*, do you know where exactly?

A I do now.

Q You didn't know when it was being produced?

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A No, no, I did not. I do now, though, and I don't recall where or how I found out, but I do know where they went to.

Q You don't recall how you first found out?

A Right.

Q So what is your understanding of where it was that they produced it?

A It was in LeMark.

Q Where in LeMark?

A I don't know specifically, but near where we campaigned, where we had a storage facility for signs and stuff and then we later used it for putting signs together. I don't remember the address.

Q When you say near, what?

A Well, in the same office building.

Q In the same office building?

A Right.

Q Can you describe the office building?

A It's in a tough part of a neighborhood. It's generally not well

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maintained. The office building was not well maintained.

Q Oh, I see. Can you tell me who all occupied the building, do you know, at that time? Was it --

A When?

Q Well, when the campaign was headquartered at the building?

A There was, there was nobody in the building when we were first, when the guy first let us start putting signs in. It was abandoned. I mean, it was --

Q And when exactly was that, if you recall?

A I want to say '94. I'm really not sure. But what it was, you know, we used it as storage, at first. So, I mean, it wasn't like, you know, we said, you know, this is our office. We just stored stuff in there.

Q Just storage. But you paid rent there for the storage?

A From filling out my interrogatories,

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we found that we did pay rent. We paid $100 to the guy.

Q You paid $100?

A Yeah, to the guy.

Q And how long did you use that, the office?

A I'm guessing, I can't remember. I put this down in the interrogatories. I'm thinking it was 12 or 13 months, something like that.

Q Beginning in, when did you say?

A Yeah, that's what I say. I think, I'm trying to remember. '94.

Q Early '94, Spring?

A Yeah, I can't really remember.

Q Do you know when the campaign was headquartered there or had storage, was being used as a place for storage?

A We primarily used it in the last couple months of campaign to build signs, beat there, go block walk or something like that. But it was in a very tough neighborhood and

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people generally didn't like going there.

Q Were there other tenants in that particular building that you were aware of?

A No, there was not. No, it was, like I said, it was an empty, abandoned.

Q It was one building and the campaign had the entire thing or?

A No, it was one building that had partitioned.

Q I see. So you later found out that the *Southeast Texas Times*, I mean, *Statesmen*, was being produced in that very same building?

A In the same building, but not in the same area where we were, right, yeah.

Q Would it have been in the same office, a different suite or how?

A No, I said it was partitioned. From what I understand, they were on one side and we were on the other, but I mean, it's irrelevant. It was the same building.

Q Did you ever visit that office when they were producing the Southeast Texas

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Statesmen?

A No, no, I was up here in Washington.

Q To your knowledge, who all contributed to the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A I have no idea. I have absolutely no idea.

Q Did you ever contribute anything at all, yourself, to the Statesmen?

A No, absolutely not.

Q Did you ever recruit people to work on the Statesmen?

A No. You've got to understand, this is after Mr. Clifford's complaint.

Q I do understand that.

A I did not, I did not, I did not need any more grief.

Q Do you have any idea in what area the Southeast Texas Statesmen was distributed?

A No. No.

Q Mr. Stockman, we have testimony that, well first of all, let me just make it clear, you first learned of the Southeast Texas

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Statesmen, that it was being produced at all when you were here in Washington; is that correct?

A Correct, yeah.

Q We have testimony that it was your idea to produce the Southeast Texas Statesmen, that you, in fact, called, when Tim Frankovich was reporting to work in your home, after the 1994 election, that you asked him to meet with you and that you proposed the idea of him starting the Southeast Texas Statesmen.

Any idea why someone would say that?

A No.

Q We also have testimony that you visited the office where the Southeast Texas Statesmen was being produced on one occasion.

Is it still your testimony that you don't --

A I didn't go there. Yeah, I stick with what I said.

Q To your knowledge, did your campaign committee ever provide money to the Southeast

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Texas Statesmen or to Tim Frankovich to help with the newspaper?

A I can almost 100 percent sure tell you no, absolutely not.

Q Did the committee ever provide funds to John Hart to help with the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A Uh-uh.

Q Were you aware that John Hart worked on the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A Yes, I was.

Q You were aware of that?

A Yes.

Q And how did you know that?

A Because either John told me or I found -- I just knew it. I can't remember when I found out, probably -- I just knew that he was. I mean, he was my treasurer.

Q If you wanted to maintain some distance because of the complaint and everything and you were totally opposed to any connection to the Southeast Texas Statesmen,

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why would you allow your treasurer to work on the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A I can't control him.

Q Well you could dismiss him as treasurer?

A Well I could, you're right, but I didn't.

Q The testimony that we have is that he didn't prepare the reports anyway.

A So what's your point?

Q My point is why not dismiss him if he's a connection to a paper that you don't want to have any affiliation to?

A I don't see the connection. I mean, the fact is he knows, and you probably have asked this, he knows I wasn't happy with it.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 20 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I've just handed you what's been marked as Exhibit 20, it's a page from a

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disclosure report from the Stockman campaign submitted to the Commission and it reflects in the third entry from the bottom, payment of $1,600 to Tim Frankovich in December of 1994.

A Uh-huh.

Q The purpose is listed as debt retirement, salary, non-employee compensation.

Do you remember this particular disbursement?

A No.

Q Do you know whether this disbursement would have been as a bonus like you say it could have been for the others?

A Yeah, it could have been, yes.

Q We have testimony that this particular payment was the largest payment that he had ever received from the campaign, that it was made after the meeting with you where you proposed the idea of starting the Southeast Texas Statesmen.

Does that refresh your recollection at all on this?

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A No, I mean, you also showed me payments, right here is Clifton Murchison and Jeff VanFleet and many other people and Andy Reusser all received checks after the campaign.

Q Is it your testimony that you never contributed any money or anything of value to Tim Frankovich or to anyone for purposes of helping with the Southeast Texas Statesmen?

A Best of my knowledge, that is correct.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit Nos. 21, 22 and 23 were marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Handing you what's been marked as Exhibit No. 21, can you tell me what it is, please?

A A check to John Hart.

Q Can you tell me the amount of the check, please?

A 2,200.

Q And the date of the check?

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A 3rd '94.

Q And the purpose is listed as, on the memo entry, could you tell me what that is?

A It says consultant.

Q Do you recall this particular disbursement?

A Uh-uh.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on the check?

A No, I don't.

Q You do not?

A No, I do not.

Q Does that look like Jeff VanFleet's handwriting to you?

A It could be, but I don't know if it is.

Q Now what kind of consulting would John Hart have provided to the campaign in early January '94, to your knowledge?

A Could be for treasurer, could be -- I don't know.

Q We have testimony that he first came

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to volunteer for the campaign in November, December 1993, very short time to January 3rd, 1994.

A Uh-huh.

Q I guess I'm just trying to find out what could he have provided for $2,200 to the campaign at that time?

You testified earlier that he didn't know much about filling out the reports and he needed Rabih to help him fill out the reports?

A Right.

Q So I can't imagine that it would be, you know, to consult with the campaign, provide advice regarding how to fill out reports?

A I can't speculate on why he needed the check.

Q You also gave testimony that he had no prior campaign experience before volunteering for the Stockman campaign?

A Nobody did.

Q Well, I mean, I just, it just seems strange that he would be consulting for $2,200

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when he had just started helping with the campaign.

A I guess my -- I don't understand the significance here.

Q I'm just trying to get at what this disbursement was written for.

A Consulting is what it says on it.

Q You recall this disbursement?

A No, no, I'm just saying that's what it is in the memo.

Q So I'm saying does it make sense, though?

A I mean, it does to me. I mean, it's a check written to John Hart for $2,200. I don't see the problem.

Q Would you have had to approve a check in the amount of $2,200?

A Probably, yeah.

Q So you probably approved this check?

A Probably, yeah.

MS. SHAINE: What would someone have to tell you in order to get approval?

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THE WITNESS: They would call me and tell me what it was for.

MS. SHAINE: Would they explain a reason for it?

THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sure they must have, but you're asking me specifically do I recall the reason.

MS. SHAINE: No. Do you have any recollection as to who would have called you to authorize paying $2,200?

THE WITNESS: Probably Patty Martin.

MS. SHAINE: You have no recollection at this time of a conversation of giving $2,200 to Mr. Hart, your treasurer?

THE WITNESS: No, no. No. Right.

MR. OLSON: Let me just interrupt and say that I want to note an objection, I certainly want to note an objection.

In 20 years of practice, I've never seen two people both go back and forth on questions. If one person wants to ask questions then finish, then the other does,

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then that's a common practice. But this is very unusual and I object to the practice. If you continue it, you continue it, but I certainly think it's difficult to respond to two of you when you're coming one question on the heels of the other.

MS. SHAINE: Your objection is noted.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q So it's your testimony that you probably would have approved this check?

A Yes, I believe that's correct. Yeah, of course.

Q And the person, whoever told you what they were making out the check for, you say you didn't write it yourself, would have advised you for what the check was being written for?

A I would assume that's the case, yeah.

Q What kind of services did John Hart provide to the campaign?

A It says on the memo, consultant.

Q But what kind, what did he do, what did he provide to the campaign?

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A I think I've answered that. I don't understand your question.

MR. MILES: I agree he's answered it about eight times.

MS. LIGON: Consulting, I mean, can come in all kinds of ways.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm trying to get the substance of consulting.

A I want to answer you guy's question, but I'm trying to understand the way -- I mean, I don't understand -- I'm trying to understand the logic that you're going after with this particular check.

Q What kind of consulting would you consider John Hart to have been for the campaign, was he financial consultant?

A Well, I mean, he was the treasurer of the campaign.

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibits 22 and 23.

Exhibit No. 22 is a 1994, 12 day

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primary report that was filed by the committee with the Commission.

Do you see that it covers a period January 1st, 1994, through February 16, 1994, which would cover the time that the check in the previous exhibit to John, that check to John Hart was written?

A Right.

Q You have just looked back at the disbursement page on that particular report?

A I'm sorry, which one are you on, 22?

Q I'm on that first one, yeah. The disbursement page would be the last page.

A Uh-huh.

Q Do you see a check there, an entry for payment to John Hart in the amount of $2,200?

A No, I do not.

Q Would you look back at the next exhibit, please, it is the amended 1994 12-day pre-primary report.

A Uh-huh, right.

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Q It's 23. You'll see that this was filed with the Commission in July of 1994, it's the amended report covering the same period where that check to John Hart should have appeared.

If you look through it, you'll see that a check to John Hart was not reported in the amendment, as well.

A I don't have the amendment. But I have just nothing but loans.

Q That was the full form that was submitted by the committee.

A Oh, okay, okay.

Q What could be the explanation for the fact that it's missing from the report?

A They didn't put it on there.

Q You don't, this is just puzzling because you don't really know what kind of services that he provided to the campaign and it wasn't reported, so I'm just trying to find out if there's any explanation that you can --

A I mean, I didn't fill out the reports

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or sign them, so I have no explanation for it, no.

Q Did you ever approve, did you review the reports that were submitted to --

A I have no memory of having done that, no.

Q Do you recall reviewing this one, these reports?

A No, I do not.

Q I'm going to ask you some questions now about, generally about, your '92, '94 and '96 campaigns, then I'll get into specific questions.

A Okay.

Q Did your campaigns use outside vendors?

A Yes.

Q What kind of services did those vendors provide to the campaign?

A Everything from staple guns to mail outs.

Q Did you ever use direct mail vendors?

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A Oh, yes.

Q Can you name the ones that you used?

A The Pulser, Chris Cupid's group, Political One Stop, Stephen Clause. I'm trying to remember. There was more, there was a lot more. I'm trying to remember all the different ones.

Q Can you tell me the general time period that you used Pulser? Was that during the '90 campaign?

A Uh-huh.

Q Did you use it for any others?

A No, uh-uh.

Q And then did you use direct mail vendors for the '92 and '94?

A Yeah, we did. I can't remember who we used in -- I mean, I have to go back and look at the reports.

Q Can you tell me about Political One Stop, more about it?

A It was the guys that did our direct mail for the '96 campaign.

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Q You mentioned Chris Cupid.

A Uh-huh.

Q When did you first meet Chris Cupid?

A Oh, in '94.

Q Where did you meet him?

A He was a volunteer in Jefferson County.

Q And what kind of services did he provide to the campaign in '94?

A As a volunteer, I mean, he did the stuffing of the envelopes to handing out the flyers, the nailing the...

Q So was he associated with Political One Stop back in '94 when you first met him?

A No. No.

Q How did that all come into being?

A He -- say the question again.

Q Political One Stop, you said you met Chris Cupid in '94?

A Right.

Q He worked on the campaign?

A Uh-huh.

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Q He wasn't associated with Political One Stop.

A Uh-huh.

Q How was Political One Stop formed, whose idea was it?

A Just Chris'.

Q It was Chris'.

A Uh-huh.

Q Did he have a discussion with you about starting a group?

A I believe so, yes.

Q Can you tell me the substance of the conversation?

A I believe he came to me and said that he wanted to get involved in campaigns in a professional way and that he was -- enjoyed working on the '94 campaign and he wanted to do it full time.

Q And so then he started to work for you as --

A He didn't work full time for me. He -- he was persistent in his pursuit of -- I

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mean, he wanted to work for our re-election.

Q And this was in what year did he --

A '95.

Q And what part of '95?

A What part of '95 what?

Q Did Chris Cupid start or tell you about wanting to start a business called Political One Stop?

A Oh, gosh --

MR. MILES: If you recall.

THE WITNESS: Yeah, I'm trying to. In the Spring. I guess.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Now who else was associated with Political One Stop?

A Oh, my gosh, they had just a lot of people. I mean, from his partner, Jason Posie, on down. They had a whole phone bank operation.

Q And where were they located, where was their office?

A Well, they had an office in -- on

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Sealark, but they also worked out of our house.

Q They worked out of a house?

A No, our house, my house.

Q Oh, out of your house.

A But they also had one on Sealark.

Q He came to you with the idea you think roughly around Spring of 1995?

A Uh-huh, right. Right.

Q When did he begin working under the name Political One Stop within your home?

A I think in January '96.

Q Did he bring things in with him to work on or did he just use the facilities that were there at your home?

A If I recall correctly, I think he used the facilities at my home.

Q Can you just describe what all services?

A My garage.

Q No, what all services did Political One Stop provide?

A His primary objective, or whatever,

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that I wanted him to do was to do direct mail, to raise money. And if he could help with the management of the campaign, I mean, I was up in D.C. working, if you recall, they were, during the contract with America, we were working super long hours.

Q So who else would help with him, within your home?

Can you tell me the individuals that also assisted Chris Cupid and Jason Posie in carrying out the tasks that they did perform for the campaign?

A Now you have to understand, I typically, I was up here.

Q I understand.

A So I didn't, I mean, I wasn't there, I was up here.

Q Yes.

A But primarily it was Chris. I think it was Chris and Jason that did most of it.

Q You said they had a whole phone bank operation.

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A Uh-huh. And I don't know who they hired for that. You would have to ask them.

Q I'm just going to run through just some names and I'd like you to tell me if these individuals, if and how these individuals were associated with the Stockman campaign in any capacity.

A Uh-huh, okay.

Q Mark Jennes?

A I believe he worked with Chris Cupid.

Q Was he associated with the campaign prior to working with Chris Cupid?

A I don't believe he was.

Q How about Chris Perkins?

A I think he worked with Chris Cupid, also.

Q So Chris Cupid brought him in with him?

A I believe that's correct.

MR. MILES: Just for clarification, are we talking about Political One Stop here, or Chris Cupid?

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MS. LIGON: We are talking about Chris Cupid and Political One Stop and the services that they provided to the campaign.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Did Chris Perkins provide, was he associated with the campaign at all, to your knowledge, prior to --

A I really don't know. I don't think so.

Q How about Booker Stallworth?

A He worked also for Chris Cupid.

Q And he did not work on your campaign at all prior to coming in with Chris Cupid; is that right?

A No. If I can think, if I'm not mistaken, I think he was from Pennsylvania. I don't think he was from Texas.

Q What about David Potter?

A He was also worked for Chris.

Q What I'd like you to tell me is just a yes or no. Were they associated with the campaign in any capacity?

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A Well, I mean --

Q Other than with Chris Cupid.

A Okay, I don't know the division, I guess.

Q I'm sorry, other than with Political One Stop.

MR. MILES: Can I ask the question, do you mean temporally, do you mean time wise?

THE WITNESS: I'm having a hard time understanding.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q Let's put it time wise first. I would like to know if any of these people were working on the campaign?

A Previously to working with Chris.

Q Yes.

A Oh, okay, all right. But let me explain something, they are working for Chris, therefore, they are working on the campaign.

Q I understand that.

A I'm not trying to tell you they did not work on our campaign.

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Q I understand that, but what I'm saying is were they there prior to the establishment of Political One Stop?

A Were they there before. No. The last one I can't remember who you asked.

Q Let's just start again. Mark Jennes, was he there prior to Political One Stop?

A I don't believe so, no.

Q Chris Perkins?

A I don't believe so, no.

Q Booker Stallworth?

A No.

Q David Potter?

A No.

Q Bob Bruner?

A No.

Q Rose Marie Amabau, A-m-a --

A Yeah, I know. I don't believe so.

Q Albert Anderson?

A I don't know who he is.

Q Suzanne Baker?

A No.

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Q Ashley Barber?

A Who -- no, I don't even know who that is.

Q James Baird?

A James Baird, no, I don't know who that is.

Q Josh Bergaron?

A Don't know who that is.

Q Christina Black?

A Don't know who that is.

Q Now I would like to know if any of these individuals worked in any capacity for the campaign, for your campaign and also worked for Political One Stop. Do you understand, or would it be the same?

A No.

Q Would providing service to Political One Stop necessarily mean providing services to your campaign?

Did they provide services to the campaign in any capacity other than working for Political One Stop?

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A First of all, I don't know what all those, who all those people were that you mentioned. I do not know, I mean, once again, I was not there, so I don't -- I can't -- I mean, I would have no idea. That would be purely speculation.

MS. LIGON: Let's take a quick break.

(Discussion off the record)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q You mentioned earlier that Political One Stop had a big telemarketing operation?

A Right.

Q Where did they do the calling from?

A I think it was on Sealark. I don't know the specific address, but it was on Sealark.

Q How much time did Political One Stop spend at the campaign headquarters in your home once they got underway?

A I wasn't there, again, I was up here, but I think they spent quite a bit of time up there, I would imagine.

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Q Daily, probably?

A I don't know if daily, but I would hope so, I was paying them.

Q To your knowledge, was there anybody there in your campaign headquarters that was not associated with Political One Stop at all?

A Yes. Yes. Patty Martin and Tina Hatch.

Q Now the two of them weren't there at the same time, were they?

A No, they were not.

Q Can you tell me, Patty Martin was there when?

A Oh, no. I can't remember when Tina left. I guess maybe it was just Patty because I think Tina was in '95 and then Patty was in '96, generally speaking.

Q Was there anybody else that was in your home during that time that was not associated with Political One Stop?

A My wife.

Q Can you name who all were in your

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home at that time?

A No, I can't. I mean, remember, I'm living up here, I don't know.

Q I understand.

A On weekends I came home and they made me campaign. So I was -- the district was, you know, an hour and a half in length and I usually went to Beaumont, because that was where we needed to, which was an hour and a half away, so literally I could be not there for months.

Q Did you have any concept of how many people were in your home?

A In the end of the campaign, yeah, but not during, while I was up here. I mean, not until we broke, which I think we broke sometime in October.

Q It's your testimony that Patty Martin did not work for Political One Stop; is that what you said?

A Correct.

Q We actually have testimony that Patty

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Martin did provide services to Political One Stop, that she kept their checkbook very much in the same way that she kept the campaign checkbook.

MR. MILES: Wait for a question.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

BY MS. LIGON:

Q So you were not aware of that; is that right?

A No, I mean, like I was telling you, I was very rarely there, at all.

Q Did Political One Stop have other clients other than the Stockman campaign?

A I believe they probably did.

Q What made you believe, what makes you believe that?

A Well, I just, I mean, you're asking me if it's possible if they could have other clients and the answer is sure they could have.

Q I didn't ask you if it was possible, I was asking you --

A Do I know?

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Q Yes.
A No, not specifically, I do not know.
Q Do you know Tracey Sanborne?
A Yes.
Q How do you know her?
A She worked as a volunteer in the Jefferson County side.
Q When did she work there?
A In the '96 campaign.
Q So would that be throughout '95 and '96; to your knowledge?
A I don't know if she worked in '95. I'm pretty sure she worked in '96.
Q Do you know what kinds of services she provided?
A I mean, volunteer work.
Q So she was not paid?
A I'm not aware of her getting paid anything.
Q You mentioned Stephen Clause before?
A Uh-huh, right.
Q Who is he?

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A Steve Clause is a political consultant.

Q Did he provide services to the campaign?

A Yes, he did. We gave the FEC a copy of the work.

Q What services did he provide?

A He's a video fund raiser and he provided -- or did a video for our campaign.

Q When did you first become familiar with Stephen Clause?

A Sometime I think in '95.

Q Did he provide anything other than the video fund raising?

A No. Very expensive for that.

Q Let me go back for a second. When you hired Political One Stop, did you have, was there a contract between you and Political One Stop?

A There was an understanding between the two of us, yeah.

Q What was that understanding?

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A We would give them a monthly stipend and they would get about 15 percent of all the billings.

Q What was the monthly stipend?

A I think, I think they were getting 2,000 a month.

Q And then 15 percent of all --

A Of what they handled, yeah, the billings.

Q When you sat down with Chris Cupid to work out this arrangement, how did you understand that they would go about providing the services to the campaign?

A Well I told him I was up here in D.C. and that we, I couldn't handle it and that if he could help take a chunk of it and go with it, I'd be really grateful and I think that would be a good starting point for him to do. And I asked him if he could do direct mail, he agreed.

Q And was it your understanding that he would contract out work for other vendors?

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A Oh, yeah, he couldn't do it on himself, by himself.

(Stockman Deposition Exhibit No. 24 was marked for identification.)

BY MS. LIGON:

Q I'm handing you what's been marked Exhibit No. 24 and if you could just look one at a time.

The first thing that appears is a check for $20,600, I know the copy is a little bit bad, but it's written in August of 1995, made payable to Stephen Clause and Associates. The memo entry is consulting fees.

Do you recognize the handwriting on the checks?

A No, I don't.

Q The next one is, again, a check to Stephen Clause and Associates, written in October of 1995, in the amount of $20,600.

A Uh-huh.

Q Do you recognize the handwriting on

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that one?

A I, you know, I'm going to guess at it that I think it must be Tina's, because I think she was working there at that time.

Q Thank you. The third item in the exhibit is a check also written out to Stephen Clause and Associates, made out, the date on the check is October 20th, 1995, the amount of the check is $3,293.01.

A Right.

Q Again, would that be, would it be your guess that that's Tina Hatch's writing?

A Right. Right.

Q The fourth one is a check in the amount of $633.72 made payable to Stephen Clause and Associates.

Going back, again, is that Tina Hatch's?

A Well, I'm assuming that.

Q Assuming, okay. And the last one is a check made payable to Stephen Clause in the amount of $1,500 dated January 4, 1996. Do you

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see that?

A Uh-huh.

Q And whose handwriting is that?

A I don't know. It doesn't look like Tina's or the other ones.

Q These checks were written on dates that fall within the period covered by the 1995 year end report.

A Uh-huh.

Q I have that here, I'm not going to enter it as an exhibit, but I'm just going to tell you that this report does not contain any entries matching these particular checks.

They do contain entries matching the checks by date and by amount, but they are made payable to Political or they reflect that a payment was made to Political One Stop, rather than to Stephen Clause as the checks reflect.

What explanation would there be for that kind of a discrepancy?

A Well I was told that Rabih made a mistake and attributed to Political One Stop

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and went back and amended these reports to accurately reflect the checks, at least that's what I was told.

Q When were you told that that happened?

A In '96, I believe. Yeah, they've been amended.

MS. LIGON: You are entitled to review a copy of your deposition transcript for typographical errors within 30 days of this date. You are, you may waive that right if you so desire, you may do that now, if you like.

MR. MILES: I don't think so right now.

MS. LIGON: I'm reserving the right to recall you as a witness if upon further review we deem your testimony further needed.

THE WITNESS: That's fine.

MS. LIGON: We are adjourned.

MR. MILES: Just let me say for the record, Tracy, and ladies, respectfully, we object to not being able to have a copy of Mr.

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Stockman's deposition. I know based on our past discussions that although Mr. Stockman can come and review this, we may not have a copy; is that correct?

MS. LIGON: Yes.

MR. MILES: For the reasons already advanced to the FEC, we object to that procedure. We think that it impairs our representation.

MS. SHAINE: I'm sorry, I didn't understand whether you intended to waive your right or reserve it.

MR. MILES: We do not. We would like to reserve the right to waive at a later time. Right now we are going to read.

MS. SHAINE: Do you understand our procedure would be we would give Mr. Stockman the option either to review the transcript here in our offices or we would make arrangements to make the transcript available to a court reporter close to you, if you choose to do it that way.

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THE WITNESS: That would be great to do it close.

MS. SHAINE: So if you would let us know what you would like to do so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

THE WITNESS: Thanks.

MR. OLSON: Just one second, please.

MR. MILES: For the record, I know you've reserved your right to recall Mr. Stockman, I'm not sure what your right is. We don't necessarily acquiesce to that. You may have the right, you may not.

MS. LIGON: It's noted.

MS. SHAINE: Just, off the record.

(Discussion off the record)

(Whereupon, at 3:50 p.m., the deposition of STEVE STOCKMAN was adjourned.)

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Dear Concerned American,

We live in troubled yet exciting times.

The symbol shown above is the Chinese character for "*Crisis*". This symbol is based on two other characters: *"opportunity"* and *"danger"*.

I am writing you today to alert you to the ***dangers*** and inform you of the ***opportunities*** to avert an impending ***crisis***.

Look at some of the ***dangers*** of the Clinton administration:

- Introducing the largest tax and spend budget in U. S. history.
- Granting special rights for those who commit sodomy.
- Ordering unilateral disembowelment of the military.
- Launching an unprecedented attack on family rights, values and morals.

With threats like this, it is hard for some to see the ***opportunity***.

The ***crises*** come about because of a fear of ***danger*** without seeing the ***opportunity***.

Many conservative activists are devouring each other and grimacing about their current sad state of affairs, while their followers are drowning in fear and inaction.

Now is the time to act!

Our long held arguments against the liberal dogma are no longer abstract theories. These theories have become a reality to many of those who have never been interested or involved in the political arena. Fence sitters and middle grounders are now awakening to the hard truths and wanting to get involved.

This is why our numbers will grow!

In late December 1992, People for the American Way -- the liberal organization spawned by Norman Lear -- stated their fears are that:

> "the 'Right' will be so alarmed by Clinton's policies and actions that they [the conservatives] will better organize and recruit new followers, thereby creating a bigger threat ... What we [People for the American Way] have set up is a special think tank to help Clinton to rephrase and restructure policy so as not to alarm the 'Right' into action."

Shocking! I for one do not want to let Mr. Lear down. We must unite and stop infighting. Our enemy is out there and waging war on our country's social and economic structure.

Bill Clinton and his purveyors of liberalism have given us the ***opportunity*** to strengthen our numbers and voices against this onslaught of constant attacks on our American values. We are being tested, much like when gold is heated to remove impurities or when steel is tempered to increase its strength.

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Will we respond and meet the challenge?

Are we the biggest stumbling block to our own success? Pogo aptly phrased it, "I have seen the enemy and he is us."

Twenty-six months ago, many of you joined with me in what became an historic effort to help defeat the Dean of the Texas Congressional delegation, Mr. Jack Brooks. By all accounts, we came very close to achieving the task. The efforts that you put forth were tremendous!

Running against Jack Brooks, you helped Stockman for Congress outdistance all other prior general election challengers to Brooks! Though a mayor and other "seasoned" political "professionals" ran against Jack Brooks and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more than we did, (on page 4 is an official fact sheet) Stockman outperformed them all!

- *Outspent 6 to 1, we came within 5% of victory!*
- *We had the lowest dollar per vote ratio in Texas in one of the closest races in the state!*
- *Brooks received just 53% of the vote.*
- *Brooks was held to his lowest general election vote count during his 40 years in office.*

Now we must finish the job we started!

Here is your opportunity to get involved! In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U. S. House of Representatives and I need your help.

1. Enclosed is a petition to put my name on the ballot. In addition to saving 2,500 precious dollars in lieu of filing fee, collecting signatures will give a chance to others who may want to get involved. Note the blank box to the far right of the sheet. If someone would like a phone call about contributing time or funds, please check this box. Please help me by copying this form, collecting signatures and submitting the petitions you have at the end of each month. (*Note*: There is a mis-print at the bottom of the petition; the correct return zip code is 77598)

2. We need 56 people to make local survey calls to neighbors. This will also save money and is an inexpensive yet invaluable way to join the effort. This survey data will also help other races as it enables us to turn out the vote more effectively. Please volunteer to make survey calls in your local area.

3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

4. Volunteer one or two days or nights a week.

5. Proudly proclaim your support by attaching bumper stickers to your vehicles. This in itself is a critical start. If you need more, just mail a self-addressed envelope and let us know how many you need. Please make sure you use them as we want to be good stewards of donated funds. (Folks outside the 77xxx zip code will not receive a bumper sticker or petitions but may certainly get involved).

Some of you may not live in the district but live near the district line. Even though Brooks does not "represent" you per se, his policy affects us all, and what better way to show people that may travel into your area your opposition to those policies. Also, if you live in the 77xxx zip code, you will very likely cross into the district many times. Stickers are a visible means of support which are very economical and effective.

6. Finally, contribute financially. "Early money is like yeast. It is the ingredient that raises dough." To put it a different way, others will be encouraged to give because people like you have given earlier. Start donations on a monthly or weekly plan if necessary. Action now means success in the fall.

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Dear Concerned American,

We live in troubled yet exciting times.

The symbol shown above is the Chinese character for "*Crisis*". This symbol is based on two other characters: *"opportunity"* and *"danger"*.

I am writing you today to alert you to the ***dangers*** and inform you of the ***opportunities*** to avert an impending ***crisis***.

Look at some of the ***dangers*** of the Clinton administration:

- Introducing the largest tax and spend budget in U. S. history.
- Granting special rights for those who commit sodomy.
- Ordering unilateral disembowelment of the military.
- Launching an unprecedented attack on family rights, values and morals.

With threats like this, it is hard for some to see the ***opportunity***.

The ***crises*** come about because of a fear of ***danger*** without seeing the ***opportunity***.

Many conservative activists are devouring each other and grimacing about their current sad state of affairs, while their followers are drowning in fear and inaction.

Now is the time to act!

Our long held arguments against the liberal dogma are no longer abstract theories. These theories have become a reality to many of those who have never been interested or involved in the political arena. Fence sitters and middle grounders are now awakening to the hard truths and wanting to get involved.

This is why our numbers will grow!

In late December 1992, People for the American Way -- the liberal organization spawned by Norman Lear -- stated their fears are that:

> "the 'Right' will be so alarmed by Clinton's policies and actions that they [the conservatives] will better organize and recruit new followers, thereby creating a bigger threat ... What we [People for the American Way] have set up is a special think tank to help Clinton to rephrase and restructure policy so as not to alarm the 'Right' into action."

Shocking! I for one do not want to let Mr. Lear down. We must unite and stop infighting. Our enemy is out there and waging war on our country's social and economic structure.

Bill Clinton and his purveyors of liberalism have given us the ***opportunity*** to strengthen our numbers and voices against this onslaught of constant attacks on our American values. We are being tested, much like when gold is heated to remove impurities or when steel is tempered to increase its strength.

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Will we respond and meet the challenge?

Are we the biggest stumbling block to our own success? Pogo aptly phrased it, "I have seen the enemy and he is us."

Twenty-six months ago, many of you joined with me in what became an historic effort to help defeat the Dean of the Texas Congressional delegation, Mr. Jack Brooks. By all accounts, we came very close to achieving the task. The efforts that you put forth were tremendous!

Running against Jack Brooks, you helped Stockman for Congress outdistance all other prior general election challengers to Brooks! Though a mayor and other "seasoned" political "professionals" ran against Jack Brooks and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars more than we did, (on page 4 is an official fact sheet) Stockman outperformed them all!

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- *We had the lowest dollar per vote ratio in Texas in one of the closest races in the state!*
- *Brooks received just 53% of the vote.*
- *Brooks was held to his lowest general election vote count during his 40 years in office.*

Now we must finish the job we started!

Here is your opportunity to get involved! In 4 short months I will once again file my candidacy for U. S. House of Representatives and I need your help.

1. Enclosed is a petition to put my name on the ballot. In addition to saving 2,500 precious dollars in lieu of filing fee, collecting signatures will give a chance to others who may want to get involved. Note the blank box to the far right of the sheet. If someone would like a phone call about contributing time or funds, please check this box. Please help me by copying this form, collecting signatures and submitting the petitions you have at the end of each month. (*Note*: There is a mis-print at the bottom of the petition; the correct return zip code is 77598)

2. We need 56 people to make local survey calls to neighbors. This will also save money and is an inexpensive yet invaluable way to join the effort. This survey data will also help other races as it enables us to turn out the vote more effectively. Please volunteer to make survey calls in your local area.

3. Fill out the Conservative Action Network form. Make copies and have others do the same. We need more concerned citizens like yourself to help us defeat liberalism and Jack Brooks.

4. Volunteer one or two days or nights a week.

5. Proudly proclaim your support by attaching bumper stickers to your vehicles. This in itself is a critical start. If you need more, just mail a self-addressed envelope and let us know how many you need. Please make sure you use them as we want to be good stewards of donated funds. (Folks outside the 77xxx zip code will not receive a bumper sticker or petitions but may certainly get involved).

Some of you may not live in the district but live near the district line. Even though Brooks does not "represent" you per se, his policy affects us all, and what better way to show people that may travel into your area your opposition to those policies. Also, if you live in the 77xxx zip code, you will very likely cross into the district many times. Stickers are a visible means of support which are very economical and effective.

6. Finally, contribute financially. "Early money is like yeast. It is the ingredient that raises dough." To put it a different way, others will be encouraged to give because people like you have given earlier. Start donations on a monthly or weekly plan if necessary. Action now means success in the fall.

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"Rushstock 93"

85,000 Pack Small Colorado Town

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See Rush page 11

Note: Picture ⇒ is of woman who organized Dan from Oregon gets into the spirit. Rushkin garage sale.

Folks from Arkansas show their embarrassment

Kay Bailey Hutchison Wins Local Endorsement

Clear Lake - Steve Stockman, the Republican U.S. Congressional candidate who narrowly lost to 41-year incumbent Jack Brooks, released a statement regarding the Krueger-Hutchison run-off in which he officially gave his support to Kay Bailey Hutchison. The statement was read before a small and enthusiastic crowd of Hutchison supporters.

"Why am I voting for Kay Bailey Hutchison for U.S. Senate?" Stockman asked the crowd "Because I want a senator who better represents Texans. I understand many Republicans are steadfastly saying they are not going to vote. By not voting they will actually give Bob Krueger a hand up. Their logic, or the lack thereof, stems from the belief that they can send a message to government officials and the Republican party while creating a second chance to send a conservative to the U.S. Senate. Their argument goes something like this: It is better to have Krueger, a semi-liberal than a moderate Republican for U.S. Senator. They hope that in 1994 when the seat is up for re-election, they will be able to defeat Krueger and put in place a staunch conservative.

"Conservatives deal in facts," Stockman said. "That is why I believe that these arguments are but wishful thinking. Congressional incumbents get re-elected to office 98% of the time. By 1994 Krueger will be a well entrenched incumbent. To believe that, after securing more money and more name ID, Krueger will somehow be easier to defeat is more than naive - it's wrong.

"Moreover, it is a fact that Republicans do better in special elections than they do in general elections, as this is our best shot in 1994. Bob Krueger, if he is able to win June 5, and Ann Richards will both be up for re-election, and both will be working hard to turn out the vote in the general election.

Stockman says that more devastating than the possible re-election of Krueger, would be the fact that during those intervening months, Krueger would be in office. "He will be helping Clinton wage war on the economic future of our families, promote radicals to the Supreme Court and help change the social fabric of the military. In short, the Clinton liberals will have one more foot soldier in Bob Krueger."

According to Suckman, many of the people who have decided not to vote for Kay Bailey Hutchison are the same folks who wanted to send Bush a message for breaking his tax pledge in 1990. They either voted for Clinton or they voted for Perot last fall. "While I agree with them that Bush was wrong, they have learned that Clinton is giving more pain to us then they gave to Bush. Bush has retired. He is now fishing in Kennebunkport while the rest of us wallow in the mandates, decrees, and appointments of the Clinton administration," Stockman added.

Looking towards local issues, Stockman pointed out that Bush had full funding for Space Station Freedom in his 1993 budget. Now, Clinton has cut part or maybe all of it, while at the same time eagerly waiting to spend billions of dollars to create 55,000 summer jobs. "I wonder if any of the 80 people that have already lost their jobs at Space Station IBM who voted to send Bush a message wish they could change their votes now?" Stockman pondered.

"The only lesson taught here is that, if you don't vote for the better of the two candidates, you'll wind up with the worst."

In Georgia, where a run-off between a moderate, ponytailed Republican and a liberal Democrat occurred, it was the ponytailed Republicans who beat the hustings and went door to door to help the Republican win a squeaker of an election. Now the Senator from Georgia has helped stop Clinton's pork. He is vonny with the minority of Republicans. In an unanticipated move, the Georgian Senator now gives private meetings in his office to pro-lifers. In short, honey does catch more flies than vinegar."

"One more thing," Stockman added. "My mother always told me it was better to get a piece of bread than miss the whole loaf."

Stockman pointed out that in 1962, Texas had a special election to fill the seat of LBJ who had become the Vice President. The Democrats proceeded to have a knock-down, drag-out fight. The Democrats who lost in the first round stated that in the run-off election, they wanted to teach the winning Democrat a lesson. They did. They elected none, helping to elect the first Republican since reconstruction, where John Tower served until he decided to retire.

"The last and overriding point can be summed up in another cliche," Stockman said. "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face."

Stockman noted, "Each of us would like to be able to send our particular favorite to represent us. It is next to impossible to find a candidate with whom we agree on every single issue. It is our responsibility to vote to improve our representation at every opportunity. Kay Bailey Hutchison is our candidate and will represent our state far better than the liberal Krueger. Texans must unite to elect Kay."

"Finally, while Kay is moderate in some areas, her publicized votes show her conservative values in other areas, including financial matters, where she stands out a lot. Contrary to what many have said, she has always been

"Neat" article quotes Stockman throughout. Stockman is notorious for having photos taken with elected officials and using them to suggest an endorsement.

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Upcoming Community Events

Bluegrass 5-String Banjo

Learn basic playing in just one month. San Jacinto College, Pasadena. June 22-July 22 Tues. and Thur. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. For more information call, Jim Rodgers: (713) 480-6755.

Clear Lake Republicans

meet second Thursday of each month at the Harris County Courthouse Annex, 16603 Buccaneer, 2nd floor. Special Speaker, Jon Mathews from KPRC radio June 10th. For information call, Wade Webster: (713) 488-1318.

Creative Memories

A hands-on workshop for community colleges, recreational centers, church groups, clubs, and organizations. Instructor Tracey Overton will speak to your group or lead hands-on workshops to help you begin your scrapbook-style album with photo-safe, acid-free mounting and decorating supplies. For more information, call Tracey: (713) 534-2911.

Committee of Correspondence

Committee of Correspondence, with Christian Coalition, will sponsor Monday, June 21, a forum on current political and social activity in the Bay Area. For more information call: (713) 332-4484 or write 2800F W. Main, Suite 150 League City, 77573.

Luv Ya Houston

Thursdays, May 20. A group of Christian businessmen meet the first and third Thursday of every month at the Ramada Inn on NASA Road 1. Call: E.Z. Jones (713) 494-6046.

Free Bluegrass Concert

Concerts are held the third Saturday of every month (except December). June through November at the League City Auditorium. Jamming begins at 5 p.m. the show starts at 7 p.m. Things wind up around 10 p.m. Call: Jim 713/480-6755.

Space Station Freedom Fighters

This grassroots group supporting Space Station Freedom meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at noon and 5 p.m. Open to the public. For information and meeting location, call David Cochran: 482-7005.

Bay Area Republican Women

Meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Nassau Bay City Hall, 1800 NASA Rd. One. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Meeting at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. All Republican women are welcome.

Rush Parties

Watch the last two weeks of the *Rush Limbaugh Show*. Call for more details. June 5th, Dinner and video begins at 7:15 p.m. [illegible] 996-6900 for Reservations.

JSC Fellowship Luncheon

Join other Christians in the aerospace community for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 11:30-12:30 at the Clear Lake Park community building. Reservations: 483-1649.

Friendswood Fine Arts Council

will be holding FREE concerts throughout the summer. Upcoming presentations include Clearbrook High School Concert Band, Friday, May 28 and Pasadena Municipal Band on Friday, June 4. All concerts will begin at 7 p.m. at Stevenson Park in Friendswood. For more information, contact Dave Smith 482-2112.

Hutchison Victory Party

June 5th Call 713/840-1481 for details. Come out for the victory

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WASHINGTON - Scientists are baffled by a new weight loss formula that causes people to lose weight even though they don't change the way they normally eat.

Studies published in respected scientific journals such as *The British Journal of Nutrition* say that evamopsis tetragonolobus, an ingredient often used to thicken ice cream, can cause permanent weight loss without dieting or exercise. Although several explanations for the weight loss are suggested, the most likely according to scientists is that the ingredient seems to trap high calorie fat particles, decreasing their absorption in the intestines.

Scientists at National Dietary Research, an organization committed to the research and development of nutritional solutions to world-wide health problems, have successfully isolated and incorporated evamopsis tetragonolobus into an improved tablet that greatly enhances the potential for weight loss over the ingredient alone. Called "Food Source One", the revolutionary new formula provides a three-way scientifically designed process to help prevent calorie absorption.

The mechanism by which Food Source One works to decrease body weight is a complicated process called nutri-bonding. When chewed and swallowed immediately before meals, high calorie fats are replaced with lower calorie nutrients, thereby providing optimum nutrition and a minimum number of fat calories as explained in an instruction sheet that accompanies the tablets. The instruction sheet should be followed for optimum results.

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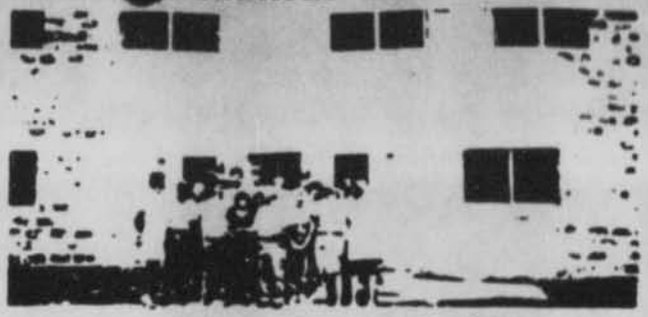

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HUD Appointee is a "Mean Lesbian"

Washington - Sen. Jesse Helms is opposing the nomination of a gay rights activist as a deputy at the Department of Housing and Urban Development because she's a "militant activist mean lesbian."

The North Carolina Republican said Friday he would work to stop the confirmation of Roberta Achtenberg, a San Francisco city supervisor, to be an assistant secretary for fair housing at HUD.

"She's not your garden-variety lesbian," Helms said, Friday. "She's a militant activist-mean lesbian, working her whole career to advance the homosexual agenda."

Helms said Achtenberg said at her confirmation hearing "that she believes that the Boy Scouts of America are a threat to the children of America" because the organization won't let gay men be scoutmasters and its creed refers to God.

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Anti-Christianity Intensifies, But Some Victims Fight Back

By Jim Rodgers
Times Reporter

In what was once a nation with a Christian consensus, Christianity is now in the center of the bull's-eye.

Old Dominion University, in Norfolk, VA, has an art show in which a painting by Josef Schnetzenhofer depicts two internationally known evangelists, both of whom reside in Virginia. In the painting, the Dr. Jerry Falwell sits with his pants down, Dr. Pat Robertson holds a roll of toilet paper, and a television set displays vulgar remarks. Responding to dozens of complaints, university president James V. Koch defended the scurrilous painting and the university's right to show it.

In 1989, a group calling itself American Atheists filed a law suit against the city government of Zion, IL. In 1990, a U.S. district court said the town's seal was unconstitutional under the First Amendment because of the words "God Reigns" and the emblems (cross, shield, scepter, and dove). In 1991, a U.S. court of appeals affirmed the decision. In 1992, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

The town has until June 30 to remove its "Christian" city seal from street signs, buildings, police cars, stationery, payroll checks, and a water tower. Mayor Bill McCullough commented on the matter, "There's a matter of principle here. The very structure of this country is being attacked. This will have far-reaching effects."

Actually, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution does not contain the words "separation of church and state" or the idea of such a separation. Nor does it forbid federal politicians in the course of their government work to put into effect Christian principles and encourage others to do the same. That is exactly what the founding fathers did, as did their ancestors and descendants, in and out of government.

Where did the words "separation of church and state" come from? There are in a letter written by Thomas Jefferson many years after he helped write the Constitution. He had received a letter from the Danbury Baptist Association, of Danbury, Conn. The worried Baptists had heard a rumor that the government was going to set up a state church. Jefferson assured them the U.S. Constitution's first amendment prohibits a state church, calling it a wall to keep government from setting up a state church that would control Christians. He did not say it was a wall to keep Christianity out of government.

We know from history, letters, speeches, books, journals, newspapers, government records, etc., that the First Amendment forbids the federal government (though not state governments) to set up its own church or give any Christian sect a government-backed monopoly. The founding fathers wanted Americans to serve God without being told how to do so by a church that had a government-granted monopoly on religion. In England, the state church had imprisoned, fined, and flogged their ancestors for worshiping or preaching without a state church license to do so. For instance, John Bunyan, author of the famous allegory Pilgrim's Progress, was jailed for years for preaching without a license.

In addition, publicly and privately, the founders (Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, et. al.) said they wanted America's Christian consensus to continue throughout all generations. Until recent generations, those who interpreted the Constitution did so in accordance with the will of those who wrote it. For example, John Jay, the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, said it is the duty of Americans to elect only Christians to political offices because only Christian politicians would honor and apply the principles of Jesus Christ. When this writer was a child, some public school text books contained Bible verses, Bible lessons, Christian statements of famous Americans, etc. In my mother's day, this was even more so. Public schools bought and distributed Pilgrim's Progress for the students to study and discuss in class.

But public schools are becoming secular deserts where God does not exist. Christmas break and Easter break now are called winter break and spring break. Nativity scenes are forbidden. A court makes a school remove a painting of Jesus Christ from its assembly hall. School clinics distribute condoms to the students, and pregnant girls are sent to abortion clinics without their parents' knowledge. The Bible insists that God made everything and all life on Earth is forbidden, and the theory of evolution is taught everywhere as if it were scientific fact. As a result of such things, the public schools, young people, and American society are reaping the whirlwind: murder in schools, cheating rise up, SAT scores down, etc.

In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court ignored U.S. history and state decisions (legal precedents) by finding a non-existing principle in the First Amendment, the principle that, in effect, nothing done by government and nothing done on government property may promote Christianity. Astoundingly, the justices did not cite even one (legal precedent) to radically changing constitutional interpretation. They did not do so because there were no precedents. Since then, various judges have extended this unconstitutional principle beyond the federal government to other jurisdictions. A public school principal even told a teacher to remove a Bible from his desk.

If any group but Christians were to be defamed by magazines, schools, books, news, films, universities, and television, an ear-splitting, long-lasting roar of protest would be heard from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Consequently, Jews, Italians, blacks, Mexicans, homosexuals, and other groups are not defamed. In the rare instances when it happens, the nation shakes with indignation.

But Christians are the exception. Increasingly, Christianity is pounded by anybody who wants to step up and take a swing. You've seen it happen over and over on television and in Hollywood films. But some Christians fight back.

Lawyer John Whitehead is one of them. In 1979, he began to fight legal battles to defend people whose religious and moral rights are violated by public officials, employers, or others. In his first case (1979), Whitehead spent $25,000 of his own money to win the right for the Nobels to continue teaching their children at home.

(On average, home-schooled kids do better academically and morally than public school students.) Whitehead said his own family paid a heavy price emotionally and financially. "[A friend] made our house payments for us for a year. But I knew we had to keep ... helping families who called."

In 1982, he founded a charitable organization that defends moral and religious rights. The Rutherford Institute is supported by the tax-deductible contributions of Christians. Whitehead and other lawyers have helped hundreds of Christians, Jews, and others who asked for

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Prescription for American Health Care

By Dr. Robert Feldtman

Is there a health care problem in America? If so, what is it? Possible definitions of the problem would be that care is unavailable to a portion of our population, that the quality is bad, or that there is a problem with the money involved.

THE UNINSURED - A smoke screen. Many are saying the problem is with our "uninsured". The figure 34 million is bantered about, and that is fairly correct, however there is a hitch. The 34 million uninsured today are different persons from the 34 million 60 days from now. Many choose to be uninsured. Many are changing jobs or insurance and are thus uninsured. The possible problem are the UN-INSURABLES. This is only 2 to 4 million people, who have pre-existing conditions and have problems obtaining insurance.

However, the question should be whether anyone is being denied care? The answer is no. Both the uninsured and the uninsurable almost always qualify for some sort of care, somewhere, albeit public or government medicine. Even Texas prisoners on death row have had coronary artery bypass operations at taxpayers expense. Of course, these people would be deemed "uninsured" by the hand-wringing liberals.

QUALITY OF CARE - Ask anyone from around the world about quality. Why do heads of state come to America and specifically, Houston, to get their health care? Very simply, America's health care is the best quality in the world. The detractors of American medicine often point to infant mortality as a marker of quality. America's infant mortality rate is higher than some other countries, but there is a reason. That reason is usually drugs. Many infants born to drug addicted mothers either die or consume thousands of dollars in neonatal ICU care expenses. What we have in this country is a drug addiction problem, not a quality of medicine problem.

Americans are living longer, healthier lives and being more productive than ever before in history. Even changes in Social Security laws plan for baby boomers to work longer as the age for starting Social Security payments will jump to 67 years after the year 2000.

Part of America's health care "problem" are the older people who are unable to properly care for themselves. Families seem not to want to care for the older members; thus we have a "housing" problem, not a health care problem. There aren't many concerns about Alzheimer's disease in Somalia or Zaire. People don't live that long there- they have a quality of health care problem!

MONEY AND POWER - The problem with our health care system is that it consumes a large portion of our GNP. What is wrong with that? One of two possibilities. Either someone wants to have power over that large chunk of money, or they want the overall amount to decrease so more taxes can be extracted from Americans without causing a tax payer revolt.

Liberals often point to the added cost on the sticker price of an American automobile because of health care premiums. They worry that an American car costs $800 more due to health care costs as compared to the $200 added to a Japanese car. When we think about the Clinton plan to impose a Value Added Tax (VAT) to that car, why don't we do some quick math? If the car costs $15,000 and the tax is 15% then the added cost to that car would be $2,700. How about that for sticker shock. Where will the extra $1900 go? To the government bureaucracy.

HERE IN TEXAS - HB 2055, by Rep. Mike Martin is being discussed in Austin this week and will set up a Health Care Plan for Texas which will fit right in with Democrat proposals. Governor Richards wants to give the President a present before Hillary's task force releases its report. As HB2055 is written, health care in Texas would be run by a board appointed by the Governor. This board would consist of 6 people. Two "employers", two "employees" and two "public members". Notice that the medical profession is absent. One patient told me "The only person I want managing my care is my doctor."

Another provision is that all small businesses must provide health care insurance to all employees. HB 2055 doesn't point out the cost of this coverage. How many small mom and pop businesses can afford the extra overhead of health care coverage for all their employees, even the part-time high school kid who works on the weekend?

This bill should be re-written or defeated. Please contact your legislator and senator and advise them to be careful in the vote and not be pressured into passing this legislation until its full impact on Texas business is evaluated.

* Dr. Feldtman is a board member in Houston and on the Board of Directors of Physicians for Quality Medicine, a Houston medical think-tank dedicated to health care and freedom for the patient and doctor.

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Legislation Will Threaten Gun Owners' Rights

By Bob Williams

If you are a well-informed NRA/National Rifle Association member, you probably know intimately all about the moves that are afoot in the new administration in Washington to restrict or to completely prohibit the law-abiding citizens' Constitutional rights to keep and bear arms. We're talking about whatever law-abiding reason you might have for keeping and bearing arms, including self-protection, a hobby, or for participating in shooting sports.

If you are not a well-informed NRA member you need to know what is happening in this area because it affects any future thoughts you might have about owning and using a handgun, rifle or shotgun.

In the Senate, Senator Patrick Moynihan (D) has sponsored a bill (S179) to levy as much as a 1,000 percent excise tax on certain caliber ammunition. The calibers chosen for this honor are the 9 mm, the 25 and 35 caliber. It is not by chance that these are among the most popular handgun calibers for personal defense and for some shooting sports.

A box of 9mm ammunition costs approximately $12 now. The 1,000 percent excise tax would raise the price to over $100 per box. Certainly a prohibitive price.

The underlying reason for the excise tax on ammunition could be to come up with another way to pay for Hillary Clinton's Health Care Program. It could also lead to a proposed 20 percent tax on any gun purchase.

Not to be outdone, Congressmen Jim Moran (D) and Robert Torricelli (D) have introduced a bill in the House (H.R. 544) which would prohibit the transfer of 2 or more handguns to an individual in any 30 day period.

Even if you are threatened or your firearms have been stolen, you cannot purchase more than 2 handguns at a time. This makes it tough on competitive shooters who sometimes purchase several guns at once to take advantage of special purchase prices. How could this law be enforced except by some very expensive national computerized gun registration program?

The uncomfortable part is, if this law is passed, then what would prevent the next step which would be to limit you to 0 guns?

Back in the Senate-- Senators Dennis DeConcini, Howard Metzenbaum and Ted Kennedy have introduced two bills (S 639 and S 653) which would make it unlawful to possess certain auto-loading firearms. These bills would give the unelected Secretary of the Treasury, with advice from the hard-core anti-gun Attorney General Janet Reno, unilateral say over your Constitutional right to own, sell or transfer the semi-automatic firearms you may currently own. They would even have the power to recommend additions to the list of banned firearms at any time.

Back to the House-- The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (H.R.1025) sponsored by Congressman Charles Schumer, (D) would unleash a law requiring a waiting period before you can purchase a handgun. On the surface it might seem to make sense, but do you believe any criminals would wait to get a handgun for their own use? Also, this legislation would prohibit lawsuits against bureaucrats and anti-gun police who wrongly and maybe even deliberately prevent you, as a law-abiding citizen, from buying a gun.

The important thing to remember is that there are 118 new congressmen and Senators who have never voted on gun issues in the House or Senate. They are being told by the anti-gun media that these new bills are what the people want. I believe it is time they heard from you, the usually silent conservative constituents of these new congressmen and senators. Let them know that the Second Amendment to the Constitution is a viable protection of your rights and not up for tinkering or alteration.

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A grade school teacher in the Houston metropolitan area assigns a project due Oct. 10, 1992: instructions: Make a "3-D Greek god or goddess." A student submits a cross. His paragraph that quotes the Bible ("You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make any graven image") to explain why he cannot make an idol. The student receives a zero. The score counts as a test grade.

The city government of Raleigh, N.C., orders Nease Baptist Church to remove its Christian flag for violating a city ordinance forbidding the display of temporary signs. The church has three flag poles. The American flag and North Carolina flags do not violate the ordinance, the government says.

A government agency (school clinic, public health agency, etc.) gives somebody a condom. As a result, the recipient is pregnant and/or has AIDS. The recipient and/or parents want to sue the agency.

A school clinic, without parents' knowledge, sends a girl to an abortion clinic. The parents want to sue for violation of parental authority, killing the fetus, and/or causing physical, emotional, moral, or spiritual damage to the girl.

An employer discriminates against somebody because he's a Christian or because of Christian-based behavior or beliefs.

Neighborhood residents petition a city government to keep a church building or Christian school from being constructed.

A public school teacher is told to remove a Bible or Christian book(s) from a shelf in his classroom.

An award-winning geology teacher is told to stop showing students that geological evidence, other scientific evidence, and historical records do not support evolutionary doctrine but proves instead that a violent flood (in the time of Noah) and related catastrophic natural phenomena reshaped the world's surface and climate about 6,000 years ago.

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By Jeff Van Fleet
Managing Editor

What do Jack Fields (R, Humble), Joe Barton (R, Ennis), Charlie Wilson (D, Lufkin), Mike Andrews (D, Houston), and Tom DeLay (R, Houston) all have in common? Answer: Each of these congressmen, both Democrat and Republican, feel it necessary to hold periodic Town Hall meetings to meet with, and get feedback from, their constituents.

Unlike these gentlemen, Congressman Jack Brooks, the 41 year incumbent, apparently has something against meeting with the people he represents. That is, of course, unless they are willing to pay $50 and put on a tuxedo. In these difficult economic times, it is unfortunate that the constituents of the 9th District must pay to get the ear of their congressman, although some have been doing that for years. And pay they did.

On April 23, 1993, the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation (CLAEDF) sponsored a "civic function around the theme: 'The 103rd Congress, A Perspective - Jack Brooks'" at the Nassau Bay Hilton in Clear Lake.

CLAEDF, a non-profit corporation, has drawn some criticism for its involvement in this event. The Foundation generously offered to cover any cost shortage that might have occurred. Had there been a surplus, CLAEDF would retain those monies for continued economic development activities.

Critics charge that this could place the Foundation in dangerous territory. Covering the shortage which might occur given the light turnout at the event, could be construed as a corporate contribution to a political campaign which is illegal. This could jeopardize both the corporations legal standing with the Federal Election Committee and the IRS.

The question of partisanship also came up regarding this civic event. Strangely enough, individuals from the Democrat Party were invited to speak. Congressman John Bryant (D, Dallas) was the emcee for the evening. Democrat President Clinton and Democrat Speaker of the House Tom Foley both sent videotaped messages. Democrat Vice President Al Gore and Governor Ann Richards were scheduled to either appear, or at least, send representatives. Even Clinton supporter Houston Mayor Bob Lanier got in on the evening's festivities.

Would the Foundation have been as generous if someone wanted to honor Republican Senator Phil Gramm or even former President Ronald Reagan, who called for the development of Space Station Freedom back in 1984?

Both NASA officials who spoke are openly ardent Democrats. NASA Administrator Daniel Golden and JSC Administrator Aaron Cohen addressed the gathering. While everything might have been on the up and up, some observers feel these appearances at a function with an all Democrat program smacks of potential violation of the "Hatch Act" which limits federal employees involvement in partisan politics. What's even more repugnant, is that this Democrat administration wants to cut Space Station.

If you are wondering why you haven't heard about this, the answer is simple. Brooks barred all media from attending. What type of activities is the Congressman involved in that prohibits him from being held under public scrutiny? So, unless you were a rich Democrat who wanted to cut Space Station, you probably wouldn't have wanted to attend.

Congressman Brooks, the brave man who talked of bombing and shooting men, women and children at the Waco compound, is scared of his voters.

Gav Love-in

Dear Editor,

I have just been to the largest "Gay Love-In" this country has ever seen. Gay, in the original meaning of "happy" and Love in the original meaning before it became confused with "Sex" (not that I am opposed to sex).

It was called "Dan's Bake Sale" in Ft. Collins, Colorado. In truth it was just an excuse for about 60-70,000 Rush Limbaugh fans to meet one another. It was a BLAST! People of every age were there. College students, grandmothers, grandfathers, and zillions of middle-Americans and their entire families had an exhausting but terrific time -- without trashing the town or giving the police a single bit of hassle. In fact, every police officer I talked to (about a dozen) said they thought we were great guests in their town and welcomed us to come back.

Everyone was high as a kite, but there were no drugs to be found. They got high on the good spirits of thousands of real Americans who were able to say out loud, "I am a Conservative" without being condemned as being selfish, cruel, heartless, or reactionary. People came from every state in the union, including Alaska and Hawaii, and from several foreign countries JUST TO BE WITH OTHER CONSERVATIVES! I went from Dallas, had a great time, and never even ate a cookie.

If Slick Willie really believes that Americans are as politically Liberal as he must believe them to be, he should have been in Ft. Collins this weekend. I doubt he could find very many Americans who would have traveled thousands of miles to cheer his Socialist ideals, but he could have seen tens of thousands who spent days traveling just to celebrate the ideals America was built on. He could have also learned what real American tax-payers, and those who have served their country in the military, think of twisted morality and destructive dismantling of American traditions and principles.

If you have ever been discouraged and disheartened (and I have) with the belief that we are losing America to the sick, self-serving, leftist poisons, this "Bake Sale" proved to me that we will prevail. There are too many good, honest, decent people in this country for us to be held down for too long.

Al Lee
Dallas, Texas

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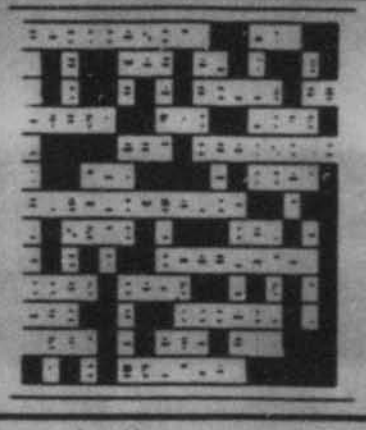

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Graduation Day for Young S.E. Texans

Although it did not have the pomp and circumstance like that of other graduation ceremonies that most of us have attended, the Kindergarten graduates of the Junior High School in Webster were thrilled just the same. On Friday May 14, the class of 2005 walked across the stage and received their diplomas.

School owner and director, Mrs. Irene Miller said that she was very proud of the five students that have completed the Kindergarten program. "We opened August 18 of last year with 1 student, we now have over fifty children in our day care and pre-school combined. God has really blessed us with great kids."

After Vivian Bearden welcomed the guests, the proud graduates each gave a lively account of what they had learned over the past year.

Tucker Read told about how he and his classmates learned to read. "We learned to read phonetically. We know that 'th' sounds like 'th...th...th'."

Karen Tabor told the audience about the field trips the students took to St. John's Hospital's Teddy Bear Clinic. The students brought their teddy bears in for a check-up. Karen said that most of the teddy bears received shots to treat their ailments.

Zachary Burgeson shared with the parents and friends about the special times that the kids had at school. "We all loved going out on bear hunts with Kurt and singing Father Abraham."

Alanna Beck read a poem about Dr. Seuss week. "Dr. Seuss has been a friend to us, for such a long, long time. He tells the greatest stories and makes those stories rhyme."

After the ceremony, the children invited the parents and guests to have cake and punch with them. The cake was decorated with the school's logo, a grasshopper holding balloons.

Mrs. Miller had ceremonies like this at her pre-school back in Vermont. "They were always so much fun. Sometimes, the parents had a better time than the kids." Everyone did have a great time. "I enjoyed teaching these kids over the past year. I want to wish them luck when they start the first grade this fall."

Vivian Bearden, Tucker Read, Karen Tabor, Zachary Burgeson, Alanna Beck

Rush

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Unfortunately, all the hotels were booked and more people who wanted to come couldn't. A twenty-five mile traffic back-up on I-25 occured at 12:50 p.m. seven miles of which were chartered buses. This is truly a testament to the popularity of Rush.

Rush showed up at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon and spoke for about fifteen minutes. The mass of "Ditto-heads" stood through a torrential downpour to hear the Clinton administration's sharpest critic.

Dan sold out of all his baked goods in just forty-five minutes. He raised enough money to buy the subscription and donated what was left over to local charities. Brennan's raised over $24,000. After they cover the cost of making 8,000 servings of Bananas Foster, they will also give the surplus to charities.

Everyone had an excellent time. One attendee said that he can't wait until Dan has to renew his subscription next year.

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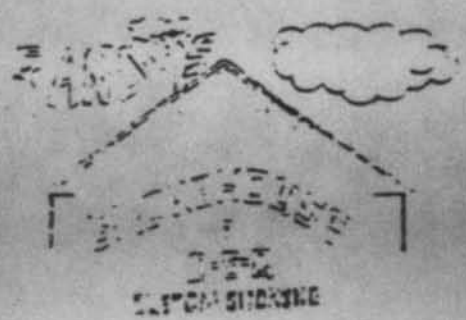

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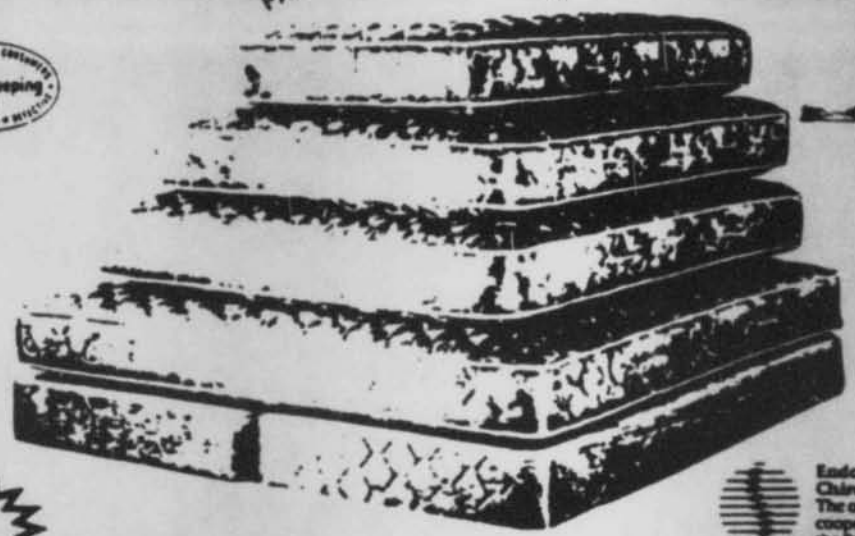

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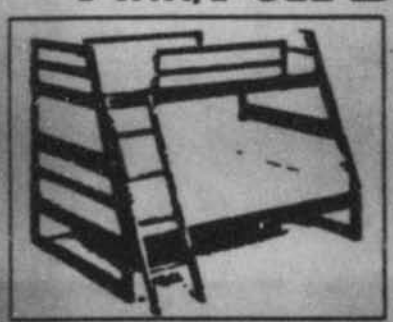

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R	HENRY J. KJELLANDER ORANGE, TEXAS	WORLD WAR II DOC. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/14/92	422.00
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	KINKO'S 989 NASA RD 1 WEBSTER TX 77598	PRINTING SERVICES Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/14/92	$3.17
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	JANET BAKER 819 HEATHGATE HOUSTON, TX 77062	PRINTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/14/92	168.00
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	FRED MILLS 12 SAGEGLEN HOUSTON, TX 77089	DELIVERY Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/19/92	500.00
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	STOP N GO 17310 N. HWY 3 WEBSTER, TX 77598	GAS Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/22/92	12.21
	H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
	BILL HATCH SOUTHSHORE HARBOR LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573	GAS + FOOD Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/23/92	40.00
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	S.W. BELL PO BOX 1780 HOUSTON, TX 77251	TELEPHONE EXP. Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	10/15/92	1792.65

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The Growth of Government

Can we get some idea of how big government is? Surely. Let's look at some revealing figures. All dollar amounts are adjusted for inflation by showing buying power in 1990 dollars.

More Americans are employed by government than by all U.S. manufacturers.

From 196[illegible] to 1992, the federal government spent $2.5 trillion on welfare and to cities, enough to buy all of the assets of all of the Fortune 500 companies plus all U.S. farmland.

In 1987, farmers received more money in government subsidies than they did in selling their crops in the marketplace. Government, not shoppers, is their main customer now.

In California, New York, and Maine, almost half of all employment and self-employment income is taken by income tax, payroll tax, property tax, sales tax, and other taxes/fees.

In 1900, the federal government consumed less than 5 percent of total economic output; in 1950, 15 percent; and in 1993, 25 percent.

From 1800 to 1990, federal government spending multiplied 10,000 times.

In 1900, the average family (and families were bigger) paid nearly $1,400 in taxes; in 1950, nearly $7,000; and in 1992, more than $16,000. (In the mid-1800's, Karl Marx proposed, as one of the ten planks of his Communist Manifesto, a graduated income tax.)

In 1800, per capita federal taxes were $20; in 1900, $110; in 1950, $1,460; and in 1990, $4,000. (Soon after 1900, the federal graduated income tax system was created by the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.)

Before World War II, only a handful of states had an income tax. Today, only nine states don't have an income tax, and politicians in four of them (including Texas) want it.

The IRS has the authority to search your property and financial records without a search warrant and to seize your property without a trial.

The federal tax exemption for four dependent children fell from $13,260 in 1950 to $8,000 in 1989. That size family paid taxes on $5,000 more income in 1989 than in 1950.

Transfer payments (tax money paid for subsidies, retirement checks, food stamps, medical care, etc.) were 12 percent of the federal budget in 1950 and 39 percent in 1992.

The food stamp budget is $23 billion a year. About 25 million people receive food stamps — that's one out of every 10 Americans.

In 1992, the year the federal deficit set a new record high, the U.S. House of Representatives defeated the balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The largest employment sector is government. The largest government is the federal government (18 million employees). The largest federal employer is the Department of Defense (2.2 million employees). In addition, many millions of people work for government contractors. All of the foregoing people are paid money originally taken from taxpayers.

The above figures do not include the cost of complying to complicated and time-consuming tax laws and other burdensome laws and regulations.

Since the days when politicians created the federal income tax cash cow, when Franklin D. Roosevelt prolonged the Great Depression by interfering with the economy in order to help it, when John F. Kennedy promised us Camelot, we have paid for paradise many times but have not received it. The good news, today's crop of politicians tell us, is that if we sacrifice enough, there's light at the end of the tunnel. The bad news (which they don't tell us) is that there's another tunnel. The natural, unescapable effect of ever-bigger government is ever-longer, ever-darker, ever-more-oppressive tunnels.

Because of the efforts of wholesome organizations and individuals, something good is happening in America and abroad. People are waking up. An increasing number of people no longer want or expect governments to meet their needs. These folks want to go back to esteeming and protecting the God-created value and freedom of each person. Back to each person's right to be independent and responsible for himself.

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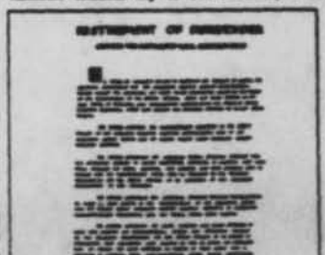

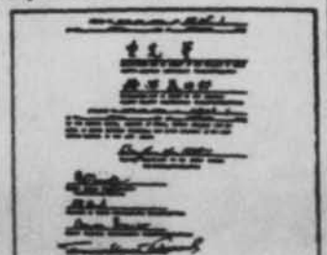

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JEFF VAN FLEET POBOX 1117 VIDOR TX 77670	CONSULTING Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	9/21/92	1500.00
JUSTIN MICKLIN 145 HIDDEN LAKE LEAGUE CITY, TX 77573	GAS + LUNCH Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☒ General ☐ Other (specify)	8/15/92	1.20
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B. Southwestern Bell PO Box 9180 Houston, Tx 77251	phone bill	8-27-93	32.39
C. Bay Electric 1404 Bluff Drive Kemah City, Tx 77573	Current Breakers (3)	9-1-93	30.45
D. Faulkner & Jones Agency 190 Bluff Drive Suite 115 League City, Tx 77573	Treasurer Bond	9-7-93	400.00
E. ATT Wireless 100 Glenborough Suite 400 Houston, Tx 77067	Phone bill	9-8-93	29.80
F. Lauri Klauzer-Richardson 454 Bluebonnet Webster, Tx 77598	Ad on 1993 calendar	9-8-93	265.72
G. Patti Hunter 841 Victoria Court League City, Tx 77573	Computer Input, labels Reimburse me	9-9-93	58.64
H. Webster Parks Outlet 17319 FM Hwy 3 Webster, Tx 77598	Computer Parts	9-16-93	28.85
I. Builders Square 2001 I 45 Webster, Tx 77598	Building Supplies		7.00
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Southwest TX Times 100 S2 Gulf Freeway League City, TX 77573	Materials for Literature distribution Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-8-94 9-12-94	185.10 100.40
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Mercer Printing	Signal bumper stickers Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)		2864 34
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Cindy Ransom 3755 Sunset Beaumont, TX 77706	Reimbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-8-94 9-7-94 9-14-94	477.00 149.64 75.75
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code The Ivy Hotel 2115 Seminole Rd Galveston, TX 77554	Reimbursement Disbursement for: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	9-30-94	240.00
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$1 SHARE A/C - REGULAR SHARES

DEC1	Previous Balance				
DEC31	Closing Date...New Balance				52.52
	(0.35 DIVIDEND TO BE POSTED JAN1)				52.52

Dividend rate as of 31 DEC 93 was 2.600%

$75 SHARE A/C - STOCKMAN FOR CONGRESS

DEC1	DIVIDEND CREDIT			0.94	471.43
DEC1	CHECK NO. 1547	Trace # 217410 01	98.00		373.43
DEC2	CHECK NO. 1548	Trace # 38950 02	117.82		255.61
DEC2	CHECK NO. 1550	Trace # 11180 02	35.13		220.48
DEC3	CHECK NO. 1549	Trace # 65320 03	68.42		152.06
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DEC31	SERVICE FEE		4.00		1921.82
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1549	DEC03	68.42	*1557	DEC13	69.90			

Dividend rate as of 31 DEC 93 was 2.250%

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Previous Balance as of 01 DEC 93.....	470.69	
Total of 11 Checks for	481.61	-
Total of 3 Other Debits for.....	2618.00	-
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Total of 1 Other Credits for	0.94	+
Ending Balance as of 31 DEC 93.....	1921.82	

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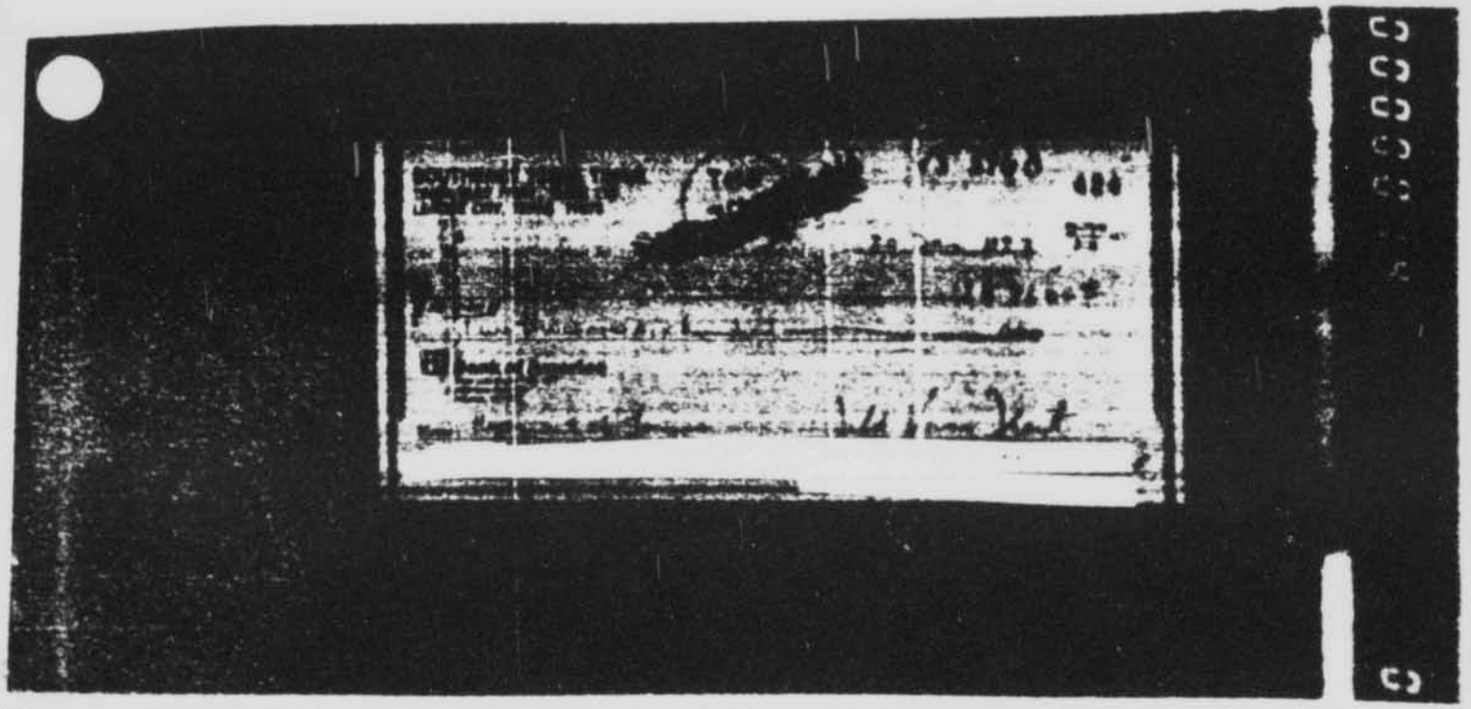

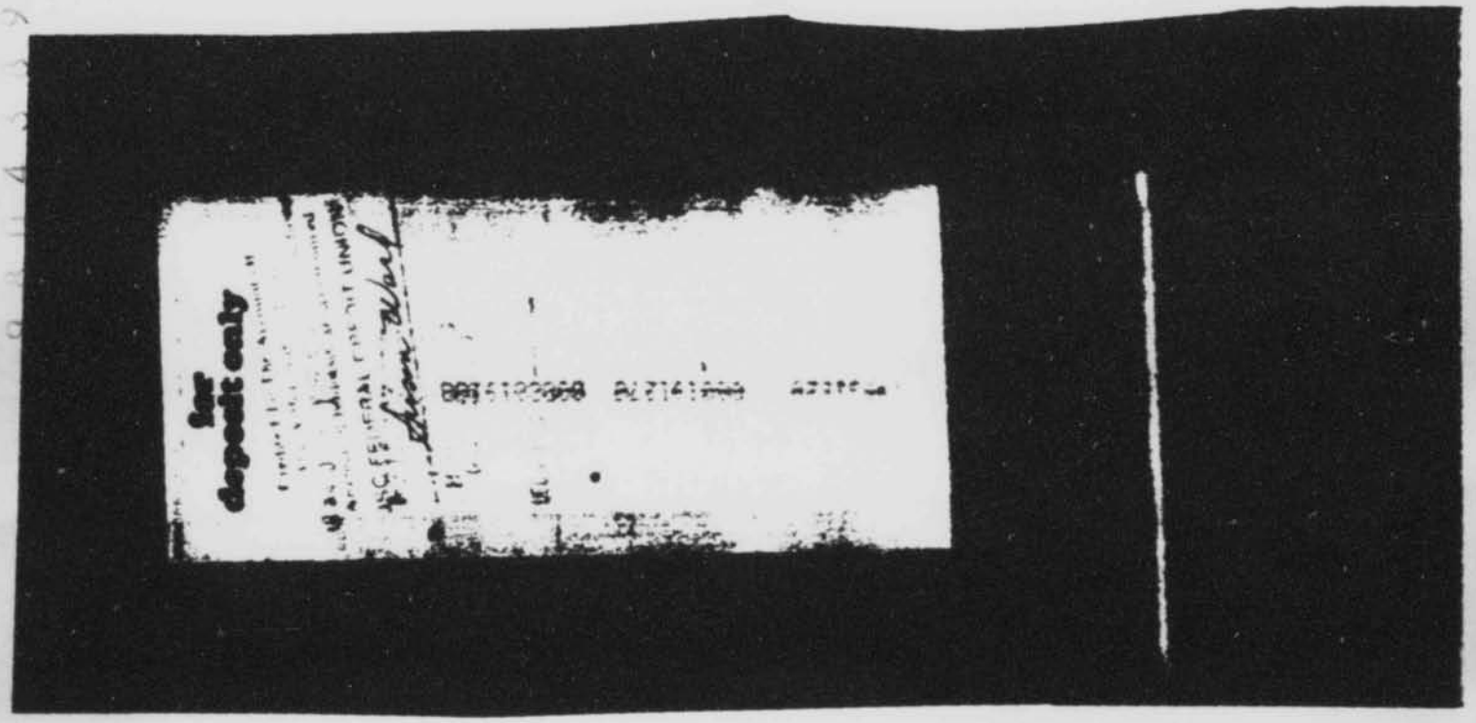

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Friends OF Steve Stockman

Jeff Van Fleet P.O. Box 58354 Webster, Tx 77598	Reimbursement	6-7-94 6-17-94	204. 8.00
Chemical Bank P.O. Box 1010 Hicksville, New York 11802	Campaign expenditures	6-9-94 6-30-94	1,000.
Raymond Baker 819 Hardgate Houston, Tx 77062	reimbursement	6-13-94 6-29-94	85.00 [illegible]
Phone Comm. Inc. P.O. Box 9170 Houston, Tx 77261	Phone System - Rental	6-14-94	250.
Sam Desmond 3430 Sunerest Dr. Port Arthur, Tx 77619	phone reimbursement	6-13-94 6-15-94	240. [illegible]
Laura Mc Donald 8814 Mesa Drive Austin, Tx 78759	reimbursement	6-16-94	150.
Texas New Mexico Power 4211 W. 400 Dickinson Tx 77539	Utilities	6-30-94	184.37
Pitney Bowes P.O. Box 792770 San Antonio Tx 78279	Postal Meeting Services	6-30-94	150.99
State Farm Insurance P.O. Box 1088 La Marque, Tx 77568	Campaign Ambassador Insurance	6-30-94 6-30-94	310. 67.00
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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full): Friends of Steve Stockman

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Tommy Breaux 3326 Lockwood Beaumont, TX 77705	Reimbursement	10-5-94	340.00
Electronic Technician 17319 E. Hwy 3 Webster, TX 77598	Campaign equipment	10-10-94	230.00
GTE Mobilnet 1... Clearbrook Dr. ... TX 77047	Cellular phone bills	10-7-94	244.55
Magic Plumbing P.O. Box 58954 ... Houston, TX	Sign	10-11-94	270.00
Colonial Cleaners 1... Bay Area Blvd, Ste C-10 Pasadena TX 77504	Taxes	10-13-94	439.00
John Hunt 7002 Center Pasadena, TX 77505	Reimbursements	10-11-94	430.00
Commercial Radio Supply 1005 Pennsylvania Pasadena, TX	Sign supplies	10-13-94	436.48
Bill Lane Fleet ... W. Bay Area ... Houston, TX 77595	Reimbursement	10-11-94	200.00
Tim St. Clair 3321 Highland #41 Galveston, TX 77551	Reimbursement	10-18-94	360.00

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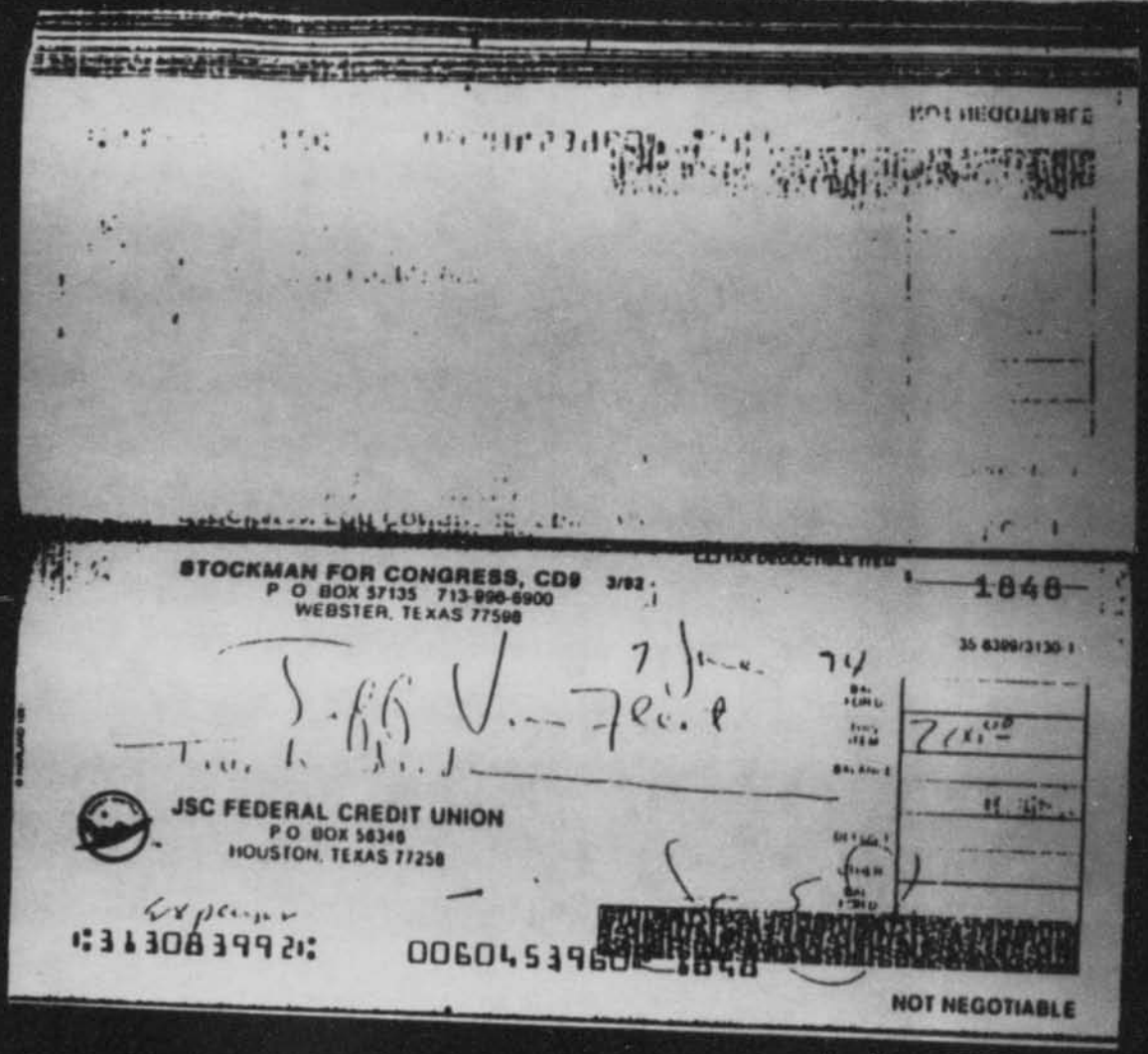

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WEBSTER, TEXAS 77598

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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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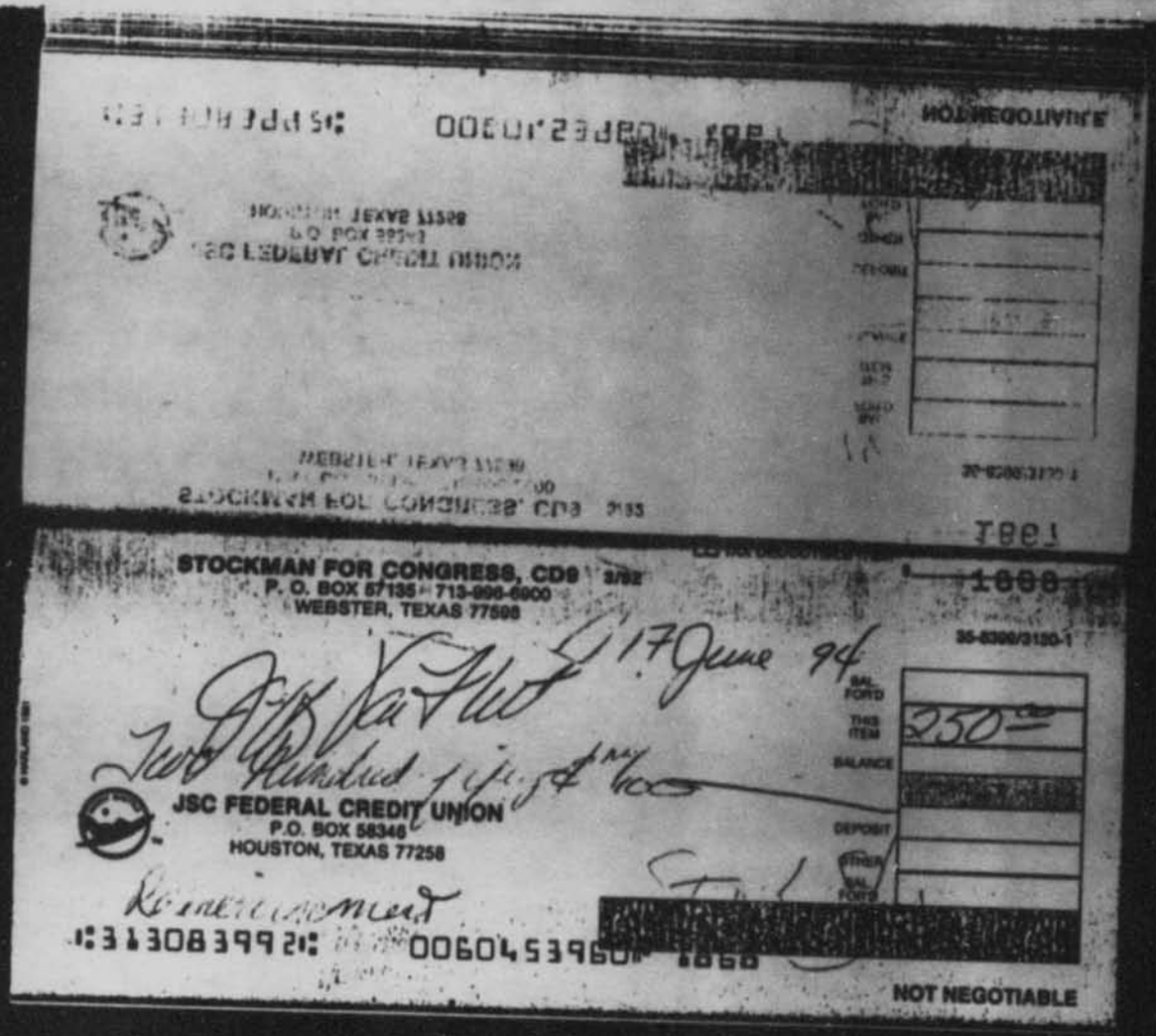

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17 June 94

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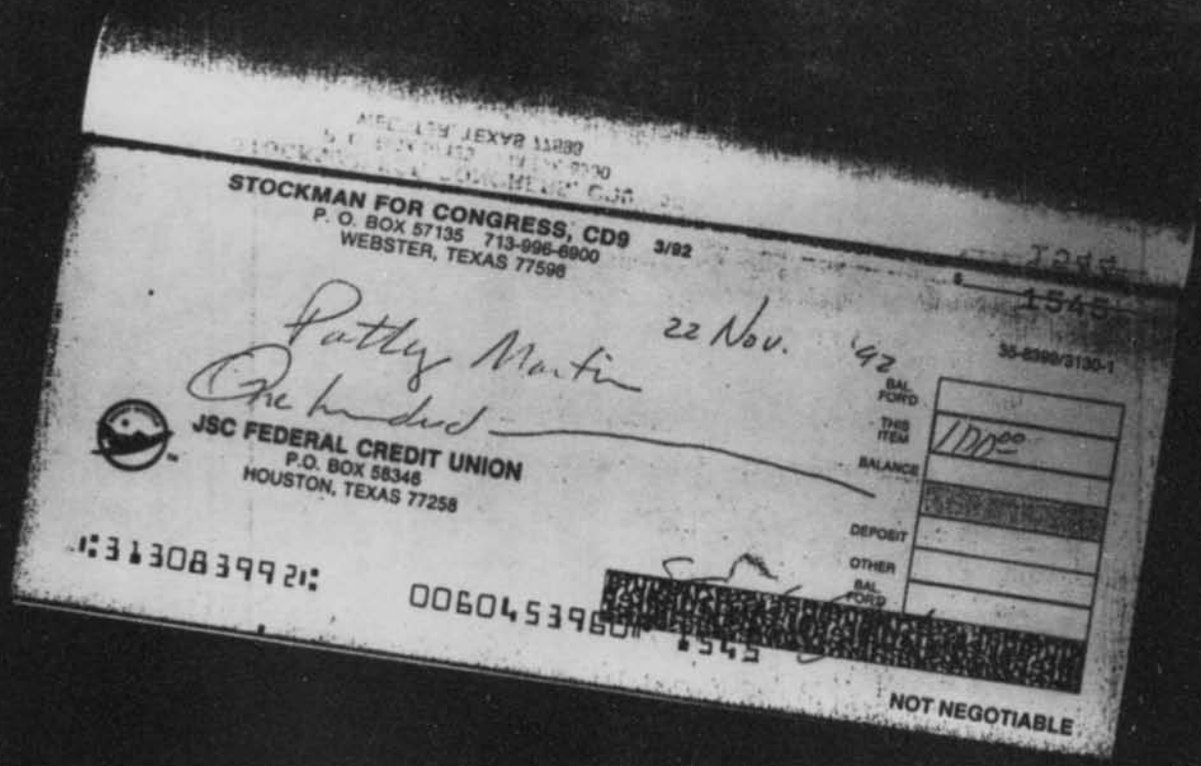

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22 Nov. '92

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One hundred

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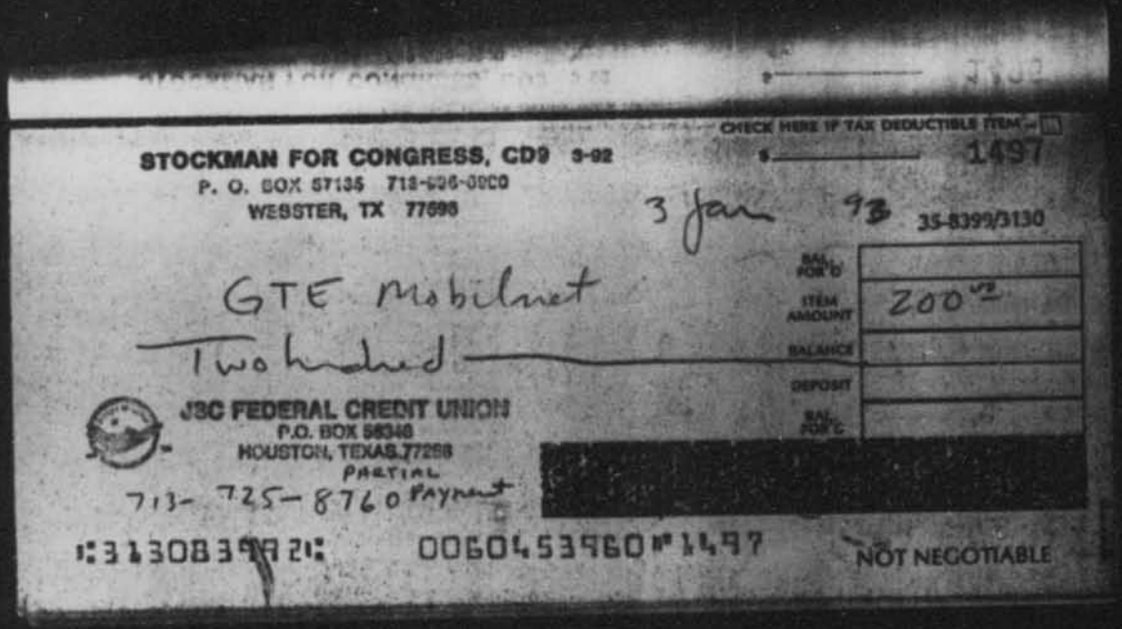

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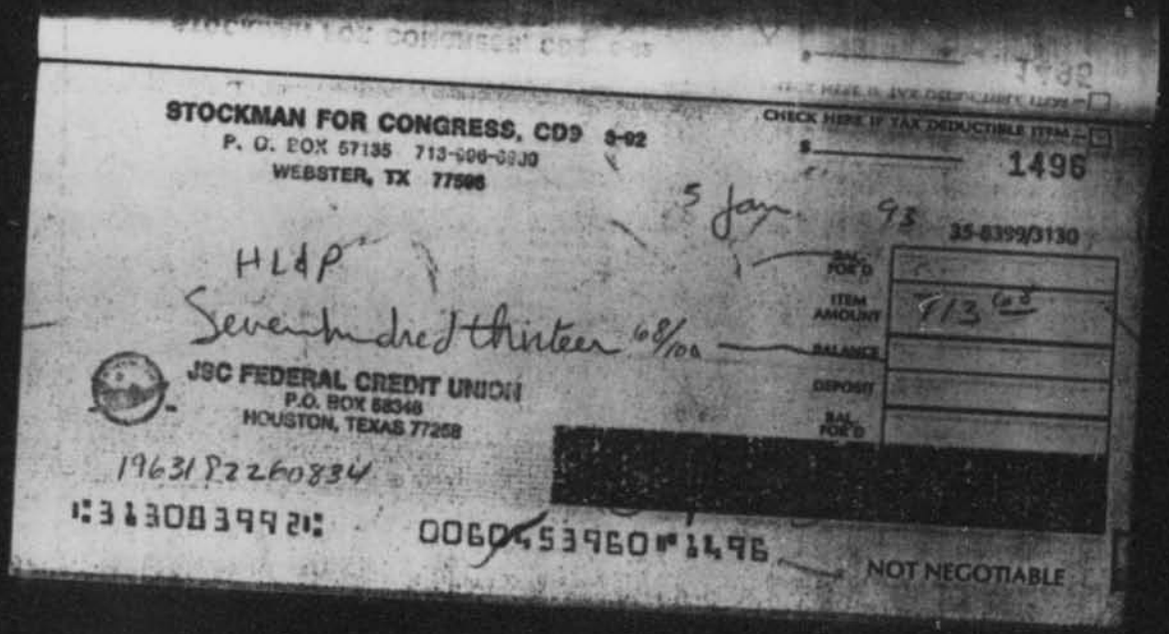

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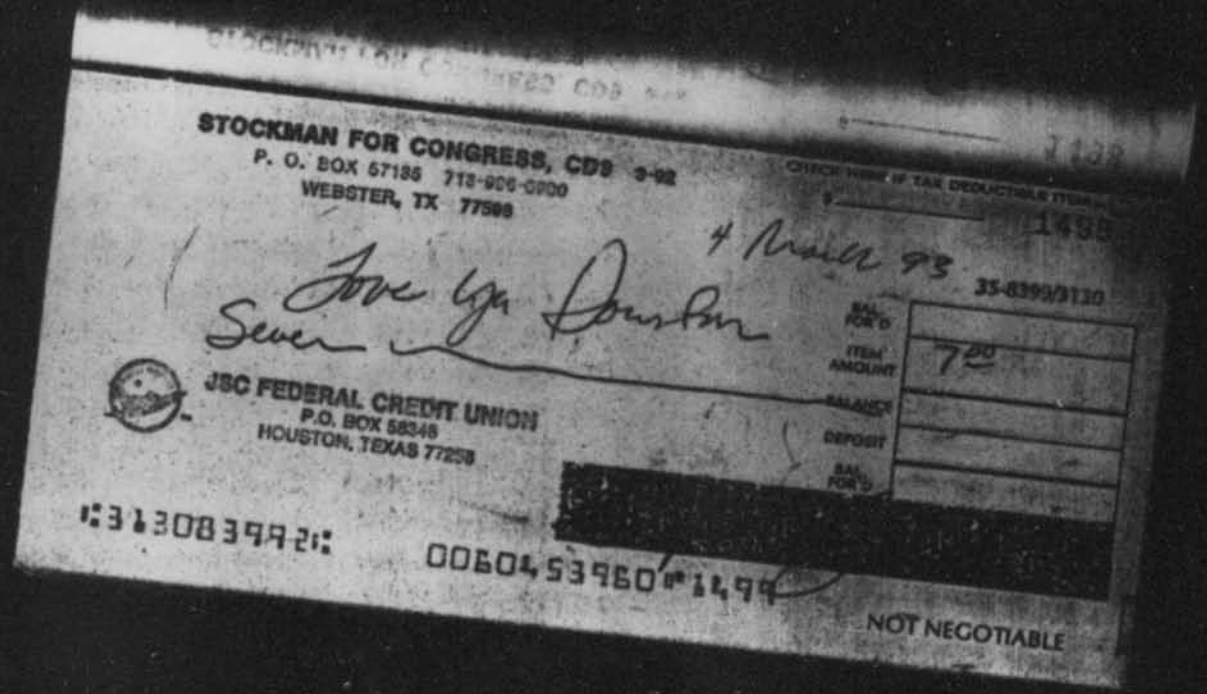

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Love ya Houston
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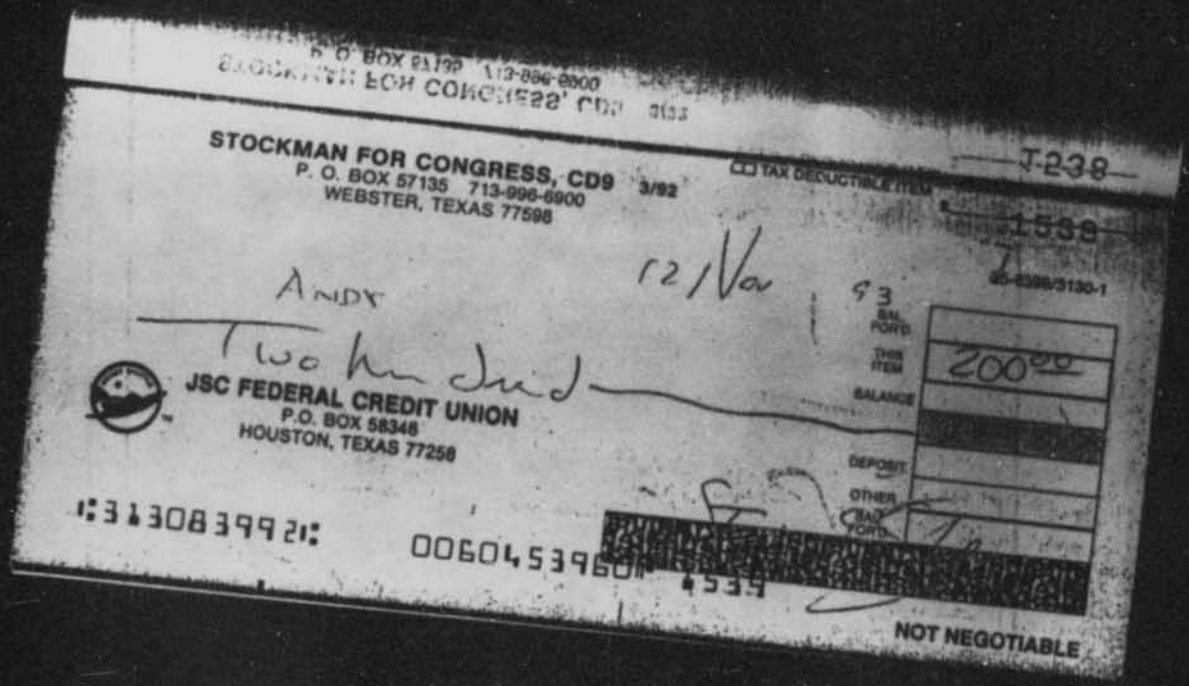

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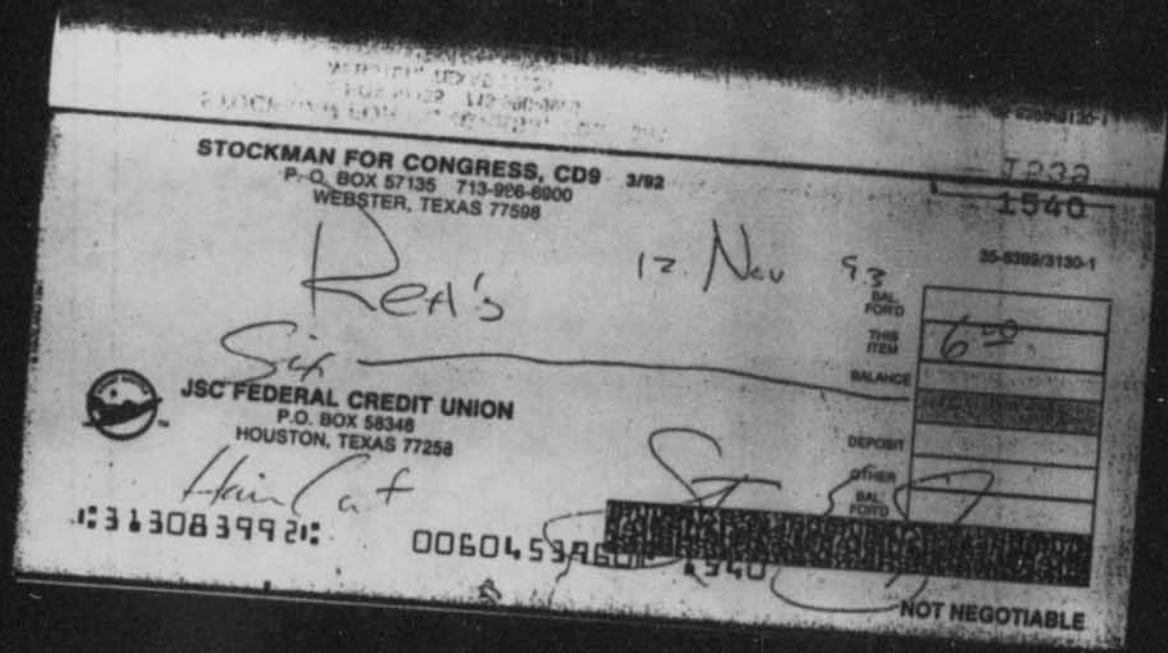

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22 Nov 93

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Charles Adison $ 250.00

Two hundred fifty

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P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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SCHEDULE B

Friends of Steve Stockman

N.R.C.C. National Republican Congressional Committee 320 1st St / Washington DC 20003	Campaign Contribution	11-27-96	5000
Patti Martin 1904 Victoria CT League City, TX 77573	Travel expenses	11-27-96	350
Adriana Williams 2525 Bay Area Blvd #600 Houston, TX 77058	Travel Expenses	11-11-96	600
Bill Hatch 6222 Richmond Avenue Houston, TX 77057	Consulting Services	11-27-96	1000
Dan Horton 202 Hutts La Porte, TX 77582	Travel expenses	11-27-96	1000
Jeff Fisher 1275 Main #1 Houston, TX 77002	Consulting Services	11-27-96	1000
Jeff Van Fleet 2301 W Bay Area Blvd #1209 Webster, TX 77598	Contracting Services	11-27-96	1000
Ken Clark P.O. Box 1684 League City, TX 77573	Consulting Services	11-27-96	1000
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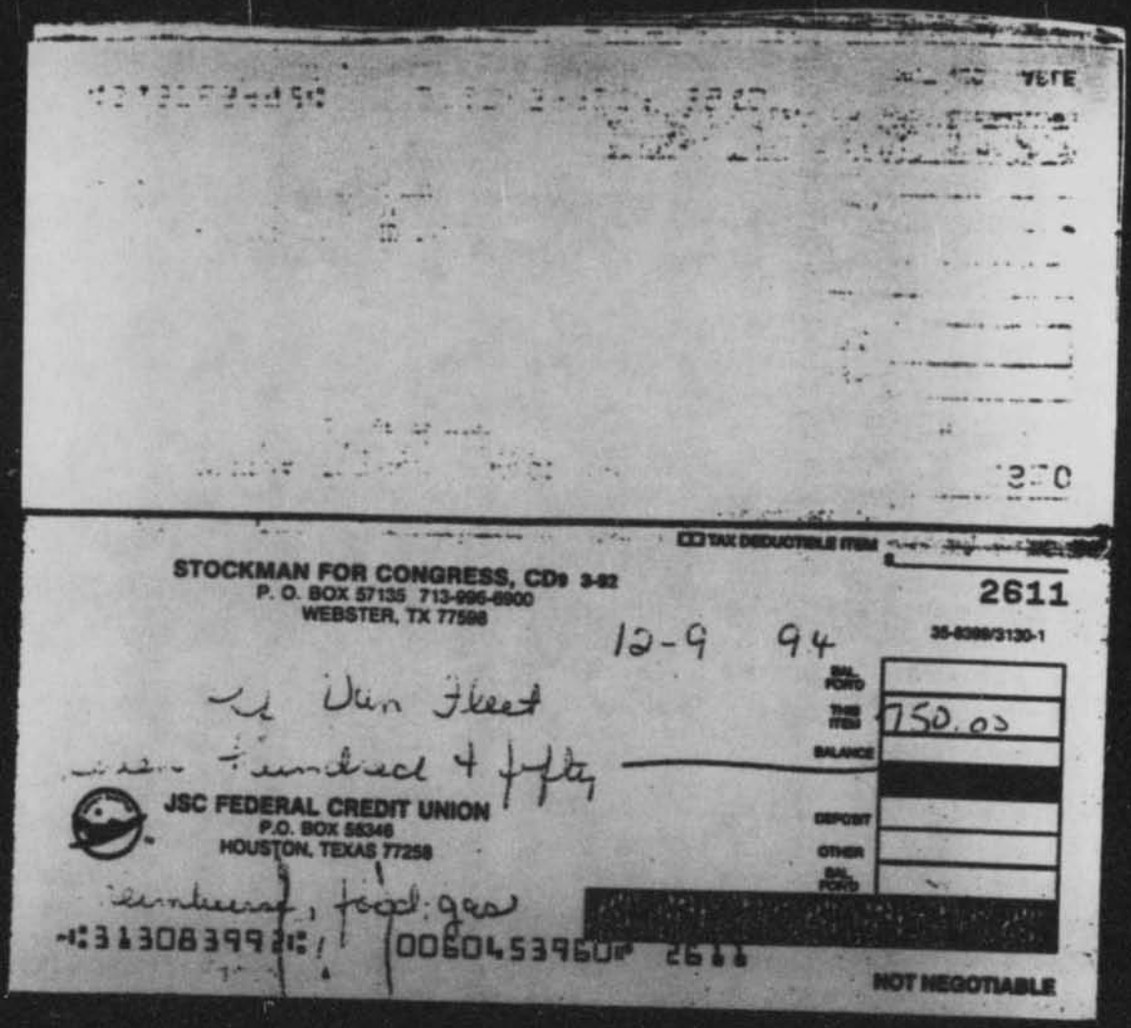

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SCHEDULE B ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Friends of Steve Stockman COO170336

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo./day/yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Jeff van Fleet 9530 Burdette Bucke, VA 22015	Payment of Debt ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) '94 General	5-31-95	1500.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clifton Marchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☐ Primary ☐ General ☒ Other (specify) '95 General	1-26-95	1500.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clifton Marchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-12-95	1800.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clifton Marchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-13-95	500.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clifton Marchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-30-95	1295.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clifton Marchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Reimbursement - Postage ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-24-95	640.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clifton Marchison 705 Pine Dr. Dickinson, TX 77539	Reimbursement - Travel + PMS ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	3-13-95	316.20
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code La mariposa Gardens 1303 Nasa Rd. 1 Houston, TX 77058	Fundraising ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	1-30-95 TO 6-15-95	223.72
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Tina Hatch 2014 Lauren Lake Dr. League City, TX 77573	Contract Services ☒ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify)	2-1-95 TO 4-6-95	2567.01

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)
Friends of Steve Stockman — Cook 70330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (mo., day, yr.)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Robert's Services 1720 S. Lakeshore Blvd. Austin, TX 78741	Computer Programming Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	6-5-95	500.
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Southwestern Bell P.O. Box 1550 Houston, TX 77097	Phone Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-1-95 to 6-1-95	2399.27
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Office Max 1529-A West Bay Area Blvd. League City, TX 77573	Office Supplies Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-3-95 to 6-23-95	508.82
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Clary's Restaurant 8509 Teichman Rd. Galveston, TX	Fund Raising Event Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [X] Other (specify) 96 General	1-4-95	570.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Page net 480 Sam Houston Pkwy. Houston, TX 77060	Phone Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	2-3-95 to 6-1-95	243.18
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Americision Communication, Inc. P.O. Box 7735 Moore, OK 73153	Phone Services Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-9-95 to 5-26-95	2723.16
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jeff Fisher 2260 Ashley Beaumont, TX 77701	Reimbursements - Travel Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-12-95 to 4-8-95	1713.34
H. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code National Prayer Breakfast 1909 N. Adams Arlington, VA	Charitable Event. Disbursement for: [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-12-95	560.00
I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Jeff VAN Fleet 953D Burdette Burke, VA 22015	Payment of Debt Disbursement for: [ ] Primary [ ] General [X] Other (specify) 96 General	1-26-95	1000.00
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John R. LeCour
16023 Lost Rock
Webster, Tx.
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Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

7:15 p.m. Saturday June 5

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Come on out after you have voted and worked the polls.

To volunteer to work the polls on Saturday
call Chris Ann Vogelpohl (409) 744-3826.

Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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John LeCour
16023 Lost Rock Ct.
Webster, Tex 77598

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Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

6:50 p.m. Saturday June 27

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Missed a show or don't want to stay up late? Watch the last two weeks of Rush commerical free with like minded folks. Friends, Fun & Fellowship. Everyone welcomed! Bring a friend.

Call (713) 996-6900 for more information

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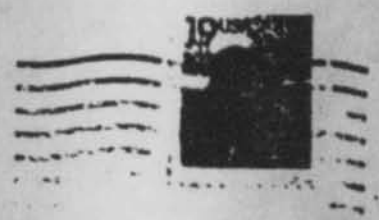

John LeCaux
16023 Last Rock Ct.
Webster, Texas
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Door prizes and a raffle!

Rush Limbaugh Party

& Stockman for Congress

6:50 p.m. Saturday August 14

The Caddyshack

2951 Marina Bay Blvd.

(Randall's Shopping Center, South Shore Harbour)

Missed a show or don't want to stay up late? Watch the last two weeks of Rush commerical free with like minded folks. Friends, Fun & Fellowship. Everyone welcome! Bring a friend.

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Friends OF Steve Stockman

Jeff Van Fleet P.O. Box 58354 Webster, Tx 77598	reimbursement	6-8-94 6-17-94	200. 150.
Chemical Bank P.O. Box 1010 Hicksville, New York 11802	campaign expenditures	6-9-94 6-30-94	1,000. 4,000.
Raymond Baker 814 Hardingate Houston, Tx 77062	reimbursement	6-13-94 6-29-94	87.50 87.50
Phone Comm. Inc. P.O. Box 9170 Houston, Tx 77261	Phone System - Rental	6-14-94	225.
Sam Desmond 3430 Sunerest Dr. Port Arthur, Tx 77619	phone reimbursement	6-15-94 6-15-94	250. 218.
Laura Mc Donald 8814 Mesa Drive Houston, Tx 78759	reimbursement	6-16-94	150.
Texas New Mexico Power 4211 Video Dickinson Tx 77539	Utilities	6-20-94	104.87
Pitney Bowes P.O. Box 742370 San Antonio Tx 77274	Postal Meeting Services	6-20-94	120.99
State Farm Insurance P.O. Box 1088 La Marque, Tx 77568	Campaign Headquarter Insurance	6-20-94 6-24-94	310. 67.00
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SCHEDULE B

Friends of Steve Stockman

Steve Stockman			
Federal Express	Postage	10-11-96	335.85
Clifton Murchison		11-21-96	1000.00
Tim Frankovich		11-21-96	1600.00
Andy Kasser		11-27-96	1245.00
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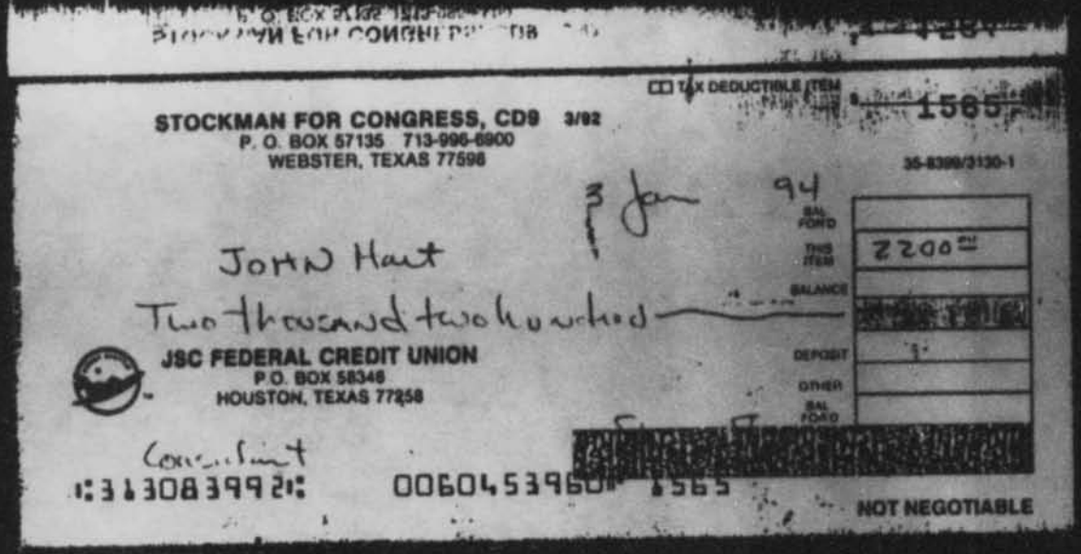

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3 Jan 94

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: JOHN Hart

$ 2200.00

Two thousand two hundred

JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
P.O. BOX 58348
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

FOR: Consultant

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1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
Friends of Steve Stockman

ADDRESS (number and street) ☐ Check if different than previously reported.
P.O. Box 57135

CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE
Webster TX 77598

STATE/DISTRICT

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
C00149435

3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT?
☐ YES ☒ NO

4. TYPE OF REPORT

☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
☐ October 15 Quarterly Report
☐ January 31 Year End Report
☐ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)
☒ Twelfth day report preceding the (Type of Election) election on _____ in the State of _____
☐ Thirtieth day report following the General Election on _____ in the State of _____
☐ Termination Report

This report contains activity for ☒ Primary Election ☐ General Election ☐ Special Election ☐ Runoff Election

SUMMARY

		COLUMN A This Period	COLUMN B Calendar Year-to-Date
5	Covering Period 1-1-94 through 2-16-94		
6	Net Contributions (other than loans)		
	(a) Total Contributions (other than loans) (from Line 11(d))	4403.11	4403.11
	(b) Total Contribution Refunds (from Line 22(d))	—	—
	(c) Net Contributions (other than loans) (subtract Line 6(b) from 6(a))	4403.11	4403.11
7	Net Operating Expenditures		
	(a) Total Operating Expenditures (from Line 17)	3756.99	3256.99
	(b) Total Offsets to Operating Expenditures (from Line 14)	—	—
	(c) Net Operating Expenditures (subtract Line 7(b) from 7(a))	3356.99	3356.99
8	Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 37)	1297.00	
9	Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	—	
10	Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	—	

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I certify that I have examined this Report and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct and complete.

Type or Print Name of Treasurer
John Hart

Signature of Treasurer
John Hart

Date
2-21-94

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FEC FORM 3
(revised 4/87)

DETAILED SUMMARY PAGE

of Receipts and Disbursements
(Page 2, FEC FORM 3)

Name of Committee (in full)	Report Covering the Period: From ____ To ____	
I. RECEIPTS	**COLUMN A** Total This Period	**COLUMN B** Calendar Year-To-Date
11. CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) FROM:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees		
(i) Itemized (use Schedule A)	3200.00	
(ii) Unitemized	1243.11	
(iii) Total of contributions from individuals	4443.11	4443.11
(b) Political Party Committees	—	—
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	—	—
(d) The Candidate	—	—
(e) TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (other than loans) (add 11(a)(iii), (b), (c) and (d))	4443.11	4443.11
12. TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	211.84	211.84
13. LOANS:		
(a) Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate	—	—
(b) All Other Loans	—	—
(c) TOTAL LOANS (add 13(a) and (b))	—	—
14. OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES (Refunds, Rebates, etc.)	—	—
15. OTHER RECEIPTS (Dividends, Interest, etc.)	—	—
16. TOTAL RECEIPTS (add 11(e), 12, 13(c), 14 and 15)	4654.95	4654.95
II. DISBURSEMENTS		
17. OPERATING EXPENDITURES	3356.95	3356.95
18. TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	—	—
19. LOAN REPAYMENTS:		
(a) Of Loans Made or Guaranteed by the Candidate	—	—
(b) Of All Other Loans	—	—
(c) TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS (add 19(a) and (b))	—	—
20. REFUNDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO:		
(a) Individuals/Persons Other Than Political Committees	—	—
(b) Political Party Committees	—	—
(c) Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	—	—
(d) TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (add 20(a), (b) and (c))	—	—
21. OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	—	—
22. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS (add 17, 18, 19(c), 20(d) and 21)	3356.95	3356.95

III. CASH SUMMARY

23. CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF REPORTING PERIOD	$ 0
24. TOTAL RECEIPTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 16)	$ 4654.95
25. SUBTOTAL (add Line 23 and Line 24)	$ 4654.95
26. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS THIS PERIOD (from Line 22)	$ 3356.95
27. CASH ON HAND AT CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD (subtract Line 26 from 25)	$ 1297.96

SCHEDULE A **ITEMIZED RECEIPTS**

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FOR LINE NUMBER 11-9

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer / Occupation	Date Received (Mo., Day, Yr.)	Amount of Each Receipt this Period
Donald W Wiley 285 Bryan Manor Circle Houston, Tx 77029 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Retired / Retired Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000	1-12-94	$ 1000.00
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Wally Walling Ford 89 Bayou Ln Kemah, Tx 77565 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer: Lockheed Occupation: Advanced Sales Analyst Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 200	1-18-94	$ 200.00
C. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Raymond Billard P.O.Box 191 Mexia, Tx 76667 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer: SELF Occupation: Lawyer Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 1000	1-25-94	$ 1000.00
D. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Lawrence Bosworth Jr P.O.Box 6491 Houston, Tx 77265 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer: Retired Occupation: Retired Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 300	1-31-94	$ 300.00
E. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Barbara LeCompte 5901 Ave L Santa Fe, Tx 77510 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer: Self Occupation: Homemaker Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 200	2-10-94	$ 200.00
F. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Mrs William C Roen 909 Pine Hollow Drive Friendswood, Tx 77545 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer: Self Occupation: Housewife Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 200	2-1-94	$ 200.00
G. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code Wally Walling Ford 89 Bayou Ln Kemah, Tx 77565 Receipt For: ☐ Other (specify): ☑ Primary ☐ General	Name of Employer: Lockheed Occupation: Advanced Sales Analyst Aggregate Year-to-Date > $ 300	2-8-94	$ 100.00
SUBTOTAL of Receipts This Page (optional)			$ 3000.00
TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only)			$ 3000.00

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TOTAL This Period (last page this line number only) ..... $ 13000.00

SCHEDULE B — ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS

Use separate schedule(s) for each category of the Detailed Summary Page

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FOR LINE NUMBER 17

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NAME OF COMMITTEE (In Full)

Friends of Steve Stockman

Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Purpose of Disbursement	Date (month, day, year)	Amount of Each Disbursement This Period
Southwestern Bell PO Box 1790 Houston Tx 77251	Phones Disbursement for [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-26-94	$ 495.10
Jeff. Martin 904 Victoria Ct League City Tx 77573	Reimbursements Disbursement for [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-19-94	$ 200.00
Patrick Signs 713 West Loop North Houston, Tx 77001	Billboards Disbursement for [X] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)	1-20-94	$ 1350.00
	Disbursement for [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)		
	Disbursement for [ ] Primary [ ] General [ ] Other (specify)		
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Subtotal of Disbursements This Page (optional) ..... $ 2045.10

Total (last page this line number only) ..... $ 2045.10

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REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For An Authorized Committee
(Summary Page)

1. NAME OF COMMITTEE (in full)
Friends of Joe Sibley

ADDRESS (number and street) ☐ Check if different than previously reported.
P.O. Box 57135

CITY, STATE and ZIP CODE
Webster TX 77598

2. FEC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
C 00120295 (147175)

3. IS THIS REPORT AN AMENDMENT?
☒ YES ☐ NO

4. TYPE OF REPORT

- ☐ April 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ July 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ October 15 Quarterly Report
- ☐ January 31 Year End Report
- ☐ July 31 Mid Year Report (Non-election Year Only)
- ☒ Twelve day report preceding primary (Type of Election) election on March 8 in the State of TX
- ☐ Thirty day report following the General Election on _____ in the State of _____
- ☐ Termination Report

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8. Cash on Hand at Close of Reporting Period (from Line 27)	1297.00	
9. Debts and Obligations Owed TO the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	—	
10. Debts and Obligations Owed BY the Committee (Itemize all on Schedule C and/or Schedule D)	20,760	

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Type or Print Name of Treasurer
John Hart

Signature of Treasurer
John Hart

Date 7-13-94

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SCHEDULE C (Revised 2/93)

LOANS

Page 1 of 2 3 LOAN NUMBER 1 of 2

Name of Committee (In Full)
FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN C00270330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Payments To Date	Balance Outstanding at Close of This Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 WEBSTER, TX, 77598 Direct: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):	2,500	0	2,500
Terms: Date Incurred 10-22-91 Date Due 11-21-92 Interest Rate 0 % Secured ☐ General ☐			
List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) to Item A			
1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed/ Outstanding: $		
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed/ Outstanding: $		
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed/ Outstanding: $		
B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Payments To Date	Balance Outstanding at Close of This Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 WEBSTER, TX 77598	3,000	0	3,000
Direct: ☐ Primary ☐ General ☐ Other (specify):			
Terms: Date Incurred 9-26-92 Date Due 12-31-92 Interest Rate 0 % Secured ☐ General ☐			
List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) to Item B			
1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed/ Outstanding: $		
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed/ Outstanding: $		
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed/ Outstanding: $		
SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)			5,500
TOTALS This Period (last page in this line only)			

Carry subtotaling balances only to LOAN 2, Schedule C1. For this line, if no Schedule C1, carry forward to appropriate line of Summary.

SCHEDULE C

LOANS

Name of Committee (in Full)
FRIENDS OF STEVE STOCKMAN C00770330

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period	Balance Outstanding at Close of Calendar Year
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 WEBSTER, TX. 77598	5,000	1,600	3400

Date Incurred 7-10-13 Due Date (if applicable) 12-31-13 Interest Rate 0 % Secured ☐ Unsecured ☒

Also All Endorsers or Guarantors (if any) to Item A

1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Balance at Close of This Period	Balance Outstanding at Close of Calendar Year
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 57135 Webster, TX. 77598	5,500	0	5,500

Date Incurred 11-20-14 Due Date (if applicable) 12-31-15 Interest Rate 0 % Secured ☐ Unsecured ☒

Also All Endorsers or Guarantors (if any) to Item B

1. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
2. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding
3. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Outstanding

SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional) 0.00

TOTALS This Period (Last page only) .....

Carry totals from Subtotals only to LINE 8, Schedule B, for the first page, if not applicable, enter Amount Carried Forward from Previous Page.

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SUBTOTALS This Period This Page (optional)	6900
TOTALS This Period (carryover to next page)	

SCHEDULE C
(Revised 2000)

LOANS

Name of Committee (In Full)
FRIENDS of STEVE STOCKMAN C00370320

A. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Balance Beginning of Period	Amount Outstanding at Close of Period
STEVE STOCKMAN P.O. BOX 5715 WEBSTER, TX. 77598	2,000	0	2,000

Nature of Loan: Personal Bank Loan
Term: Date Incurred MAR 03 Due Date 12-07-03 Interest Rate 0 % Secured ☐ Unsecured ☐

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) for Loan A

I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
II. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
III. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed

B. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code of Loan Source	Original Amount of Loan	Outstanding Balance Beginning of Period	Amount Outstanding at Close of Period

Nature of Loan: Personal Bank Loan
Term: Date Incurred _____ Due Date _____ Interest Rate _____ % Secured ☐ Unsecured ☐

List All Endorsers or Guarantors (If any) for Loan B

I. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
II. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed
III. Full Name, Mailing Address and ZIP Code	Name of Employer Occupation Amount Guaranteed / Endorsed

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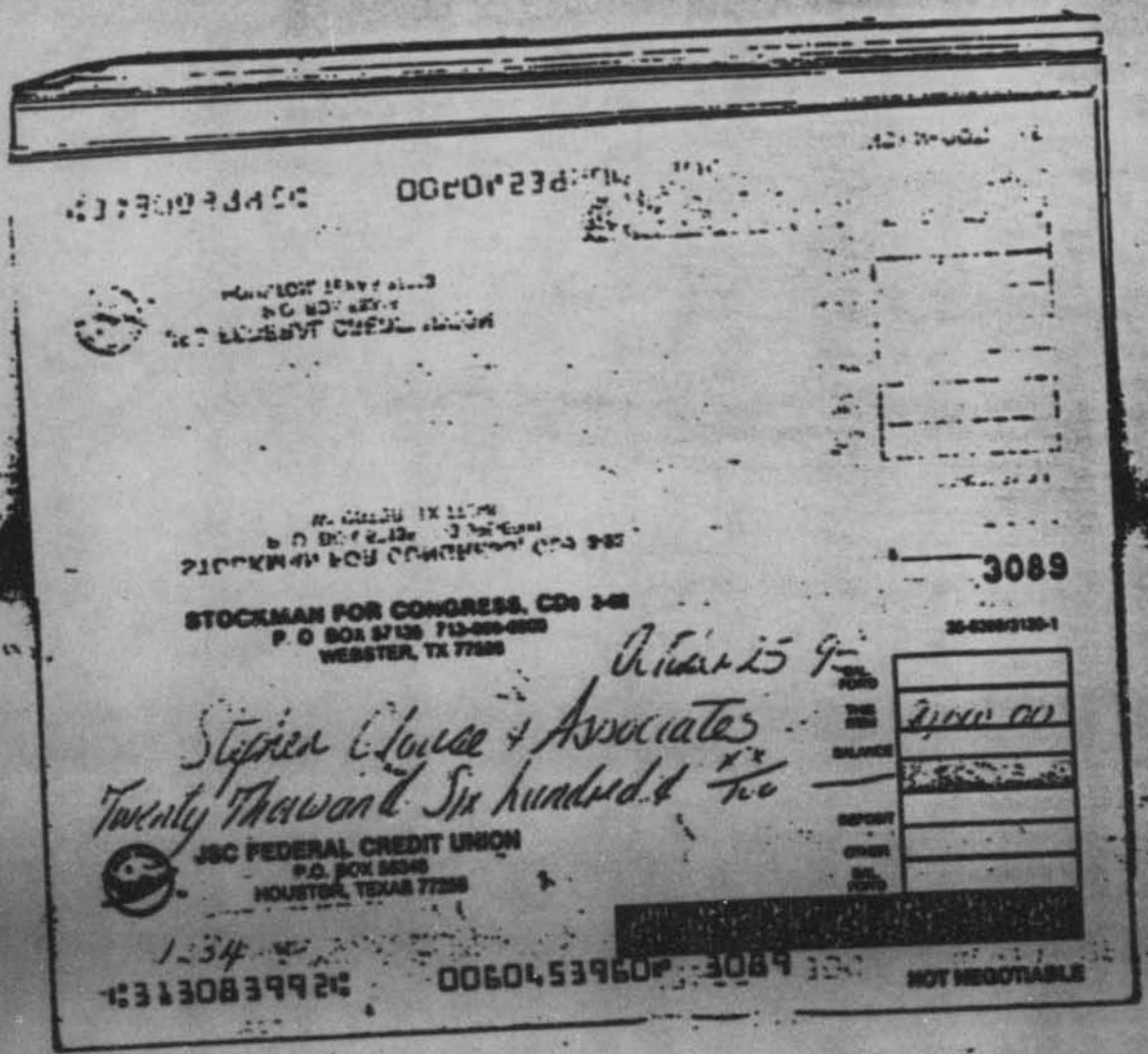

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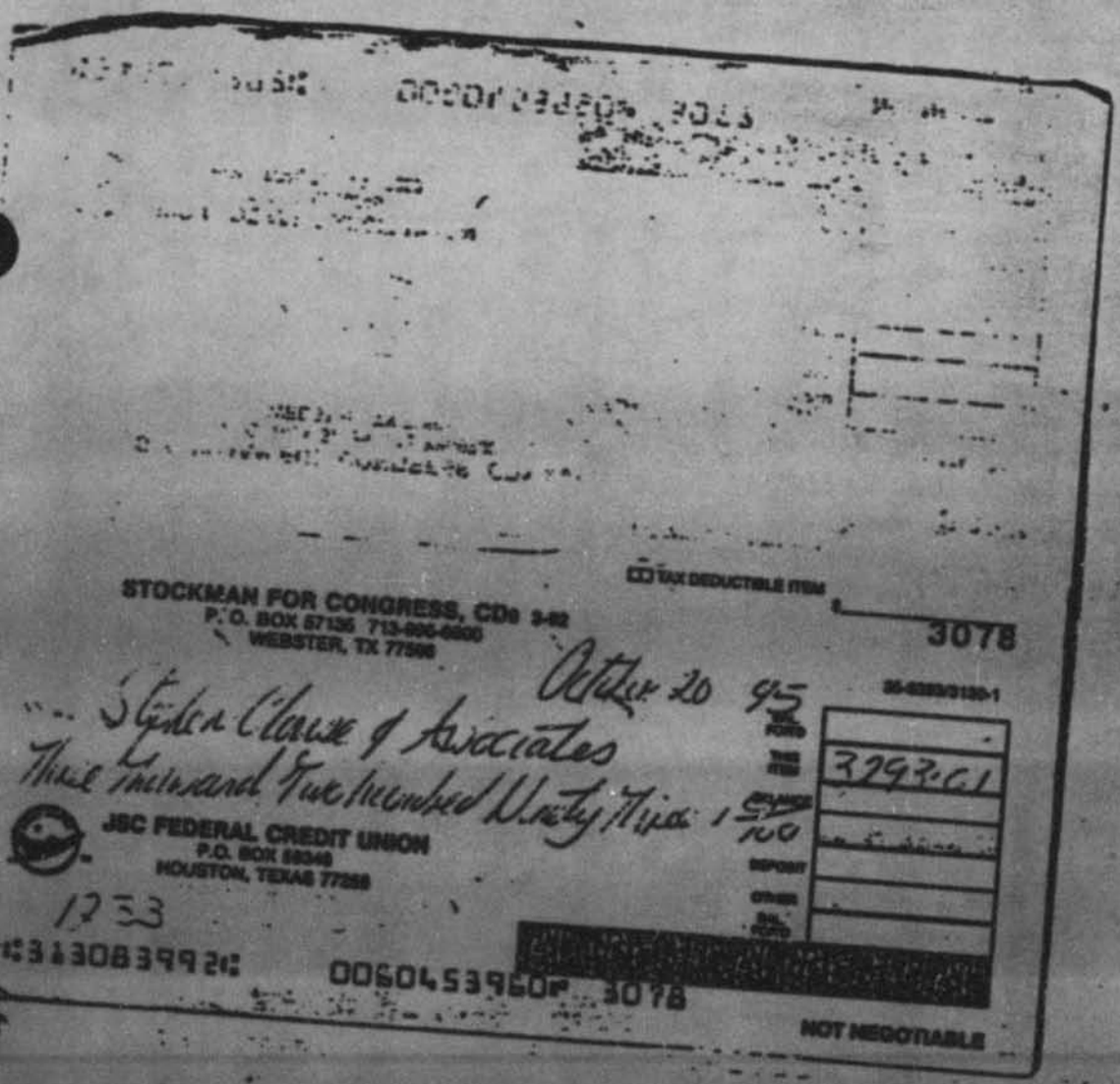

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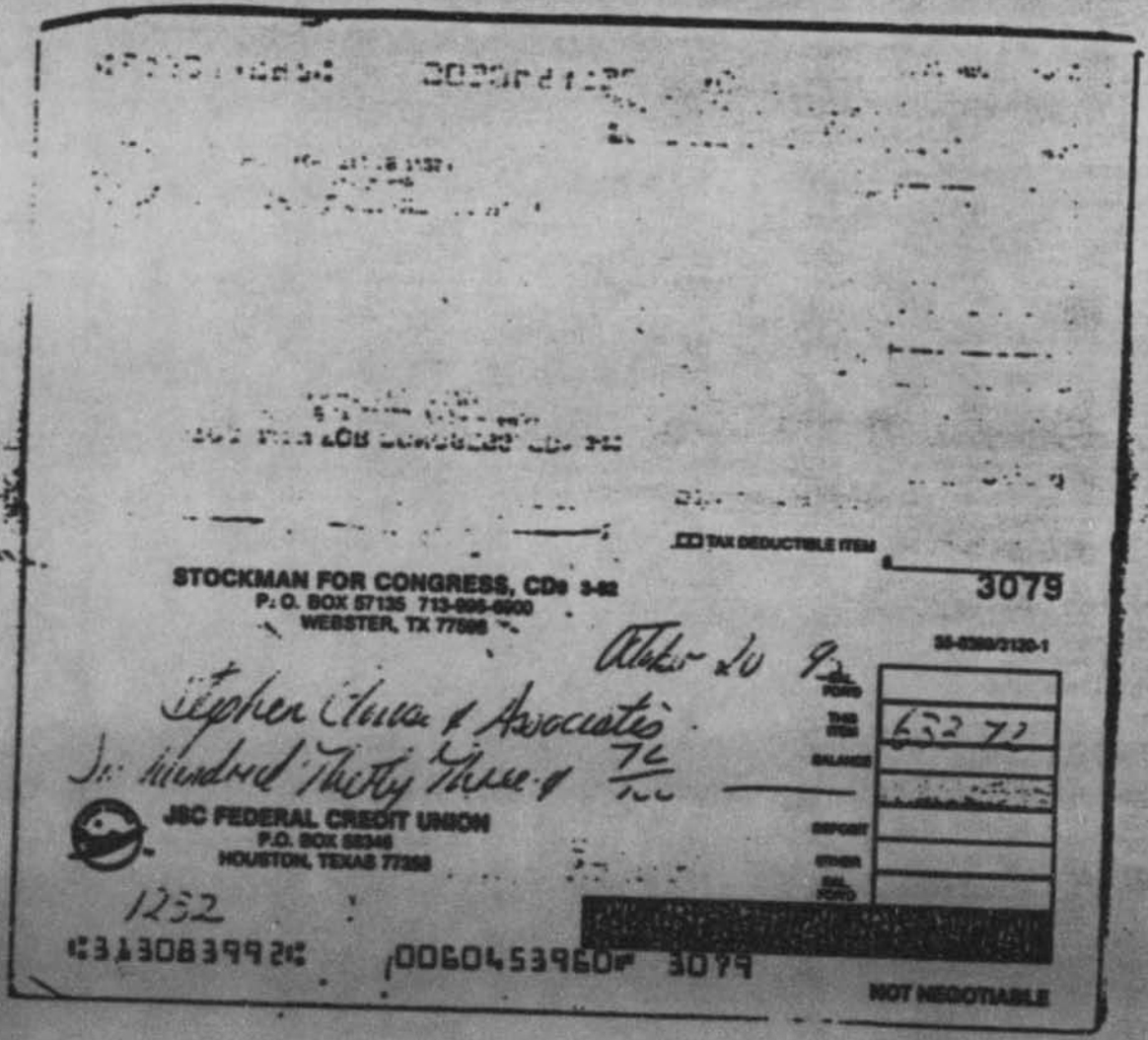

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Tracey L. Ligon, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
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999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Enclosed are the complete amended reports required to be submitted by Friends of Steve Stockman and its treasurer, together with a check payable to the Commission in the amount of $7,000, pursuant to paragraphs VI.1., VII, and X of the Conciliation Agreement in the above-referenced MUR.

This will confirm our understanding that delivery to you constitutes filing of the reports, notification to the Commission, and payment of the initial amount as required by the Conciliation Agreement, and that future payments also may be sent to you.

Please call if you should have any questions. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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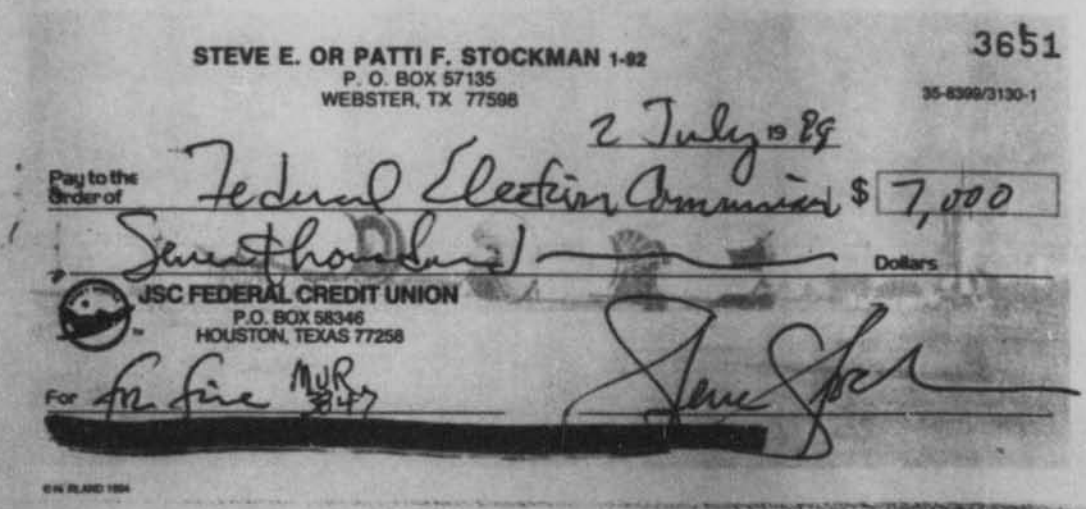

STEVE E. OR PATTI F. STOCKMAN 1-92
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Steve Stockman

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 8, 1998

TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton RS
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Friends of Steve Stockman** , check number **3651,** dated **July 2, 1998,** for the amount of , **7000.00.** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $ 7000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3849 and in the name of Friends of Steve Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indidated below:

✓ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Signature

7-9-98
Date

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July 31, 1998

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Tracey L. Ligon, Esquire
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 3847

Dear Ms. Ligon:

Enclosed is a check payable to the Commission in the amount of $3,000, pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above-referenced MUR.

Please call if you should have any questions. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Olson

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Enclosures

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STEVE E. OR PATTI F. STOCKMAN 1-92
P. O. BOX 57135
WEBSTER, TX 77598

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29 July 1998

Pay to the Order of FEC $ 3,000

Three thousand Dollars

JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

For Fine [redacted]

Steve Stockman

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

August 4, 1998

TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Steve E. or Patti F. Stockman,** check number **3667,** dated **July 29, 1998,** for the amount of , **3,000.00 .** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $ 3000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of Steve Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

✓ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Signature

8-4-98
Date

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Date: 10/6/98

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Honorable Steve Stockman

To: *Tracey L Ligon*
Office of the General Counsel FEC
999 E. Street NW
Washington D.C. 20463
From: *FSS*
CC: *William Olson*
RE: *MUR 3847*

Enclosed is a check payable to the Commission in the amount of 3,000 pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above referenced MUR.

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RECEIVED
FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION
ACCOUNTING OFFICE
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OCT 6 11 09 AM '98

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FRIENDS OF STOCKMAN
P. O. BOX 57135 713-996-6900
WEBSTER, TX 77598

35-8399/3130-1

28 Sept 1998

Pay to the Order of FEC $ 3,000

Three thousand Dollars

JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 06, 1998

TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton RES
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Friends of Stockman,** check number **4981,** dated **September 28, 1998,** for the amount of , **$3,000.00.** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $ 3000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of _____ Friends of Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

✓ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Kim A. Stevens
Signature

10-6-98
Date

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
DEDICATED TO KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Date: 11/12/98

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Honorable Steve Stockman

TO: *Tracey L. Ligon*
Office of the General Counsel FEC
999 E. Street NW
Washington D. C. 20463

CC: *William Olson and John Miles Esq.*

RE: *MUR 3847*

Enclosed is a check (check number 3740) payable to the Commission in the amount of 3,000 pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above referenced MUR.

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STEVE E. OR PATTI F. STOCKMAN 1-92
P O BOX 57135
WEBSTER, TX 77598

3740

35-8399/3130-1

29 Oct 1998

Pay to the Order of FEC $ 3000

Three thousand Dollars

JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
P O BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

For Fire [redacted]

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 10, 1998

TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Steve E. OR Patti F. Stockman,** check number **3740,** dated **October 29, 1998,** for the amount of **$ 3000.00** . A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $ 3000.00 the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of Steve E or Patti F Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

__✓__ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Kim C Stevens
Signature

11-9-98
Date

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Date: 12/7/98

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Honorable Steve Stockman

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TO: *Tracey L. Ligon*
Office of the General Counsel FEC
999 E. Street NW
Washington D. C. 20463

CC: *William Olson and John Miles Esq.*

RE: *MUR 3847*

Date: *28 November 1998*

Enclosed is a check (check number 3775) payable to the Commission in the amount of 3,000 dollars pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above referenced MUR.

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3775

STEVE E. OR PATTI F. STOCKMAN 1-92
P. O. BOX 57135
WEBSTER, TX 77598

35-8399/3130-1

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Pay to the Order of Rec $ 3,000

Three thousand Dollars

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P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 7, 1998

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TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Steve E. or Patti F. Stockman,** check number **3775,** dated **November 24, 1998,** for the amount of **$3000.00.** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $3000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of Steve E or Patti F Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

✓ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Kim C Stevenson
Signature

12-7-98
Date

Celebrating the Commission's 20th Anniversary

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Date: 1/5/99

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Honorable Steve Stockman

TO: *Tracey L. Ligon*
Office of the General Counsel FEC
999 E. Street NW
Washington D. C. 20463

CC: *William Olson and John Miles Esq.*

RE: *MUR 3847*

Enclosed is a check (check number 3888) payable to the Commission in the amount of 3,000 pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above referenced MUR.

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OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL
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STEVE E. OR PATTI F. STOCKMAN 1-92
P. O. BOX 57135
WEBSTER, TX 77598

35-8399/3130-1

28 Dec 1998

Pay to the Order of FEC $ 3,000

Three thousand Dollars

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P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

For MUR 3847

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January 5, 1999

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TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Steve E. or Patti F. Stockman,** check number **3888,** dated **December 28, 1998,** for the amount of **$ 3,000.00.** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket 1-5-99

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $ 3000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of Steve E. & Patti F. Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

✓ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Honorable Steve Stockman

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COUNSEL
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TO: *Tracey L. Ligon*
Office of the General Counsel FEC
999 E. Street NW
Washington D.C. 20463

CC: *William Olson and John Miles Esq.*

RE: *MUR 3847*

Date: *01 February 1999*

Enclosed is a check (check number 8310) payable to the Commission in the amount of 3,000 dollars pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above referenced MUR.

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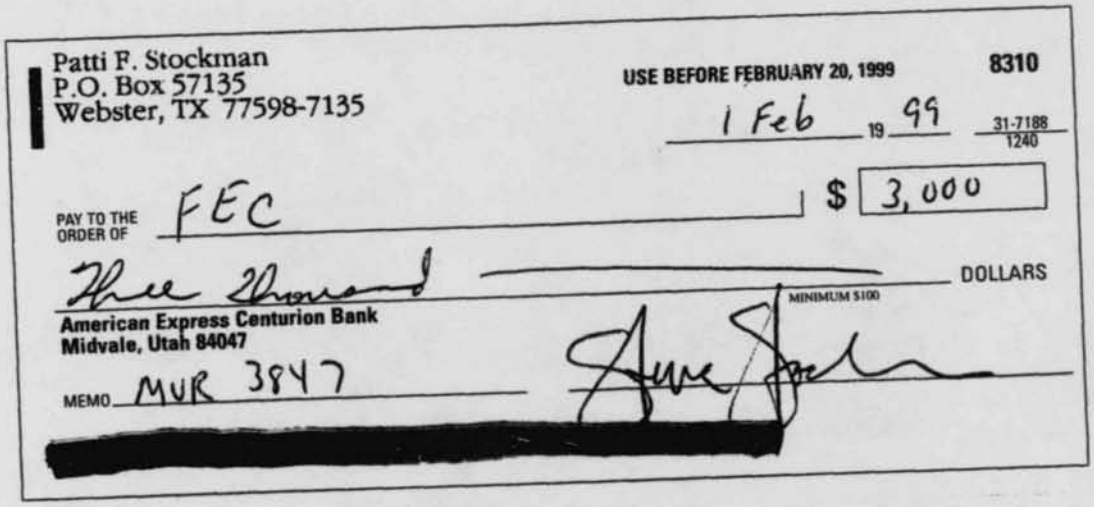

Patti F. Stockman
P.O. Box 57135
Webster, TX 77598-7135

USE BEFORE FEBRUARY 20, 1999

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF FEC

$ 3,000

Three thousand DOLLARS

MINIMUM $100

American Express Centurion Bank
Midvale, Utah 84047

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February 9, 1998

TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Patti F. Stockman,** check number **8310,** dated **February 1, 1998,** for the amount of **$ 3,000.00.** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $3000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of Patti + Steve Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

✓ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

___ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Kim C. Stevenson
Signature

2-9-99
Date

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Honorable Steve Stockman

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To: Tracey L. Ligon
Office of the General Counsel FEC
999 E. Street NW
Washington D.C. 20463

CC William Olson and John Miles

RE: MUR 3847

Date: 26 February 1999

Enclosed is a check (check number 3969) payable to the Commission in the amount of $12,000 and is the balance owed pursuant to the Conciliation Agreement in the above reference MUR. This is the final payment and fulfills our agreement.

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STEVE E. OR PATTI F. STOCKMAN 1-92
P. O. BOX 57135
WEBSTER, TX 77598

35-6399/3130-1

26 Feb 19 99

Pay to the Order of JSC $12,000 00

Twelve thousand Dollars

JSC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
P.O. BOX 58346
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77258

For MOR 3847

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March 4, 1999

TWO WAY MEMORANDUM

TO: OGC Docket

FROM: Rosa E. Swinton RES
Accounting Technician

SUBJECT: Account Determination for Funds Received

We recently received a check from **Steve E or Patti F. Stockman,** check number **3969,** date **February 19, 1999,** for the amount of **$ 12,000.00.** A copy of the check and any correspondence is being forwarded. Please indicate below which a account the funds should be deposited and give the MUR/Case number and name associated with the deposit.

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COUNSEL

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TO: Rosa E. Swinton
Accounting Technician

FROM: OGC Docket

SUBJECT: Disposition of Funds Received

In reference to the above check in the amount of $ 12000.00, the MUR/Case number is 3847 and in the name of Steve E or Patti F Stockman. Place this deposit in the account indicated below:

___ Budget Clearing Account (OGC), 95F3875.16

✓ Civil Penalties Account, 95-1099.160

___ Other: _____

Kim P. Stevenson
Signature

3-4-99
Date