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**Source A:** Democratic National Committee, finance Call Sheet to Glaxo Inc., *Politics and Economy: What Money Buys, Campaign Finance Files*, 1995

### Transcript:

#### DNC FINANCE CALL SHEET

For: Dodd  
CALL SHEET PREPARED BY: David Dunphy, Richard Sullivan  
DATE: November 13, 1995  
NAME: John Gore  
TITLE: Vice President Government Affairs  
COMPANY: BP  
ADDRESS: 1776 Eye Street, NW. Washington, DC  
PHONE: -----

#### ASST NAME:

CONTRIBUTOR HISTORY: BP has given us \$15,000 in 1995 and \$10,000 in 1994.

REASON FOR CALL: Please ask them to give \$85,000 and become Managing Trustees.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: BP has given \$66,000 to Republican committees this year. The Administration helped them out on two major issues this year. The first dealing with deep water drilling in the Gulf of Mexico; and the other, ANS, dealing with oil imports from foreign-owned companies.

#### RESULTS:

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**Source B:** Haley Barbour, letter from Haley Barbour to Republican Tom DeLay, *Politics and Economy: What Money Buys, Campaign Finance Files*, 1996

### Transcript

May 14, 1996

Hon. Thomas D. DeLay  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman DeLay:

It was indeed a pleasure to visit briefly with you last week over dinner during the Team 100 Republican meeting in Washington. While many challenges lie ahead for the Party in 1996, I feel more confident than ever that the Republican Party's Congressional majority will not only prevail, but will increase after the election in November. And, it will be great to once again have our team in the White House.

As we briefly discussed, there is an issue before Congress of significant importance to our company and industry—repeal of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA). While it is a complex issue and not one that is widely discussed, or understood, it nonetheless presents the Republican Party with an excellent opportunity this year to repeal an outdated and ineffective depression-era law.

Of the 500 electric and gas utilities in the U.S., only 14 companies are regulated by the Act. President Reagan initiated action to repeal PUCHA in the early '80s. Most recently, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the agency responsible for administering and enforcing the Act, voiced their support for PUCHA repeal.

Senator D'Amato, whose Banking Committee oversees PUHCA, supported by Senators Doyle, Lott, Cochran, Murkowski, Johnston, Dodd and others, has introduced PUHCA repeal legislation in the Senate. Your help would be appreciated in urging House Commerce Committee Chairman Tom Bliley and Energy & Power Subcommittee Chairman Dan Schaefer, to act on PUHCA Repeal legislation this year.

Again, let me say how much I enjoyed visiting with you and I look forward to seeing you again in San Diego if not before. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or desire more information on the Public Utility Holding Company Act issue.

Sincerely,

EL/pl

cc: Mr. Haley Barbour

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**Source C:** Democratic National Committee, fundraiser List, *Politics and Economy: What Money Buys, Campaign Finance Files*, 1996

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Miami, FL

Ask him to serve as a Vice Chair

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Stephen Cloobek  
Owner, Polo Towers  
Nevada, Las Vegas

Stephen committed to write another 25K to get to 50K this year and come to a POTUS coffee. He would like to speak to you about Nevada politics.

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Leonard Eber  
Kentfield, CA

Ask Leonard for 100K and invite him to attend breakfast on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Angeleo Tsakapoulos  
CEO, AKT Development Corp.  
Sacramento, CA

Thank Angelo for raising money for re-elect. Ask him to become a Managing Trustee and write 100K to come to coffee on Oct. 13.

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Sandy Robertson  
Managing Partner, Robertson, Stephens and Co.

Gave 100K in 1992. Ask him to give 100K and attend Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> coffee with POTUS with other San Francisco leaders. (Stu Moldau, Alex .....)

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Bob Kenmore  
San Francisco

Heirs to Kenmore fortune. Ask them to give 100K to become Managing Trustees and attend Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> coffee with POTUS with other leaders from the Bay area.

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**Source D:** Mitch McConnell, letter from Mitch McConnell on the Committee for Economic Development, *Politics and Economy: What Money Buys, Campaign Finance Files, 1996*

### Transcript:

May 27, 1999

As Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee and lead defender of the private sector's right to participate in politics, let me express my concern that a serious error has occurred, which may cause some embarrassment to you if it is not immediately corrected.

Evidently, an organization called the Committee for Economic Development has listed you, of all people, as a supporter of its campaign to restrict the political speech rights of individuals, candidates, groups, political parties — and even your own company.

I have attached a page from a report issued by CED that prominently identifies you as a backer of its legislative plan to: deny corporations the right to make perfectly legal non-federal contributions to political parties; restrict the right of political parties to advocate positions on issues; limit the free speech of candidates; and force taxpayers to subsidize political activities with which they may not agree.

If CED's proposal were adopted, the NRSC would lose nearly half its revenues and thus be crippled in its ability to assist Republican candidates. On the other hand, labor unions, trial lawyers and radical environmental groups would remain virtually untouched in their capacity to assist those who share their legislative priorities. In short, CED's plan, which claims you as a supporter, amounts to nothing less than *unilateral disarmament*.

I am certain that CED has invoked your name in error, and to ensure that we quickly put this embarrassment to rest, I would welcome any clarification you can provide.

Sincerely,

Mitch McConnell  
Chairman

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