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# Forward

This book details a modern attempted Coup, of the U.S. Government, by Oligarchical Silicon Valley billionaires. It details historical and sociological events which led to the crimes, the players who engaged in the crimes and the tactics they employed to engage in those crimes with taxpayer money and resources.

Silicon Valley Campaign financiers, White House Staff, Investment bankers (led by Goldman Sachs), and state, and federal, agency appointees executed the scheme.

The tools for the exploitation included Afghan War profiteering, green-washing the public with feel-good smoke-screens about “clean” investments that were actually dirty corruption scams, the auto industry and Silicon Valley technology collusions.

The losses, to date, include over six trillion dollars of taxpayer funds, lives, the loss of domestic innovation and the loss of public policy credibility.

So far, law enforcement, and the justice system, have been, either, ordered to take no action, or blockaded from taking any action. Vast sets of hard evidence, which provide incontrovertible proof of the crimes, has been submitted to those agencies but still, none of the victims have received justice.

This book is authored by Internet users in wiki-form, as well as each listed sub-item author, and references thousands of sources of facts.

The purpose of this book is to document the crimes so that no society may, again, allow an extreme, and disturbed, few to corrupt and circumvent the rights of the many.

# Coup – Definition

## *Coup d'état*

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

(Redirected from [Coup](#))

For other uses, see [Coup d'état \(disambiguation\)](#).

"Coup" redirects here. For other uses, see [Coup \(disambiguation\)](#).

A ***coup d'état*** (/ˌkuːˈdeɪˈtɑː/ ·listen (help·info); French: [ku deta], literally "blow of state"; plural: *coups d'état*, pronounced like the singular form), also known simply as a **coup** (/ˌkuː/), or an **overthrow**, is the sudden and illegal seizure of a state,<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> usually instigated by a small group of the existing government establishment to depose the established regime and replace it with a new ruling body. A coup d'état is considered successful when the [usurpers](#) establish their dominance. If a coup fails, a [civil war](#) may ensue.

A coup d'état typically uses the extant government's power to assume political control of a country. In *[Coup d'État: A Practical Handbook](#)*, [military historian Edward Luttwak](#) states that a coup "consists of the infiltration of a small, but critical, segment of the state apparatus, which is then used to displace the government from its control of the remainder".<sup>[4]</sup> The armed forces, whether military or [paramilitary](#), can be a defining factor of a coup d'état.

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## Etymology

The phrase *coup d'État* (French pronunciation: [\[ku deta\]](#)) is French, literally meaning a "stroke of state" or "blow against the state". In French the word "État", denoting a sovereign political entity, is capitalized. [\[5\]](#)

Although the coup d'état has featured in politics since antiquity, the phrase is of relatively recent coinage; [\[6\]](#) the *Oxford English Dictionary* identifies it as a French expression meaning a "stroke of State". The phrase did not appear within an English text before the nineteenth century except when used in translation of a French source, there being no simple phrase in English to convey the contextualized idea of a "knockout blow to the existing administration within a state".

One early use within text translated from French was in 1785, in a printed translation of a letter from a French merchant, commenting on an arbitrary decree or "arrêt" issued by the French king, restricting the import of British wool. [\[7\]](#) What may be its first published use within a text *composed* in English, is in an editor's note in the London *Morning Chronicle*, 7 January 1802, reporting the arrest by [Napoleon](#) in France, of [Moreau](#), [Berthier](#), [Masséna](#), and [Bernadotte](#):

There was a report in circulation yesterday of a sort of *coup d'état* having taken place in France, in consequence of some formidable conspiracy against the existing government.

In [post-Revolutionary France](#), the phrase came to be used to describe the various murders by [Napoleon's](#) hated secret police, the [Gens d'Armes d'Elite](#), who murdered the [Duke of Enghien](#):

...the actors in torture, the distributors of the poisoning draughts, and the secret executioners of those unfortunate individuals or families, whom Bonaparte's measures of safety require to remove. In what revolutionary tyrants call *grand[s] coups d'état*, as butchering, or poisoning, or drowning, *en masse*, they are exclusively employed. [\[8\]](#)

Since an unsuccessful coup d'état in 1920 (the [Kapp Putsch](#)), the [Swiss-German](#) word *Putsch* (pronounced [\[pʊtʃ\]](#)), coined for the [Züriputsch](#) of 1839), also denotes the same politico-military actions. [\[citation needed\]](#)

## Usage of the phrase

Politically, a coup d'état is a usually violent method of [political engineering](#),<sup>[*citation needed*]</sup> which affects who rules in the government, without radical changes in the form of the government, the political system. Tactically, a coup d'état involves control by an active minority of usurpers who block the remaining (non-participant) defenders of the state's possible defence of the attacked government, by capturing or expelling the politico-military leaders and seizing physical control of the country's key government offices, communications media, and infrastructure.

In looser usage, as in intelligence coup or boardroom coup, the term simply refers to gaining a sudden advantage on a rival.

## *Pronunciamiento*

Main article: [Pronunciamiento](#)

*Pronunciamiento* ("pronouncement") is a term of [Spanish](#) and [Latin-American](#) origin for a special type of coup d'état. The coup d'état (called *golpe de Estado* in [Spanish](#)) was more common in Spain and South America, while the *pronunciamiento* was more common in [Central America](#). The *pronunciamiento* is the formal explanation for deposing the regnant government, justifying the installation of the new government that was effected with the *golpe de Estado*. In a coup it is the military, paramilitary, or opposing political faction that deposes the current government and assumes power, whereas in the *pronunciamiento* the military deposes the existing government and installs an (ostensibly) civilian government.<sup>[9]</sup>

## History

Further information: [List of coups d'état and coup attempts](#) and [List of coups d'état and coup attempts by country](#)

Variations of coups d'état have been among the most common forms of governmental transition, though they have declined worldwide; nowadays they are most common in Africa. Between 1952 and 2000, 33 countries experienced 85 such depositions, with West Africa having the most (42), largely against civil regimes. 27 were against military regimes and in 5 were the deposed incumbents killed.<sup>[10]</sup>

## Types

Political scientist [Samuel P. Huntington](#) identified three types of coup d'état, which correspond to the role the military plays in three different types of [praetorian](#) society".<sup>[11]</sup> As society changes, so does the role of the military. In the world of [oligarchy](#), the soldier is a radical; in the middle class he is a

participant and arbiter; as the "mass society looms on the horizon he becomes the conservative guardian of the existing order" (p. 221).

## **Breakthrough coups**

In breakthrough coups, the soldier plays the role of "reformer", moving the society from "Oligarchical to Radical Praetorianism" (p. 198). "In oligarchical praetorianism the dominant social forces are landowners, the leading clergy, and the wielders of the sword". In "radical" society, the middle-class is an important social and political class. The shift toward "radical" society take the form of slow evolution, or a "breakthrough" to middle-class political participation may be led by civilian [intelligentsia](#) (p. 200). A breakthrough to radical praetorianism (in which the military plays an important role among the middle class who govern) may occur when middle-class officers dislodge the civilian intelligentsia who led the breakthrough, or the military may take power directly from the [absolute monarchy](#) or the oligarchs in a military coup (p. 201).

Examples include:

- Brazil 1889
- Thailand 1932
- Egypt 1952 (p. 202)
- Syria 1949
- Iraq 1958
- Pakistan 1958
- Burma 1958 (p. 203)
- Bolivia 1936
- Guatemala 1944 (p. 206)
- El Salvador 1948 (p. 207)
- Chile 1924 (p. 208)
- Turkey 1980 (p. 209)
- Egypt 2013

## **Arbiter coups**

Arbiter coups: In this type of coup, society is in the stage of "radical praetorianism", meaning that the praetorian society is in the "middle stages in the expansion of political participation" (p. 209) - the middle-class (including the military) are actively involved in politics, but the masses are not regularly politically mobilized. This type of society often follows the breakthrough coup, which "clears the way for the entry of other middle-class elements into politics" (p. 209). In radical praetorian society, various middle-class groups may act against one another in riots or demonstrations, and the military will step in



with a military coup to re-establish order and "halt the rabid mobilization of social forces into politics and into the streets...to defuse the explosive political situation" (p. 216).

Examples include:

- Peru 1962
- Haiti 1946
- Venezuela 1958 (p. 214)
- Bolivia 1964 (p. 215)
- Burma 1962 (p. 217)

### **Veto coup d'état**

**Veto coup d'état:** occurs when the army vetoes the people's mass participation and social mobilisation in governing themselves. "Military interventions of this "veto" variety thus directly reflect increasing lower-class political participation in politics" (p. 222). In "veto coups" the soldier plays the role of "guardian of the existing order" (p. 221). In such a case, the army confronts and suppresses large-scale, broad-based civil opposition.

Examples include:

- [Argentina 1930](#)
- [Chile 1973](#)
- Peru 1962
- Guatemala 1963
- Ecuador 1963
- Honduras 1963 (p. 223)
- Turkey 1960
- Indonesia 1965 (p. 224)
- Brazil 1964 (p. 233)

### **Other types**

Some later writers, such as [Justin Ames](#), have described Huntington's framework as including three types: breakthrough, guardian, and veto (thus ignoring the Arbiter category and dividing the third category into two) and have ascribed patterns to those coups, such as that breakthrough coups are led by junior officers. However, some of the breakthrough coups described by Huntington were led by generals.

- In a **bloodless coup d'état**, the threat of violence suffices to depose the incumbent. In 1889, Brazil [became a republic](#) via *bloodless coup*; in 1999, [Pervez Musharraf](#) assumed power in

Pakistan via a [bloodless coup](#); and, in 2006, [Sonthi Boonyaratglin](#) assumed power in [Thailand](#) as the leader of the [Council for Democratic Reform under Constitutional Monarchy](#).

The [self-coup](#) denotes an incumbent government – aided and abetted by the military – assuming extra-constitutional powers. A historical example is President, then Emperor, [Louis Napoléon Bonaparte](#). Modern examples include [Alberto Fujimori](#), in Peru, who, although elected, temporarily suspended the legislature and the judiciary in 1992, becoming an authoritarian ruler, and King [Gyanendra's](#) assumption of "emergency powers" in [Nepal](#). Another form of self-coup is when a government, having been defeated in an election, refuses to step down.

## Resistance to coups d'état

Many coups d'état, even if initially successful in seizing centres of state power, are actively opposed by certain segments of society or by the international community. Opposition can take several forms, including an attempted counter-coup by sections of the armed forces, international isolation of the new regime, and military intervention.

Sometimes opposition takes the form of [civil resistance](#), in which the coup is met with mass demonstrations from the population generally, and disobedience among civil servants and members of the armed forces. Cases in which civil resistance played a significant part in defeating armed coups d'état include: the [Kornilov Putsch](#) in Russia in August 1917; the [Kapp Putsch](#) in Berlin in March 1920; and the [Generals' Revolt in Algiers in April 1961](#).<sup>[12]</sup> The [coup in the Soviet Union on 19–21 August 1991](#) is another case in which civil resistance was part of an effective opposition to a coup: [Boris Yeltsin](#), President of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, stood on top of a tank in the centre of Moscow and urged people to refuse cooperation with the coup.

## Governments following military coups

After the coup d'état, the military faces the matter of what type of government to establish. In Latin America, it was common for the post-coup government to be led by a [junta](#), a [committee](#) of the chiefs of staff of the armed forces. A common form of African post-coup government is the revolutionary assembly, a quasi-legislative body elected by the army. In Pakistan, the military leader typically assumes the title of chief [martial law](#) administrator.

According to Huntington, most leaders of a coup d'état act under the concept of *right orders*: they believe that the best resolution of the country's problems is merely *to issue correct orders*. This view of government underestimates the difficulty of implementing government policy, and the degree of political resistance to certain correct orders. It presupposes that everyone who matters in the country shares a single, common interest, and that the only question is *how* to pursue that single, common

interest.

## Current leaders who assumed power via *coups d'état*

Title	Name	Assumed power	Replaced	Country	Coup d'état
<a href="#"><u>Sultan</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Qaboos bin Saïd al Saïd</u></a> <sup>1</sup>	23 July 1970	<a href="#"><u>Saïd bin Taimur</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Oman</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1970 Omani coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo</u></a>	3 August 1979	<a href="#"><u>Francisco Macías Nguema</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Equatorial Guinea</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1979 Equatoguinean coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Yoweri Museveni</u></a>	29 January 1986	<a href="#"><u>Tito Okello</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Uganda</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Ugandan Bush War</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Omar al-Bashir</u></a>	30 June 1989	<a href="#"><u>Sadiq al-Mahdi</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Sudan</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1989 Sudanese coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Idriss Déby</u></a>	2 December 1990	<a href="#"><u>Hissène Habré</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Chad</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1990 Chadian revolution</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Isaias Afwerki</u></a>	27 April 1991 <sup>2</sup>	<a href="#"><u>Mengistu Haile Mariam</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Eritrea</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Eritrean War for Independence</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Yahya Jammeh</u></a> <sup>3</sup>	22 July 1994	<a href="#"><u>Dawda Jawara</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>The Gambia</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1994 Gambian coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Hun Sen</u></a>	August 1997	<a href="#"><u>Norodom Ranariddh</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Cambodia</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>1997 Cambodian coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Denis Sassou Nguesso</u></a>	25 October 1997	<a href="#"><u>Pascal Lissouba</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Republic of the Congo</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Republic of the Congo Civil War</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Frank Bainimarama</u></a>	5 December 2006	<a href="#"><u>Laisenia Qarase</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Fiji</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>2006 Fijian coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz</u></a> <sup>4</sup>	6 August 2008	<a href="#"><u>Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi</u></a>	 <a href="#"><u>Mauritania</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>2008 Mauritanian coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Prime Minister</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Prayuth Chan-ocha</u></a>	22 May 2014	<a href="#"><u>Niwatthamrong Boonsongpaisan</u></a> <sup>5</sup>	 <a href="#"><u>Thailand</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>2014 Thai coup d'état</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>President of the Revolutionary Committee</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Mohammed Ali al-Houthi</u></a>	6 February 2015	<a href="#"><u>Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi</u></a> <sup>6</sup>	 <a href="#"><u>Yemen</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>2014–15 Yemeni coup d'état</u></a>

<sup>1</sup>Monarch who overthrew his father in a bloodless palace coup.

<sup>2</sup>As head of Provisional Government of Eritrea, which declared independence 24 May 1993.

<sup>3</sup>Subsequently confirmed in office by an apparently free and fair election.

<sup>4</sup>Subsequently confirmed by a narrow margin in the [2009 Mauritanian presidential election](#), which was deemed "satisfactory" by international observers.

<sup>5</sup>Acting Prime Minister at that time.

<sup>6</sup>Hadi resigned on 22 January 2015.

## Other uses of the term

The coup d'état is commonly used in Australia to describe the events of Thursday morning on June 24, 2010, when the Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was ousted and replaced by his deputy, Ms Julia Gillard.<sup>[15][16]</sup>

**The term has also been used in a corporate context more specifically as *boardroom coup*. CEOs that have been sacked by behind-the-scenes maneuvering include Robert Stempel of General Motors (1992)<sup>[17][18]</sup> and John Akers of IBM (1993).<sup>[19][20]</sup>**

**Steve Jobs attempted management coups twice at Apple, Inc.; first in 1985 when he unsuccessfully tried to oust John Sculley and then again in 1997, which successfully forced Gil Amelio to resign.**<sup>[21][22]</sup>

South Korean recording artist G-Dragon also published an album with this title, Coup d'Etat (G-Dragon album) complete with a title track of the same name.

## See also

- Assassination
- Civil-military relations
- Contrast with civilian control of the military
- Coup de main
- Dictatorship
- Kleptocracy
- Leadership spill
- List of coups d'état and coup attempts
- List of coups d'état and coup attempts by country
- List of fictional revolutions and coups
- List of protective service agencies
- Military dictatorship
- Political corruption
- Political warfare
- Sabotage
- Seven Days in May



# Smedley and Franklin: The Business Plot - Version 1.0

The first time this type of Coup was attempted in Washington, DC.

<http://whatreallyhappened.com/WRHARTICLES/coup.html>

## An American Coup d'État?

An attempted American coup d'etat: 1934.

An attempted coup d'etat censored out of our history books, courtesy of corporate America, but not supported by the military, so European fascism didn't happen that time. Fascism has to have the support of both corporate power and will and military/police power and obedience together or it doesn't happen. Watch out America; the Pentagon and the Multinationals are already in allignment and have instituted Friendly Fascism outside our borders already; just ask Afghanistanis, Iraqis, Iranians, Colombians, Nicaraguans and the rest of the exploited and raped third world and the suffering poor in our own American ghettos and concentration camps.

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### An American Coup d'État?

Some Americans regard our country as superior to other nations because we don't change governments by coup d'état -- and we never have. Perhaps because of our long tradition of power changing hands by election, we regard our nation as immune to the use of force for political purposes. True, assassins have killed four of our Presidents, but these deaths did not lead to turmoil and chaos; the government followed well-established procedures for transferring control to the men previously elected Vice President. Unlike other nations where assassination often leads to civil war, the United States has avoided this.

How different is America from nations where political power comes quite directly "from the barrel of a gun"? A curious footnote to American history suggests that, except for the personal integrity of a remarkable American general, a coup d'état intended to remove President Franklin D. Roosevelt from office in 1934 might have plunged America into civil war.

## The General

This remarkable man was Smedley Darlington Butler, retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General. Butler is the sort of person for whom the word "colorful" is woefully inadequate. Butler won America's highest military award for bravery (the Congressional Medal of Honor) twice. His style of warfare was unusual not only for his personal courage, but for the energy he put into avoiding bloodshed when it was possible to achieve his aims in other ways. Not surprisingly, this engendered a remarkable loyalty among the men who served under him -- and that loyalty was why certain men asked Butler to lead a military attack on Washington, D.C., with the goal of capturing President Roosevelt.

Butler was more than a remarkable soldier. He served as police commissioner of Philadelphia during 1924-25 (on loan from the Marines), in an attempt to enforce Prohibition. While the effort was a failure, his insistence on enforcing the law against wealthy partygoers as well as poor immigrants established his reputation as a man of high integrity. He was not universally loved, but he was widely respected.

Butler is best remembered today for his oft-quoted statement in the socialist newspaper Common Sense in 1935:

I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras "right" for American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.... Looking back on it, I felt I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three city districts. We Marines operated on three continents.

In War Is A Racket, Butler argued for a powerful navy, but one prohibited from traveling more than 200 miles from the U.S. coastline. Military aircraft could travel no more than 500 miles from the U.S. coast, and the army would be prohibited from leaving the United States. Butler also proposed that all workers in defense industries, from the lowest laborer to the highest executive, be limited to "\$30 a month, the same wage as the lads in the trenches get." He also proposed that a declaration of war should be passed by a plebiscite in which only those subject to conscription would be eligible to vote.

>From 1935 through 1937, Butler was a spokesman for the League Against War and Fascism, a Communist-dominated organization of the time. He also participated in the Third U.S. Congress Against War and Fascism, sharing the platform with well-known leftists of the era, including Langston Hughes, Heywood Broun, and Roger Baldwin. When the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) threatened the collapse of the Soviet-supported Spanish government, the League's pacifism evaporated, and they supported intervention. Butler, however, remained true to his belief in non-interventionism: "What the hell is it our business what's going on in Spain?" But before Butler became involved in these causes, he had already exposed a fascist plot against his own government.

## **The Plot**

Butler had friends in the press and Congress, so he could not be ignored when he came forward in late 1934 with a tale of conspiracy against President Roosevelt, in which he had been asked to take a leading role. At first glance, Butler seems an unlikely candidate for such a position. While Butler was a Republican, in 1932 he campaigned for Roosevelt, calling himself a "Republican-for-Ex-President Hoover." (Butler had a poor relationship with Hoover going back to their time together during the Boxer Rebellion.)

But there were good reasons why someone seeking to overthrow the U.S. government would have wanted Butler involved. Butler was a powerful symbol to many American soldiers and veterans -- an enlisted man's general, one that spoke out for their interests while on active duty, and after retirement. Butler would have attracted men to his cause that would not otherwise have participated in a march on Washington.

Butler would have been a good choice also because of his military skills. His personal courage and tactical skill would have made him a powerful commander of an irregular army. Finally, his ties of friendship to many officers still on active duty might have undermined military opposition to his force, as friends and colleagues sought to avoid a direct confrontation with him.

Another reason that the plotters might have approached such an unlikely candidate was that Butler was not regarded as a great intellect. After World War I, the Marine Corps had begun to emphasize a new college-educated professionalism. Butler, one of the less educated "bushwhacker" generals, might have seemed easy to manipulate.



Butler testified that bond trader Gerald MacGuire had approached him in the summer of 1933. MacGuire claimed to represent wealthy Wall Street broker Grayson Murphy, Singer sewing machine heir Robert Sterling Clark, and other unnamed men of wealth. They asked Butler to speak publicly on behalf of the gold standard, recently abandoned by President Roosevelt. MacGuire's rationale for why Butler should ally himself with the gold standard cause was that the veterans of World War I were due a bonus in 1945. As MacGuire told Butler, "We want to see the soldiers' bonus paid in gold. We do not want the soldier to have rubber money or paper money."

It appears that the plotters underestimated Butler's intelligence and character. When this explanation failed to persuade Butler, MacGuire and Clark offered him money, abandoning any pretense of civic-mindedness. Butler's sense of honor prevented him from speaking in favor of any policy for mercenary reasons.

MacGuire eventually told Butler their real goal. MacGuire asked Butler to lead an army of 500,000 veterans in a march on Washington, D.C. The stated mission was to protect Roosevelt from other plotters, and install a "secretary of general welfare" to "take all the worries and details off of his shoulders." But Butler saw through their supposed concern for Roosevelt. He testified before Congress that he told MacGuire:

[M]y interest is, my one hobby is, maintaining a democracy. If you get these 500,000 soldiers advocating anything smelling of Fascism, I am going to get 500,000 more and lick the hell out of you, and we will have a real war right at home..

Yes; and then you will put somebody in there you can run; is that the idea? The President will go around and christen babies and dedicate bridges, and kiss children. Mr. Roosevelt will never agree to that himself.

Butler eventually deduced that the real goal was a coup d'état to take Roosevelt captive, and force reinstatement of the gold standard, the loss of which many wealthy Americans feared would lead to rapid inflation. The plotters would keep Roosevelt as a figurehead until he could be "encouraged" to retire.

That MacGuire had significant financial backing behind him seems clear, considering the substantial bank savings books he showed to Butler. What remains unclear is whether the names MacGuire dropped (other than Robert Sterling Clark) were really involved, or whether MacGuire was a con man.

MacGuire's claims and financial resources alone did not convince Butler that such a conspiracy actually existed. The fulfillment of a series of startling

predictions by MacGuire did finally persuade Butler that there was more than just hot air involved. MacGuire knew in advance of significant personnel changes in the White House. He correctly predicted the formation of the American Liberty League (the major conservative opposition to Roosevelt), and the principal players in it. Especially disturbing was that many of the supposed backers of the plot were also members of the League. MacGuire's claim that the League ("villagers in the opera" of the scheme, in MacGuire's words) was part of the plot could not be easily dismissed.

The American Liberty League was a successor to the highly successful Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the lobbying organization responsible for the repeal of the "Noble Experiment." From its formation in 1918 until 1926, the AAPA made little progress, at least partly because it had little money. But in 1926, money poured into the AAPA from some of America's wealthiest men, including Pierre, Irene, and Lamont du Pont, John J. Raskob, and Charles H. Sabin. The AAPA spent its new found wealth on distribution of literature, and on the formation of a bewildering number of associated organizations. These associated organizations gave the impression of a grassroots movement, rather than a collection of millionaires feeding press releases to friendly newspapers. The AAPA also rapidly took control of the Democratic Party, with one of their supporters, Al Smith, receiving the 1928 Democratic Presidential nomination. While AAPA had powerful friends within the Republican Party, they never achieved control of it.

The AAPA's motivations were a mixture of idealism and pragmatism. The stated concern was that Prohibition had done serious damage to the principle of federalism -- that the federal government's authority did not include the police powers used to enforce Prohibition. But it appears that this was not the only motivation, or even the reason most important to the men who funded the AAPA. Like many other Americans, these business leaders "found themselves unable to gratify what seemed a natural, more or less innocent, desire without breaking a law" (i.e., the consumption of alcoholic beverages). To suddenly find themselves among the criminal classes was not pleasant to a group who had always thought of themselves as law-abiding and respectable members of American society. There is also strong evidence that the backers of the AAPA saw Repeal as a method of reducing income and corporate taxes, by taxing alcoholic beverages instead.

The AAPA went out of business at the end of 1933, with the end of Prohibition. But within a year, from the same offices, with most of the same backers, many of the same employees, and much of the same style, it reappeared as the American Liberty League. Throughout the next six years, it led the fight against the New Deal, arguing that much of Roosevelt's program was contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution. In an age when Hitler and Mussolini had commandeered extraordinary economic powers, the fears that the American Liberty League expressed about Roosevelt's vaguely

similar gathering of economic power could not be summarily dismissed.

The League, in spite of its impressive resources, was rapidly made to appear "ridiculous or dangerous" or both by the Roosevelt Administration. Most importantly, the leadership of the League was largely rich men. The Depression-era gap between rich and poor had become too wide, too obvious, and too painful for the League to be credible to the majority of Americans. Butler's testimony before Congress claimed that some of the people associated with the League were the very ones that had approached him -- including Grayson Murphy, the League's treasurer.

In the depths of the Great Depression, in that nadir of despair before Roosevelt gave his stirring first inaugural address in 1933, America was awash in political groups identifying in greater or lesser degrees with communism or fascism. Rep. Samuel Dickstein (D-NY), concerned about the threat of such groups, persuaded the House of Representatives to create the Special Committee to Investigate Nazi Propaganda Activities in the United States. This committee investigated Butler's charges in late 1934.

MacGuire, not surprisingly, denied that such a plot existed. Instead, he claimed his activities had been political lobbying to preserve the gold standard, but he quickly destroyed his credibility as a witness by giving contradictory testimony. While the final report agreed with Butler that there was evidence of a coup d'état plot against Roosevelt, no further action was taken on it. The Committee's authority to subpoena witnesses expired at the end of 1934, and the Justice Department started no criminal investigation.

Part of the reason for the lack of prosecution of the alleged plotters may have been the untimely death of the only man who could have testified against the rest: Gerald MacGuire. He died at age 37 from complications of pneumonia, less than a month after the Committee released its report. MacGuire's physician claimed that his death was partly the result of the stress of the charges made by Butler, but there is no reason to assume that MacGuire's death was in any way suspicious.

The Committee's report excluded many of the most embarrassing names given by MacGuire, and repeated by Butler. MacGuire had claimed that 1928 Democratic President candidate Al Smith, General Hugh Johnson (head of Roosevelt's National Recovery Administration), General Douglas MacArthur, and a number of other generals and admirals were privy to the plot. Since Butler had no evidence of their involvement, other than MacGuire's claims, it was certainly reasonable for the Committee to exclude these details from the final report as "certain immaterial and incompetent evidence." But in conjunction with MacGuire's apparent advance knowledge of the details of internal White House staff activities, it certainly suggests that if a coup

was planned, it had significant support within the Roosevelt Administration.

## **The News Media Downplays The Plot**

The news media gave an inappropriately small amount of attention to the report. Time magazine ridiculed Butler's claims. The week following Butler's testimony, Time described it as a "Plot Without Plotters," simply because the alleged plotters claimed innocence. But Time admitted that Veterans of Foreign Wars commander James Van Zandt confirmed that he, too, had been approached to lead such a march on Washington.

The leftist magazine *New Masses* carried an article by John Spivak that included wild claims of "Jewish financiers working with fascist groups." Spivak's article spun an elaborate web involving the American Jewish Congress, the Warburg family, "which originally financed Hitler," the Hearst newspaper chain, the Morgan banking firm, the du Ponts, a truly impressive list of prominent American Jewish businessmen, and Nazi spies! Spivak's article raised some disturbing and legitimate questions about why much of Butler's testimony was left out of the final committee report. But these important concerns were seriously undermined by Spivak's paranoid ravings. The left-of-center magazines *Nation* and *New Republic* were unconcerned about it, since in their view "fascism originated in pseudoradical mass movements," and therefore could not come from a wealthy cabal.

Newspaper descriptions of the final report are also astonishing for how lightly most treated it. A *New York Times* article about subversion and foreign agitators started on the front page, but gave only two paragraphs to the coup plot inside the paper. "It also alleged that definite proof has been found that the much publicized Fascist march on Washington... was actually contemplated." It was not a major story.

The *San Francisco Chronicle* took the story more seriously. The only headline with a larger type size that day concerned the recent fatal crash of the airship *Macon*. The *Chronicle* carried an Associated Press story headlined, "Justice Aids Probe Butler Fascist Story." The first five paragraphs were devoted to Butler's allegations. The *Chronicle* quoted the Committee report that it "was able to verify all the pertinent statements by General Butler, with the exception of the direct statement suggesting creation of the organization."

A third newspaper sampled showed an even more astonishing lack of interest than the *New York Times*: the *Sacramento Bee* used a substantially different Associated Press wire story that emphasized propaganda efforts by foreign

agents. Another AP wire story, at the bottom of page five, described Butler's allegations, taking the Committee's report at face value. This wire story includes the comforting knowledge that the committee found "no evidence to show a connection between this effort" and any foreign government.

An apparently serious effort to overthrow the government, perhaps with the support of some of America's wealthiest men, largely substantiated by a Congressional committee, was mostly ignored. Why? Roosevelt's Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes, wrote a book in 1939 about the concentration of American journalism. He claimed that, "In 1934, 82 per cent of all dailies had a complete monopoly in their communities." Newspaper chains, in Ickes' view, "control a dangerously large share of the national daily circulation and in many cities have no competition."

Ickes' book was largely devoted to proving that the major newspapers of the United States were intentionally distorting the news, and in some cases, directly lying. Ickes argued that newspaper editors did so in the interests of both their advertisers and in defense of the capitalist class. Ickes mentioned the Liberty League as one of the "propaganda outfits" who were allied with the major newspapers. Indeed, the New York Times, one of the papers that had downplayed the Committee's report, had editorialized in favor of the Liberty League's formation.

Did newspapers and magazines consciously play down the plot, because it represented an embarrassment to people of influence? Or did editors simply give it low visibility because they regarded it as an absurd story?

We must consider another disturbing possibility. Butler was associated with the loose alliance of progressive and populist forces that were dragging Roosevelt towards the left. It is easy to forget that for much of Roosevelt's first term as President from 1932-36, he was the rope in a tug of war between conservative and progressive forces in America. The popularity of men such as Senator Huey Long (D-Louisiana) and the nationally known radio priest Father Coughlin-and the need to short-circuit their rising political power-appears to have caused Roosevelt's increasingly leftward movement in 1935-36.

Is it possible that Butler concocted this story as a way of creating animosity towards conservatives by Roosevelt? If Butler had lied to the Committee, and no such conspiracy was ever planned, why did MacGuire apparently perjure himself before the Committee? Or, alternatively, could leftward leaning members of the Roosevelt Administration have manipulated Butler into believing that such a plot actually existed as a way of creating animosity towards conservatives, thus dragging Roosevelt to the left? Either theory could explain why MacGuire, Murphy, Clark, or the other supposed

plotters were never prosecuted.

Yet another possibility (though less likely) is that there was no prosecution because Roosevelt's own advisors had taken part in the plot, as MacGuire claimed. A criminal prosecution would have washed the Roosevelt Administration's dirty laundry in public.

## **Why Is The Plot So Poorly Known?**

Butler's account of the MacGuire plot was a very serious accusation. If MacGuire had told Butler the truth, a large number of wealthy men had made serious plans to overthrow representative government in the United States -- though their concern that Roosevelt was creating a government in the style of Mussolini or Hitler, might provide some legitimate reason for their actions. Why doesn't this plot appear in history books? That conservatives might discount the plot is not unexpected; that liberals have tended to ignore the plot is a little more surprising.

It is hard to imagine how different American politics was in the 1930s. The collapse of the world economy had shaken the faith of many Americans in individualism and free market capitalism. Many traditionalists, here and in Europe, toyed with the ideas of Fascism and National Socialism; many liberals dallied with Socialism and Communism. Prominent populists such as Huey Long and Father Coughlin sided with progressives in support of isolationism, redistribution of wealth, and a federal government that would play a more active role in the American economy.

In hindsight, the moral and economic deficiencies of these various collectivized systems are now clear. In 1934, however, people of good will persuaded themselves that Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin were doing good, and ignored the great evils that were already underway. To turn over the rock exposing MacGuire's plot raises unpleasant questions about the political sensibilities of both right and left in 1930s America.

## **How Secure Are The Institutions of Legal Government In America?**

How secure, indeed? It would be tempting to write off this entire matter as a group of con men separating wealthy conservatives from their money by pretending to hatch a plot against the Roosevelt Administration. But there

are too many disturbing pieces of evidence in this tale that suggest that the Zeitgeist of the 1930s was not limited to Europe.

If MacGuire's claims to Butler were true, some U.S. military commanders were prepared to stand aside while 500,000 veterans marched on Washington and took Roosevelt captive. (Between the World Wars, the United States Army was so small that 500,000 veterans might have given them a serious fight -- even if every officer remained loyal to Roosevelt.)

But unlike many European countries, American government was highly decentralized in 1934, and this would have worked against any serious military action against the legitimate government. Every state governor had control of state militia units, armed with out of date, but still serviceable military weapons.

In addition to the regularly organized state militias, the population of the United States, then as now, was heavily armed with the sort of weapons well suited to military operations. Whatever the advantages of the plotters' army of 500,000 veterans, they would have been far outnumbered by the unorganized militia of the United States -- then as now, consisting of every U.S. citizen between 18 and 45, and legally obligated by state laws to fight at the order of the governor in the event of insurrection, invasion, or war.

But in a nation that was suffering from the ravages of the Great Depression, another model exists for what might have happened: the Spanish Civil War. The divisions over religion in America were not as dramatic as those that ripped apart Spanish society. But many Americans were beginning to lose their faith in American institutions -- as evidenced by the growth of American Nazi and Communist movements during the 1930s. It is frightening to think of what might have happened if a general as capable as Butler had become the man on a white horse.

In the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, delivered at New York University in 1960 concerning the protections of the U.S. Bill of Rights:

I cannot agree with those who think of the Bill of Rights as an 18th century straitjacket, unsuited for this age.. The evils it guards against are not only old, they are with us now, they exist today..

Experience all over the world has demonstrated, I fear, that the distance between stable, orderly government and one that has been taken over by force is not so great as we have assumed.

Indeed, the plot that Butler exposed -- if what MacGuire claimed was true -- is a sobering reminder to Americans. We were not immune to the sentiments that gave rise to totalitarian governments throughout the world in the

1930s. We make a serious mistake when we assume, "It can't happen here!"

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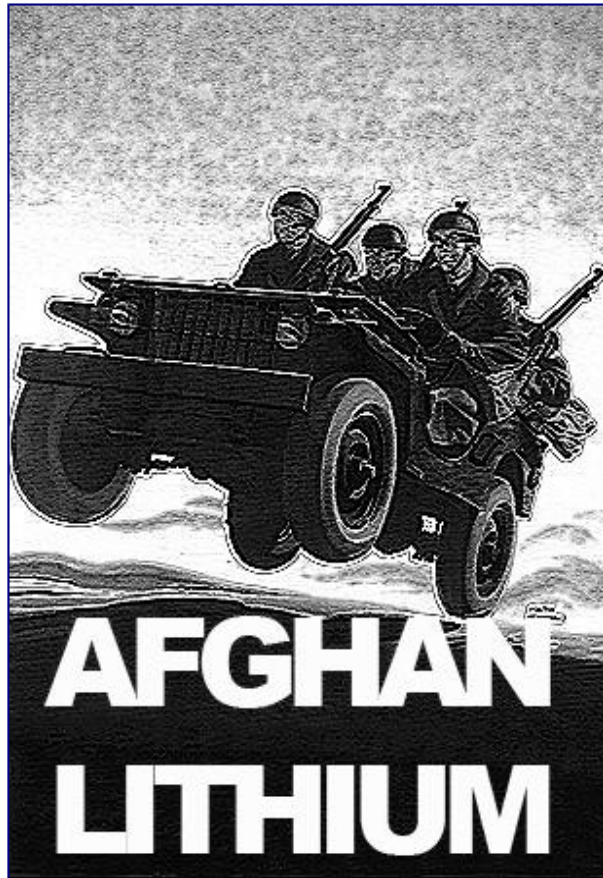
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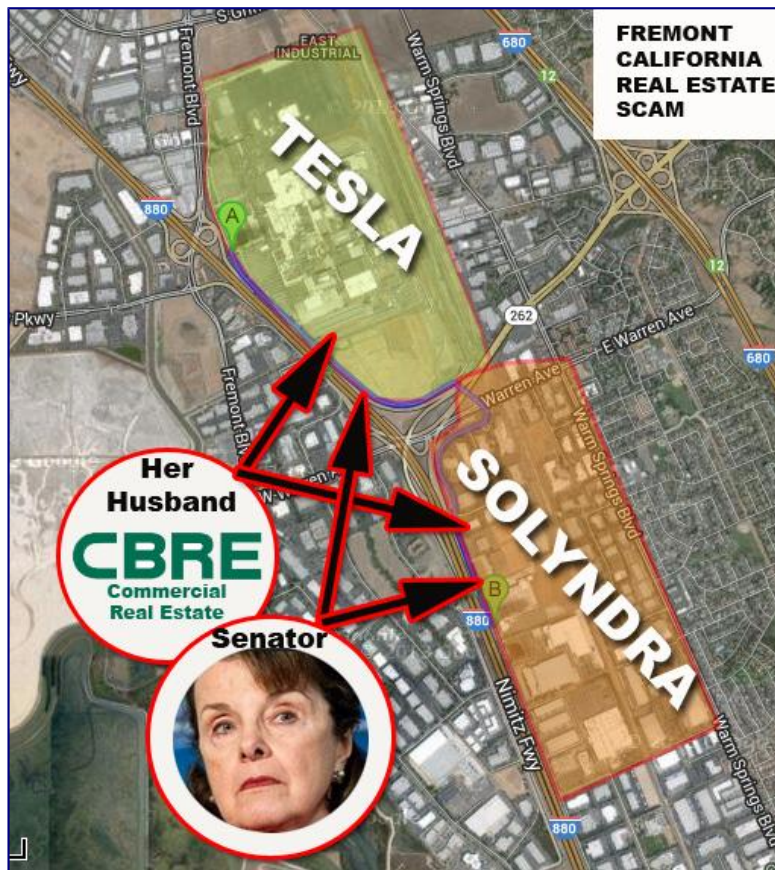
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**Solyndra** was exploiting **Indium**, and a large number of other key chemicals, **from Afghanistan** that directly paid into the “*DOE insider profit pool*”.

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**Nissan**’s Smyrna plant, **Tesla**, **A123**, **Ener1**, **Fisker** and **Ford** were **exploiting Lithium from Afghanistan** that directly paid into the “*DOE insider profit pool*”. Other “failed DOE winners” had the same connected materials supply routes.

**In this Watergate-type scandal (Should we call it Lithium-Gate, instead?) Secretary of Energy Steven Chu** appears to have been told to let no applicant through unless they were in the “*DOE insider profit pool*”. The pool consisted of Deloitte staff, Goldman Sachs staff, DOE staff, Silicon Valley venture capitalists and, possibly, at least two White House staff. Rahm Emanuel is known to have had an intimate connection with the Argonne labs lithium ion program research funding while in the White House and after he returned to Chicago. **Dianne Feinstein** personally arranged for, and opened, the NUMMI plant for Tesla. Her husband’s company CBRE were the real estate hooks for the Tesla, and next door, Solyndra property deals. Her staff and lobby people work there now. Her husband goes to Mongolia all the time for “special meetings” according to Sunshine. So one wonders if Feinstein got on the intelligence committee so she could see if she was about to get caught or if a savvy NSA section chief “*helped*” her get there on the premise of “*keep your friends close and your enemies closer*” so the NSA could watch her in intimate detail. The recent hack of her files by intelligence officers seems to be indicative.



*Dianne Feinstein, and her family, controlled the cash, stock, construction, HR services, leases and land contracts around Tesla and Solyndra in an epic payola and kick-back scheme.*

Many high level politicians made a grab for their piece of the trillion dollars so investigations keep getting squashed by them. Steven Chu killed off the non-toxic fuel cell, wind and natural gas programs while at DOE to give a clear runway to his “DOE insider profit pool”, **in which he participated.**

The Russian mining connections run throughout the above group but now that the U.S. is back in a Cold War with Russia, Russian insiders are delighted to spill the beans, on the whole deal, to reporters. One is even out taking competitive bids for exclusive whistleblower interviews.

The insider profit pool consisted of the same investors in the above efforts, who also happen to be the same people who nominated and lobbied for the appointment of [Steven Chu](#), according to his nomination docket. All of these people had a personal profit side deal in the same profit pool through stock holdings, trusts, revolving doors and repercussive gains. All of the above are connected in a very tiny business circle. The odds of that circle of 30, or so, people, out of 318 million Americans, being the only people to have access to these profits and federal funds, without rigging the program, is calculated on a book-makers metric at 12 billion to 1. Even now, one can easily see the disparity

between the [NHTSA wave-through of the coddled White House campaign-backer funded Tesla \(hushed up by Tesla silent owner: Google\)](#) and the bone crunching hearings and fines that GM and Toyota have had to endure, at the same time, for less dangerous defects.

The Senate Ethics Committee members have hundreds of thousands of background documents on this matter but they have been stone-walled. The FBI has nearly a million documents on this matter and reporters are eager to see the anticipated indictments from years of surveillance of the key parties of interest. NSA, DIA and CIA have tens of millions of documents on this matter from nearly a decade of surveillance of parties of interest, but they are stalled up with inter-party politics. The press has vast amounts of this evidence. The Russians are shopping vast new repositories of disclosure. Within the year, expectations are high for a tsunami of enforcement activity. The recent record-breaking number of White House and Congressional “retirement announcements” may be the first wave of the storm. As [Richard Byrne Reilly](#) found out, the “no comment” responses are piling up. That is **always a good sign** that the “We just got caught” *Freak-Out Factor Frenzy* has begun among the Politicos.

While party mouth-foamers are trying to make the **Afghani-scam scandal** not about their party, with their constant drone of “Nothing’s been proven...” they are now realizing that it is not a Democrat Vs. Republican issue. It is about being for, or against, **Organized Crime**. It is about being part of, or not part of, **Organized Crime**. It is about losing their federal pensions because of crimes they may have **knowingly supported**.

When investigative reporters found that [Goldman Sachs](#) and Silicon Valley VC’s were involved in almost every single one of the DOE money deals, they had to ask why? How much did they make in, around and through the whole thing? Who was connected to them and decision makers? Would they really rig a whole market (and a war?) just to get a few **TRILLION** dollars worth of lithium cornered? Looks like they did...

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## **The future of Silicon Valley may lie in the mountains of Afghanistan**

Above: An Italian helicopter flies over western Afghanistan during an international operation. Lithium reserves have been found in the western part of that country.

*Image Credit: [ISAF Media](#)*

By

[Richard Byrne Reilly](#)

for VENTUREBEAT

The future of Silicon Valley’s technological prowess may well lie in the war-scarred mountains and salt flats of Western Afghanistan.

United States Geological Survey teams discovered one of the world’s largest untapped reserves of lithium there six years ago. (**Editorial Team Note:** *Right about the time the DOE started rounding up the key ATVM and LG program insiders*) The USGS was scouting the volatile country at the behest of the U.S. Department of Defense’s Task Force for Business and Stability Operations. Lithium is a soft metal used to make the lithium-ion and lithium-polymer batteries essential for powering desktop computers, laptops, smartphones, and tablets. And increasingly, electric cars like Tesla’s.

The vast discovery could very well propel Afghanistan — a war-ravaged land with a population of 31 million largely uneducated Pashtuns and Tajiks, and whose primary exports today are opium, hashish, and marijuana — into becoming the world’s next “Saudi Arabia of lithium,” according to an internal Pentagon memo cited by the *New York Times*.

The [USGS survey report on Afghanistan](#) that detailed the findings also noted that, in addition to lithium, the country also contains huge deposits of iron ore, gold, cobalt, copper, and potash, among many other valuable minerals.

“The mineral wealth there is astonishing,” said professor Michel Chossudovsky of the Montreal-based Center for Research and Globalization, who has written extensively on Afghanistan.

A conservative estimate of the riches is \$1 trillion. In some circles, it’s as high as \$5 trillion.

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In Silicon Valley and beyond, tech companies like Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard, Samsung, Sony, and Tesla rely on continual, and uninterrupted, access to lithium, as lithium-based batteries are the primary power storage devices in their mobile hardware.

Without these batteries, MacBooks, iPads, iPhones, Kindles, Nooks, Galaxy IIIs, Chromebooks, and, yes, Tesla Model S cars would be largely worthless. If forced to use older, nonlithium batteries, their battery lives would certainly be much shorter.

The world’s current lithium heavyweight is Bolivia, the biggest exporter of the element. There, in the swamps and marshlands of the southern region of the country near where the borders of Chile and Argentina meet, are the biggest deposits.

Canada, China, Australia, and Serbia also have varying amounts of lithium, but not as much as Bolivia.

**Or apparently, Afghanistan.**

## Enough to last a lifetime

Depending on who you talk to, the current lithium global reserves are adequate for at least another generation of lithium-ion battery manufacturers to produce them.

But not everybody thinks so, and some say the light metal compound may someday run dry. That could in turn spell trouble for any company whose business depends on light and portable mobile electronics — unless someone comes up with an alternative to lithium batteries before then.

The experts VentureBeat interviewed pointed to sharp year-on-year increases in the demand for lithium. That's putting heavy pressure on existing stockpiles.

According to Lithium Americas, a Canadian lithium-mining company with significant business interests in Argentina, [lithium demand will more than double in the next 10 years](#), while lithium prices have nearly quadrupled during the same timeframe.

Tesla, for its part, is in the process of investing up to \$5 billion to build its own lithium-ion [Gigafactory](#) in Texas, a plant capable of churning out 500,000 expensive battery packs a year by 2020 for its line of zero-emission, all-electric cars.

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A Tesla spokeswoman did not return calls seeking comment.

As a potential source to feed that demand, enter Afghanistan.

“At some point, if present trends continue, demand [for lithium] will outstrip the supply. And again, at some point, the market for lithium-ion could get so big that it actually affects the supply chain,” said Donald R. Sadoway, a professor of the Materials Chemistry Department of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT.

Looking at Afghanistan, Sadoway says the war-ravaged nation, which has no effective mining infrastructure in place, may well be attractive to the world's mining outfits.

“In this regard,” Sadoway, one of the world's foremost experts on energy sources, says, “the deposits in Afghanistan could be important.”

Andrew Chung, a venture capitalist with [Khosla Ventures](#) in Silicon Valley who has invested in multiple startups producing alternative batteries, says lithium-ion batteries are limited in their lifetime cycles, scalability, and cost. Despite this, Chung says, he can understand how the untapped reserves of Afghan lithium are now an increasing focus.

“It is an issue of the supply chain, whether it's Afghanistan or other [countries]. There is a finite supply, and lithium-ion will continue to be the [power] choice for the next decade,” Chung said.

Some of the Valley’s biggest and most powerful tech companies either declined to comment for this story or never returned calls. But they didn’t deny the importance of lithium-ion batteries.

For instance, an Apple spokesperson declined to comment for this story but provided VentureBeat with a 2014 “Suppliers List” of the 200-plus vendors it uses to produce its products. A related post made the Cupertino, Calif.-based company’s commitment to lithium batteries clear, at least in the short term.

“Rechargeable, lithium-based technology currently provides the best performance for your Apple notebook computer, iPod, iPhone, or iPad,” [the Apple post says](#).

[Sony Energy Devices Corp.](#) invented the lithium-ion battery in 1994. It was hailed as a breakthrough, providing longer battery life and without the “memory effect” that gradually reduced the effective capacity of previous types of batteries.

Since then, companies have gradually refined lithium battery technology but have not succeeded in moving beyond it. Indeed, early Tesla cars are actually [powered by large packs of industry-standard lithium-ion battery cells](#) — the same type of cells found in many laptop batteries.

And here is where it gets interesting.

### **Sharply increasing demand**

If electric car manufacturers begin ramping up production of lithium-ion battery-powered cars, the global demand for lithium will skyrocket. This could potentially come about at the same time for increasing demand for handheld consumer goods like tablets and laptops, Chung said, thus creating a perfect storm.

“So you want to start looking at other sources producing it with current supplies being called into question, if we move more toward production of electric cars,” Chung said.

Which is why, increasingly, eyes are turning to Afghanistan and its new purported lithium reserves, a country long referred to as the “graveyard of empires.” The U.S. invaded Afghanistan after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and according to iCasualties, 2,315 American servicemen and women have been killed there.

Analyst Jay Jacobs of [Global X Funds](#) in New York, which has interests in lithium mining, said demand for the compound is growing, and that “there are two regions that have been revealed to contain huge lithium reserves: Afghanistan and Bolivia.”

William Tahil, a respected lithium expert who lives in France and is the general director for Material International Research, argues that lithium deposits in Bolivia will at some point be depleted.

Jacobs was sanguine about safely extracting lithium from Afghanistan. He said political risks there were considerable.

“With that being said, should there be a substantial and sustained increase in demand for lithium,

lithium miners may become increasingly interested in the country as it has an abundance of the resource,” Jacobs said.

It was the Soviets who first discovered the country’s deposits when they invaded in 1979. Soviet geologists began mapping Afghanistan’s lithium, gold, and potash fields but abandoned their efforts after the former communist superpower pulled out of the country in 1989.

But with a weak and corruption-plagued “central government,” Afghanistan is now ripe for the picking, Chossudovsky said. Indeed, the country is still very much divided into fiefdoms, with the Muslim fundamentalist Taliban, warlords, and drug traffickers controlling large swaths of the country — and using violence to advance their interests.

“There’s no question the mining companies will go in there. No question. There’s no real functioning government there to reap the foreign investment of the mineral deposits. This makes it all the more enticing to the mining companies because nobody in the government of [President] Hamid Karzai will be regulating the bonanza of lithium, so they can do what they want,” he said.

## **Jockeying for position**

For its part, the U.S. government, which helped locate the lithium deposits using flyovers with a sensor-filled Lockheed P-3 Orion and teams of geologists fielding soil samples, knows a potential gold rush when it sees one. And it has no intention of being left on the sidelines. Especially since the Chinese are now — and quickly — making deals with Afghan pols for mineral rights to copper deposits.

The USGS did return multiple calls seeking comment. Nor did the Pentagon.

Despite what some say are the shortcomings of lithium-ion batteries, venture capitalists and investors continue pouring money into them. Amprius, a lithium battery maker based in Sunnyvale, Calif., snared a \$30 million infusion round of investor cash in January.

Over at the Afghan embassy in Washington, D.C., the Afghans are licking their lips at the potential lithium and mineral windfall despite the country’s continued conflict with a resurgent Taliban. What this may portend for the impoverished and war-torn nation is anybody’s guess. But the Afghans are playing up the finds — or they were, until recently.

“In recent years, headlines from the Afghan mineral sector have competed to outdo each other in scale: from the landmark \$3 billion Chinese investment in the Aynak copper concession to the astounding survey work of the U.S., Afghan, and British Geological Services estimating anywhere between \$1 trillion and \$3 trillion in mineral potential, to the historic \$11 billion deal now being finalized with an Indian consortium for the Hajigak iron ore concession,” said a posting on the [Afghani Washington DC website](#).

The post has since been removed.

Afghanistan’s ambassador to the U.S., Eklil Hakimi, presided over a press conference at the Afghan embassy in Washington, D.C., on March 10, where he talked about the untapped deposits, along with reps from the USGS and other U.S. politicians.

But Hakimi, through a spokesman, told me he simply didn’t have the time to talk.

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Solyndra, Abound and Tesla need these chemicals. The investors and the campaign backers and the product owners are all the same people. Tesla doesn’t care about selling cars, they care about selling LITHIUM. The car is like the handle for the razor blade, they want to sell the razor blades, not the shaver. But the idiots backing the scheme rushed into it, without checking into things, because they saw all the free Department of Energy and TARP cash. They did not realize that Lithium blows up all the time and, when mixed, becomes a “Cancer Cocktail”, gives off toxic smoke, kills factory workers and is just kinda’ bad stuff... ooops

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## “AFGHANISTAN THE SAUDI ARABIA OF LITHIUM”:

comparatively light weight of lithium ion cells. Virtually all cellphone and laptop batteries use lithium as a core constituent. The much-ballyhooed but seldom-seem Tesla electric roadster uses more than 6,000 computer-sized batteries all mashed into one package. But whether they are the lithium cobalt batteries used in portable devices -- not very useful for automotive use because of their reputation for overheating -- or the newer lithium phosphate or lithium manganese formulations developed for cars, all use a base of lithium metal, which is most easily extracted from salt brine.

That might be a problem. There is already discussion of how much oil remains interred beneath the Earth's surface and whether we are already suffering shortages because of the peak oil problem -- essentially a theory stating that the amount of the world's oil reserves is irrelevant since we have already reached our maximum ability to easily extract it. Now there may be problems with how much lithium the Earth holds and how quickly it can be mined.

On the pessimistic side, there is William Tahil, author of the research paper *The Trouble with Lithium*, who estimates the world's lithium reserves at about four million tons. He claims the production of hybrid and electric cars will soon tax the world's production of lithium carbonate. At the other end of the spectrum is Keith Evans, who has released *An Abundance of Lithium*, a report estimating there are 28 million tons of the base metal to be had, plenty enough to go around. Somewhere in the middle of these two opposing viewpoints is the United States Geological Survey's somewhat dated estimate of 11 million tons.

Part of the discrepancy is due to how economical and easily each group thinks the mining of lithium will be, dividing their estimates between "reserves" (think of easily obtained Saudi Arabian oil literally bubbling to the surface) and the more difficult to process "base reserves" (think Canada's Athabasca Oil Sands). Even the optimistic Evans allows that, like oil, his more generous prediction is based on the price of lithium rising in order to make increased mining cost-effective. This is not good news to automakers since it's estimated that these new high-tech batteries already cost as much as US\$10,000.

While existing mining levels are able to cope with current demand, there is no consensus on how many lithium-powered electric cars can be produced.

Tahil says any more than 1.5 million GM Volt-type vehicles annually would strain current production. SQM S. A., Chile's largest producer of lithium carbonate, says there is plenty for about five million electric vehicles. Evans predicts there's enough lithium for far more.

Bob Kruse, GM's executive director of Global Vehicle Engineering, also notes that some of the lithium in his company's new Chevy Volt will be recyclable, thereby reducing demand.

The discrepancies owe as much to the types of electric cars being produced -- fully electric cars need bigger batteries and, therefore, more lithium than hybrids -- as to the exact amount of the world's lithium stocks.

Friday, May 1, 2009

## The problem with lithium

David Booth, National Post

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How quickly we have forgotten. Yesterday's front-page headline is today's page 13 filler, consigned to the back of the newspaper as something sexier or more pressing forces its way to page one-- above the fold.

The subject I'm talking about is oil, the pressing story before all the world's stock markets decided to simultaneously implode. We used to worry about the price of oil and when it would run out, and even non-petrochemical engineers understood the concept of "peak oil." But, whether alternative energy is still big news or not, this much is clear: The world's oil supply is finite, fossil-fuelled vehicles pollute and the public outcry for an alternative is strong.

The leading alternative right now -- if you judge technology by the amount of press generated -- is electric cars. Electric cars don't pollute, electrons are relatively cheap and, perhaps most importantly, these vehicles seem to have captured the imagination of the American consumer, still the greatest economic engine in the world.

Naturally, there are issues. Electric cars don't have the range that current gasoline-powered cars enjoy. Replenishing the onboard energy supply is problematic, taking anywhere from 30 minutes (with special equipment) to all day. There's also the small problem of the battery having to power both the car's engine and its various ancillary and convenience devices -- someday soon you may have to decide what's more important, air conditioning or getting to your final destination.

Then there's the least talked about problem on our road to electric transportation -- the source of all that power. I don't mean the massive amounts of additional electricity needed to power the

# A123 lithium-ion battery maker bankruptcy fuels Republican criticism of President Barack Obama's alternative-energy policy

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A123 Systems workers Dave Berets, left, Kurt Woznak, Shannon DeWalsche, and AJ Belcuore, go over a battery pack design in Livonia. The lithium-ion battery maker filed Tuesday for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which triggered criticism of the Obama administration's funding of alternative-energy firms. / 2011 photo by ANDRE J. JACKSON/Detroit Free Press

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Battery maker A123 Systems' Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing Tuesday triggered a fresh round of political criticism of the Obama administration's alternative-energy investments.

The Waltham, Mass.-based company, which has 626 employees and 348 contract workers in three southeast Michigan locations, said auto supplier Johnson Controls had tentatively agreed to pay \$125 million to purchase its automotive-related assets, including the operations in Livonia, Romulus and Ann Arbor.

Republicans immediately compared A123's bankruptcy with the California solar panel manufacturer Solyndra, which filed for bankruptcy and liquidated last year, wiping out a \$500-million loan

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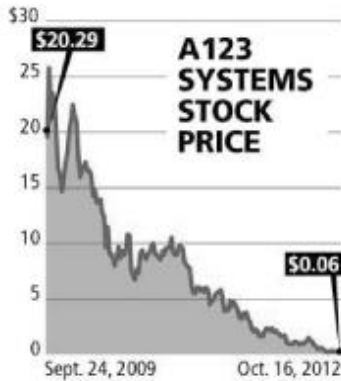
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"A123's bankruptcy is yet another failure for the president's disastrous strategy of gambling away billions of taxpayer dollars on a strategy of government-led growth that simply does not work," said Andrea Saul, a spokeswoman for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.



Battered by recalls, high costs and sluggish consumer adoption of electric vehicles, A123 lost \$1 billion since its founding in 2001, despite substantial government support.



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The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a \$249-million grant to A123 in August 2009 with promises of 5,900 jobs, mostly in Michigan. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. also awarded A123 more than \$125 million in a variety of tax credits, grants and incentives in 2008 and 2009. The U.S. grant and Michigan incentives drew bipartisan support when they originally were approved.

"This is what's possible in a clean-energy economy — these folks right here, doing extraordinary work," President Barack Obama said at the White House Rose Garden after meeting A123 employees on April 30, 2010.

"This is what happens when we place our bets on American workers and American

businesses."

A123 has received \$132 million of its federal grant so far. The Energy Department said Johnson Controls could be eligible for the rest of the funding, but that has yet to be determined. The federal government's investment does not have to be repaid, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

But Americans have not embraced electric vehicles that require regular recharging. In many instances, they are priced significantly higher than their gasoline-fueled counterparts. Even federal and state tax credits have not erased that price premium.

Then the lack of easy-to-find recharging stations has left many motorists worried about being left on a remote dark road without adequate power.

"It was an expansion of manufacturing plants in anticipation of customers who never arrived," Litchfield Hills Research analyst Theodore O'Neill said.

A Johnson Controls spokeswoman declined to comment on whether the company would keep A123's employees. Its acquisition of A123 must be approved by a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Delaware.

A123's battery plants remain in production for now.

Johnson Controls has a lithium-ion battery plant in Holland, Mich.

A123, which lost \$269 million in the first eight months of the year, according to bankruptcy documents, turned down an interview request.

Democrats responded that during his 2002-06 term as governor of Massachusetts, Romney also provided support to emerging technology firms and some of the investments did not pay off. Meanwhile, the Department of Energy pointed out that A123's investment had bipartisan support from Michigan lawmakers, including incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow and her Republican challenger, Pete Hoekstra.

"Johnson Controls' investment in A123 will help ensure that the U.S. remains competitive in this growing global sector," said former Democratic Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who promoted battery tax incentives as a way to boost the Michigan economy.

A123's bankruptcy filing comes two months after Chinese auto parts maker Wanxiang Group agreed to invest up to \$450 million to acquire up to 80% of A123. But that deal fell apart as A123 was set to burn through \$400 million in cash over the next 12 months, O'Neill said.

Instead, Johnson Controls is cherry-picking the best assets out of A123, O'Neill said.

Johnson Controls also was awarded a \$299-million Energy Department grant for its lithium-ion battery plant in Holland. The company's spokeswoman declined to comment on whether that plant would be affected by the A123 deal.

Barclays analysts said in a research note that the deal would make Johnson Controls "the dominant surviving" U.S.-based lithium battery maker.

A123 shares, which closed Monday at 24 cents, fell 75% to 6 cents on Tuesday.

Many sophisticated A123 investors have lost millions, including global conglomerate General Electric, which had invested about \$70 million by 2009.

Dan Leistikow, an Energy Department spokesman, said in a blog post that the government's investment had produced meaningful battery innovation that would live on.

In its bankruptcy petition, A123 listed total assets of \$459.8 million and liabilities of \$376 million.

The company's biggest customer is California start-up Fisker Automotive, which plans to keep the contract with Johnson Controls through at least the first quarter of 2013, spokesman Roger Ormisher said.

General Motors, which picked A123 as the battery supplier for the Chevrolet Spark electric vehicle, said it would accept Johnson Controls as its new battery provider.

**More Details: Time line of battery maker A123 Systems**

**Products:** Nickel-based batteries, lead acid batteries, lithium-ion batteries, ultra capacitors and fuel cells

**2001** — Founded in a Massachusetts Institute of Technology lab by materials scientist Yet-Ming Chiang.

**2006** — Began selling batteries.

**March 2008** — General Electric invested \$207million in A123 to make batteries for Think Global's electric vehicle.

**May 2008** — The U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium and the U.S. Department of Energy awarded it a \$12.5-million grant to develop its lithium-ion battery technology for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

**August 2009** — The DOE awarded it a \$249-million grant under the government's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

**September 2009** — A123 raised \$380 million through an initial public offering on the NASDAQ exchange.

**December 2009** — Formed a joint venture with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp.

**September 2010** — Opened a lithium-ion battery plant in Livonia, equipped to make battery packs for up to 30,000 electric vehicles a year.

**July 2011** — Announced the hiring of its 1,000th worker in Michigan.

**March 2012** — A123 recalled battery packs with prismatic cells that it sold to Fisker Automotive to power its Karma electric car. CEO David Vieau estimated that the recall would cost \$55?million.

**August 2012** — Announced a loss of \$82.9 million in the second quarter.

**August 2012** — Wanxiang Group, China's largest auto parts manufacturer, agreed to invest up to \$465 million in A123 in exchange for 80% of A123.

**Tuesday** — Filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and sold auto-related business to Johnson Controls for \$125 million. Wanxiang withdrew its offer to invest \$465 million for 80% of the battery maker.



# Doing God's Work

How Goldman Sachs Rigs the Game

March 2011



***“The first thing you need to know about Goldman Sachs is that it's everywhere. The world's most powerful investment bank is a great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money.”***

Matt Taibbi, Rolling Stone Magazine, July 2009

#### **Introduction**

Much has been written about Goldman Sachs' immense size and power in the US, of the incessant revolving door between the bank, regulatory and political elites in Washington. But Goldman Sachs has cultivated political contacts around the world, not just in the US capital.

This report looks at how the bank's tentacles have spread throughout British and European political circles, including the regulatory centre of Brussels. Goldman Sachs often operates behind the scenes, also working through a number of business lobby groups. This report explores and exposes those links.

Critics say having friends in high places gives the firm a vital edge.<sup>1</sup> This has also allowed Goldman and other global banks to escape the necessary regulatory reform that many independent commentators believe is vital, especially in areas of derivatives.

There is no doubting that Goldman's image has taken a battering. In the midst of the world's worst oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Reuters ran an article entitled: "BP: Still not as evil as Goldman Sachs".<sup>2</sup>

The bank's plummeting reputation is a result of a series of events: the role it played in causing the financial crisis, and its "arrogant and unapologetic attitude" in its wake, when CEO Lloyd Blankfein described the bank's activities as "God's work".<sup>3</sup> It was also accused by US authorities of defrauding investors out of \$1 billion,<sup>4</sup> faced fines of £17.5 million for failing to tell UK regulators that it was under investigation for fraud,<sup>5</sup> and was sued by three ex-employees for sexual discrimination.<sup>6</sup>

Under fire, Goldman Sachs responded with the biggest advertising campaign in its history, "to help the wider public understand what we do for our clients."<sup>7</sup>

Yet, as banking commentator, Bethany Mclean, notes: "No outsider can tell how the firm really makes its money. It is a fear that Goldman has the game rigged, even if no one can ever prove how. Not just because of its political connections, but also because of its immense size and power."<sup>8</sup> Recent efforts at transparency – its disclosure of revenue from trading and investing<sup>9</sup> - do little to allay fears. "They stopped short of doing something really big", said one banking insider.<sup>10</sup>

What was big, though, was the firm's remuneration and bonus pot for 2010, a whopping \$15 billion or an average of \$430,000 each.<sup>11</sup>



# Green power corrupts

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**Diana Furchtgott-Roth**

**Power corrupts, even at highest levels of government. Even in the White House.** That's the message from the government's energy loan guarantees, as revealed by a little-reported House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee hearing last month.

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At issue was the approval of loan guarantees for BrightSource Energy, a politically connected corporation whose chairman, John Bryson, became Obama's secretary of Commerce last October.

John M. Woolard, president and CEO of BrightSource Energy, testified that his company's \$1.6 billion loan guarantee for a solar power plant "was awarded completely on the merits of the project."

But Chairman Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, produced an email from Woolard to Energy Secretary Steven Chu's senior advisor, Matt Rogers, that hints the White House might have been involved. Dated January 4, 2010, the email states that Peter Darbee, CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric, had himself spoken to President Obama: "Darbee at PG&E talked directly to Obama about the program's challenges and the bad situation it puts him in." By "bad situation," Darbee meant that his company needed solar power to comply with California's law to produce 20 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2017 (later raised to 33 percent by 2020).

Woolard also wrote to Rogers: "Please don't distribute this, but I thought you might want to know there is a large group in NYC focused on this transaction and DOE ability to execute. Things are not good and there is a sizeable group of private equity and investment banks writing a letter to Chu about the status of the program and the inability to get loans through -- can you suggest a good time to talk?"

Coincidentally, the following month, Chu announced conditional loan guarantees of \$1.37 billion for BrightSolar to build three utility-scale solar power plants on federal land in the Mojave Desert, to be the largest solar power electricity generating complex in the world.

But conditional loan guarantees don't equal loans. Over a year later, in March 2011, BrightSource still had no loan. Woolard asked Jonathan Silver, executive director of the Energy Department's loan guarantee

## Venture Capitol: New VC Force

By NEIL KING JR.

When tiny Fisker Automotive Inc. hit a financing glitch last year, threatening its plan to build a fancy gasoline-electric hybrid car in Finland, it turned to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The DOE had a bolder idea. Why not also step up the company's plans to develop a less-expensive model, and assemble it in a closed U.S. auto plant?

Within months, Vice President Joe Biden, the former senator from Delaware, was helping lure the embryonic car company to a shuttered General Motors Co. factory four miles from his house in Wilmington, right across the tracks from Biden Park. Soon, Fisker Automotive, a two-year-old business that has yet to sell a car, won loans from the federal government totaling \$528 million.

Fisker had joined a flock of other businesses seeking cash from the biggest venture capitalist of all, the U.S. government.

The DOE hopes to lend or give out more than \$40 billion to businesses working on "clean technology," everything from electric cars and novel batteries to wind turbines and solar panels. In the first nine months of 2009, the DOE doled out \$13 billion in loans and grants to such firms. By contrast, venture-capital firms -- which have long been the chief funders of fledgling tech firms, taking equity stakes in the start-ups that will pay off if they go public -- poured just \$2.68 billion into the sector in that time, according to data tracker Cleantech Group.

Thus, while much attention has been focused on the federal government's involvement in banking, Washington also is gaining sway in another swath of the economy. By financing clean-tech ventures on a large scale, the government has become a kingmaker in one of technology's hottest sectors.

Some young companies are tailoring their business plans to win DOE cash. Private investors, meanwhile, are often pulling back, waiting to see which projects the government blesses. Success in winning federal funds can attract a flood of private capital, companies say, while conversely, bad luck in Washington can sour their chances with private investors. The result is an intertwining of public and private-sector interests in an arena where politics is never far from the surface.

In Delaware, "We had five individuals beating the band -- the three members of the [congressional] delegation, the governor and the vice president," said the state's chief of economic development, Alan Levin. "We had in the vice president a secret weapon, except there is nothing secret about Joe Biden."

A spokeswoman for Mr. Biden said he made no direct appeals to DOE on Fisker's behalf before the loan was approved, though he did talk to the company several times afterward to put in a plug for his home state.

At the DOE, Matthew Rogers, who helps oversee the department's loans, said proposals are vetted by "deal teams" insulated as much as possible from outside pressure. "Lots of people can call the [energy] secretary, but that doesn't mean that any of that necessarily flows down to the deal-team level," he said.

More than 40 auto-related companies have sought government money to build parts or vehicles, ranging from hybrid roadsters and delivery vans to all-electric three-wheelers that could go 120 miles on a charge. They are chasing \$25 billion in federal low-interest loans for a sector that has attracted less than a tenth that much in venture capital over the past five years, according to Cleantech.

"The existence of an 800-pound gorilla putting massive capital behind select start-ups is sucking the air away from the rest of the venture-capital ecosystem," said Darryl Siry, former head of marketing at Tesla Motors Inc., a San Carlos, Calif., company that got a \$365 million DOE loan in June to build high-end electric cars. "Being anointed by DOE has become everything for companies looking to move ahead."

Bright Automotive Inc. is still seeking anointment. Based in a small warren of offices outside Indianapolis, Bright looked set to take off in September 2008. Investors were poised to give it more than \$100 million to move ahead on a lightweight hybrid delivery van, and it had lined up major corporations as potential customers.

When the financial crisis hit in that same month, investors bowed out. Though a few have since tiptoed back, enabling Bright to build a prototype, its principal hope for now lies in the DOE, from which it is seeking a large loan to get under way.

"We are caught in this blender of historically new forces, somewhere between the public and private worlds," said Bright's chief executive, John Waters. Without a government loan, private investors are reluctant to jump in, he says, while the DOE loan team is wary of backing ventures that haven't already won significant support in the private sector.

The DOE acknowledges it looks to back companies that already have substantial private funding, with the hope that federal money will in turn attract more private investment.

Fisker, based in Irvine, Calif., got rolling two years ago with seed money from two of Silicon Valley's largest venture-capital firms, Palo Alto Investors LLC and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. They and some smaller investors put up nearly \$160 million to move Fisker's first car, called the Karma, off the design table and into early production. But to fine-tune the engineering and put it into full production, Fisker needed at least \$200 million more.

In December 2008, Fisker turned to the DOE's \$25 billion Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan program, which Congress had funded to launch new, high-efficiency vehicles.

Fisker applied for about \$170 million to get the Karma rolling. It also put in a second application, hoping eventually to win financing to build a cheaper model, code-named the Kx, which the company didn't envision bringing to market until around 2015.

DOE officials and their advisers expressed strong interest in the Karma proposal, say people involved in the talks, but they were wary of the Kx. Its engineering remained vague, and Fisker was far from having a prototype.

By late spring, DOE was pushing ahead briskly on the Karma loan, say people involved in the deal. But the Karma presented a political challenge: It was already being assembled, under contract, at a plant in Finland. Though it used mainly U.S.-made components, so a federal loan would help U.S. parts makers, the boost for U.S. workers would be limited.

DOE then came to Fisker with a surprising proposal: Find a U.S. site to build the Kx, and DOE would agree to

GM's Delaware factory, called the Boxwood Road plant and dating from 1947, once employed 5,000. It was the last auto assembly plant in the Northeast. State officials and politicians were determined to keep it alive.

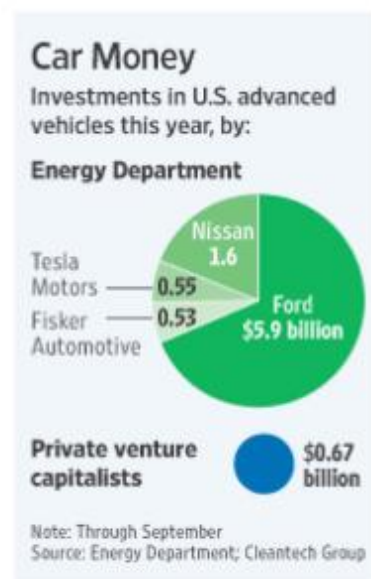
In the middle of August, they learned the plant had drawn interest from Fisker. CEO Henrik Fisker came to see it and dropped by the office of a Delaware senator, Tom Carper, a Democrat. The visit unleashed a flurry of activity. Gov. Jack Markell, also a Democrat, quickly called an old friend at Kleiner Perkins to check on Fisker. "Basically, we wanted to know, 'Are they for real?'" said Mr. Levin.

Kleiner Perkins itself has political roots. A leading partner, John Doerr, sits on President Barack Obama's economic advisory board, and another partner is former Vice President Al Gore.

The DOE, in August, hadn't yet ruled on Fisker's loan request. Delaware's governor and congressional delegation began peppering U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu with calls on Fisker's behalf. They also had repeated discussions with Vice President Biden and his staff, according to Mr. Levin and several others.

In early September, Gov. Markell told Fisker that if it occupied the shuttered GM plant it would get an array of state incentives worth up to \$22 million, including \$9 million in cash for utilities. He promised to buy the first car off the line.

On Sept. 17, he ran into Mr. Chu at an event in Pennsylvania. "I know, I know -- Fisker," Mr. Chu said as soon as he saw him, according to the governor, who said Mr. Chu told him he was "hearing from everyone in Delaware."



Five days later, Mr. Chu announced the government had signed a provisional agreement to lend Fisker nearly \$170 million to complete engineering of the Karma, as well as \$360 million to develop the less-expensive model Kx, which the company then began to call the Nina. Fisker still plans to assemble the Karma in Finland but will make the Nina in Delaware. Mr. Chu said the DOE funding would help reduce dependence on foreign oil as well as create "thousands of new American jobs."

People familiar with the loan say the government based the amount partly on its assessment that the Nina, which will sell for about \$40,000 after government tax rebates, could draw world-wide annual sales of around 130,000 -- nearly twice Fisker's own projection.

Mr. Fisker, a former designer of sleek sports cars for BMW and Aston Martin, said he is sure his company would have won DOE funding without the Delaware politicians' support but credits it with speeding the approval. He added that Fisker picked the Delaware plant because it made economic sense.

Though its first model, the Karma, won't be available for test drives for months, Fisker says more than 1,500 potential buyers have put down refundable deposits on the car, expected to sell for \$88,000.

On Oct. 27, about a month after the DOE approved loans to Fisker, its executives and Delaware politicians gathered in Wilmington for an announcement. In the morning, Mr. Biden played host to United Auto Workers

Afterward, Mr. Fisker escorted the dignitaries behind a curtain for their first look at a mock-up of the planned second model, the Nina. It was a sporty car body, bright red, but with no drivetrain or engine. Gov. Markell, though, was impressed. "It was just a beautiful car," he said.

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## Goldman Sachs discloses ownership in Talison Lithium Corp.

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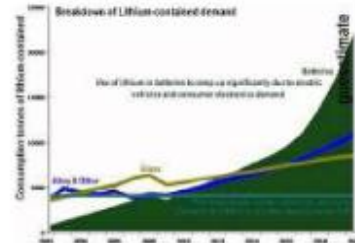
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In connection with a plan of arrangement completed on September 22, 2010 involving Talison Lithium Limited (the "Company") and Salares Lithium Limited ("Salares"), the Company acquired all of the issued and outstanding securities of Salares in exchange for either ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") or the equivalent number of exchangeable shares (which may be exchanged for Shares on a one-for-one basis) (the "Arrangement"). Further details regarding the Arrangement are set out in the joint press release of the Company and Salares dated September 22, 2010, which has been filed with the applicable regulatory authorities and is available on the Company's SEDAR profile at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

Prior to the Arrangement, the Company was a private issuer and the Offeror and certain direct or indirect subsidiaries of GS Group beneficially owned and controlled 11,270,431 Shares (the "Offeror Shares"). The Offeror did not acquire any additional Shares in connection with the Arrangement. On September 23, 2010, in connection with the Arrangement, the Shares commenced trading on the Toronto

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We have another report on Energy Storage space which provides a view from Goldman Sachs on the sector this time. In Lithium space we have our own fast developing story, when Japanese Trading Houses are in a rush to secure Lithium supply.

*"Asian lithium rush continues. One more Junior in Lithium is gone from the market for potential deals. We were not following geothermal as source of lithium so close as it is more risky than well defined extraction from brines and hard rock lithium deposits. Chemistry should be right and the process is much more complicated, but this move by Itochu shows that Japanese conglomerates are ready to go the distance in order to secure Lithium supply from different sources. After Korean Korus deal with lithium One we have on our radar screens two juniors involved in Lithium Brines in Argentina and Nevada are left for J/V deals: International Lithium and Rodinia Minerals. Japanese are using recent soft markets to grab all available lithium projects on the development stage and with this rate of deal announcement all reliable Canadian juniors in Lithium could be engaged by the end of this summer."*

### Goldman Sachs: Americas: Clean Energy: Storage: Batteries

Posted by Ruffy at 1:30 PM

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But the government cut off the loan to Fisker after \$193 million when Fisker failed to meet its ambitious sales and production goals. Then, a Consumer Reports test dealt the Karma another blow.

"It is low. It is sleek. It is sensuous," the Consumer Reports' video narrator says.

"It's also broken," the narrator adds as a clip of the Fisker Karma being towed on a flatbed airs.

Fisker blamed the car's lithium ion battery, which happened to be made by another government loan recipient, A123 Systems.

A123 got a \$249-million taxpayer loan. This year's first-quarter losses totaled \$125 million.

The industry's misfortunes have seriously undermined President Obama's goal.

"We can replace our dependence on oil with biofuels and become the first country to have a million electric vehicles on the road by 2015," Obama said in January 2011.

To get to one million, the White House pinned its hopes on 11 models of electric vehicles -- including the Karma. Our CBS News investigation found that six of the 11 -- Ford Focus, Ford Transit Connect, Fisker Nina/Atlantic, Tesla Model S, Tesla Roadster and Think City -- either haven't made their first delivery or are already out of business.

Others aren't even close to the government's 2015 projections. For example, 36,000 Fisker Karmas and 505,000 Chevy Volts were supposed to be made. But current projections slash the Karma's 2015 number in half to 18,000 and put the Volt at one-eighth of the goal at 62,000.

(See chart below)

"I think these forecasts were very unrealistic, and history is showing that scaling an automobile company is much more difficult than many of these people thought," Craig Carlson, industry analyst and managing director of Carlson Group, Electric Vehicles, told CBS News.

When told about the CBS News projection that only 300,000 electric vehicles would be on the road instead of the proposed 1 million, the Energy Department's David Sandalow said, "Well, let's hope that we can move faster. And if we don't hit that goal in 2015, let's hit it in 2016."

CBS News pointed out that the Energy Department hoped that Think City would produce 57,000 cars, but only built 263 and went out of business. Ford Transit Connect was supposed to make 4,200 vehicles, but only built 500 and filed for bankruptcy.

But, Sandalow reminded that there were some successes.

"And General Motors sold more than 5,000 last year," he said. "And so did Nissan. Around the world this industry is exploding. Innovation involves risks. Any type of new industry is going to encounter some successes and some failures."

Even falling far short of a million, backers say electric cars will take off as people realize how much fun and cheap they are to drive. Just to be sure, the president wants to invest \$4.7 billion more tax dollars in electric vehicle incentives.

## Goldman Sachs culture 'toxic'? Letter confirms suspicions about Wall Street.

Polls show that Americans hold a very low opinion of Wall Street, and a damning public letter of resignation from a Goldman Sachs executive could only amplify that perception.



A Goldman Sachs sign is seen at the New York Stock Exchange. A Goldman Sachs executive director published a withering resignation letter in *The New York Times*, saying the investment bank is a 'toxic and destructive' place where managing directors referred to their own clients as 'muppets.'

(Brendan McDermid/REUTERS/File)

By Ron Scherer, Staff writer  
posted March 14, 2012 at 4:47 pm EDT

New York

The opinion article in *The New York Times* has a simple headline: "Why I am leaving Goldman Sachs," written by Greg Smith, identified as a former executive director.

Mr. Smith, with more than decade at the firm, then goes on to describe the culture at Goldman Sachs "as toxic and destructive as I have ever seen it."

He says he knew it was time to leave when he could no longer look students being recruited by Goldman Sachs in the eye and tell them

Goldman was a great place to work. Instead, he describes a place where making money off the firm's clients became the mantra.

Smith's description of the firm fits with Main Street's perception of Wall Street these days. Despite the run-up in the stock market, many people view Wall Street as a place where fat cats rake in huge bonuses, and lobby aggressively against attempts by Congress to rein in their activities.

"Wall Street is not held in high regard so this is certainly not going to help," says Dennis Jacobo, chief economist at the Gallup Organization in Washington. "I think one of the things that is under-perceived on Wall Street and many of the financial sectors is how badly the financial crisis has hurt the reputation of everyone involved with Wall Street."

In a survey published last December, Harvard's Center for Public Leadership ranked Wall Street at the bottom in terms of American's confidence in its leadership. Congress, the media, and the White House all ranked higher.

Even long-time Wall Street observers agree that the perceptions are distinctly negative.

"Wall Street is not doing a very good job of explaining its importance to the economy and the good it does," says public relations executive Richard Torrenzano of the Torrenzano Group and a former spokesman for the New York Stock Exchange. "It helps corporations and new organizations raise money in a public environment, and that money is used to build new plants, create jobs, and really help the quality of life in which we live."

However much good Wall Street does is far overshadowed by the public's memory of 2008 financial crisis, which ultimately led to the Great Recession.

"People will always be suspicious of banks," says Hester Peirce, a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and a former Securities and Exchange Commission official. "Part of the reason is that Main Street has suffered so tremendously, and people are still mad at the banks getting all the money they got."

At the height of the financial crisis, Goldman Sachs, like other large financial institutions, borrowed money from the federal Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). And, like other large banks, it repaid those loans with interest.

Also, at the height of the financial crisis in 2008, Warren Buffet's company, Berkshire Hathaway, invested \$5 billion in Goldman Sachs. Part of Mr. Buffet's investment was in the stock, which he purchased for \$115 a share. On Wednesday, the stock was selling for \$120 a share, off about \$4 a share.



Goldman Sachs, which made a profit of about \$1 billion in the fourth quarter, is known for its intense work ethic and cutthroat culture. Each year the investment bank culls its ranks of underperforming executives and traders. However, in the past, the firm has also sent many of its alumni to Washington, including former Treasury Secretaries Robert Rubin and Henry Paulson.

"Many have worked there or wanted to work there," says Ms. Peirce. "Goldman is elite but all the big banks have the reputation of people working very hard."

Goldman officials are also politically active. In the 2012 cycle, Goldman Sachs, through its political action committee as well as individual contributions, is the top organizational donor to Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, according to the Center for Responsive Politics/Open Secrets. Goldman Sachs and its officials have made 232 donations totaling \$426,780.

In a letter to their employees on Wednesday, Goldman Sachs executives Lloyd Blankfein and Gary Cohn disputed Smith's characterization of the firm. "Needless to say, we were disappointed to read the assertions made by this individual that do not reflect our values, our culture and how the vast majority of people at Goldman Sachs think about the firm and the work it does on behalf of clients," wrote the two men in a letter posted on the firm's website.

The Goldman Sachs officials said that as far as they knew, Smith, whom they never identified by name, had not expressed any misgivings through any of their anonymous channels. "If an individual expresses issues, we examine them carefully and we will be doing so this case," they wrote.

The Goldman Sachs letter to its employees also noted that two weeks ago, Goldman was named one of the best places to work in the United Kingdom, where Smith resides.

Critics of Goldman Sachs blame its problems on a fixation with short-term profits. "It is just this short term grab for profits," says T.J. Faircloth, director of research at Boston-based Corporate Accountability International, which monitors corporate behavior. "We see this across the board with other corporations."

This jibes with Smith's view of the big firm. In his op-ed, the former executive writes, "Today, if you make enough money for the firm (and you are not currently an ax murderer) you will be promoted into a position of influence."

Smith says he hopes his op-ed acts like a warning shot to the company's board of directors.

Foote Mineral, which owned the Kings Mountain mine, hoped to get the jump on the lithium boom by expanding to northern Chile, where desert brines were rumored to contain vast, cheaply obtainable amounts. In 1975 Foote signed an agreement with the Chilean government, then run by Pinochet, to explore the Salar de Atacama. Nine years later Foote began extracting lithium from a sliver of the lake bed. (The Foote subsidiary that worked the salar is now owned by Rockwood Holdings of Princeton, N.J., which continues to produce lithium on the tract.)

Newly wise to the desolate salar's value, Pinochet's government decided to auction off the rest of the region's mining rights. The American firm Amax (now part of Freeport-McMoran) won the bidding but didn't develop the property. In 1992 Amax sold its rights to a former arm of the Chilean government that had recently been privatized and handed over to Pinochet's then son-in-law, Julio Ponce Lerou.

Lithium's boom had begun in earnest just a year before, when **Sony** (nyse: [SNE](#) - [news](#) - [people](#) ) launched its first generation of lithium-ion batteries for consumer electronics. By the end of 1991 Sony was making 100,000 a month. SQM began selling lithium carbonate in late 1996, and within a matter of weeks, lithium carbonate prices fell by a third, to \$2,000 a ton. The American lithium industry vanished overnight.

**Sidebar:**

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# U.S. Identifies Vast Mineral Riches in Afghanistan



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A bleak Ghazni Province seems to offer little, but a Pentagon study says it may have among the world's largest deposits of lithium.

By [JAMES RISEN](#)

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WASHINGTON — The United States has discovered nearly \$1 trillion in untapped mineral deposits in [Afghanistan](#), far beyond any previously known reserves and enough to fundamentally alter the Afghan economy and perhaps the Afghan war itself, according to senior American government officials.

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The previously unknown deposits — including huge veins of iron, copper, cobalt, gold and critical industrial metals like [lithium](#) — are so big and include so many minerals that are essential to modern industry that Afghanistan could eventually be transformed into one of the most important mining centers in the world, the United States officials believe.

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President [Hamid Karzai](#) were recently briefed, American officials said.

While it could take many years to develop a mining industry, the potential is so great that officials and executives in the industry believe it could attract heavy investment even before mines are profitable, providing the possibility of jobs that could distract from generations of war.

“There is stunning potential here,” Gen. [David H. Petraeus](#), commander of the United States Central Command, said in an interview on Saturday. “There are a lot of ifs, of course, but I think potentially it is hugely significant.”

The value of the newly discovered mineral deposits dwarfs the size of Afghanistan’s existing war-bedraggled economy, which is based largely on opium production and narcotics trafficking as well as aid from the United States and other industrialized countries. Afghanistan’s gross domestic product is only about \$12 billion.

“This will become the backbone of the Afghan economy,” said Jalil Jumriany, an adviser to the Afghan minister of mines.

American and Afghan officials agreed to discuss the mineral discoveries at a difficult moment in the war in Afghanistan. The American-led offensive in Marja in southern Afghanistan has achieved only limited gains. Meanwhile, charges of corruption and favoritism continue to plague the Karzai government, and Mr. Karzai seems increasingly embittered toward the White House.

So the Obama administration is hungry for some positive news to come out of Afghanistan. Yet the American officials also recognize that the mineral discoveries will almost certainly have a double-edged impact.

Instead of bringing peace, the newfound mineral wealth could lead the [Taliban](#) to battle even more fiercely to regain control of the country.

The corruption that is already rampant in the Karzai government could also be amplified by the new wealth, particularly if a handful of well-connected oligarchs, some with personal ties to the president, gain control of the resources. Just last year, Afghanistan’s minister of mines was accused by American officials of accepting a \$60 million bribe to

The mineral deposits are scattered throughout the country, including in the southern and eastern regions along the border with Pakistan that have had some of the most intense combat in the American-led war against the Taliban insurgency.

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## Goldman Sachs, Citi, Recruit Iraq and Afghanistan Vets

Citi and Goldman among other banks were recruiting at a job fair aboard the USS Intrepid.

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By [Melanie Rodier](#) [@mrodier](#)

JUNE 24, 2011



As jobs decline on Wall Street, banks like Citi and Goldman are actively recruiting veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, according to Bloomberg News.

Citi and Goldman, together with Credit Suisse, Bank of America and Deutsche Bank were recruiting at a job fair hosted yesterday by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for service personnel aboard the USS Intrepid, a museum in the Hudson River, Bloomberg said.

Last year, WS&T reported that Wall Street firms and hedge funds were actively [recruiting](#) former CIA and military intelligence officers in a bid to boost their security and risk management practices by looking for expertise outside the corporate world.

Former Afghan and Iraq war vets with intelligence operations experience are particularly in demand since they can bring new technology and techniques to research and analysis, Michael Bagley, founder and president of Washington D.C.-based financial intelligence firm, The OSINT Group, told WS&T.

From Bloomberg:

Former Marine Corps captain Christopher Perkins, now head of Citigroup's derivatives operation in the Americas, said he dealt with budgets and negotiation while stationed in Japan, his first education in business practices. Citigroup hired him based on skills obtained in the military, not to burnish the firm's image, he said.

"It's not about charity work," Perkins said. "It's about making the firm better."

Still, despite their skills the road to civilian work in the financial industry could be a very tough one for the veterans:

Financial sector layoffs are up 21 percent this year. Banks, insurance firms and brokers said they planned to eliminate 11,413 positions through May, according to Challenger, compared with 9,431 during the same period in 2010.

In the meantime, competition among vets themselves vying to get a job is also hotting up: Unemployment among veterans rose to 12.1 percent in May from 10.6 percent a year ago, Bloomberg said.

And following President Barack Obama's announcement this week that he will withdraw 33,000 troops from Afghanistan by September 2012, competition among veterans looking for civilian jobs will soon be getting even tougher.

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## E-mails about clean-energy loans provide new details on White House involvement

By [Carol D. Leonnig](#) and [Joe Stephens](#), Published: August 8 | Updated: Thursday, August 9, 7:23 AM

President Obama's staff arranged for him to be personally briefed last summer on a loan program to help clean-energy companies, two months before the program was thrust into headlines by the collapse of its flagship, the solar company [Solyndra](#), records show.

About the same time, then-White House Chief of Staff [William Daley](#) resolved a dispute among administration officials over another project in the program, clearing the way for a \$1.4 billion loan, according to documents and sources familiar with the situation.

The documents, a series of e-mails among Energy Department staff members involved in managing the program, provide new details about the level of White House involvement in the controversial initiative. White House officials have said in the past that final decisions about which companies would receive the loan guarantees were made by career staff members at the Energy Department, not political appointees.

Administration officials said Wednesday that the e-mails show that the White House involvement was appropriate and that there was no pressure on agency officials.

That loan program, a signature piece of the Obama administration's effort to stimulate the economy, has become a major issue in this year's [presidential campaign](#). Republicans have charged that the program wasted critical stimulus money meant to create jobs, spending it instead on ill-advised projects that

benefited Democratic fundraisers.

The documents, provided to The Washington Post by Republican investigators for the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, show that White House aides asked Energy Secretary Steven Chu to deliver a June 27, 2011, presentation to the president on the status of the loan program. The interest in a presidential briefing came as other senior administration figures were challenging parts of the program and debating whether the Energy Department was cutting deals that gave “unjust enrichment” to private companies.

An Energy staffer explained that the president “wants to know its status” so he could be prepared when the loan program came up “at official events and political events where he interacts with [the] business community and Congressional members.” The e-mail from the department’s chief of staff, Brandon Hurlbut, went on to say that many people attending such gatherings “have some affiliation or interest in the numerous applications received that involve substantial funds.”

The documents do not indicate whether the presidential briefing took place as scheduled and, if so, whether Obama offered guidance on the program’s future.

#### **‘A right to know’**

On Wednesday, Rep. Darrell Issa (Calif.) and other Republican members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee wrote to Obama requesting a “full and complete” explanation of his involvement in the issue and seeking additional internal documents, including a list of all private individuals with whom the president met to discuss loan projects.

“The American people have a right to know the level of involvement you and other senior White House officials had in the loan guarantee program,” the committee members wrote. “Your interactions with business leaders at political events affected decisions to give billions of taxpayer dollars in loan guarantees to green energy companies.”

Energy Department spokesman Damien LaVera said that the collection of internal documents provided thus far to congressional investigators “validates what we have said from day one: All decisions on loan applications were made on the merits after careful review by career officials and technical experts in the loan program.”

Rather than revealing any White House pressure to give money to certain companies, the new e-mails show that “Department of Energy officials appealed to the White House to resolve legitimate disagreements between agencies” so the applications could move forward, LaVera said.

White House spokesman Clark Stevens added that “internal debates about complex programs like this should be expected, and the White House playing a role in assisting interagency discussion surrounding that process is entirely appropriate.”

Solyndra, a Silicon Valley start-up that manufactured solar panels, received a half-billion dollar federal loan from the program before [suddenly closing](#) last August. A short time later, the FBI raided its offices as part of a criminal investigation into whether the company misled the government about its finances.

The government is expected to recover just \$24 million of the \$527 million that taxpayers lent the company. Republicans have accused the administration of [favoring Solyndra](#) because its largest investors were funds linked to Oklahoma [billionaire George Kaiser, an Obama donor](#).

**\*Some serious gloating\***

Other e-mail exchanges in the documents appear to show deep divisions between Chu and some senior Obama economic advisers over the program.

In June 2011, Chu asked Daley to settle a dispute among agency leaders over whether a \$1.4 billion loan to a solar generation facility was consistent with the stimulus act. Chu was a major proponent of the Project Amp facility, which was proposing to use Solyndra as a sole supplier of solar panels at a time when Solyndra was in financial trouble.

Obama's senior economic leaders, including then-Office of Management and Budget director Jack Lew, expressed concerns that the project was spread over several years and did not have any immediate impact on the local economy. Lew, now Obama's chief of staff, told a DOE staffer after the Daley meeting that he was not opposed to the general idea of the project but was just "protecting the president."

After the meeting, Jonathan Silver, the director of the Energy Department's loan office, celebrated "total victory" over his administration opponents. He described in an e-mail to a colleague how Chu came as "close to an annihilation of the economic team's position as you could possibly hope for." Silver speculated that Daley had given the economic team "a fig leaf" and that the Energy Department's victory was cause to "do some serious gloating."

A draft of Energy Department talking points prepared for the presidential briefing highlights that the program had committed more than \$34 billion and asserted that it had created or saved 68,000 jobs. Those talking points forecast little risk from the program, although Solyndra was already showing signs of distress. The department months earlier had negotiated [a loan restructuring](#) amid threats that the firm would have to liquidate for lack of operating cash.

"DOE expects that all loans will be repaid," one presentation slide said. "When loans are repaid, the benefits — including the creation of tens of thousands of jobs — will have been obtained at little cost to taxpayers."

Chu appeared eager to make sure that Obama heard about the disagreements over the program within the administration.

"We need to tell the President the truth, as we see it. We need to also present the other side's point of view as fairly as possible," the secretary wrote in an e-mail to Hurlbut.

Officials at the Treasury Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget often argued that government subsidies to clean-energy companies gave them too great of a return on investment, or an "unjust enrichment," Chu wrote.

"Many times, they felt that a 'better deal' could have been brokered by DOE and asked us to renegotiate," he said.

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## Will electric cars ignite a lithium boom?

Some suggest the lithium supply could eventually be tighter than oil is today

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During last year's American presidential campaign, John McCain laid out his plan to jump-start the electric car industry with a US\$300-million reward for whomever could build a better battery. His then rival, Barack Obama, roundly mocked the scheme, calling it a "gimmick." But it turns out that Obama's biggest problem with the plan may have been there weren't enough zeros in the prize.

Any day now, the U.S. Department of Energy is expected to announce the winning recipients of grants to foster a domestic automotive battery industry, and this time the pot is worth US\$2.4-billion. Washington has already handed out US\$8 billion in loans to Ford, Tesla and Nissan to promote cleaner vehicles—which the latter plans to tap to build an automotive battery plant in Tennessee. And just last week Ontario jumped in to pledge incentives of as much as \$10,000 per car to lure drivers into buying electrics.

With such vast sums sloshing around, it's no surprise that companies and investors are rubbing their hands over the prospect of a boom in the market for lithium. This unique metal, so soft you can cut it with a knife and so reactive it can become explosive when it comes in contact with water, is a key ingredient in the next generation of car batteries, and as plug-in hybrids and electric cars hit the mass market, some are wondering where all that

lithium will come from. "There have been a lot of worries out there that all this money that is being spent on lithium-ion battery technology is going to create shortages," says Jacob Grose, an analyst at Lux Research. In other words, if the fear now is Peak Oil, could the crisis next decade be Peak Lithium?

Lithium-ion batteries are far from new. For two decades they've increasingly found their way into iPods and laptops, which now account for 20 per cent of the lithium market. (The rest goes to ceramics, glass and pharmaceuticals.) For the same reasons gadget-makers use them—lithium-ion batteries are lighter than other types, and kick out twice the power—more and more car companies plan to put them into their plug-in hybrids and electric cars.

Along with the environmental benefits, a key driver in this push is to reduce the West's dependence on Middle East oil. But it turns out that with lithium-ion batteries, the U.S. will still be forced to rely on foreigners. China is a major source of the mineral, as are Chile and Argentina, where it is extracted from brine pools. The world's largest undeveloped lithium deposit is located in Bolivia, which has already indicated it won't let foreign companies mine its reserves, and that could be a problem. Bolivia is hardly a friend to the U.S.—the government of President Evo Morales recently accused America's ambassador of trying to break up the country and expelled him. In a report to Congress last month, the U.S. Government Accountability Office warned that by switching from gas-powered cars to lithium battery cars the U.S. could simply "substitute reliance on one foreign resource for another."

This could be a major concern if supplies become strained—and some say they will be as electric cars catch on. Obama aims to have one million electric cars on U.S. roads by 2015, while JPMorgan predicts hybrid sales will reach 9.6 million three years later. Japanese carmaker Mitsubishi has said demand for electric cars could surpass supply by 2015, and a commonly-cited 2006 report by William Tahil of Meridian International Research, entitled *The Trouble With Lithium*, suggests the lithium supply could eventually be tighter than oil is today.

However, others question such predictions. For one thing, though Tahil's report is repeatedly referenced in news reports, there are good reasons to be suspicious of its contents. An earlier study by Tahil on the 9/11 terrorist attacks offered "incontrovertible proof" the towers were destroyed by "nuclear explosions." Even ignoring Tahil's bizarre research history, his report assumes virtually every car sold each year—all 60 million of them—will be electric.

"People who argue we'll have peak lithium make huge assumptions about the size of the market," says Kent Furst, an analyst at the Freedomia Group. The U.S. Geological Survey's lithium analyst, Brian Jaskula, agrees. Should electric cars become wildly popular, he says, there is still enough supply to meet demand for the next decade. That doesn't include the lithium in Bolivia, a large Nevada lithium mine proposed by Vancouver-based Western Lithium, or potential deposits in Canada.

Besides, while engines constantly consume oil, a lithium battery can power a car for years. If lithium supplies do become an issue some day, by then other battery technologies may have taken over, says Bob Kruse, a executive with GM's clean energy vehicle program. While the Chevy Volt electric car debuts next year, the company is already working on the second- and third-generations of the car, testing other types of batteries. "I don't think we're in danger of running out of lithium any time soon," he says.

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## Lithium and Obama's Electrification of America

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"A new energy economy is going to be part of what creates the millions of new jobs that we need," President Obama.

Because of these reasons a whole new industry, a domestic automotive and industrial lithium-ion battery industry, is going to be built.

President Obama recently said, when announcing US\$2.4 billion in grants to accelerate the manufacturing and use of next-generation car batteries and electric vehicles, "I'm committed to a strategy that ensures America leads in the design and the deployment of the next generation of clean-energy vehicles. This is not just an investment to produce vehicles today; this is an investment in our capacity to develop new technologies tomorrow."

Obama's plan is to have one million electric cars on U.S. roads by 2015. JPMorgan predicts hybrid sales will reach 9.6 million cars three years later. Global Strategic Analysts predicts that the market for lithium-ion batteries is likely to grow at a compound annual growth rate of over 32% through 2010. With an increased demand for hybrid automobiles this growth rate will continue.

Commodity rules rule! Will electrification ignite a lithium boom?

Only time will tell. But with lithium batteries going to play a key role in the auto industry and eventually appearing throughout the electrical grid it's entirely plausible, in this author's humble opinion, that lithium is the next break out investment.

There's billions and billions of dollars, courtesy of the government's stimulus package, still to come (Washington has already handed out US\$8 billion in loans) for advanced battery technology R&D companies and battery manufacturers. The auto industry is gearing up to make its first real go at marketing plug-in vehicles for the masses. The start flag has dropped and the race to build lithium-ion batteries for vehicles has started.

If the US does not develop a lithium-ion battery manufacturing sector at home it may very well be shut out of the electric car business – he who makes the batteries will also make the cars. Lithium demand will skyrocket as more and more hybrids roll down the assembly line. Current processing potential is limited, making it vulnerable to market disruption. And limited supplies could mean big profits for lithium miners and producers.

It's extremely hard to believe that any politician or lobbyist would consider sourcing the needed supplies for Obama's Energy Revolution from offshore suppliers and risk the same foreign dependence as they have today with oil. Politicians will fight tooth and nail to avoid importing lithium or lithium-ion batteries.

Because there is so much money being thrown around and because lithium is the key ingredient to make these future electric cars viable it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone if investors are smiling with glee over the prospects of a huge boom in the prices of their favorite lithium explorers and producers.

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The U.S. Government Accountability Office, in a report to congress, warned that by switching from gas-powered cars to lithium battery powered cars the U.S. might simply "substitute reliance on one foreign resource for another."

"Politicians ... ran on a plank based on ending foreign oil dependence, and it is unlikely that voters will want to meekly transfer this dependence to lithium." Said the Council On Hemispheric Affairs, Washington, D.C.

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## 13 Battery Startups Hitting the Road With Lithium-ion

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With billions of dollars in government funds coming down the pipeline for advanced batteries courtesy of the stimulus package, and the auto industry gearing up to make its first real go at marketing plug-in vehicles for the masses, the race to build lithium-ion batteries for vehicles has never been hotter.

Massive international battery makers may dominate the mobile device and laptop markets for lithium-ion batteries, but a growing number of companies — some founded just in the last year, others that have been around for over a decade — are hoping to carve out a piece of the battery vehicle market. They have their work cut out for them, however, as more established companies such as Samsung, Hitachi and NEC are eyeing the same prize.

As the money rolls out and competition heats up, here are 13 battery startups you should know about:

**A123Systems:** Massachusetts-based A123Systems, working with nanoscale materials licensed from MIT, has attracted big-name backers including General Electric, Motorola and Qualcomm. The startup had raised \$132 million by late 2007, and last year filed for an IPO. But A123 has since revised its registration with the SEC several times (taking into account turmoil on Wall Street and in the auto industry, and most recently the introduction of new government incentives) and has yet to go public.

Runner-up to supply cells for General Motors' Chevy Volt and winner of a deal with Chrysler to make modules and battery packs for the struggling automaker's planned plug-in vehicles, A123 is also working on energy storage systems for electric utilities and got its start with batteries for power tools. The company has its eye on at least two DOE programs, and has won state-level support as part of Michigan's efforts to lure battery manufacturing jobs.

**ActaCell:** Having raised \$5.8 million in a Series A round led by DFJ Mercury and joined by Google.org last summer, ActaCell has been working toward a 2010 commercial launch. ActaCell's devices, which it expects to have a longer cycle life at lower costs than the competition, are based on technology developed at the University of Texas at Austin. The company has joined the National Alliance for Advanced Transportation Battery Cell Manufacture, a group of 50 U.S. companies that plan to invest more than \$600 million in a battery R&D center in Kentucky, if DOE funds come through.

**Boston-Power:** Massachusetts-based laptop battery maker Boston-Power unveiled a new battery for plug-in vehicles in May 2009. The 4-year-old company hasn't released many details about this "Swing" model, other than to say that it will deliver "industry-leading capabilities" in areas such as energy density, lifespan, safety, cost savings and environmental sustainability.

While Boston-Power says it has enough manufacturing capacity to produce millions of cells per month in Asia, it aims to build a new lithium-ion battery factory within three years in Auburn, Mass., for both laptop and vehicle battery cells — if it wins approval from the DOE for about \$100 million in grants. Otherwise Boston-Power plans to continue to grow and open more factories to meet demand, but probably not stateside.

**CFX Battery:** Co-founded less than a year ago by Rachid Yazami, research director of France's National Center for Scientific Research, Caltech professor Robert H. Grubbs and French chemist Andrew Hamiel,

CFX Battery is working with technology developed at Caltech to produce prismatic (flat), cylindrical, thin-film and coin lithium-ion cells.

The Azusa, Calif.-based startup has reportedly raised \$15 million and now says it is growing its team and seeking alliances with major equipment manufacturers as it develops batteries for not only electric cars but also medical devices, mobile phones, laptops, and military and industrial applications. Anticipating a lithium squeeze down the road and eyeing lower-cost alternatives, Yazami tells the New York Times that he is also "trying to develop a battery powered by nano particles of sodium and water."

**Electrovaya:** Mississauga, Ontario-based Electrovaya makes battery systems (cells, modules and interfaces) for hybrid and electric vehicles — including some of its own, such as the low-speed electric Maya 300 that rolled last month in a small ExxonMobil-backed car-sharing program. Working with nanostructured lithium-ion polymer technology, Electrovaya snagged three deals with Chinese manufacturers late last year, and also has agreements with India's Tata Motors and Norway's Miljo Innovasjon for highway-speed electric cars. The company was founded in 1996 and began trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange four years later.

**Enax:** Founded 13 years ago as a battery consulting service in Tokyo, Enax is now working on "lithium-ion cells especially for future hybrid and electric drives in automobiles" with battery giant Continental, which bought a 16 percent stake in the company last year. Enax claims the new batteries will be safer and have a longer service life than today's offerings, as AutoblogGreen reports. The company, which aims to provide batteries for "electric vehicles, submarines, fuel cell system, etc.," also supplies electrodes to other companies.

**Envia Systems:** Based in Hayward, Calif., early-stage Envia Systems raised a \$3.2 million first round of financing late last year from Bay Partners and Redpoint Ventures to help with development of "high performance, low cost energy storage solutions using lithium ion batteries" for plug-in vehicles.

**Imara:** Founded in 2006, Menlo Park, Calif.-based Imara is working on small-format batteries for power tools and outdoor equipment, with the goal of eventually producing vehicle batteries after it builds "a solid economic base," VP Neil Maguire tells Triple Pundit. Still, the company has requested stimulus funds from the DOE to build a plant in Portland, Ore., to produce cells for plug-in hybrid vehicle batteries.

Imara has raised \$20 million in venture capital (investors include Battery Ventures and Nth Power) and licenses its technology from SRI International. The company told us late last year that it aimed to use the funds to ramp up annual production capacity to at least 8 million cells by the end of 2009, with electrode manufacturing facilities in Menlo Park, Calif., and assembly for small-format batteries contracted out in Asia.

**Nobius Power:** Based in Fremont, Calif., Nobius Power aims to produce lithium-ion batteries with high energy density for mobile phones, notebook computers, backup power for the grid, and hybrid vehicles. Founded in 2007 with a reported \$4.5 million investment from Walden International, Lightspeed Venture Partners and Sigma Partners, the company is not revealing many details, but says its "technology is based on innovative and patented developments in the research laboratories at a major U.S. corporation."

**Sakti3:** Sakti3 has been amassing funds and partnerships since we first wrote about its \$2 million investment from Khosla Ventures last year. It remains tight-lipped about its technology, however, which stems from research led by CEO Ann Marie Sastry, who heads up University of Michigan's energy systems engineering program.

Sakti3 has won significant support from the state of Michigan and partnered with General Motors, a move designed to strengthen both companies' requests for government aid and a vote of confidence in the startup's cell tech. In a separate deal, Sastry is already helping to retrain 50 GM engineers at the University of Michigan. To reach commercial-scale manufacturing within three years, Sakti3 hopes to get a \$15 million grant from the Department of Energy.

**Seeo:** Seeo has developed a nano-structured solid-state battery based on a solid polymer electrolyte that founder and technology director Mohit Singh says is more stable, safer, and has a higher energy density than lithium-ion batteries now on the market. For comparison, MIT's Technology Review explains, "[T]oday's lithium-ion batteries use lithium cobalt oxide electrodes and a liquid electrolyte...the electrode material can release oxygen when overcharged or punctured, causing the flammable solvent to catch fire and the battery to explode."

Singh developed the nanostructured polymer electrolyte as a post-doctoral fellow at Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, and says the batteries can deliver 300 watt-hours per kilogram (compared with less than 200 watt-hours per kilogram for a traditional lithium-ion battery) and can operate at a much higher temperature than the competition. The company



has reportedly raised around \$2 million in funding from investors including Khosia Ventures.

**Planar Energy Devices:** Founded in 2007 as a spin-out from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Planar is working on solid-state, high-capacity batteries. If \$56 million in DOE funds come through, the startup plans to start production at a shuttered lithium-ion battery factory built over a decade ago in Gainesville, FL.

When we wrote about Planar last fall it had one technology that it wanted to use for micro, mid-sized and large batteries — starting with military applications and smart cards. The company's thin-film batteries, designed with a "laminated safety separator" that Planar says protects cells from thermal and overcharge abuse, are supposed to charge in seconds, have a high energy density, last 400-500 life cycles and be safer than traditional lithium-ion batteries. These days Planar's focus seems to have shifted more to vehicle batteries, at least for the purpose of securing stimulus funds.

**Quallion:** Although Quallion has been around since 1998, making lithium-ion cells and batteries at high volume for medical and military applications, and in custom designs for aerospace and other applications, the company is a relative newcomer to the plug-in vehicle battery market. It has requested \$220 million in stimulus funds from the DOE to build a factory in Palmdale, Calif., with capacity to produce 20,000 lithium-ion batteries a year for hybrid cars and trucks by 2012, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Co-founded by billionaire Alfred Mann, Quallion has won support for its aid request from a delegation of 17 California representatives in Congress, and the state Energy Commission, which has pledged to provide up to \$9 million if the DOE gives the green light. As Automotive World reports, Quallion aims to produce lithium-ion batteries for cars as well as "batteries that replace engine idling as a stationary power source for heavy duty trucks" at the proposed Palmdale facility.

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The ultimate goal of a career criminal politician is to run an agency, or top committee, in order to conduit money to friends and keep the lid on cover-ups. Those at the heads of agencies and committees are often the dirtiest of the dirty. They get themselves put there in order to run the scams. **Who ran agencies** that conduit-ed money and covered up and stalled investigations? Why is the CIA's In-Q-Tel connected to every single one of the Silicon Valley billionaires?

Was Tesla funded not to build cars but to lock-up **lithium ion deals for it's investors?**

Why are dozens of conspiracy lawsuits now filed on lithium ion company racketeering?

**Why is every major Silicon Valley VC who was connected to Steven Chu and massive campaign funding involved in a lithium ion deal?**

Why are there multiple “task forces” looking at lithium ion finance relationships?

Why was the **Russian mob** involved in Lithium Ion mining?

**Did all of these people know that lithium ion blows up quite a lot and emits deadly gases?**

Let's discuss...

S- Denver Post, C- NY Times

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## [United States – Mondaq.Com](#)

5 Feb 2014 ... In the **lithium ion** battery cells case, the defendant manufacturers argued that the ... A direct purchaser subsidiary is unlikely to bring a **lawsuit** for damages .... 2nd Circuit Rejects DOJ's "Continuing **Conspiracy**" Theory In ...

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## [Lithium Ion Rechargeable Batteries Class Action Lawsuit](#)

Price-Fixing Class Action for **Lithium Ion** Rechargeable Batteries ... agreement, or **conspiracy** to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the prices of these batteries.

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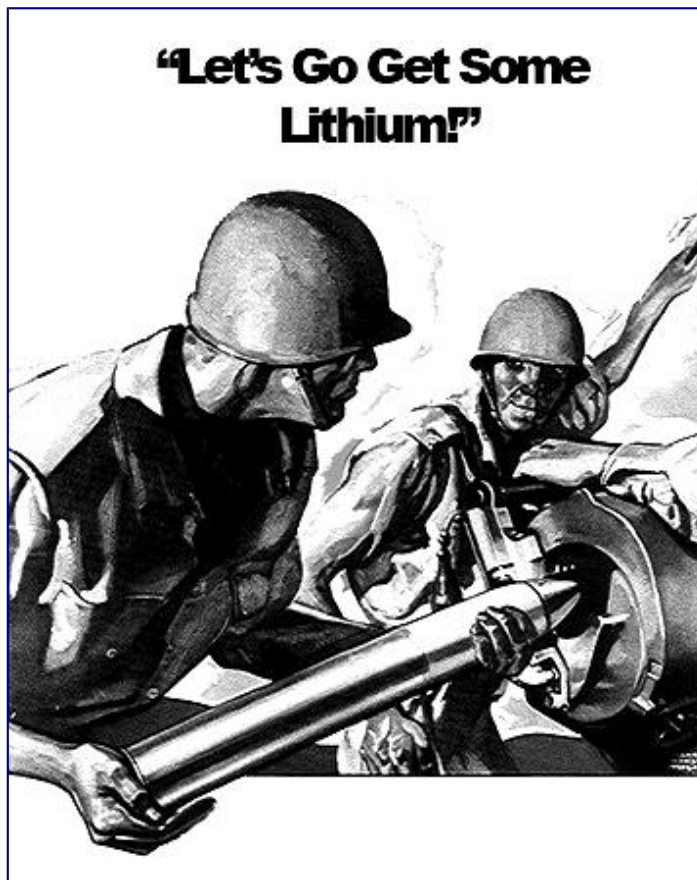
8 May 2013... are alleged to have conspired to fix prices of Li-**Ion** batteries that were included in ... Palo Alto purchased many devices containing Li-**Ion** batteries, ... These staff costs will be fully reimbursed in any resolution of the litigation.

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### **Class Actions | Sotos LLP**

December 20, 2013, The **lawsuit**, on behalf of nearly a million Ontario ... **lithium** battery manufacturers and resellers alleging they conspired with each other to ...

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ALLEGED ILLEGAL OVER-PRICING OF LITHIUM ION BATTERIES ... into whether certain manufacturers illegally conspired to over-price Lithium Ion batteries ...

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Jul 18, 2013 ... SANYO and LG Chem Ltd. have agreed to plead guilty for their roles in a conspiracy to fix the prices of cylindrical lithium ion battery cells sold ...

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**Lithium Ion** Rechargeable Batteries are used as a power source for ... of major securities, antitrust, and employee retirement plan class action lawsuits.

<http://www.scott-scott.com/cases/investigations/securities-fraud-litigation-1771-antitrust-investigation-lithium-ion-rechargeable-batteries.html> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

## [Class Action Lawsuits Mount Against Battery Price-Fixing Cartel](#)

Oct 31, 2012 ... Manufacturers of **lithium ion** batteries face at least 10 class action lawsuits ... The plaintiffs allege the defendants entered into the **conspiracy** ...

<http://www.topclassactions.com/lawsuit-settlements/lawsuit-news/2814-class-action-lawsuits-mount-against-battery-price-fixing-cartel/> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

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Oct 24, 2012 ... Litigation is mounting against the world's biggest manufacturers of rechargeable **lithium ion** batteries, who consumers accuse of complicity in an illegal ... Class Suits Charge Battery Makers With Global Price-Fixing **Conspiracy**.

<http://www.njlawjournal.com/id=1202576057659/Class-Suits-Charge-Battery-Makers-With-Global-Price-Fixing-Conspiracy> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

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The Los Angeles antitrust litigation lawyers of Pearson, Simon & Warshaw have prevailed in class action lawsuits against major corporations for price fixing conspiracies. ... **Lithium Ion** Batteries: PSW attorneys currently serve as interim co-lead ...

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Jul 19, 2013 ... Sanyo agreed to pay \$10.7 million for the battery cells **conspiracy** and ... into anticompetitive conduct in the cylindrical **lithium-ion** battery cell ...

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/2044740/panasonic-pleads-guilty-to-laptop-battery-pack-price-fixing.html> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

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It is the nature of human males to seek to kill each other in large numbers at regular intervals.

History has demonstrated, since the dawn of written documentation, that men will congeal and chop, hack, maim, rape, butcher, torture and kill other groups of men in vastly large numbers.

There are always tribal wars, territory wars, regional wars and ethnic wars devastating large groups of people at every point in time, somewhere in the world.

The women and children are, generally, hacked up too, if they are in the vicinity.

This has brought about government support for sports stadiums in every city, in order to provide an outlet for the more brutal members of society. (There appear to be a lot of the more brutal members according to sports participation statistics.)

Once men get mad in groups, some vapors, brain chemistry or electromagnetic mish-mosh seems to keep increasing the anger, increasing the lack of compassion and increasing the willingness to suspend social decency. Then the atrocity cycles begin. Atrocity, revenge, atrocity, revenge; ad infinitude.

Back at the HQ, once the statisticians finally realize that no economic gain can come from the event, the whole thing is called off.

That part of world then mourns, despairs, cries out “never again”... and then it all starts up and repeats again, 15 to 20 years later, or so.

In the modern world, we have some new wrinkles. You can now go from your part of the world to somebody else s part of the world in less than a

day. In most of those cases, the other side can't afford to get to your part of the world. The warfare scenarios can be more like slumming than like full-on ground-for-ground battles than ever before.

The other wrinkle is that, in some countries, only four or five men can start a war for personal gain. A factory owner, a distributor and a law firm can get together and say, for example: "hmmmm, if only we could control the main part of the lithium production...?" "what if we made lithium suddenly become very important after we had already roped in all of the big sources for it...?" "we could monopolize a multi TRILLION dollar market!"

Then, if their partners said: "oh yes, that's a great scheme", all they need to do is put \$200,000.00 into 15 senators pockets and war will happen in a region which they think they can take over.

Unless the public is paying attention. This time, the public might have been paying attention...

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**The Green mobsters of the 1% and their Divine Disinformation Campaigns.  
Raiding the Lithium for their electric car bank accounts.**



Al Capone and many of the biggest, most notorious, criminals, they hide in plain sight.

They use the Green-washing cover story of “saving the planet”.

They think that the auditors and investigative reporters won't look at them so hard if everyone believes they are just feeding unicorns and doing happy wonderful things instead of running secret societies, high-end sex clubs and doing crime.

The Bohemian Club, The Stanford Guardsmen, The Key Club, Kappa Beta Phi, The Silicon Valley Cartel, The NVCA and Skull and Bones are all “Collusion Clubs” created by a small group of rich White Males to operate monopolies.

Kleiner Perkins, and the Silicon Valley Cartel, partnered with Russian Mobsters to stage lithium and other mining scams. Let's take a look at some of their partners:

### **Russian Organized Crime Data Pull- State- :**

Multiple meetings with Silicon Valley Suspects

## **Alexey Mordashov**

Received DOE Funds Via Severstal:

Alexey Mordashov -General director of “Severstal group”, Chairman of the board of directors in “Power Machines”, the largest shareholder of “Arcelor”,

<http://rumafia.com/person.php?id=54>

Surname: Mordashov

Name: Alexey

Fathername: Aleksandrovich

Position: General director of “Severstal group”, Chairman of the board of directors in “Power Machines”, the largest shareholder of “Arcelor”, a member of board of RSPP.

Biography

Mordashov Alexey Aleksandrovich was born on September 26, 1965 in Cherepovets in the Vologda area in workers' family; Russian. In 1988 he graduated with excellence from the Leningrad Engineering-Economical Institute. During study he got acquainted with Anatoly Chubais.



From 1988 till 1989 – Senior Economist in maintenance and repair shop #1 of the Cherepovets Metallurgical Plant (CMP).

In 1989-1991 – Head of Bureau of Economics and Labor of MRS#1 at CMP.

In 1991-1992 – Deputy Director of planning department of CMP.

In 1992-1993 – Deputy Director of Economics and Finance at CMP.

Since 1993 – Financial Director of CMP (now CMP is renamed into Open Joint-Stock Company “Severstal”). Simultaneously the chairman of board of directors of joint-stock company “Severstal-Invest”. He was one of creators of the plant privatization program, and transition to active marketing practice in metal trading. Company “Severstal-Invest” was engaged in sale of rolled metal products, motor vehicles and the weapon, cultivation, processing and sale of fish, realtor and security-detective activity.

Since March, 1996 – chairman of board of “Severstal-holding” LLC (Cherepovets).

Since March, 1996 – chairman of board of directors of Joint-Stock Company “Severstal-invest” (Cherepovets).

Since September 1996 till June, 2002 – General Director of “Severstal” OAO.

Since November, 1997 – chairman of board of directors in Metkombank (Cherepovets). He was a councilor of bank “Metallinvest”. Then he was trained on courses of managers in England (in the late nineties he completed the MBA program of Newcastle Business school (NBS) in the University of Northumbria (UNN, Great Britain).

Since June, 2000 – the councilor of directors of Joint-Stock Company «Izhora pipe factory», joint venture of «Izhora factories» OAO and “Severstal” OAO. In October, 2000 he was selected as a member of bureau of board of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP).

Since June, 2001 – coordinator of RSPP Working group.

From April 2001 till April, 2003 – member of the Supervisory board of «Industrial Construction Bank» (ICB).

Since June, 2002 – chairman of the board of directors of “Severstal” OAO.

Since 2002 – General Director of “Severstal group” ZAO.

Since August, 2002 – the chairman of the board of directors of “SSM-

Tyazhmash” LLC, subsidiary of “Severstal group” ZAO.

Since December, 2002 – the judicial arbitrator at the Commission on Ethics of RSPP created for settlement of corporate disputes.

In May, 2003 he was included in structure of Business Council at the government of the Russian Federation.

In December, 2003 he became the authorized representative of president Putin on presidential election on March, 14th, 2004.

In 2003 Forbes magazine included Mordashov in the list of 500 richest people in the world (348th place, fortune – 1.2 billion dollars).

In February, 2004 “Severstal” OAO informed that Mordashov supervised 82.75% of stocks of “Severstal”.

Since June, 2004 – councilor of directors of bank “Rossiya” (St.-Petersburg).

In February 2006 “Finance” magazine estimated Mordashov’s capital at 6.0 billion dollars (the tenth place in Russia).

In March, 2006 there was a next rating of Forbes Magazine in which Mordashov was on the 64th place in the world (fortune – 7.6 billion dollars).

Member of Board of guardians of RDC «Expert institute» at Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP);

Member of Advisory council on the innovations created by Ministry of Industry and Science of the Russian Federation.

He is awarded with the order «For Merits for Country» of the I and II degrees.

The winner of the All-Russia competition of businessmen “Career-96”. In December, 2000 Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs called him the best businessman of the year.

Speaks English and German.

Mordashov is married for the second time. He has three sons – one from the first marriage, two – from the second one.

Takes a great interest in poetry, painting, active winter kinds of sports.

Source: <http://www.anticompromat.org/>

Dossier:

By 2001 there were no any compromising materials concerning Mordashov on

pages of the mass-media. As for unpleasant stories – only divorce with the wife and the ignominious alimony to the son. The only thing that was spoken about him appeared in July, 2001. Mordashov was supposed to be offered a post of the chairman in the Russian government. In reply to that Mordashov declared that even if he had been offered the post he would have had to refuse of it.

Source: <http://www.rb.ru>

In 2004 in mass media the materials convicting Mordashov of dishonest engagement of “Severstal” were published. The ex-general director of Cherepovets Metallurgical Plant Yury Lipuhin – who promoted Mordashov on a career ladder – became an information source. When Mordashov was already the director of “Severstal” the plant suffered from an attempt of raid capture. Trans-World Group tried to persuade Mordashov to sell the plant (it was represented by well known businessmen Vladimir Lisin, Mikhail Chernoy, Oleg Deripaska) but he resisted. After those events Mordashov convinced Lipuhin that the plant shares needed to be privatized not to admit strangers to the enterprise. The plant released metal under the low prices to the company “Severstal-Invest” created for that purpose; Mordashov spent millions of gross margin from resale on purchase of vouchers and shares from workers. So he became the owner of 51% of shares of “Severstal” and Lipuhin – 49 %.

In 1998 there was a conflict between two proprietors – Mordashov decided to diversify business and began to buy up industrial actives: stocks of ports in St.Petersburg, Tuapse and East port, coal mines, Kolomna diesel factory, UAZ factory. Lipuhin was against of such diversification of the business. In the beginning of 2001 Mordashov redeemed from Lipuhin 49 % of “Severstal-Guarant” with the big discount; Lipuhin is still offended by Mordashov for that. The latter during had enemies that period – Zavolzhsky motor factory became a subject of his conflict to GAZ owner Oleg Deripaska. Together with the head of “Eurazholding” Alexander Abramov, Mordashov struggled for “Kuzbassugol”, the metallurgical market was divided with Iskander Mahmudov.

Source: «Forbes», 4/10/2004

In youth during internship in Austria Mordashov had a conflict with the son of the minister of ferrous metallurgy Serafim Kolpakov Sergey. The minister demanded for Yury Lipuhin dismissed Mordashov, but Lipuhin then defended the young perspective employee.

Source: «Forbes», 4/10/2004

In 2001 the first spouse of Mordashov, Elena declared that Alexey Mordashov did not help their son sufficiently, didn't let her arrange private life and promoted her dismissal from work. For 2000 Mordashov declared his income at 80 million dollars (Mordashov denied the sum soon after that), his former wife took advantage and sued for alimony and separation of jointly acquired property (he had been paying to the wife 650 dollars monthly for the son). Mordashova demanded a share in business of the husband and developed huge information war. The businessman considered that behind that claim there were competitors of metallurgical holding – the Ural mountain-metallurgical plant and “Sibal”, in particular their owner Iskander Mahmudov who was at that time the main contender of Mordashov in the metallurgical market. In August, 2001 the former wife applied to Nikulinsky Office of Public Prosecutor of Moscow with the requirement to force former husband to give 25% of the income for education of the son from first marriage. In her opinion the underpaid alimony of Mordashov made more than semi billion dollars. In maintenance of the claim the Office of Public Prosecutor managed to arrest 32.5 % of stocks of “Severstal”. Claims of former spouse Elena Mordashova for a quarter of incomes of the husband were recognized by Moscow court as groundless, and attachment was removed from property. And after that Cherepovets court took Mordashov's side and decided that he did not owe to the former spouse 40 percent of shares of “Severstal” (Elena Mordashova had declared such requirements in the statement of claim). As a result Elena Mordashova lost both suits.

Source: «Moscow Komsomolets», 8/20/2001, “Vedomosti”, 10/30/2002

On presidential election of 2004 Alexey Mordashov was Vladimir Putin's authorized representative. Support of the head of the country helped Mordashov to create the steel-making company the largest in Russia, which possessed the largest actives abroad on the basis of the Cherepovets plant.

Source: <http://www.akado.com/news>

In February, 2005 Alexey Mordashov made scandal at airport Vnukovo-3. He left the plane together with two girls accompanying him in the trip. One of his companions unexpectedly found out that she had lost a buckle from the handbag. Mordashov unexpectedly began to behave inadequately: for about a half an hour he loudly shouted at employees of the airport, and demanded to pay him one thousand dollars for the lost buckle.

Source: “Life”, 2/9/2005

Alexey Mordashov tried to unite his business with metallurgical group Arcelor

being absorbed, but owners of the company refused the offer of Mordashov and group “aggressors” – Mittal Steel became its owner.

Source: Investments ? 3(334) 01.02-07.02.2010

In September, 2006 Alexey Mordashov decided to hold again the post of the general director of “Severstal”; in this connection he carried out administrative reform at the enterprise. General Director Anatoly Kruchinin, the hired manager, was removed by Mordashov from the post. Later he was appointed as the General Director of «Severstal. Russian steel» (in April, 2008 management of “Severstal” divided it into three directions: «Severstal. Russian steel», «Severstal. Resources», «Severstal Internationa»). Mordashov’s return on a post of the director of according to his plan should promote success of IPO – Kruchinin was unknown person in business while Mordashov after attempt to become the largest owner of Arcelor received world popularity. In some months Mordashov arranged IPO in London which observers considered to be not successful.

Source: “Vedomosti”, 9/21/2006

Due to lack of more interesting actual metallurgical actives for purchase, Mordashov once again tried to diversify business in adjacent spheres. New object of interest of the businessman – the main Russian manufacturer of the equipment for electric power industry, “Power machines”. Structures “Severstal” then requested permissions for the transaction in Federal antimonopoly service (FAS). Stocks of “Power machines” were the personal investment of Mordashov which was not connected with mountain-metallurgical company “Severstal”. Competitors of Mordashov in struggle for “Power machines” became Victor Vekselberg and Oleg Deripaska.

Source: <http://www.newsru.com> from 6/9/2007

In December, 2003 bank “Rossiya” informed that it would make additional share issue for 30 million rubles face value in advantage of Alexey Mordashov’s “Severstal-groups” under the price in 20 times above face value. Thus, the holding should pay 600 million rubles for 9% of shares of bank with own capital of 616 million rubles. The General Director of “Rossiya” Victor Myachin explained the high cost of package with consideration of the «occurrence of the foreign investor» in the capital of bank and dynamics of its development (for a year actives and the capital have trebled). Experts consider such estimation of a minority package as absolutely inadequate. The most probable explanation of such an odd act – rupture of relations with Industrial Construction Bank (ICB) and transfer of money resources to bank “Rossiya”. At the same time Mordashov

since 90th years kept partner relations with Petersburg banker Vladimir Kogan, ex-founder of ICB – in the beginning of 2001 Mordashov sold a share holding of “Metkombank” to Kogan.

Source: <http://www.mfd.ru> News

In the beginning of 2007 in the central mass-media, in particular, in newspapers “Commersant” and “Newspaper” the information began to appear that soon there would be a merge of two largest metallurgical companies – “Eurazholding” and “Severstal”. Besides it was written about nationalization of branch and government plans about it. As there were no any concrete facts confirming possibilities of such changes, there were assumptions that this “canard” in respectful newspapers was created by their owners. The owner of “Commersant” – Alisher Usmanov was simultaneously the owner of “Metalloinvest”, the largest metallurgical companies; “Newspaper” belonged to other large “metallurgist” Vladimir Lisin, the owner of Novolipetsk metallurgical plant. The purpose: to press on competitors or to force them to buy, for example, business for high price, probably even to frighten and force to cease to put up money in development of the enterprise, to sell to competitor.

Source: «Komsomol truth», 5/30/2007

In August, 2008 at Mordashov’s company “Power machine” shareholders were replaced: 63.1 % of shares of company have appeared concentrated in three offshore now. Among shareholders of OAO there were two offshore, King Rail Trading and Ashington Trading, each owns 16,55 % of his actions. Presumably, these companies are under control of Alexey Mordashov and re-structuring of actives allows him to bypass the requirement about exhibiting of the obligatory offer by minorities. If Alexey Mordashov exposed the offer, he should redeem shares from minorities with 9 percent award to market quotations. He did not expose it but bought up company shares in the off-exchange market from many sellers. Redistribution of actives gave Mordashov also the joint-stock control over the company.

Source: “Money” ? 33 (688), 8/25/2008

The Office of Public Prosecutor accused Alexey Mordashov of legislation infringement – he, having dismissed employees of Kostomuksha mining and concentrating mill, in October, 2009 replaced them with less paid Gastarbeiters. Active workers of the enterprise arranged several meetings in the city, the Office of Public Prosecutor of Karelia began investigation. Trade-union active workers were accused of extremism and Alexey Mordashov was required by the public

prosecutor of republic Karelia to exclude infringement of the labor and social rights of citizens and to provide measures on prevention social and political tension in «Karelian pellet OAO. Thereof Mordashev stopped employment of migrants.

Source: Rusmet.ru 24.12.09

Alexey Mordashova's name was mentioned in a context of preparation of amendments by the Ministry of Finance to the article 7 of the Tax code depriving Russian businessmen of possibility to minimize taxes by using the companies in the countries having agreements with Russia on avoidance of the double taxation. It was declared that Alexey Mordashov had supervised "Severstal" through the Cyprian companies, thereby minimized taxes in the federal budget of our country.

Source: <http://www.polit.ru/news>, 12/2/2009

The family conflict of Alexey Mordashov with the first wife Elena Novitskaya passed to a new stage – in 2004 she submitted the claim to the Strasbourg court where she accused Russia of partiality of justice. In January, 2010 Novitskaya's case received a priority. Few years ago the court dismissed Novitskaya's claim about property separation, as all agreements on property division between spouses had been signed back in 1996, and Novitskaya did not apply for shares and refused them voluntarily. Having lost the court, Elena Novitskaya still owed the state duty of 213 million rubles. In European court Novitskaya demanded from Russia for compensation at amount of 500 million dollars, referring to article 6 of the European convention about human rights. Now Russia should prove that at the moment of divorce Alexey Mordashov did not possess influence on justice.

## **Boris G. Zingarevich**

Received DOE funds through Ener1

Boris Zingarevich – Deputy Director General of Ilim Group

<http://rumafia.com/person.php?id=204>

Surname: Zingarevich

Name: Boris

Fathername: Gennadievich

Position: Deputy Director General of Ilim Group

Biography:

Date of Birth: 08 July 1959.

Place of Birth: Sebezh (Pskov region).

1981: Graduated from the Leningrad Technological Institute of Pulp and Paper Industry (specialty: machines and apparatus of PPI)

1991-1992: “Tekhnoferm”, the CEO

1985-1991: Leningrad carton factory, Master of cardboard shop, Production Manager

1981-1985: Kondopozhsky PPM, mechanic

Since 1992 – Deputy Director General of Ilim

Source: <http://www.forbesrussia.ru>

Dossier:

Until the early 90’s Boris Zingarevich, along with his brother Michael worked as a mechanic at the Leningrad cardboard factory. In 1992 they created “Ilim Pulp” – a company for export of paper products. Then they got reassigned to the woods production, and over the years have bought about 30 logging companies – then timber industry enterprises were sold at very low prices.

Easy money in the timber industry caused competition that turned into criminal fights. Most of them appeared to be in Arkhangelsk region, where the main enterprise of the holding – Kotlas PPM was. In the region, the company has developed a bad reputation to the extent that one day in January 2002, half the guests did not appear on the anniversary of the governor Anatoly Efremov, having learnt that Zingarevich brothers and their partner Zakhar Smushkin were going to be there.

In spring 1999 the house of the head of the Arkhangelsk PPC Vladimir Krupchak was bombed. In the summer of 1999 the head of OAO “Solombalskiy LDK” Evgeny Drachev and his driver were kidnapped by unknown. A few months later director general of forestry complex the department of the regional administration, Alexander Bulatov was beaten. It’s difficult to say whether those events were connected to the activities of Ilim Pulp. However, its top managers- Smushkin and the Zingareviches could have argued with those people, because the struggle for supremacy in the timber industry was very tough, and



Arkhangelsk region was considered a “fiefdom” of Ilim Pulp in the field. The regional law enforcement agencies had a huge dirt on the heads of the holding, but for some reason the case went “down on the brakes” every time.

For example, the same story happened with the murder of Dmitry Varvarin, Director General of ZAP “Concern” Orimi”, the main competitor of Ilim Pulp. He was shot in St. Petersburg in March of 2000. The heads of Ilim Pulp, including Boris Zingarevich had sufficient motives for the killing, including the competition and the fact that Varvarin supported the campaign of Yuri Boldyrev for the post of mayor of St. Petersburg, which was obviously to fail. In addition, Varvarin owned shares of Ilim Pulp, so he begged Smushkin and Zingarevichy as his partners to allocate money for it.

A few days after the murder of Varvarin, unknown people killed another founder of “Orimi”, Sergey Krizhan together with his family.

Law enforcement agencies considered the version according to which the two murders were connected with the management of Ilim Pulp, as the most probable, but somehow forgot about it; the team of investigators was excluded from the investigation.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 31.07.2002

The involvement of the heads of “Ilim Pulp” in the second killing has not been confirmed, as in 2005, Andrey Yurevich – the son of commercial director of “Plastpolymer”, Victor Yurevich, and two accomplices – Alexander Ulyanov and Vyacheslav Shinkarev were sentenced for that murder. Krizhan was chairman of the board of directors of the company and clashed with Viktor Yurevich.

The newspaper “Kommersant-Petersburg” ? 216 (3300) on 17.11.2005

In spring and autumn of 2000, a new wave of crime passed.

In March, the director of Agency Company, lumber exporter – Vladimir Malkov was attacked. And in October, the hotel “Polina”, owned by Krupchak was set on fire. As leader of the Arkhangelsk Pulp and Paper Mill, he was a major player in timber market and he could have possibly conflicted to the Zingarevicheses and Smushkin quite often. In 2001 Dmitry Belyaev, External Manager of LDK-4 was attacked. Again, the connection with the management of Ilim Pulp was not confirmed, but it was on the cards, as Ilim Pulp had been seeking for the rule in the forest sector, and Belyaev could have threatened the interests of their company by his business, or could have simply competed with its leaders.

Boris Zingarevich together with the companions did the business of “Ilim Pulp” not very successful, at least for their enterprises. The main one was the debts of Kotlas pulp and paper mill in Arkhangelsk region, Bratsk Timber Complex in the Irkutsk region, as well as others, they had ruthlessly cut down the forest, accidents happened frequently, the equipment was worn out or even broken. At the same salaries were miserable.

Until 2000, the shareholders of Ilim Pulp had not received dividends. Ostensibly, they were invested in production development, but in reality everything was falling apart. The problem was that all the investments in production then were exempt from taxation. Once the tax credit was abolished, dividends went.

In addition, it became clear that Kotlas Pulp came under the control of Ilim Pulp illegally: during the investment competition the money, which the company pledged to invest in a company, were transferred to its account for one day and then were sent back to the accounts of Smushkin and the Zingareviches. But formally everything looked legitimate.

They purchased equipment for the companies in an interesting way: at very high prices, while in fact only half of it was brought. The money also flowed to foreign accounts of the firms affiliated with Ilim Pulp.

Other financial frauds by the Zingareviches and Smushkin were turned in the Bratsk Timber Industry Complex (BTIC). First they formed huge debts for electricity for the budget of Bratsk and many others. And in 1998 the company established a subsidiary company OAO “Pulp and Cardboard Plant (PCP) and began to place there their liquid assets. Thus, BTIC eventually had unprofitable production and debts. The state had a stake in BTIC and did not impede the withdrawal of assets.

Only Dmitry Medvedev, the current president objected that, then in 1993 he was Director of Legal Affairs “Ilim Pulp”, and since 1998 -a member of the Board of Directors in BTIC. His relationship with the Zingareviches and Smushkin worsened, and in 1999 they were completely stopped – he was distracted by new concerns associated with climbing the career ladder.

In October 2001 it became known that Ilim Pulp committed deals for the sale of pulp and paper factory to offshore companies. Then the shareholders of OAO “Irkutskenergo” which was the main creditor of BTIC – appealed to the federal agencies. They failed to find out the truth because of the legal tricks: documents submitted to the commission, were valid, but for the period prior to the fraud.

After that the minority shareholders of BTIC went to court, and it ordered to reinstate the dismissed general director BTIC George Trifonov. He restored an order, paid the debts. The Zingarevicheses and Smushkin were defeated. But when in 2002 BTIC came under their control again, they began to restore the old order by dismissing disloyal people and replacing them with loyal ones, uncomprehending in the timber industry.

In addition, the holding company began the blockade of the Ust-Ilim Timber Complex (UiLPK) by not sending paid commodity to the company. All forces were driven to expell the head of the trade union, Yuri Savinkov, they wrote denunciations to the prosecutor's office against the former Complex director Andrey Prokopov. The new head of UiLPK Vladimir Batishchev reported that Prokopov took away the production equipment. It was a slander – he just took jeeps belonging to the management company “Continental Invest”.

In early February 2002 UILPK was entirely under the control of Ilim Pulp.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 13.02.2002

In April 2002, Ilim Pulp lost control over Kotlas and Bratsk pulp and paper mills. There were two lawsuits from shareholders, after which the company's shares were arrested, and then purchased for the benefit of companies affiliated with the actual new owners – “Basic Element”, “Continental management” and “Banking House” Sankt-Petersburg”. Oleg Deripaska was behind those machinations, who wanted to get a strategic advantage in the industry.

Source: corp-gov.ru from 29.09.2003

The management of “Ilim Pulp” disputed the transaction through numerous courts. There were information wars. The information agencies had the news spread that the Court invalidated the new board of directors elected by shareholders. It was misinformation. To gain access to the documents of Kotlassky PPM they forged execution lists and sent them to the office of registry holders. According to them it was necessary to issue registry documents. They also launched “a fake” that the registry of the Bratsk TIC was lost.

In the end, “Ilim Pulp” prevailed in the information and judicial war. Businessmen managed to agree, but the true owner of the enterprises is still unknown. Representatives of “Bazel” argued that the blocking stake in the enterprises was still in the structures of Basel. Smushkin also announced that he possessed more than 90%. As the court ruled, the enterprises passed to Ilim Pulp. Perhaps the company paid Bazel some compensation. In any case, that was a

good lesson for the Zingareviches and Smushkin and a signal that the empire they built up may well falter without gaining a strong support.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 31.07.2002

In 2004, the media reported that Boris Zingarevich intended to acquire a large stake in English football club Everton. Upon the request of Zingarevich, that information was retracted. According to British media, the football club was really interesting to Zingarevich's son Anton. He himself had no money to buy it, but he practiced abroad as a football manager. There is no information confirming the purchase plans. This episode is insignificant, but given that Boris Zingarevich studiously avoided the media spotlight, it looks interesting. Maybe it was advantageous for someone to put Zingarevich as a reckless spender and a wasteful man.

Source: "Kommersant" ? 155 (2994) on 24.08.2004

Also in 2004, there were rumors in the media that the company "Ilim Pulp" is going to buy the state Vneshtorgbank, and the then owner of Promstroibank Vladimir Kogan was to be an intermediary in the transaction. The price was to be inflated in more than a billion dollars. Journalists advanced the version of such a bizarre waste of public funds. They supposed, the billion would be withdraw from the State Bank and shared by individuals, including Zingarevich. In their opinion, the deal was scheduled to be held "under the guise of" Finance Minister Alexey Kudrin. However, no further speculation happened a the possible grand scam failed for unknown reasons.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 23.09.2004

In 2006 the Zingareviches and Smushkin sold half of the holding to a foreign company International Paper, the world's largest pulp and paper corporation. In the name of the company they found a strong partner and a way to overcome the crisis that had began with the attack by Mr. Deripaska on Kotlas and Bratsk pulp and paper mills. Once they returned the enterprises, Deripaska exchanged his remaining shares to the stake in the Arkhangelsk Pulp and Paper Mill of Vladimir Kogan, and the latter gave them to the shareholders of Ilim Pulp. That is, everything returned to business as usual. However, after such a shake-up the Zingareviches and Smushkin realized they were not omnipotent, and their old methods to maintain the credibility in the timber industry had been no longer working. The holding company needed a powerful protection of the parties and they found such a support in the name of the foreign company.

Source: Journal “Secret Firmy» ? 48 (183) on 25.12.2006

In spring 2010 the authorities of St. Petersburg passed at once three buildings – the monuments of federal importance for the reconstruction of them as hotels – to the companies close to Zingarevich brothers. OOO “Lotus Oteli” received a historic building of the former barracks of the Life Guards of the Pavlovsky Regiment on the Marsovo Pole, 1. OOO “Orange-Development” acquired the building of the former court stables Office at Konyushennaya Ploshad, 1a. The third building was on Nevsky Prospekt, 7-9A, which is the Central Agency of Aviation and airline ticket place passed to OOO “IFG-Basis-Project”. Experts say that at the auction the buildings could cost a lot of money. However, they gave them under the decision taken at a closed meeting of the government. Thus, not only the interests of the city budget were violated, but of the potential buyers who could acquire the right to use the buildings through a fair competition.

Source: “Kommersant” dated 05/21/2010

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[John Boehner and congressional leaders take sudden secret trip to Afghanistan this weekend to investigate AFGHANI-SCAM: Seeking impeachable and indictment-ready actions?](#)

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, traveled to Kabul, Afghanistan, this past weekend with seven other House lawmakers to get a first-hand look at the political situation in the country after the recent democratic elections, Boehner's office announced Monday.

The trip was not announced until now to maintain security, according to a spokesman.

Lawmakers met with U.S. military troops, Ambassador James B. Cunningham and General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

The other GOP lawmakers who accompanied Boehner were Reps. John Kline of Minnesota, Doc

Hastings of Washington, Dave Camp of Michigan, Tom Latham of Iowa, Devin Nunes of California, Greg Walden of Oregon and Steve Womack of Arkansas.

The scandal known as AFGHANI-SCAM, or "Blood for Batteries" is under a high level of scrutiny for its connections between Congress, DOE funding and Russian Mobsters for exclusive ore rights for electric cars and solar panels.

## **Afghanistan- In The Beginning. First for oil, then for batteries**

### **Q and A with Bernard Weiner, Ph.D.**

*Q. I don't understand how war against Afghanistan could have been anticipated so early.*

*A. Follow the money. Various oil/gas/energy companies had wanted a CentralAsian pipeline to run through Afghanistan (costing much less to build, but also so it wouldn't have to go through Russia or Iran); that project was put on hold during the chaos in Afghanistan, but when the Taliban took over and brought stability to that country, the U.S. began negotiating with the Taliban about the pipeline deal. Even after sending them, via the United Nations, \$43 million dollars for "poppy-seed eradication," and inviting them to talks in Texas, the Taliban began to balk. At a later meeting, the U.S. negotiator threatened them with an attack unless they handed over bin Laden and reportedly told them, in reference to the pipeline, that they could accept "a carpet of gold" or be buried in "a carpet of bombs." (The later U.S. government spin was that the bin Laden issue and the pipeline issues were separate, and that the U.S. threats didn't mix the two and there were misunderstandings of what was said.) Shortly thereafter, bin Laden, hiding out in Afghanistan, initiated the September 11th attacks, and the U.S. bombing of that country began. Oh, by the way, in case you haven't noticed, under the new U.S.-friendly government in Kabul, the pipeline project is back on track. Oh, by the way, the pipeline will terminate reasonably close to the power plant in India built by Enron that has been lying dormant for years, waiting for cheap energy supplies.*

*Q. You're saying that U.S. war and foreign policy have been dictated by greed?*

*A. Among other pleasant motivations, such as hunger for domination and control, domestically and around the globe — which always ties in with*

*greed. That's why Bush&Co. play such political and military hardball. That's why the arrogant, take-no-prisoners, in-your-face attitude, to bully and frighten potential opponents into silence and acquiescence, even questioning their patriotism if they demur or raise embarrassing issues.*

**Q.** *But this is a democracy, people are still speaking their minds, right?*

**A.** *Certainly, there are areas of America's democratic republic that have not yet been shut down. But where there should be a vibrant opposition party, raising all sorts of questions about Bush Administration policy and plans, America receives mostly silence and timidity. However, as more and more of the ugly truth begins to emerge — and Enron, Anthrax, and pre-9/11 knowledge are just the tips of the iceberg — the Democrats (and moderate Republicans) are beginning to feel a bit more emboldened. But just a bit, preferring to run for cover whenever Bush&Co. accuse them of being unpatriotic when they raise pointed questions.*

**Q.** *You're so critical and negative about the Bush Administration. Can't you say anything good about what they're doing?*

**A.** *Yes. They have moved terrorism — the new face of warfare in our time — front and center into the world's consciousness, and have mobilized a global coalition against it. They may be making mistakes, which could lead to horrifying consequences, or acting at times out of impure motives, but at least the issue is out there and being debated and acted upon.*

*Now, having said that, we must point out that the institutions in this country — the Constitution, the courts, the legislative bodies, civil liberties, the Bill of Rights, the press, etc. — are in as much danger as they've ever been in. And the U.S.'s bullying attitude abroad may well lead to disastrous consequences for America down the line.*

**Q.** *So, what's to be done?*

**A.** *The most important thing at the moment — even, or especially when, the inevitable next terrorist attack occurs — is to break the illusion of Bush&Co. invulnerability. The best way to do that, aside from ratcheting up the Enron and Anthrax and 9/11 investigations (and it may turn out that those scandals are deeply intertwined), is to defeat GOP candidates in the upcoming November elections. If the Democrats hang on to the Senate and can take over the House, the dream of unchallengable HardRight power will*

*be broken. Bush&Co. will become even more desperate, overt, nasty, and in their arrogance and bullying ways, will make more mistakes and alienate more citizens. The edifice will begin to crumble even more; there will be more and deeper Congressional and media investigations; resignations and/or impeachments (of both Bush & Cheney, and Ashcroft) may well follow.*

**Q.** *You're asking me to support ALL Democrats, even though in a particular race a moderate GOP conservative would be better?*

**A.** *Yes. In some cases, you may have to hold your nose and send money to, canvass for, and vote for a Democrat; we can get rid of the bad ones later. The objective right now — for the future of the Constitution, and for the lives of our soldiers in uniform and civilians around the globe — has to be to break the momentum of the HardRight by taking the House and keeping the Senate from returning to GOP control. Doing so would be even more important than what happened when that courageous senator from Vermont, Jim Jeffords, appalled by the HardRight nastiness and greed-agenda of the Bush folks, resigned from the GOP and turned the Senate agenda over to the Democrats.*

**Q.** *And you think if the GOP gets its nose bloodied in the November election, that will convince Bush to resign or lead to his impeachment? I don't get that.*

**A.** *Churchill once told the Brits during World War II that "this is not the beginning of the end, but it is the beginning of the beginning of the end." There is a lot of hard work and organizing and educating to be done, but the recent exposure of Bush coverup-lies about pre-9/11 knowledge is "the beginning of the beginning of the end." With a GOP defeat in November, Democrats will be emboldened to speak up more, investigate deeper, and those inquiries will unlock even more awful secrets of this greed-and-power hungry administration. And that will be the beginning of the end — and the beginning of the beginning of a new era of more humane values for America and the rest of the world.*

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**Al-Qaida monitored U.S. negotiations with Taliban over oil pipeline. A memo by military chief Mohammed Atef raises new questions about whether failed U.S. efforts to reform Afghanistan's radical regime — and build the pipeline — set the stage for Sept. 11.**

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By Jean-Charles Brisard

A 1998 memo written by al-Qaida military chief Mohammed Atef reveals that Osama bin Laden's group had detailed knowledge of negotiations that were taking place between Afghanistan's ruling Taliban and American government and business leaders over plans for a U.S. oil and gas pipeline across that Central Asian country.

The e-mail memo was found in 1998 on a computer seized by the FBI during its investigation into the 1998 African embassy bombings, which were sponsored by al-Qaida. Atef's memo was discovered by FBI counter-terrorism expert John O'Neill, who left the bureau in 2001, complaining that U.S. oil interests were hindering his investigation into al-Qaida. O'Neill, who became security chief at the World Trade Center, died in the Sept. 11 attack.

Atef's memo shines new light on what al-Qaida knew about U.S. efforts to normalize relations with the Taliban in exchange for the fundamentalist government's supporting the construction of an oil and gas pipeline across Afghanistan. As documented in the book I coauthored with Guillaume Dasquie, "Bin Laden: The Forbidden Truth," the Clinton and Bush administrations negotiated with the Taliban, both to get the repressive regime to widen its government as well as look favorably on U.S. companies' attempts to construct an oil pipeline. The Bush White House stepped up negotiations with the Taliban in 2001. When those talks stalled in July, a Bush administration representative threatened the Taliban with military reprisals if the government did not go along with American demands.

The seven-page memo was signed "Abu Hafs," which is the military name of Atef, who was the military chief of al-Qaida and is believed to have been killed in November 2001 during U.S. operations in Afghanistan. It shows al-Qaida's keen interest in the U.S.-Taliban negotiations and raises new questions as to whether the U.S. military threat to the Taliban in July

2001 could have prompted al-Qaida's Sept. 11 attack.

Atef's memo is not about the pipeline alone, though it mentions the project several times. It is an analysis of the political situation facing the Taliban. It documents the movement's rise, its leadership, the geopolitical importance of Afghanistan, the Taliban's relationship with Pakistan, as well as the movement's relationship with the Arab mujahedin. The document's intended readership is unclear. But it reveals that the pipeline was seen as a strategic offering toward the West, in order to make the Taliban government acceptable to the United States and Pakistan, as well as to reduce military and investigative pressure on the country to rein in or even extradite bin Laden.

Atef explains that the United States wants "to take control of any region which has huge quantities of oil reserves," and "the American government is keen on laying the oil and gas pipelines from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan to Pakistan." Atef concludes that al-Qaida's "duty toward the movement [Taliban] is to stand behind it, support it materially and morally, especially because its regional and international enemies are working night and day to put an end to it and make it fail."

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## **HOW TO FIX WASHINGTON, DC:**

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Investigators say that, political operatives David Plouffe, Rahm Emanuel, Steven Rattner, Bill Daly, David Axelrod and Robert Gibbs arranged with Silicon Valley investors to take over the lithium battery industry in order to monopolize the trillions of dollars of lithium, and related mining deals, in Afghanistan.

They say that they traded federal funding for campaign support assisted by Harry Reid and Dianne Feinstein, who received numerous stock and cash kickbacks in the scheme.

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## **Quote –**

"Truth, Transparency and Mockery: Evil can't operate with any one of those, combine them all, with the unexpected, and Evil always fails." - Ghandi

## **It seems clear the military chief didn't expect the pipeline negotiations**

**to bear fruit...** Referring to Pakistanis as “nonbelievers,” and noting that the pipeline “will be under American control ... and it also goes through the territories of Pakistan which are allied to America,” Atef implies that the Taliban has no intention of ultimately cooperating with the project, but is trying to string along the Americans and Pakistanis to win some breathing room for its unpopular government.

The Atef memo is the latest piece of evidence documenting a murky chapter in recent American history — the overtures of the last two American administrations to the repressive Taliban regime. Several U.S. oil companies, most notably Unocal, had been advocates of diplomatic overtures to the Taliban, in order to facilitate the building of a pipeline from the Caspian Sea region to Pakistan and the Persian Gulf through Afghanistan. In 1996, Unocal vice president Chris Taggart described the fall of Kabul to the Taliban regime as a “very positive step” and urged the U.S. to extend recognition to the new rulers in Kabul and thus “lead the way to international lending agencies coming in.”

Just 10 days after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, Zalmay Khalilzad, former National Security Council official and Unocal consultant who was appointed special envoy to Afghanistan by President George W. Bush at the end of 2001, argued in a Washington Post opinion article that the U.S. should try to work with the mullahs and form a broad-based government that

included other factions. “The Taliban does not practice the anti-U.S. style of fundamentalism practiced by Iran — it is closer to the Saudi model .” Khalilzad contended, concluding that “we should use as a positive incentive the benefits that will accrue to Afghanistan from the construction of oil and gas pipelines across its territory ... These projects will only go forward if Afghanistan has a single authoritative government.”

Soon after, the State Department spokesman Glyn Davies told the New York Times he had hope that “the new authorities in Kabul will move quickly to restore order and security and to form a representative interim government that can begin the process of reconciliation nationwide.” Davies also said the United States “wanted to send diplomats to Afghanistan to meet with the Taliban and held out the possibility of re-establishing full diplomatic ties with the country,” according to the Times.

In November 1997 Unocal invited a Taliban delegation to Texas and, in early December, the company opened a training center at the University of Nebraska, to instruct 137 Afghans in pipeline construction technology. The company also donated to the university’s Center for Afghanistan Studies. Unocal CEO John Imle estimated that the company spent between \$15 and \$20 million on its Central Asia oil pipeline (CentGas) project — on preliminary feasibility studies, humanitarian projects and other efforts to lobby the Taliban (Unocal equipped the regime with satellite phones, for instance.)

In February 1998, Unocal’s vice president for international relations, John Maresca, told a House subcommittee hearing on U.S. interests in the Central Asian Republics that an oil pipeline “would benefit Afghanistan, which would receive revenues from transport tariffs, and would promote stability and encourage trade and economic development.” Emphasizing that “the proposed Central Asia Oil Pipeline (CentGas) cannot begin construction until an internationally recognized Afghanistan government is in place,” he urged the administration and the Congress “to give strong support to the United Nations-led peace process in Afghanistan.”

Until the 1998 al-Qaida embassy bombings, the Clinton administration’s approach toward the Taliban was much the same as Unocal’s: All parties agreed that the political stabilization of Afghanistan was crucial to the region, and was also a way to gain access to oil reserves of the Caspian Sea region. Though bin Laden had been in the country since 1996, the U.S.

had not pressured the Taliban to hand him over.

The embassy bombings in August 1998 changed everything. The Clinton administration denounced the regime and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright turned up the heat on Taliban human rights abuses. The United Nations imposed sanctions, freezing Afghanistan's foreign assets and limiting its citizens' travel. The U.S. continued to talk to the Taliban, but the emphasis was on extraditing bin Laden in exchange for international recognition; the pipeline was off the table. Unocal, which had been close to finalizing its pipeline deal before the embassy bombings, cancelled it.

When George W. Bush took office in 2001, his administration made new overtures to the Taliban, and the pipeline deal gained renewed support, as an incentive to get the Taliban to make political concessions and form a broader government. U.S. representatives met with Afghanistan's former King Shah, to see if he might be included in a new government. And American companies began exploring the failed 1998 pipeline project. A report by an Afghan-born Enron manager in July 2001, for instance, illustrates that company's deep interest in some sort of pipeline deal. Enron had begun funding the same sorts of humanitarian projects as Unocal had three years earlier.

In March 2001, several Taliban officials, including Sayed Rahmattullah Hashimi, Mullah Omar's personal advisor, were invited to Washington by their U.S. lobbyist, Leila Helms, the niece of former CIA Director Richard Helms. The agenda included discussions of extraditing bin Laden as well as facilitating American companies' access to oil reserves in central Asia. The delegation met with representatives of the Directorate of Central Intelligence (DCI) and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the State Department.

This visit provoked concern and criticism in Washington over how Hashimi obtained a visa, a plane ticket, security clearance and access to American institutions — including the State Department and the National Security Council — despite travel restrictions on Taliban leadership imposed by U.N. sanctions (the official answer was that Hashimi fell below the rank of senior official covered by the sanctions.)

Four months later, American diplomats met with Taliban emissaries as well as representatives from Pakistan, Iran and Russia for four days of talks in Berlin in mid-July. Again, the message was that if the Taliban would

extradite bin Laden and form a broad-based national government, it could win international recognition and reap extensive economic subsidies from the construction of a pipeline. The meeting was one of several convened by Francesco Vendrell, a Spanish diplomat who serves as the U.N.'s chief representative on Afghanistan. The delegates at the July meeting included Robert Oakley, former U.S. ambassador and Unocal lobbyist; Karl "Rick" Inderfurth, former assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs; Lee Coldren, head of the Office of Pakistan, Afghan and Bangladesh Affairs in the State Department until 1997; Tom Simons, former U.S. ambassador to Pakistan and the most recent official negotiator with the Taliban; Niaz Naik, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan; Nikolai Kozyrev, a former Russian special envoy to Afghanistan; and Saeed Rajai Khorassani, formerly the Iranian representative to the U.N. The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, attended several sessions with some of the delegates in Berlin, according to Naif Naik, though officially the Taliban had not been invited. Naik was expected to carry the U.S. message to the Taliban.

According to Naik, the point of the meeting was that "we would try to convey to them that if they did certain things, then, gradually, they could win the jackpot, get something in return from the international community." It might, Naik said, "be possible to persuade the Taliban that once a broader-based government was in place and the oil pipeline under way, there would be billions of dollars in commission, and the Taliban would have their own resources."

It was at the July meeting, according to Naik, that Tom Simons suggested that Afghanistan could face an open-ended military operation from bases in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan if it didn't accede to U.S. demands. "Ambassador Simons stated that if the Taliban wouldn't agree with the plan, and if Pakistan was unable to persuade them, the United States might use an overt action against Afghanistan," Naik says. The words used by Simons were "a military operation," according to Naik. Another participant reportedly said the Taliban's choice was clear: either accept a "carpet of gold" riches from the pipeline or "a carpet of bombs," meaning a military strike.

Lee Coldren, a member of the U.S. delegation, also confirmed to the British newspaper the Guardian the American position at the Berlin meeting. "I think there was some discussion of the fact that the United States was so disgusted with the Taliban that they might be considering some military action."

In statements to newspapers, Simons has offered ambiguous explanations of his statements at the July meeting. In September, he told the British Guardian: "I've known Naik and considered him a friend for years. He's an honorable diplomat. I didn't say anything like that and didn't hear anyone else say anything like that. We were clear that feeling in Washington was strong, and that military action was one of the options down the road. But details, I don't know where they came from."

Yet in a November interview with Le Monde, Simons seemed to confirm that there had been some talk of U.S. military action. "It is true that the Taliban was asked to deliver bin Laden and form a [broader] government," Simons told Le Monde. "We said in July that we were investigating the attack against the USS Cole in Yemen, and that if there were solid evidence of the implication of bin Laden, one had to expect a military answer. One can always inflate such a declaration to see a global threat against the Taliban. But the American declaration related only to the response to the USS-Cole.

"As for the 'carpet of gold and the carpet of bombs,' we actually discussed the need for a plan for rebuilding for Afghanistan, which would follow a political agreement," he said, adding that "It's possible that a mischievous American participant, after several drinks, may have thought it smart to evoke gold carpets and carpet bombs. Even Americans can't resist the temptation to be mischievous."

The last known meeting between U.S. and Taliban representatives took place in August, five weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks, when U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Central Asian affairs Christina Rocca met with the Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef.

It would be unfair to suggest that the U.S. threat in July led to the al-Qaida strike. But while Simons doesn't admit that he personally threatened the Taliban with reprisal, he confirms that only a few weeks before Sept. 11, American diplomats warned of military action against Afghanistan if its leaders did not meet U.S. economic and political demands. It is worth asking whether, had this threat been widely known, U.S. intelligence agencies might have analyzed the information they were receiving about bin Laden's plots against the U.S. differently.

Now the newly discovered Atef memo makes clear that in 1998, at least, al-Qaida was well informed about negotiations between the Taliban and the

U.S. on the oil pipeline and other American concerns. The memo also shows that those negotiations were the Taliban's gambit to extend its power; Mullah Omar's government never had any intention of allowing U.S. firms to construct an oil pipeline, or letting the U.S. dictate the members of its ruling body. Given the inside knowledge al-Qaida had about U.S.-Taliban negotiations, it's reasonable to suspect bin Laden's group also received and understood the U.S. threat of military action delivered in late July as a threat of war.

In the end, though, the U.S. got its way. Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai decided on May 30 to revive the pipeline project with Pakistan and Turkmenistan, signing an agreement under which the three governments agree to implement a pipeline from Turkmenistan to Pakistan through Afghanistan. Would that U.S. intelligence agencies' investigations into al-Qaida activities in the months before Sept. 11 had such a productive ending.

1. 1991-1997 – Major U.S. oil companies including ExxonMobil, Texaco, Unocal, BP Amoco, Shell and Enron directly invest billions in cash bribing heads of state in Kazakhstan to secure equity rights in the huge oil reserves in these regions. The oil companies further commit to future direct investments in Kazakhstan of \$35 billion. Not being willing to pay exorbitant prices to Russia to use Russian pipelines the major oil companies have no way to recoup their investments. [“The Price of Oil,” by Seymour Hersh, *The New Yorker*, July 9, 2001 – *The Asia Times*, “The Roving Eye Part I Jan. 26, 2002.]
2. December 4, 1997 – Representatives of the Taliban are invited guests to the Texas headquarters of Unocal to negotiate their support for the pipeline. Subsequent reports will indicate that the negotiations failed, allegedly because the Taliban wanted too much money. [Source: *The BBC*, Dec. 4, 1997]
3. February 12, 1998 – Unocal Vice President John J. Maresca – later to become a Special Ambassador to Afghanistan – testifies before the House that until a single, unified, friendly government is in place in Afghanistan the trans-Afghani pipeline needed to monetize the oil will not be built. [Source: Testimony before the House International Relations Committee.]
4. 1998 – The CIA ignores warnings from Case Officer Robert Baer that Saudi Arabia was harboring an al-Q'aeda cell led by two known terrorists. A more detailed list of known terrorists is offered to Saudi intelligence in

August 2001 and refused. [Source: Financial Times 1/12/01; See No Evil by a book by Robert Baer (release date Feb. 2002).

5. April, 1999 – Enron with a \$3 billion investment to build an electrical generating plant at Dabhol India loses access to plentiful LNG supplies from Qatar to fuel the plant. Its only remaining option to make the investment profitable is a trans-Afghani gas pipeline to be built by Unocal from Turkmenistan that would terminate near the Indian border at the city of Multan. [Source: The Albion Monitor, Feb. 28, 2002.]

6. 1998 and 2000 – Former President George H.W. Bush travels to Saudi Arabia on behalf of the privately owned Carlyle Group, the 11th largest defense contractor in the U.S. While there he meets privately with the Saudi royal family and the bin Laden family. [Source: Wall Street Journal, Sept. 27, 2001. See also FTW, Vol. IV, No 7 – “The Best Enemies Money Can Buy,” – <http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/carlyle.html>. ]

7. January, 2001 – The Bush Administration orders the FBI and intelligence agencies to “back off” investigations involving the bin Laden family, including two of Osama bin Laden’s relatives (Abdullah and Omar) who were living in Falls Church, VA – right next to CIA headquarters. This followed previous orders dating back to 1996, frustrating efforts to investigate the bin Laden family. [Source: BBC Newsnight, Correspondent Gregg Palast – Nov 7, 2001].

8. Feb 13, 2001 – UPI Terrorism Correspondent Richard Sale – while covering a trial of bin Laden’s Al Q’aeda followers – reports that the National Security Agency has broken bin Laden’s encrypted communications. Even if this indicates that bin Laden changed systems in February it does not mesh with the fact that the government insists that the attacks had been planned for years.

9. May 2001 – Secretary of State Colin Powell gives \$43 million in aid to the Taliban regime, purportedly to assist hungry farmers who are starving since the destruction of their opium crop in January on orders of the Taliban regime. [Source: The Los Angeles Times, May 22, 2001].

10. May, 2001 – Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, a career covert operative and former Navy Seal, travels to India on a publicized tour while CIA Director George Tenet makes a quiet visit to Pakistan to meet with Pakistani leader General Pervez Musharraf. Armitage has long and deep

Pakistani intelligence connections and he is the recipient of the highest civil decoration awarded by Pakistan. It would be reasonable to assume that while in Islamabad, Tenet, in what was described as “an unusually long meeting,” also met with his Pakistani counterpart, Lt. General Mahmud Ahmad, head of the ISI. [Source The Indian SAPRA news agency, May 22, 2001.]

11. June 2001 – German intelligence, the BND, warns the CIA and Israel that Middle Eastern terrorists are “planning to hijack commercial aircraft to use as weapons to attack important symbols of American and Israeli culture.” [Source: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, September 14, 2001.]

12. July, 2001 – Three American officials: Tom Simmons (former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan), Karl Inderfurth (former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian affairs) and Lee Coldren (former State Department expert on South Asia), meet with Pakistani and Russian intelligence officers in Berlin and tell them that the U.S. is planning military strikes against Afghanistan in October. A French book released in November, “Bin Laden – La Verité Interdite,” discloses that Taliban representatives often sat in on the meetings. British papers confirm that the Pakistani ISI relayed the threats to the Taliban. [Source: The Guardian, September 22, 2001; the BBC, September 18, 2001. The Inter Press Service, Nov 16, 2001]

13. Summer, 2001 – The National Security Council convenes a Dabhol working group as revealed in a series of government e-mails obtained by The Washington Post and the New York Daily News. [Source: The Albion Monitor, Feb. 28, 2002]

14. Summer 2001 – According to a Sept. 26 story in Britain’s The Guardian, correspondent David Leigh reported that, “U.S. department of defense official, Dr. Jeffrey Starr, visited Tajikistan in January. The Guardian’s Felicity Lawrence established that US Rangers were also training special troops in Kyrgyzstan. There were unconfirmed reports that Tajik and Uzbek special troops were training in Alaska and Montana.”

15. Summer 2001 (est.) – Pakistani ISI Chief General Ahmad (see above) orders an aide to wire transfer \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta, who was according to the FBI, the lead terrorist in the suicide hijackings. Ahmad recently resigned after the transfer was disclosed in India and confirmed by the FBI. [Source: The Times of India, October 11, 2001.]

16. Summer 2001 – An Iranian man phones U.S. law enforcement to warn of an imminent attack on the World Trade Center in the week of September 9th.



German police confirm the calls but state that the U.S. Secret Service would not reveal any further information. [Source: German news agency “online.de”, September 14, 2001, translation retrieved from online.ie in Ireland.]

17. June 26, 2001 – The magazine *indiareacts.com* states that “India and Iran will ‘facilitate’ US and Russian plans for ‘limited military action’ against the Taliban.” The story indicates that the fighting will be done by US and Russian troops with the help of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. [Source: *indiareacts.com*, June 26, 2001.]

18. August 2001 – The FBI arrests an Islamic militant linked to bin Laden in Boston. French intelligence sources confirm that the man is a key member of bin Laden’s network and the FBI learns that he has been taking flying lessons. At the time of his arrest the man is in possession of technical information on Boeing aircraft and flight manuals. [Source: Reuters, September 13.]

19. August 11 or 12 – US Navy Lt. Delmart “Mike” Vreeland, jailed in Toronto on U.S. fraud charges and claiming to be an officer in U.S. Naval intelligence, writes details of the pending WTC attacks and seals them in an envelope which he gives to Canadian authorities. [Source: The Toronto Star, Oct. 23, 2001; Toronto Superior Court Records]

20. Summer 2001 – Russian intelligence notifies the CIA that 25 terrorist pilots have been specifically training for suicide missions. This is reported in the Russian press and news stories are translated for FTW by a retired CIA officer.

21. July 4-14, 2001 – Osama bin Laden receives treatments for kidney disease at the American hospital in Dubai and meets with a CIA official who returns to CIA headquarters on July 15th. [Source: Le Figaro, October 31st, 2001.]

22. August 2001 – Russian President Vladimir Putin orders Russian intelligence to warn the U.S. government “in the strongest possible terms” of imminent attacks on airports and government buildings. [Source: MS-NBC interview with Putin, September 15.]

23. August/September, 2001 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average drops nearly 900 points in the three weeks prior to the attack. A major stock market crash is imminent.

24. Sept. 3-10, 2001 – MS-NBC reports on September 16 that a caller to a

Cayman Islands radio talk show gave several warnings of an imminent attack on the U.S. by bin Laden in the week prior to 9/11.

25. September 1-10, 2001 – In an exercise, Operation “Swift Sword” planned for four years, 23, 000 British troops are steaming toward Oman. Although the 9/11 attacks caused a hiccup in the deployment the massive operation was implemented as planned. At the same time two U.S. carrier battle groups arrive on station in the Gulf of Arabia just off the Pakistani coast. Also at the same time, some 17,000 U.S. troops join more than 23,000 NATO troops in Egypt for Operation “Bright Star.” All of these forces are in place before the first plane hits the World Trade Center. [Sources: The Guardian, CNN, FOX, The Observer, International Law Professor Francis Boyle, the University of Illinois.]

26. September 7, 2001 – Florida Governor Jeb Bush signs a two-year emergency executive order (01-261) making new provisions for the Florida National Guard to assist law enforcement and emergency-management personnel in the event of large civil disturbances, disaster or acts of terrorism. [Source: State of Florida web site listing of Governor’s Executive Orders.]

27. September 6-7, 2001 – 4,744 put options (a speculation that the stock will go down) are purchased on United Air Lines stock as opposed to only 396 call options (speculation that the stock will go up). This is a dramatic and abnormal increase in sales of put options. Many of the UAL puts are purchased through Deutschebank/AB Brown, a firm managed until 1998 by the current Executive Director of the CIA, A.B. “Buzzy” Krongard. [Source: The Herzliyya International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism, <http://www.ict.org.il/>, September 21; The New York Times; The Wall Street Journal.]

28. September 10, 2001 – 4,516 put options are purchased on American Airlines as compared to 748 call options. [Source: ICT – above]

29. September 6-11, 2001 – No other airlines show any similar trading patterns to those experienced by UAL and American. The put option purchases on both airlines were 600% above normal. This at a time when Reuters (September 10) issues a business report stating, “Airline stocks may be poised to take off.”

30. September 6-10, 2001 – Highly abnormal levels of put options are purchased in Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, AXA Re(insurance) which owns 25%

of American Airlines, and Munich Re. All of these companies are directly impacted by the September 11 attacks. [Source: ICT, above; FTW, Vol. IV, No.7, October 18, 2001, <http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/oct152001.html>. ]

31. It has been documented that the CIA, the Israeli Mossad and many other intelligence agencies monitor stock trading in real time using highly advanced programs reported to be descended from Promis software. This is to alert national intelligence services of just such kinds of attacks. Promis was reported, as recently as June, 2001 to be in Osama bin Laden's possession and, as a result of recent stories by FOX, both the FBI and the Justice Department have confirmed its use for U.S. intelligence gathering through at least this summer. This would confirm that CIA had additional advance warning of imminent attacks. [Sources: The Washington Times, June 15, 2001; FOX News, October 16, 2001; FTW, October 26, 2001, – [http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/magic\\_carpet.html](http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/magic_carpet.html); FTW, Vol. IV, No.6, Sept. 18, 2001 – <http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/sept1801.html>; FTW, Vol. 3, No 7, 9/30/00 – [http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/pandora/052401\\_promis.html](http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/pandora/052401_promis.html).

32. September 11, 2001 – Gen Mahmud of the ISI (see above), friend of Mohammed Atta, is visiting Washington on behalf of the Taliban. He is meeting with the Chairmen of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, Porter Goss (R), FL and Bob Graham (D), FL [Sources: MS-NBC, Oct. 7, The New York Times, Feb. 17, 2002.]

33. September 11, 2002 – Employees of Odigo, Inc. in Israel, one of the world's largest instant messaging companies, with offices in New York, receive threat warnings of an imminent attack on the WTC less than two hours before the first plane hits the WTC. Law enforcement authorities have gone silent about any investigation of this. The Odigo Research and Development offices in Israel are located in the city of Herzliyya, a ritzy suburb of Tel Aviv which is the same location as the Institute for Counter Terrorism which breaks early details of insider trading on 9-11. [Source: CNN's Daniel Sieberg, 9/28/01; Newsbytes, Brian McWilliams, 9/27/01; Ha'aretz, 9/26/01.].

34. September 11, 2001, For 50 minutes, from 8:15 AM until 9:05 AM, with it widely known within the FAA and the military that four planes have been simultaneously hijacked and taken off course, no one notifies the President of the United States. It is not until 9:30 that any Air Force planes are scrambled to intercept, but by then it is too late. This means that the National Command Authority waited for 75 minutes before scrambling aircraft, even though it was known that four simultaneous hijackings had occurred – an event that has never happened in history. [Sources: CNN, ABC, MS-NBC, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times.]
35. September 13, 2001 – China is admitted to the World Trade Organization quickly, after 15 years of unsuccessful attempts. [Source: The New York Times, Sept. 30, 2001.]
36. September 14, 2001 – Canadian jailers open the sealed envelope from Mike Vreeland in Toronto and see that it describes attacks against the WTC and Pentagon. The U.S. Navy subsequently states that Vreeland was discharged as a seaman in 1986 for unsatisfactory performance and has never worked in intelligence. [Source: The Toronto Star, Oct. 23, 2001; Toronto Superior Court records]
37. September 15, 2001 – The New York Times reports that Mayo Shattuck III has resigned, effective immediately, as head of the Alex (A.B) Brown unit of Deutschebank.
38. September 29, 2001 – The San Francisco Chronicle reports that \$2.5 million in put options on American Airlines and United Airlines are unclaimed. This is likely the result of the suspension in trading on the NYSE after the attacks which gave the Securities and Exchange Commission time to be waiting when the owners showed up to redeem their put options.
39. October 10, 2001 – The Pakistani newspaper The Frontier Post reports that U.S. Ambassador Wendy Chamberlain has paid a call on the Pakistani oil minister. A previously abandoned Unocal pipeline from Turkmenistan, across Afghanistan, to the Pakistani coast, for the purpose of selling oil and gas to China, is now back on the table “in view of recent geopolitical developments.”
40. October 11, 2001 – The Ashcroft Justice Department takes over all terrorist prosecutions from the U.S. Attorneys office in New York which has had a highly successful track record in prosecuting terrorist cases connected to Osama bin Laden. [Source: The New York Times, Oct. 11, 2002.]

41. Mid October, 2001 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average, after having suffered a precipitous drop has recovered most of its pre-attack losses. Although still weak, and vulnerable to negative earnings reports, a crash has been averted by a massive infusion of government spending on defense programs, subsidies for “affected” industries and planned tax cuts for corporations.
42. November 21, 2001 – The British paper The Independent runs a story headlined, “Opium Farmers Rejoice at the Defeat of the Taliban.” The story reports that massive opium planting is underway all over the country.
43. November 25, 2001 – The Observer runs a story headlined “Victorious Warlords Set To Open the Opium Floodgates.” It states that farmers are being encouraged by warlords allied with the victorious Americans are “being encouraged to plant “as much opium as possible.”
44. December 4, 2001 – Convicted drug lord and opium kingpin Ayub Afridi is recruited by the US government to help establish control in Afghanistan by unifying various Pashtun warlords. The former opium smuggler who was one of the CIA’s leading assets in the war against the Russians is released from prison in order to do this. [Source: The Asia Times Online, 12/4/01].
45. December 25, 2001 – Newly appointed afghani Prime Minister Hamid Karzai is revealed as being a former paid consultant for Unocal. [Source: Le Monde.]
46. January 3, 2002 – President Bush appoints Zalmay Khalilzad as a special envoy to Afghanistan. Khalilzad, a former employee of Unocal, also wrote op-eds in the Washington Post in 1997 supporting the Taliban regime. [Source: Pravda, 1/9/02]
47. January 4, 2002 – Florida drug trafficking explodes after 9-11. In a surge of trafficking reminiscent of the 1980s the diversion of resources away from drug enforcement has opened the floodgates for a new surge of cocaine and heroin from South America. [The Christian Science Monitor, January 4, 2002.
48. January 10, 2002 – In a call from a speaker phone in open court, attorneys for “Mike” Vreeland call the Pentagon’s switchboard operator who confirms that Vreeland is indeed a Naval Lieutenant on active duty. She provides an office number and a direct dial phone extension to his office in the Pentagon. [Source: Attorney Rocco Galati; court records Toronto Superior

Court.]

49. January 10, 2002 – Attorney General John Ashcroft recuses himself from the Enron investigation because Enron had been a major campaign donor in his 2000 Senate race. He fails to recuse himself from involvement in two sitting Federal grand juries investigating bribery and corruption charges against ExxonMobil and BP-Amoco who have massive oil interests in Central Asia. Both were major Ashcroft donors in 2000. [Source: CNN, Jan. 10, 2002 – FTW original investigation, The Elephant in the Living Room, Part I, Apr 4, 2002.]

50. February 9, 2002 – Pakistani leader General Musharraf and Afghan leader Hamid Karzai announce their agreement to “cooperate in all spheres of activity” including the proposed Central Asian pipeline. Pakistan will give \$10 million to Afghanistan to help pay Afghani government workers. [Source: The Irish Times, 2/9/02]

51. Feb 18, 2002 – The Financial Times reports that the estimated opium harvest in Afghanistan in the late Spring of 2002 will reach a world record 4500 metric tons.

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# Afghanistan: The Saudi Arabia of Lithium?

Lithium, which is from mobile phone nation's economy.

By JAMES RISEN  
Published: June 13, 2010

WASHINGTON — The United States has discovered nearly \$1 trillion in untapped mineral deposits in [Afghanistan](#), far beyond any previously known reserves and enough to fundamentally alter the

As of late February held Ener1 Group.

loan to Think Global, which is trying to emerge from bankruptcy — is held by Bzinfin, a British Virgin Islands company whose "indirect beneficial owner" is Boris Zingarevich, a Russian businessman. Zingarevich has close ties to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

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Friday, October 16th, 2009

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While Western Lithium remains trades — and possibly a third — opportunity to double if not trip

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## The Saudi Arabia of Lithium

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Talison Lithium Ltd's

Lithium ion battery manufacturer Ener1 (HEV) could become the country's first lithium ion battery mass producer—if it wins a \$480M Department of Energy loan. [CNNMoney](#) has more:

## The Players: The Dark Side

Famous politicians, White House staff, narcissistic technology billionaires, and renown investment bankers played their parts in organizing one of the biggest crimes of the century. It has cost American taxpayers trillions of their hard earned dollars but the costs continue to rise.

- [David Axelrod](#)
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- [Jonathan Silver](#)
- [Steve Rattner](#)
- [Steven Chu](#)
- [Kleiner Perkins](#)
- [Matt Rogers](#)
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- [Rahm Emanuel](#)
- [Robert Gibbs](#)
- [Valarie Jarrett](#)
- John Doerr
- Elon Musk

Person's who had full knowledge of the scheme at the California State level:

- State DOJ officer Ken Alex, assistant to Jerry Brown
- State Controller Bill Lockyer
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Senator Calderone
- Senator Yee
- The Fremont California Chamber of Commerce
- James Brown Junior, California State IT Chief



## Steven Chu

Steven Chu, The U.S. Secretary of Energy, has been universally reviled, across the news channels, as a “crook”, “a mobster” and a “corrupt rapist of public office”.

He is said to have raped American innovation, robbed U.S. taxpayers, ordered the sabotage of Kleiner Perkins competitors, manipulated stock market valuations, and to have broken every code of moral conduct, in order to operate a financial kick-back scam with the Silicon Valley Cartel. These are felony crimes he is accused of.

His legacy, throughout history, will always be that of, what American taxpayers call: a “thieving scumbag”. He should be proud.

Everything that he, John Doerr, Elon Musk, Dianne Feinstein, and their associated agents, discussed, communicated and engaged in, was surveilled, documented and is now archived in multiple locations by multiple agencies as well as hacked, apparently, by the Chinese.

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Steven Chu, the Secretary of Energy, was placed in office by John Doerr’s Kleiner Perkins Cartel in order to effect an organized crime operation to steer taxpayer funds to John Doerr, Elon Musk and a cadre of Silicon Valley VC’s.

White House staff Rahm Emanuel, David Axelrod, David Plouffe, Bill Daley and Robert Gibbs, assisted in the scam by redirecting federal policy in order to implement the crimes. All of these staff suddenly quit the White House, when confronted about these suspicions.

A large portion of the crime involved manipulating mining stocks, with help from Goldman Sachs. In particular, Afghan lithium for Tesla and Fisker, and Afghan indium for the notorious FBI-raided Solyndra and Abound. Kleiner had relationships with Russian mobsters, for a portion of the middle-east commodities deals. Steven Chu gave federal money to Russian controlled companies as part of the scam. Goldman has now been caught doing the same kind of mining commodity stock manipulation. Kleiner and Sachs promoted an extensive set of media releases entitled: “*Afghanistan is the Saudi Arabia of Lithium*” and “*A TRILLION DOLLARS OF LITHIUM in Afghanistan*” in order to market their profiteering scam. The scam was intended to provide the Silicon Valley Cartel with trillions of dollars of personal profits and the Reid, Feinstein (Who are shareholders in the stock deals) and Obama political campaigns, with back-door financing.

All competitors, to the Kleiner Perkins Cartel, had “hit-jobs” put on them by Chu, Doerr, Gibbs and Musk. The hit-jobs ranged from character assassination via Gawker Media, Media Matters and Think Progress, to economic attacks by In-Q-Tel, to political attacks via Sidney Blumenthal and New America Foundation. Every Dept. of Energy applicant that competed with Kleiner’s holdings was sabotaged by Steven Chu. History has proven that only Cartel companies received the DOE funding,

and that all competitors, to Kleiner companies, were targeted by government officials, and Kleiner operatives, and terminated, or black-listed. A number of strange deaths of whistle-blowers are also under investigation.

All of the evidence from leaks, Chinese hacks, eye-witness reports, investigators, emails, HSBC and Welles Fargo leaks, offshore tax records, financial water-fall analysis, forensic accounting, surveillance, phone records, Senate testimony, and a host of other sources, appears to extensively confirm these charges and validate an organized cover-up.

Every single one of the suspects has received financial and career benefits from their crimes, which has now been tracked, and proven, by forensic legal accountants and FOIA disclosures.

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## Elon Musk

**60 Minutes:** Tesla and SpaceX: Elon Musk's industrial empire

Aired: 2014- Mar 30- CORRESPONDENT: Scott Pelley; Harry Radcliffe, producer..

Apparently it's fast and smoke-free. **(EXCEPT FOR THE TOXIC CANCER CAUSING SMOKE THE CAR EMITS WHEN ITS POORLY DESIGNED BATTERY PACK SPONTANEOUSLY BURSTS INTO FLAMES)** *The Tesla Model S is powered by 7,000 battery cells (EACH ONE ABLE TO EXPLODE AND SET THE BATTERIES NEXT TO IT OFF ON A CHAIN REACTION OF DEADLY EXPLOSIONS) linked to an electric motor. No engine, no transmission, no tailpipe. As this company video shows, the dash is dominated by a computer that's constantly connected to the Internet. (THIS ALLOWS ELON MUSK, HIS INVESTORS, THE NSA AND CHINESE HACKERS TO SPY ON YOU AT ANY TIME AND HACK YOUR TESLA AND FORCE IT TO DRIVE OVER A CLIFF AND KILL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MULIPLE TESLA'S HAVE SUDDENLY SWERVED OVER CLIFFS AND KILLED THEIR OCCUPANTS AND THOSE NEARBY) It has a fanatical (SOME MIGHT SAY THE TESLA FANBOYS ARE INSANE, OTHER SAY THEY ARE ALL JUST ELON MUSKS MEAT PUPPETS AND MALAYSIAN CLICK FARM FAKES) following. There's a waiting list (FALSIFIED BY ELON MUSK) that Elon Musk is trying to shorten building 600 Model S's a week in this high-tech plant (MADE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CARS PER WEEK AND ACTING AS A FACADE BUILDING BECAUSE OF IT'S MASSIVE AMOUNT OF DEAD SPACE) in Northern California.*

Scott Pelley: *I have heard a lot of people describe you.*

Elon Musk: *Okay, good, I mean, hopefully-- on-- on balance, hopefully, mostly good. (SAYS THE ARROGRANT EGOTISTICAL SELF-PROMOTING MUSK)*

...

Elon Musk: *Well, I didn't really think Tesla would be successful. I thought we would most likely fail. But I thought that we at least could address the false perception that people have that an electric car had to be ugly and slow and boring like a golf cart.*

Scott Pelley: *But you say you didn't expect the company to be successful? Then why try?*

Elon Musk: *If something's important enough you should try. Even if you -- the probable outcome is failure.*

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FAILING)

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Scott Pelley: *The car company is hemorrhaging money--*

Elon Musk: *Yeah.*

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*That terrible year was captured in a documentary called "Revenge of the Electric Car." His plant was filled with flawed cars that couldn't be delivered.*

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*["Revenge of the Electric Car:" Holy mackerel. Jesus! We have like an army of cars here. Like, Jesus! This is frightening. It's really pedal to the metal here. I mean, each month that passes is literally costs us tens of million of dollars we need to appreciate that.]*

*To save Tesla, Musk needed millions more from investors. His fortune was gone.*

*Elon Musk: When we'd call people and say, "Hey, would you like to invest?," they'd be angry that we just called. That it's like-- it's not like no-- no and-- no and-- you know, various expletives.*

*Scott Pelley: He was essentially broke.*

*Kimbal Musk: Oh yeah. In debt. More than broke.*

*Scott Pelley: More than broke.*

*Kimbal Musk: Yeah.*

*Elon Musk: I remember waking up the Sunday before Christmas in 2008, and thinking to myself, "Man, I never thought I was someone who could ever be capable of a nervous breakdown," but I felt, "This is the closest I've ever come." 'Cause it-- it seemed pretty-- pretty dark.*

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Elon Musk: *We were running on fumes at that point we had virtually no money.*

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*Then, as often, the week of Christmas became a time when little boy dreams are answered (BY WHITE HOUSE PAYOLA).*

Elon Musk: *NASA called and told us that we'd won a \$1.5 billion contract. And I couldn't even hold the phone, I just blurted out, "I love you guys."*

**(THIS IS NOW KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN A KICK-BACK GIFT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE IN EXCHANGE FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FROM MUSK AND HIS PARTNERS)**

Scott Pelley: *They saved you.*

Elon Musk: *Yeah, they did.*

Scott Pelley: *Financially and maybe even emotionally.*

Elon Musk: *Well, I'll tell you that was, that was definitely helpful, yeah.*

*Two days later, on Christmas Eve, Tesla's investors decided to pour in more money.*

**(BASED ON THE USE OF THE DOE AND NASA KICK-BACKS TO MANIPULATE STOCK MARKET VALUATIONS AND ILLEGALLY SKIM STOCK PROFITS)**

**MUSK ON THE LOANS CRITICAL TO TESLA'S SURVIVAL**

Scott Pelley: *So you were saved in the period of three days by two completely unexpected events.*

Elon Musk: *Yeah.*

Scott Pelley: *Merry Christmas.*

Elon Musk: *Yeah, absolutely. That's for sure.*

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Scott Pelley: *What was so attractive?*

Talulah Riley: *Well, he was very charming and definitely the most interesting and eccentric person I have ever met. (AND THE RICHEST; THOUGHT, THE RARELY HIRED "ACTRESS" WHOSE NET WORTH HAD JUST INCREASED BY 1000X)*

*This is how it fits into the bottom of the chassis. Trouble is the battery's so expensive musk can't build a \$35,000 car with acceptable range. To make Tesla successful, he must reinvent battery manufacturing. Musk has just announced a \$5 billion factory to be built in the U.S. which, he says, will make more lithium ion batteries than all the other plants on earth combined. (USING THE WAR PROFITEERED LITHIUM THAT HE, HIS PARTNERS AND HIS CORRUPT SENATORS OWN)*

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## **Questions For Elon Musk:**

Recently; Numerous ex-Tesla staff and contractors, former suppliers, federal investigators, investigative reporters, investors and ex-partners of Tesla Motors have provided facts about Tesla Motors which are disturbing to the public, Congress, and the market. Please provide clarification of the following charges and concerns in order to resolve outstanding issues between the public and Tesla Motors :

- Are Tesla and Google, essentially, the same entity by virtue of the same investors, agenda and stock market manipulations?
- When damaging news about Tesla emerges, do Tesla and Google investors place multiple stock-buy orders from a multi-billion dollar slush fund in order to make it appear that individual outside investors are excited by Tesla when, in fact, it is only a small internal group of investors “pumping the market”? Does Google “bury” any negative stories about Tesla in their searches on orders from Tesla/Google investors? Is that a violation of securities laws?
- It is said that the Tesla Model S has the most surveillance devices to watch, track, listen-to and broadcast the activities of the occupants, built into it than any other car in the world. Elon Musk has personally told reporters that his cars constantly watch the driver and occupants. Why is that? Why are Tesla and Google obsessed with spying on the public?
- In multiple recorded interviews, Elon Musk is on public record telling the news media that, after careful research, the NUMMI plant in Fremont California would be a very bad choice for Tesla? Why did that suddenly change? What participation did Senator Dianne Feinstein and her husband’s real estate Company CBRE have on that decision and the award of the loan to Tesla? Why do Senator Feinsteins staff now work for Tesla? Why did Glenn Greenwald call Feinstein’s actions “suspicious”? What political support or funding did Tesla or Google provide to any related political officials?
- From 2008 to 2010 numerous competing electric car companies have charged that Tesla Motors placed Tesla Motors “moles” inside of their companies to intelligence-gather and cause disruption. Is that true?
- Google and Tesla motors share the same venture capital investor groups and alliances. Numerous expert at Tech-Crunch, Valleywag and other industry journals have published articles about the fact that those VC’s actively collude with each other to lock competing technologies and companies out of the market and create business monopolies. Did Tesla investors and associates participate in such

activities? If so, would that not be a violation of SEC laws?

- Did Tesla and/or Google reward certain politicians with campaign funding, web promotion, revolving door jobs for staff, and other incentives, in exchange for “hot-tracking” State and Federal taxpayer money for Tesla Motors?

- While other companies built consumer priced electric cars before and during Tesla’s existence, why did Tesla choose to build an unaffordable car and position the marketing of it to “the 1%” when the money for that car came from the 99% taxpayers?

- Numerous cities were told that they would have the Tesla car factory and then they stated, or sued Tesla, saying Tesla acted “in bad faith” and “used false and misleading information” to induce them to provide assurances which were used to pump the stock market. Why did Tesla lead so many cities on?

- The factory that builds your batteries and the U.S. Government states, in their formal technical documents, that when Tesla batteries are on fire they emit lethal, brain-damaging, carcinogenic, liver, lung and DNA damaging fumes and smoke. Why do you not inform the public of this danger in your literature?

- Lithium ion production kills and terminally sickens workers overseas. Multiple Tesla workers have been burned alive at your factory. OSHA has launched an investigation. What have you done to prevent the accidental and long term injuries to your staff and contractors?

- Bernard Tse, and other main Tesla Engineering staff including: electric engineer Doug Bourn, electrical engineer Andrew Ingram, Brian M. Finn, senior manager of interactive electronics and George Blankenship; while investigating battery purchases for Tesla Motors, received numerous white-papers and technical documents from LG Chem, Panasonic and the U.S. D.O.E and vast numbers of other battery-makers which specifically stated that lithium-ion batteries would be “stressed” and “likely to combust” when used in the configuration which Tesla intended. They stated that the batteries were “not intended for use in cars”. Why then, did Tesla still use them? What effect did the monopolistic ownership of lithium ion mining and manufacturing resources by Tesla and Google investors have on the decision to use lithium ion?

- Is it not a fact that a majority of your cars have been sold to your own investors or associates who act as “fluffers” against any bad PR?

- In multiple recorded interviews, Elon MUsk is on public record stating that, at the time of application for the DOE loan Tesla was on the verge of bankruptcy. The DOE loan was mandated under a Federal law known as Section 136. This law stated that no car company could receive money if it was on the verge of bankruptcy. Past accountants of Tesla have stated that Tesla was on the verge of bankruptcy at the time of the loan application. Numerous Tesla staff and contractors have verified this. Did Tesla commit a felony and acquire “unfair advantage” per the GAO?

- Relative to the number of cars sold, why has Tesla had so many Tesla drunk driver related crashes, deaths and homicides. Why are Tesla drivers killing innocent pedestrians simply because the Tesla’s “smell bad”?.?

- Psychographic, demographic and marketing studies have been published showing that Tesla drivers



have a higher-than-average inclination towards drugs, strange sexual behavior and risk. Could this account for the number of Tesla crashes and deaths?

- Is it true that safety testing was done on Tesla cars without fully charged batteries and in a moisture-locked environment because Tesla staff knew that fully charged batteries and moisture in a crash WOULD cause a fiery explosion, as they already have?

- Is it not a fact that Google deletes, or hides any bad PR about Tesla on it's network? Would this be considered stock market manipulation in violation of SEC laws?

- Numerous periodicals, including Valleywag, document the fact that Elon Musk sends spy emails to his employees, each with a few words changed in order to track them and see who might reveal anything damaging to regulators?

- Who are all of the property holders and lease-owners of the Tesla and Solyndra, past and current, real-estate?

- According to DOE staff, who were at DOE when the Tesla application was submitted, nothing that Tesla submitted was ever built by Tesla. In fact, these staff state that the vehicle that Tesla eventually sold was not even designed or engineered when Tesla was approved for the loan money, contrary to the Section 136 law requirement. They say that Tesla took the money and THEN hired people to figure out what they were going to do with it. As shown in the DOE files, the engineering of the shipping Tesla cars has no element that was submitted to DOE. Is that true?

- Elon Musks wives and founders have filed lawsuits and made public statements that he is a fraud and coerced them into participation. Is it proper fiduciary practice to allow Mr. Musk to continue with the company?

- Why did Tesla not have to pay the cash participation fee that the Section 136 law said everybody had to pay? Tesla staff stated, at numerous documented Silicon Valley open meetings that they got a "special applicant participation waiver". Why did Tesla get that waiver?

- Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's Federal funding?

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- Kleiner Perkins and certain silicon valley VC's, all investors in a number of DOE "winners" (including Tesla, Fisker, Solyndra, A123 and others), organized meetings with a Dmitry Medvedev and other men known by the State Department, CIA, FBI and federal investigators to be involved in Russian mobsterism and then Ener1, Severstal and A123, dark-money funded and run by billionaires (many of whom own lithium mining interests) known by the State Department, the CIA and federal investigators to be involved in Russian mobsterism, were awarded taxpayer funds by Steven Chu, who was nominated by Kleiner Perkins. Was any of this a conflict of interest?

- Why is the only company to receive California State real estate exclusives, exclusive tax waivers, credits and stock enhancers and free rides on taxpayer backs also the same company who's investors

were the largest funders of certain State officials?

- Federal communications monitoring of text, voice and email communications of certain highly placed Senators, lobbyists and venture capitalists from 2005 to today should be made available to ALL federal criminal investigators. Have they been? Are one or more Senators blocking this effort because they are compromised?

- Why have so many fraud lawsuits been filed against Elon Musk and Tesla Motors?

- The head of the NHTSA (Strickland) Tesla investigation quit because of increased scrutiny. The facts, such as these, demonstrate that Tesla and Fisker never should have passed any NHTSA safety review. How can the public be assured that ongoing NHTSA investigations regarding Tesla will not be rigged?

- Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's State funding? Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's State waivers, tax deferrals, credits and discounts? Did Tesla investors bribe, or influence Congress people?

- Did Tesla report tax credits as revenue/sales in stock reports in order to trick investors into thinking Tesla was making profit that it was actually not making?

- Did Tesla staff or owners investors bribe, or influence Congress people? Did Tesla staff, owners or investors provider misleading information to investors? Was there a conflict of interest between Department of Energy staff and Tesla owners, investors or staff? Was there a conflict of interest between White House staff and Tesla owners, investors or staff? Was there a conflict of interest between Senate staff and Tesla owners, investors or staff? Did Tesla Motors use taxpayer money to hire off-shore staff?

- Marketing sales staff from the ad agencies for 60 Minutes, Consumer Reports, GQ, Fortune and other mainstream periodicals have stated that Elon Musk purchased "puff piece" stories about himself in those broadcasts and magazines and that none of those stories were internally generated. Is it good fiduciary practice for an executive to use corporate resources for personal glorification?

- Did Tesla Motors use taxpayer money to purchase supplies offshore that could have been purchased in the United States? Did Tesla Motors participate in a market rigging scam to rig lithium ion purchasing for its investors? Did Tesla Motors participate in a market rigging scam to rig the electric car market for its investors? Did Tesla Motors staff, or owners, sabotage competitors?

- Did Tesla Motors staff, owners or investors exchange campaign funding quid pro quo for business financing?

- Did Silicon Valley companies, owned by Tesla investors and campaign financiers, use internet technology to falsify information to the public in order to manipulate stock market perceptions in violation of SEC, RICO, and various other laws?

- Did Tesla Motors lie about the safety metrics of its lithium ion battery system?

- Was Tesla Motors holding safety metric data in its files which differed fully from the safety metrics data it provided to investors and NHTSA?

- Did Tesla Motors violate securities law by using false information to acquire a federal loan which it then used to falsify its stock metrics in order to “pump” its stock?
- Did Deloitte accounting firm conspire with Tesla to manipulate market metrics in violation of RICO Statutes and did that firm manipulate Department of Energy review data on Tesla’s behalf?
- A U.S. Senator officiated at the opening of the Tesla NUMMI plant and lobbied for Tesla’s tax waivers, credits, acquisition of NUMMI and discounts and then that U.S. Senator had their staff work in Tesla’s offices. Is it a conflict of interest that this senator received campaign funding and this senator’s family received real estate deals from the Tesla and, (next door to Tesla), Solyndra real estate deals?
- Did Welles Fargo conspire with Tesla to manipulate market metrics in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Did Goldman Sachs conspire with Tesla to manipulate market metrics in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Were Department of Energy staff manipulating Tesla funding data in order to favor Tesla and its campaign funding investors in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Were Department of Energy staff manipulating Tesla funding data in order to disfavor Tesla competitors and competitors to its campaign funding investors in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Did Tesla owners, staff or investors attempt to delay federal investigations and indictments by asserting influence in violation of RICO Statutes and numerous other laws?
- Documents show there have been more Tesla fires that actually occurred than Tesla has reported in the media. How many actual Tesla factory fires, test car fires and Tesla battery fires have actually occurred?
- Please provide an identification matrix showing campaign backers who were lithium ion investors who had had their contacts exert influence over NHTSA decisions regarding Tesla?
- The Secretary of energy was friends with all of your investors. We have been unable to find the name of even one person from OPM and Congressional nomination file wrapper for Steven Chu’s nomination, who Chu did not later give DOE \$\$ or perks to. Why is that?
- The U.S. Post Office, The TSA, The DOE, The GAO, Panasonic and over 100 of the leading technical companies in the world say lithium ion batteries can spontaneously explode. Why do you not disclose this to your buyers in your literature?
- The Tesla can blow-up from its charger and/or its batteries. Are there other dangers that have also not been disclosed?
- Is Tesla operating in violation of the patents of any other company?
- By Elon Musk’s own admission, at the time of the DOE loan application all of the car designs were \$100,000.00, PER CAR, over budget and they had no final design for a factory production run DFM. How could Tesla have gotten the loan with the worst debt ratio, the least engineering, the greatest financial risk and the least collateral of any applicant?

- Tesla lobbyists worked with Rahm Emanuel in the White House, to arrange their loan deal. Rahm Emanuel's Senior Finance Aide was recently arrested for bribes, kickbacks, corruption and money Laundering. Steve Rattner, The West Wing "Car Czar", who Tesla investors worked with to secure the Tesla loan, was also indicted for corruption. Almost everyone at DOE involved in your loan was forced to quit or fired. Does this call your dealings into question?
- Rolls-Royce Holdings said the U.K.'s Serious Fraud Office has opened a formal investigation into bribery and corruption of government officials for cars for the 1%. Does this worry you?
- The NHTSA said that Elon Musk lied about Fire Safety Review approval and who made the request for recall and investigation. Should we trust Elon Musk?
- Tesla got another \$34 MILLION of our tax money in exclusive campaign finance kickbacks for billionaires from the State of California. Why did Tesla billionaires need a few million of our tax money in a recession when people have no jobs?
- The German Tesla "Safety Review" was exposed as "Sham" in that they conducted no safety review and were just told to "pass the car" by your bankers at Deutsche Bank! Why did you not disclose that the German's conducted no testing of your battery system of any nature?
- In Tesla's own filed patent applications you state that your batteries WILL explode spontaneously and kill and injure people and burn down their homes. Why did you not disclose this in buyers documentation?
- Tesla is MORE likely to catch on fire than gasoline car"per Bloomberg & MIT. Why did you not disclose this?
- Lithium Ion is "nearly impossible to extinguish, and "acts like solid rocket fuel" say firefighters. Tesla never supplied required battery company CO2 fire extinguishers to car owners. Why not?
- Federal Investigators say you are using "exploding flashlight batteries that were never intended to be used in cars, in an improperly shielded box" to power the car instead of commercial energy storage technology. They say your car has "85% less lithium crash protection on the Tesla than ANY OTHER ELECTRIC CAR". All other companies had to recall EXCEPT Tesla. Why not? What special leverage did you have?
- Over 150 defects and problems per model about the Tesla have been documented on user-forums and in the press including: "Doors lock you in and out. Bad if car on fire!"; "George Clooney Rips Tesla: 'Why Am I Always Stuck On The Side Of The F\*cking Road?"; "Tesla "Satisfaction" survey authored by it's own investors/fanboys"; "Tesla seat vibration causes Anal Itching!"; "VAMPIRE POWER DEFECT slams entire Tesla Model S fleet!"; "Numerous defects documented by owners online." When the NUMMI factory was in use by GM and Toyota only 5 defects per model car produced there occurred. Even after you bought brand new robots, why did the Tesla cars get worse in a pre-configured factory with billions of dollars of past car preparation?

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your public response to clarify these issues and concerns.

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## Elon Musk: Government's \$5 Billion Man

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**C**apitalism 2015: In corporate finance today, the theme is "Go where the money is." For Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, SolarCity and SpaceX, the place to hunt for cash isn't Wall Street or even Silicon Valley. It's Washington, D.C.

In current investigations of Tesla Motors and Elon Musk, investigators are focused on potentially unethical and criminal activities concerning the following issues:

- The origins of Tesla and why Elon Musk had nothing to do with creating Tesla Motors
- The relationship between Tesla owners and White House staff
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Department of Energy staff
- The relationship between Tesla owners and In-Q-Tel
- The relationship between Tesla owners and political campaign financiers
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Google, including Eric Schmidt and Google investors
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Goldman Sachs
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Russian oligarch “business men”
- The relationship between Tesla owners and media outlets such as Think Progress, New America Foundation, ALICE, Media Matters, Gawker Media, Google, and related information control consortium's
- The relationship between Tesla owners and John Doerr's Kleiner Perkins Company
- The relationship between Tesla owners, the National Venture Capitol Association, the Silicon Valley Cartel and the coordinated venture capital “Black-listing” of Tesla competitors
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Troll Farm services that provide “click-farm”, “meat-puppet”, “sock-puppet”, “fake likes” and automated contrived social media
- The deaths, and traumatic injuries, of Tesla Motor's staff, investors, investigators and customers
- The war profiteering, and lobbied invasion efforts, by Tesla investors, for Afghanistan, Bolivian and other foreign lithium mining contracts
- The details of the political campaign kick-backs, and the pay-offs of gratis taxpayer cash, tax credits, real estate, government contracts, write-offs, stock warrants, and other payola as criminally “unjust rewards”
- The known, and covered-up, dangers of toxic vapors, fires and explosions of lithium ion batteries
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Dianne Feinstein, her



husband Richard Blum and Harry Reid

- The charges and lawsuits against Elon Musk, and Tesla Motors for Fraud, by wives, employees, founders, suppliers, investors and others
- Recent leaks and disclosures
- Potential criminal charges against the suspects and the financial relationships of all suspects
- Systemized corruption and kick-back programs within state, and federal, agencies
- Cover-ups created to protect political officials who benefited from stock, campaign support and other perks
- The planting of "Moles" and the operation of sabotage efforts against multiple competitors by Tesla staff
- Coordinated, criminal, stock market manipulations via "Flash Boy Algorithms", "Buy Bots", "Pumping via buybacks", "Valuation fraud via Google ranking manipulation", "Media cover-ups and news hiding via Google ranking manipulation", "DOE PR Valuation boost coordinations" and direct TSLA stock chart fraud
- Who, knew what, and when they knew it



**MUSK'S OWN STAFF CALL HIM: "A**

***LIAR”***

# Elon Musk’s Space Dream Almost Killed Tesla

By Ashlee Vance

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SpaceX started with a plan to send mice to Mars. It got crazier from there.

In late October 2001, Elon Musk went to Moscow to buy an intercontinental ballistic missile. He brought along Jim Cantrell, a kind of international aerospace supplies fixer, and Adeo Ressi, his best friend from Penn. Although Musk had tens of millions in the bank, he was trying to get a rocket on the cheap. They flew coach, and they were planning to buy a refurbished missile, not a new one. Musk figured it would be a good vehicle for sending a plant or some mice to Mars.

## **John Doerr**

*Did Venture Capital groups run a cartel to try to control the energy and new auto industry? Why are almost all of the venture capitalist males from one of a handful of schools who all attended the same fraternities and were in the same clubs and who predominantly only fund others from that group, or companies with others in controlling positions, in those companies?*

*The VC's have all overtly aligned with the following organizations: ACA, WBAA, NASVF, NACO, beAngels, Angel Associated, HBAN and the Bilderberg protocols. They have meetings where they agree on what groups of company types to fund and which disruptive technologies to agree, together, to shun, in order to protect their current investments. Isn't that a monopolistic practice? Shouldn't the justice department be suing and regulating them?*

*You can read about this story:*

*"Bullivant, House & Bailey law firm represented high profile investors from around the U.S. and Canada against a well-known venture capitalist and a former Big 5 accounting firm. Claims of conversion, breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract were brought against the venture capitalist. Claims of fraud, accounting malpractice, breach of contract, conspiracy, and aiding and abetting were brought against the accounting firm. The jury awarded more than \$60 million in compensatory and punitive damages in favor of our clients. The case showed that VC's operate on an organized crime modus operando."*

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*"Wow! Really? No Way! Wow!...this was my reaction to the 'revelation' of a post by Michael Arrington's "[So a Blogger Walks Into A Bar...](#)"*

*This true account of what happens when Tech Crunch's Mike Arrington walks into a Silicon Valley bar has all the trappings of a gangster movie. For starters, the bar, a group of powerful early stage investors meeting, colluding, plotting against any competition, an agenda on how to control the industry and monopolize and this is NOT a movie! Here is an extract of Mike's account:*

*I've never seen a more guilty looking group of people. But that alone isn't that big of a deal. Lively conversations often die quickly when I arrive, and I've learned not to take it personally. But I did sniff around a little afterwards, and have spoken to three people who were at that meeting. And that's where things got interesting.*

*This group of investors, which together account for nearly 100% of early stage startup deals in Silicon Valley, have been meeting regularly to compare notes. Early on it was mostly to complain about a variety of things. But the conversation has evolved to the point where these super angels are actually colluding (and I don't use that word lightly) to solve a number of problems, say multiple sources who are part of the group and were at the dinner.*

*Is there room for price fixing, total control and a greed based structure in the free market world? Is this really best for startups? For entrepreneurs? For Silicon Valley which is a renowned culture known for promoting innovation and talent in startups?*

*This entire scenario is wrong on so many different levels but knowing this is what can happen within closed doors here are some changes critical to a culture which reflects the values of a entrepreneurial community and a better future for startups:*

*1. We need transparency. This is very evident from what we've just witnessed.*

*2. Do things in the open and on the record. Why can't investors, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders work in a transparent environment online where there is automatic accountability and governance through open interactions and a community that can see what's going on?*

*3. The system has to benefit all parties involved. Entrepreneurs, investors and others. It needs to be fair and favor innovation. Bring up the best. Mystique, lack of transparency, complex rules are not benefit of anything but greed*

*4. There is no room for protectionism in a free market. We don't need early stage capital markets to be exclusive to a select few who control everything. We need to make it more inclusive and involve as many as possible. The more support, the more investors, more and better companies will be born.*

***“ At Bucks Restaurant in Woodside, California every morning a group of venture capitalists meet for breakfast strategy sessions. Alas, with the age of the iphone, many of those meetings have been recorded by equally hungry entrepreneurs and now posted on YouTube. Before some of them were removed, it was stunning to see the audacious and mercenary mindsets of these people in their search-and-destroy mentality regarding competing interests...”***

***“The now famous Kleiner Perkins sex abuse law suit has revealed some juicy inside information about the reduction of women and competitors in the industry to “targets and termination goals”...***

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***There are hundreds of tales like this that can be easily researched. So the question is: Was***

***part of the DOE energy funding failure because a group of venture capitalists, including Goldman Sachs, rigged the system? Did these VC's contribute campaign finances in exchange for control of certain industries? Who met with these VC's during the staging period, while they still worked for the government, that then left well paying government jobs to go work in the private sector?***

A Dear John Letter – Silicon Valley Version:

Dear John:

Mr. Doer, Federal law enforcement agents, U.S. Senators, intelligence agency officers, well known journalists, private investigators, your ex-employees, lawyers and others tell us that you:

- Ripped-off many people's intellectual property by having your people ask to look at entrepreneur's technologies, under the guise of "considering an investment", when all you wanted to do was spy out things you could steal.
- You then rolled out 100% copies of entrepreneur's technologies under, other names, funded by your operation.
- YOU organized the Silicon Valley "No-Poaching Conspiracy" and screwed over quite a large number of workers.
- You put plants into entrepreneurs companies. These were "moles" who actually worked for you, and you sent them in to damage and disrupt many small start-up companies because their technology was beating your competing copycat attempts.
- You ran a mining commodity scam, with your Russian "business partners" and some crooked senators, to try to take over the lithium and silicon mineral markets working with Elon Musk and the Solyndra crowd.
- When you got caught doing that, you put a hit job on the people you didn't like, using the contract character assassination groups: "Media Matters", "Think Progress", New America Foundation, "In-Q-Tel", "Gawker Media" and people like John Podesta, Lois Lerner and Sidney Blumenthal.
- Your ex partners have "Nazi" issues, tax evasion issues, a taking-over-California-beaches issue, a felony issue... and well, let's just say, you really hang around with a lot of Dicks!
- You pretty much destroyed Silicon Valley and turned it into a misogynistic, frat-boy club, abusing, black-hating nightmare of a place.
- You caused events, which caused the demise of Gary D. Conley, and other people
- You traded "CleanTech" cash for campaign finance conduit schemes and database/search engine rigging in order to manipulate elections using your company holding: Google.
- You financed and promoted Steven Chu and Eric Holder into office in order to effect your "CleanTech Kick-Back Scheme".

We see even more about you that is pretty bad, and pretty well documented in the media. You sound like a pretty twisted guy with some deeply disturbed power-trip motivations.

So here's the deal. Mobster-like people should, by law, be shut down and run out of town.

With the new transparent, open, world that we live in, that now seems pretty do-able.

Let's see if everybody on the internet, without breaking a single law, can track down every one of your assets, false fronts, off-shore tax havens, illicit deals, political bribes, PAC's, homes, lovers, videos, victims, lies, public policy manipulations, Russian "pals", backdoor deals, and every portfolio asset you have on Earth. Let's see how the shoe fits on the other foot.

Let's see if the world can tweet all that at hashtag #Johnsxbadguy

Let's see if they can torrent all of it with keyword: johnsxbadguy-tor

Let's see if anybody comes up to you, at your next speaking engagement, or restaurant visit, and arrests you in a citizen's arrest.

Let's see if the class-action that led to the anti-poaching lawsuit, against your gang, can be re-invoked as a RICO Racketeering lawsuit against your whole company.

The international law enforcement crowd is pretty busy with all of the ruckus in the Middle East. The citizens of the world will now help those beleaguered law enforcement people, by gathering some files on you. After all, your Guistra-esque mining manipulations in Afghanistan, Bolivia and other regions caused some of the very instability, and corruption, that law enforcement now has to deal with.

Well John, this has been fun.

See you in Hell.

Love,

The World Outside of Your Douchebag Glass Bubble

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## Can Kleiner Perkins and Goldman Sachs Rig Stock Market Prices Via Direct Electronic Back Door Links to Stock Market Servers? YES! ##

- So why isn't anybody doing anything about it?
- Are the White House and the Fed protecting the campaign backing Musk/Doerr companies in the stock market, no matter how bad they are actually doing?
  - The Book, and coming film: "FLASH BOYS" details this trick
- Small traders already being indicted for Flash Boy tricks but big boys ignored because they are campaign backers
  - Direct evidence of rigging of Tesla Motors stock market ticker data exposed
  - Doesn't allowing this to continue destroy the value and credibility of the NYSE?
  - Should campaign backers get to break the system just because they want to?

## Senator Dianne Feinstein

When U. S. Senators Harry Reid and Dianne Feinstein realized they could each make billions of dollars, personally, via their family stock holdings and campaign funds, they didn't waste a minute stabbing their own constituents in the back to get at that cash.

California and Nevada Green Car Companies, Solar Companies, Energy Technology Companies, Green Builders and Transit Companies were hacked off at the knees because they competed with the stock assets that Reid and Feinstein had acquired in their kick-back deals.

These other applicants were all "GREEN COMPANIES": supposedly the Democrat's favorite things. It doesn't matter, though, how "green" your company was, if it was in the path for the "green cash" from Tesla or Solyndra. Two of the favored companies who paid the kick-backs to federal officials.

Is the argument from Feinstein's office that: "there just wasn't enough money left at the Department of Energy" true? No, it is a 100% out-right lie. The Federal GAO, the people that watch for corruption, state that there has always been, and still is, billions, and billions and billions of dollars, set aside EXCLUSIVELY for these companies, that was never used. In Fact, there was always more than enough money to fund every single applicant.

Staff from ZAP Motors, Redwood Solar, Aptera and dozens of other companies have specifically stated that Harry Reid, Dianne Feinstein and their Chief's of Staff, personally wrote to them, spoke with them and lied to them.

Under Eric Holder, (who is Feinstein's, Reid' and Steven Chu's buddy) refused to take any action. Now it is Lynch's turn.

Harry Reid sabotaged the applicants for Department of Energy Funds if they competed with Kleiner Perkins companies who were funding the campaigns of Reid and Feinstein through PAC's and family trusts.

Further, Recent disclosures, such as the following, shed disturbing light on the depths of this criminal; behavior:

"Did the LA TIMES Article on Elon Musk Kick-Backs actually disclose an organized crime operation involving some very famous people?"

The LA TIMES just ran an article which exposes Elon Musk's funding system, based on Government hand-outs. Musk rushed to hold a press conference to claim the amount of taxpayer cash, he has received, was "just a pittance". Few, though, find over FIVE BILLION DOLLARS of tax waivers, credits, employment freebies, buildings, exclusive contracts, and other taxpayer provided goodies, to be "a pittance" in these tough times.

While it is true that Musk has now received more taxpayer hand-outs, than any individual in American history, one could argue that he is just a lucky business man.

But, just for the purpose of theoretical discussion, what if some of the darker theories about

Musk's coincidental windfalls have some merit?

Let's jump right to the most sinister interpretation of things.

One of the whispered rumours, on the web holds that in 2007, right when Musk's silent partners, Eric Schmidt and John Doerr started, practically, living at the White House in a lobbying frenzy, the Democrats finally acknowledged that they really were the party of the poor, because they were flat broke. So some of them came up with the idea of creating a Department of Energy fund called the "ATVM Fund", loading it up with \$25 Billion kick-back dollars of taxpayer cash, awarding it only to Schmidt/Doerr/Musk related companies, and shutting out all of their competitors.

Indeed, history shows that the fund actually was created. It really got \$25 Billion, in a unique legal manner, which made the \$25 Billion irrevocable. Schmidt/Doerr/Musk's buddy: Steven Chu, was put in charge of it. He hired their friends to staff his office.

See where this is going?

So, per this theory, Musk is actually a kick-back conduit, protected by the White House, to spiff the DNC campaign funds...according to this theory. Which is just a theory. It couldn't really happen, right? The White House wouldn't prop up a guy just to keep him quiet and keep kick-back cash flowing.. right?

So this theory is kind of ironic because, in an amazing coincidence, everything that Musk gets involved in, is exactly stuff that the White House is promoting.

In an even more bizarre coincidence, to pull a scam like this off, the Schmidt/Doerr/Musk Cartel would need the help of U.S. Senators Reid and Feinstein, the most beloved American politicians in history.

This whole theory must have come out of the fact that Reid and Feinstein made billions of dollars off of Schmidt/Doerr/Musk Cartel stock investments, "Flash Boy" stock manipulations, and campaign contributions, but, that was, of course just another funny coincidence. They even ran, and built, some of the properties that these Department of Energy "winners" companies sat upon. But, again, coincidence!

The main reason one might cast doubt on this theory is that there are so many hard facts to prove it, that it is just too good to be true, right?

All of the profitable chemicals that Tesla and Solyndra were going to buy and sell in volume were controlled by the investors in Kliener Perkins and commodity-managed by their partners: Goldman Sachs.

Musk's companies have poor business volume, but show a profit whenever there is bad news thanks to Kleiner rushing out to "Flash Boy" purchase Tesla stock, with an automated stock buying system, in order to pump the stock. Federal, and private investigator, records show that this actually happened. It has also been proven that only Google, Reddit and the other Kleiner-controlled web-news-media mask all negative Musk/Tesla news in perfect synchronization with the stock pumps, when no other publications on the planet do. Again, these are just coincidences. If people were consciously doing those kinds of things it would



be mobster-ism on a Godfather-class scale.

Originators of the scam, from the White House side, were Emanuel, Plouffe, Axelrod, Rattner and Gibbs. Emanuel, Plouffe, Axelrod, Rattner and Gibbs suddenly quit the White House, at the peak of their career, for reasons that don't make sense. The fact that one of them was indicted for stock market fraud only goes to strengthen concerns.

So, even if this really had happened, the brave and fearless protector of ethics and morality: Mr. Eric Holder, would have cracked right down on his friends here—who he knew personally, and had dinner with, and had the same lawyers with—oh,.. well.. but anyway. Eric would have jumped on them, right? The White House wouldn't order the Justice Department and the FBI to ignore Elon Musk, John Doerr and the Silicon Valley Cartel as a kick-back protection order, now would they?

Mobsters kill people. Rajeev Motwani, David Bird, Gary D. Conley, 3 Tesla engineers and a large bunch of others did, certainly, die under mysterious circumstances, and they were all people that this cartel would want dead, but to say that these billionaires are off murdering their adversaries using mysterious CIA stealth murder tricks is overly intriguing.

Of course, as we all now know, every single one of those companies in the ATVM Fund scam grabbed the cash, paid their CEO and Goldman Sachs insiders off-the-top, and immediately went bankrupt in the largest government-funded sequential business-failure suite in history. While some argue that a secret GOP Task Force discovered the plot and forced all of the Kleiner Cartel DOE "Winners" to collapse, in punishment, this is probably another coincidence."

Are these coincidences or intentionally ignored facts? Is The White House ordering law enforcement to ignore this issue because they know that a number of their top former senior staff are required to be arrested?

Here is the main argument against this theory, Mobsters are big greasy looking guys with bulbous broken noses and slicked back pompadours. These Musk and Kleiner people wear khaki's and black turtlenecks. KHAKI'S for god-damn sakes!!

## **The Players: Collateral Damage**

There are too many, unexpectedly, dead innocent victims associated with this scandal. Too many lives were destroyed by digital character assassination, corporate sabotage and economic attacks.

## **Bright Automotive**

Stone-walled, lied to, sabotaged and blockaded because they had a product that the Cartel could not compete with...



February 28, 2012

Secretary Steven Chu  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Chu,

Today Bright Automotive, Inc will withdraw its application for a loan under the ATVM program administered by your department. Bright has not been explicitly rejected by the DOE; rather, we have been forced to say "uncle". As a result, we are winding down our operations.

Last week we received the fourth "near final" Conditional Commitment Letter since September 2010. Each new letter arrived with more onerous terms than the last. The first three were workable for us, but the last was so outlandish that most rational and objective persons would likely conclude that your team was negotiating in bad faith. We hope that as their Secretary, this was not at your urging.

The actions – or better said "lack of action" -- by your team means hundreds of great manufacturing and technical jobs, union and non-union alike, and thousands of indirect jobs in Indiana and Michigan will not see the light of day. It means our product, the Bright IDEA plug-in hybrid electric commercial vehicle, will not provide the lowest total cost of ownership for our commercial and government fleet customers, saving millions of barrels of oil each year. It means turning your back on a bona fide step forward in our national goal to wean America away from our addiction to foreign oil and its implications on national security and our economic strength.

In good faith we entered the ATVM process, approved under President Bush with bi-partisan Congressional approval, in December of 2008. At that time, our application was deemed "substantially complete." As of today, we have been in the "due diligence" process for more than 1175 days. That is a record for which no one can be proud.

We were told by the DOE in August of 2010 that Bright would get the ATVM loan "within weeks, not months" after we formed a strategic partnership with General Motors as the DOE had urged us to do. We lined up and agreed to private capital commitments exceeding \$200M – a far greater percentage than previous DOE loan applicants. Finally, we signed definitive agreements with state-of-the-art manufacturer AM General that would have employed more

than 400 union workers in Indiana in a facility that recently laid-off 350 workers. Each time your team asked for another new requirement, we delivered with speed and excellence.

Then, we waited and waited; staying in this process for as long as we could after repeated, yet unmet promises by government bureaucrats. We continued to play by the rules, even as you and your team were changing those rules constantly – seemingly on a whim.

Because of ATVM's distortion of U.S. private equity markets, the only opportunities for 100 percent private equity markets are abroad. We made it clear we were an American company, with American workers developing advanced, deliverable and clean American technology. We unfortunately did not aggressively pursue an alternative funding path in China as early as we would have liked based on our understanding of where we were in the DOE process. I guess we have only ourselves to blame for having faith in the words and promises of our government officials.

The Chairman of a Fortune 10 company told your former deputy, Jonathan Silver, that this program “lacked integrity”; that is, it did not have a consistent process and rules against which private enterprises could rationally evaluate their chances and intelligently allocate time and resources against that process. There can be no greater failing of government than to not have integrity when dealing with its taxpaying citizens.

It does not give us any solace that we are not alone in the debacle of the ATVM process. ATVM has executed under \$50 million of transactions since October of 2009. Going back to the creation of the program, only about \$8 billion of the approved \$25 billion has been invested. In the meantime, countless hours, efforts and millions of dollars have been put forth by a multitude of strong entrepreneurial teams and some of the largest players in the industry to advance your articulated goal of advancing the technical strength and clean energy breakthroughs of the American automotive industry. These collective efforts have been in vain as the program failed to finance both large existing companies and younger emerging ones alike.

Our vehicle would have been critical to meet President Obama's stated goal of one million plug-in electric vehicles on the road in 2015 and his commitment to buy 100 percent alternative fueled vehicles for the Federal Fleet. So, we are not the only ones who will be disappointed.

The ineffectiveness of the DOE to execute its program harms commercial enterprise as it not only interfered with the capital markets; it placed American companies at the whim of approval by a group of bureaucrats. Today at your own ARPA-E conference, Fred Smith, the remarkable leader of FedEx, made the compelling case to reduce our dependence on oil; a product whose price is manipulated by a cartel which has caused the greatest wealth transfer in our history from the pockets of working people and businesses to countries, many of whom are not our allies. And yet, having in hand a tremendous tool for progress in this critically strategic battle -- a tool that drew the country's best to your door -- you failed not only in the deployment of funds from ATVM but in dissipating these efforts against not just false hope, but false words.

For us, this is a particularly sad day for our employees and their families, as well as the employees and families of our partners. We asked our team members on countless occasions to work literally around the clock whenever yet another new DOE requirement came down the pike, so that we could respond swiftly and accurately. And, we always did.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reuben Munger" followed by a stylized flourish.

Reuben Munger  
CEO

Mike Donoughe  
COO

## **The Players: The Ones Who Exposed It**

The reporters, employees, public servants and voters who finally said: "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more."

Carol Leoning- Washington Post (Re-directed off story. Entire Washington Post company then purchased by White House campaign financiers)

Edward Snowden- NSA (Forced to flee country. Character assassinated)

Darryl Issa – U.S. Senate (Character assassinated)

Gary D. Conley – Solar & Hydrogen CEO (Found dead with bullet in head behind California Air Force Base)

Andrew Brietbart – News publisher (Found dead in shower)

Christine Lakatos – News Blogger (Harassed)

Kim Jong Un – North Korean Strongman who had Sony hacked to expose Sony's secret financing of political campaigns (Had Cyber War declared on his country)

Jofi Joseph – Senior White House staffer and White House administration spouse who tweeted corruption and mismanagement tips from inside West Wing (Targeted and media highlighted regarding sexual activities)

# Jack Abramhoff

## Jack Abramhoff: The lobbyist's playbook

Jack Abramhoff, the notorious former lobbyist at the center of Washington's biggest corruption scandal indecades, spent more than three years in prison for his crimes. Now a free man, he reveals how he was able to influence politicians and their staffers through generous gifts and job offers. He tells Lesley Stahl the reforms instituted in the wake of his scandal have had little effect.

The following is a script of "The Lobbyist's Playbook" which aired on Nov. 6, 2011. Lesley Stahl is the correspondent. Ira Rosen, producer.

Jack Abramhoff may be the most notorious and crooked lobbyist of our time. He was at the center of a massive scandal of brazen corruption and influence peddling.

### Jack Abramhoff: Inside Capitol corruption »

As a Republican lobbyist starting in the mid 1990s, he became a master at showering gifts on lawmakers in return for their votes on legislation and tax breaks favorable to his clients. He was so good at it, he took home \$20 million a year.

It all came crashing down five years ago, when Jack Abramhoff pled guilty to corrupting public officials, tax evasion and fraud, and served three and a half years in prison.

Today he's a symbol of how money corrupts Washington. In our interview tonight, he opens up his playbook for the first time and explains exactly how he used his clients' money to buy powerful friends and influence legislation.

**Jack Abramhoff:** I was so far into it that I couldn't figure out where right and wrong was. I believed that I was among the top moral people in the business. I was totally blinded by what was going on.

Jack Abramhoff was a whiz at influencing legislation and one way he did that was to get his clients, like some Indian tribes, to make substantial campaign contributions to select members of Congress.

**Abramhoff:** As I look back it was effective. It certainly helped the people I was trying to help, both the clients and the Republicans at that time.

**Lesley Stahl:** But even that, you're now saying, was corrupt?

**Abramhoff:** Yes.

**Stahl:** Can you quantify how much it costs to corrupt a congressman?



**Abramoff:** I was actually thinking of writing a book - "The Idiot's Guide to Buying a Congressman" - as a way to put this all down. First, I think most congressmen don't feel they're being bought. Most congressmen, I think, can in their own mind justify the system.

**Stahl:** Rationalize.

**Abramoff:** --rationalize it and by the way we wanted as lobbyists for them to feel that way.

Abramoff would provide freebies and gifts - looking for favors for his clients in return. He'd lavish certain congressmen and senators with access to private jets and junkets to the world's great golf destinations like St. Andrews in Scotland. Free meals at his own upscale Washington restaurant and access to the best tickets to all the area's sporting events; including two skyboxes at Washington Redskins games.

**Abramoff:** I spent over a million dollars a year on tickets to sporting events and concerts and what not at all the venues.

**Stahl:** A million dollars?

**Abramoff:** Ya. Ya.

**Stahl:** For the best seats?

**Abramoff:** The best seats. I had two people on my staff whose virtual full-time job was booking tickets. We were Ticketmaster for these guys.

**Stahl:** And the congressman or senator could take his favorite people from his district to the game--

**Abramoff:** The congressman or senator uh, could take two dozen of his favorite people from their district.

**Stahl:** Was all that legal?

**Abramoff:** We would certainly try to make the activity legal, if we could. At times we didn't care. But the "best way" to get a congressional office to do his bidding - he says - was to offer a staffer a job that could triple his salary.

**Abramoff:** When we would become friendly with an office and they were important to us, and the chief of staff was a competent person, I would say or my staff would say to him or her at some point, "You know, when you're done working on the Hill, we'd very much like you to consider coming to work for us." Now the moment I said that to them or any of our staff said that to 'em, that was it. We owned them. And what does that mean? Every request from our office, every request of our clients, everything that we want, they're gonna do. And not only that, they're gonna think of things we can't think of to do.

**Neil Volz:** Jack Abramoff could sweet talk a dog off a meat truck, that's how persuasive he was.

Neil Volz was one of the staffers Abramoff was talking about. He was chief of staff to

Congressman Bob Ney, who as chairman of the House Administration Committee had considerable power to dispense favors. Abramoff targeted Volz and offered him a job.

**Stahl:** You're the chief of staff of a powerful congressman. And Jack owns you and you haven't even left working for the congressman.

**Volz:** I have the distinct memory of, you know, negotiating with Jack at a hockey game. So we're, you know, just a few rows back. The crowd's goin' crazy. And Jack and I are havin' a business conversation. And, you know, I'm-- I'm wrestlin' with how much I think I should get paid. And then five minutes later we're-- he's askin' me questions about some clients of his.

**Stahl:** When you look back was that the corrupting moment?

**Volz:** I think we were guilty of engaging in a corrupt relationship. So there were several corrupting moments. There isn't just one moment. There were many.

**Abramoff:** At the end of the day most of the people that I encountered who worked on Capitol Hill wanted to come work on K Street, wanted to be lobbyists.

**Stahl:** You're telling me this, the genius of figuring out you could own the office by offering a job to the chief of staff, say. I'm having two reactions. One is brilliant. And the other is I'm sick to my stomach.

**Abramoff:** Right. Evil. Yeah. Terrible.

**Stahl:** 'Cause it's hurting our country.

**Abramoff:** Shameful. Absolutely. It's the worst thing that could happen. All parts of the system.

**Stahl:** I'm mad at you.

**Abramoff:** I was mad at me--

**Stahl:** I'm not kidding. I'm not kidding.

**Abramoff:** Look I did things and I was involved in the system I should not have been in. I'm ashamed of the fact I was there, the very reason why now I'm speaking about it. And now I'm trying to do something, in recompense, is the fact that I thought it was-- it was wrong of me to do it.

One of the offices he keyed on was that of his good friend, the Majority Leader Tom Delay, eventually hiring his deputy chief of staff and his press secretary, and going into business with Delay's chief of staff.

**Stahl:** Did you own his staff?

**Abramoff:** I was as close to his staff as to any staff. I had a very strong personal relationship with a lot of his staff.

**Stahl:** How many congressional offices did you actually own?

**Abramoff:** We probably had very strong influence in 100 offices at the time.

**Stahl:** Come on.

**Abramoff:** No.

**Stahl:** A hundred offices?

**Abramoff:** In those days, I would view that as a failure. Because that leaves 335 offices that we didn't have strong influence in.

**Stahl:** Did he own you?

**Bob Ney:** Oh, I don't believe Jack Abramoff owned me. But were we involved in the culture of corruption together? Absolutely.

Former Republican Congressman Bob Ney was ambitious and looked at Abramoff as a way to build alliances with the White House and the majority leader.

**Ney:** I wanted to be speaker of the House and Jack Abramoff was the beautiful light of day for me to get to the person who I had had some conflicts with, Tom Delay.

Abramoff began inviting Ney on golf trips including one to Scotland and to his restaurant Signatures, where Ney was given food and drinks on the house, a violation of the congressional gift limit laws. Ney says he was hardly the only one crossing the line.

**Ney:** But I will still tell you, at that point in time, in order to get a drink at Signatures you had to shove White House staffers of George Bush the heck away from the bar. And it was packed with people. And there were members. Now that doesn't mean everybody did everything for Jack. But if you wanna talk about strict interpretation of violation of the-- of-- of the laws of drink and food, Katey bar the door, she was wide open, two shotguns blarin'.

After months of taking handouts, Ney was approached by Neil Volz, his former chief of staff, by then a lobbyist for Abramoff.

**Volz:** I let you down man and I'm sorry...

Volz asked Ney to insert some language into a reform bill that would give a backdoor license to an Indian casino owned by one of Abramoff's clients. You often hear about lobbyists getting special secret deals for their clients like this. It's an insidious technique that Abramoff perfected.

**Abramoff:** So what we did was we crafted language that was so obscure, so confusing, so uninformative, but so precise to change the U.S. code.

**Stahl:** Here's what you tried to get tacked on to this reform bill.

**Abramoff:** Yeah.

**Stahl:** "Public law 100-89 is amended by striking section 207 (101 stat. 668, 672)."

**Abramoff:** Right. Now isn't that obvious what that means? It was perfect. It was perfect.

**Stahl:** So that's what you tried to get inserted?

**Abramoff:** Yes.

**Stahl:** And that was gonna provide for a casino?

**Abramoff:** Yes.

**Stahl:** And who on earth is gonna know that?

**Abramoff:** No one except the chairmen of the committees.

**Stahl:** Who stuck it in there?

**Abramoff:** Yes.

**Stahl:** And that's one of the things you used to do?

**Abramoff:** Yes.

**Stahl:** And it was deliberately written like that?

**Abramoff:** Precisely. Yes.

**Stahl:** And that's done a lot?

**Abramoff:** Members don't read the bills.

**Stahl:** You didn't even know what it was for?

**Ney:** Had no idea. And then when we got the written language--

**Stahl:** Well-- why didn't you know what it was for?

**Ney:** I didn't-- I didn't care.

**Stahl:** Oh!

**Ney:** It was a great big shell game. And I was in the middle of it, whether, you know, knowing or not. I--I was dumb enough to not say, "What's this thing do?"

Ney would eventually serve 17 months in federal prison, the only congressman who was ever charged in the scandal. But Abramoff says that there were many other members that did his bidding that could have been charged.

**Stahl:** Was buying favors from lawmakers easy?

**Abramoff:** I think people are under the impression that the corruption only involves somebody handing over a check and getting a favor. And that's not the case. The corruption, the bribery, call it, because ultimately that's what it is. That's what the whole system is.

**Stahl:** The whole system's bribery?

**Abramoff:** In my view. I'm talking about giving a gift to somebody who makes a decision on behalf of the public. At the end of the day, that's really what bribery is. But it is done everyday and it is still being done. The truth is there were very few members who I could even name or could think of who didn't at some level participate in that.

Abramoff prided himself on being a man who did good. He was devoutly religious and exorbitantly charitable and he says he gave away 80 percent of his earnings. When he fell from grace, his reputation was in tatters because it was not just that he had corrupted Congress - it was found he had cheated his clients, like the Indian tribes.

**Abramoff:** Most of the money I made I gave away, to either communal or charitable causes. So I thought frankly I was one of the most moral lobbyists out there.

Things began to unravel for Abramoff when the Washington Post published a largely unflattering portrait of him in 2004, reporting that he charged his clients 10 times more than any other lobbyist in town. Abramoff: My first response was, "What's the big deal? I don't understand what this is about. This is what lobbyists do. What he didn't understand was the part that said he and a former aide to Tom Delay had overbilled four of his Indian casino clients by \$45 million. In the end, he was brought up on federal charges of tax evasion and ripping off Indian tribes. On the day he went to court and pled guilty, Abramoff looked grim. The judge sentenced him to four years.

**Stahl:** I really think what you were doing was-- was subverting the essence of our system.

**Abramoff:** Yes. Absolutely right. But our system is flawed and has to be fixed. Human beings populate our system. Human beings are weak.

**Stahl:** And you preyed on that?

**Abramoff:** I did. I was one of many who did. I did. And I'm ashamed of that fact.

He was sent to a medium security facility in Cumberland, Maryland. When he was released last June, he began working as an accountant at a kosher pizza parlor. Turns out Jack Abramoff was broke, partly because he is paying off nearly \$24 million in restitution to the Indian tribes. Today he lives in his old house in Maryland with his wife, five children and the two doberman pinschers Mrs. Abramoff bought to protect the family while he was away. After the scandal, Congress instituted a package of reforms, making what Abramoff did - like plying members of Congress with free expensive meals - illegal. But he doesn't see the new reforms as being very effective.

**Abramoff:** The reform efforts continually are these faux-reform efforts where they'll change, they'll

tweak the system. They'll say, "You can have a meal with a congressman if they're standing up, not sitting down."

**Stahl:** Is that serious? Or are you joking?

**Abramoff:** Oh no, I'm not joking at all.

**Stahl:** So, it's okay if you pay for lunch as long as you stand up?

**Abramoff:** Well, it's actually worse than that. You a hamburger or a steak of something like that. But buy him that steak, but give him \$25,000 extra and all the same interaction with that congressman. So system. can't take a congressman to lunch for \$25 and buy him you can take him to a fundraising lunch and not only call it a fundraiser. And have all the same access and the people who make the reforms are the people in the

**Stahl:** Could you do the same thing today? I'm asking you whether you think the system's been cleaned up?

**Abramoff:** Could do the same thing that I? Yeah. No, the system hasn't been cleaned up at all.

**Stahl:** At all.

**Abramoff:** There's an arrogance on the part of lobbyists, and certainly there was on the part of me and my team, that no matter what they come up we, we're smarter than they are and we'll overcome it. We'll just find another way through. That's all.

He says the most important thing that needs to be done is to prohibit members of Congress and their staff from ever becoming lobbyists in Washington.

**Abramoff:** If you make the choice to serve the public, public service, then serve the public, not yourself. When you're done, go home. Washington's a dangerous place. Don't hang around.

Former Congressman Bob Ney now works part-time as a radio host. His former chief of staff Neil Volz is currently working as a night janitor at a Florida restaurant.

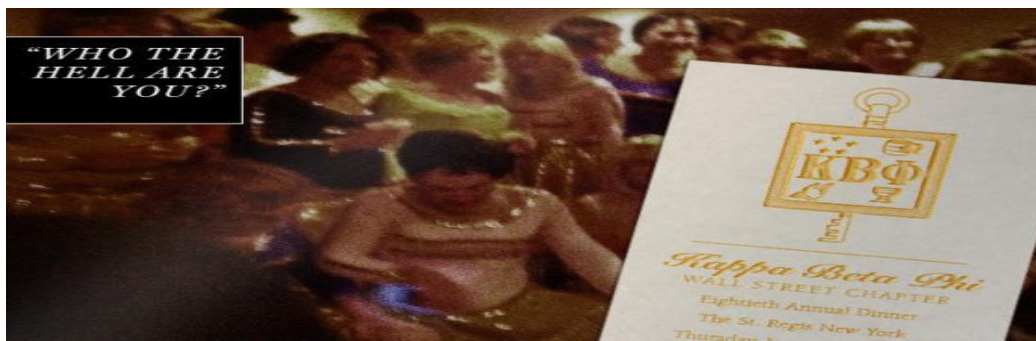
And Jack Abramoff has written a memoir called "Capitol Punishment."

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## Enabling Corruption: The lives and upbringing of the Silicon Valley Rape Culture boys

What kind of family structure, school life and social programming could cause such deviant, and warped, behavior by this small group of “privileged” elitist white males from dynastic families?

### One-Percent Jokes and Plutocrats in Drag: What I Saw When I Crashed a Wall Street Secret Society



Recently, our nation’s financial chieftains have been feeling a little unloved. Venture capitalists are comparing the persecution of the rich to the plight of [Jews at Kristallnacht](#), Wall Street titans are saying that they’re [sick of being beaten up](#), and this week, a billionaire investor, Wilbur Ross, [proclaimed](#) that “the 1 percent is being picked on for political reasons.”

Ross’s statement seemed particularly odd, because two years ago, I met Ross at an event that might single-handedly explain why the rest of the country still hates financial tycoons – the annual black-tie induction ceremony of a secret Wall Street fraternity called Kappa Beta Phi.

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“Good evening, Exalted High Council, former Grand Swipes, Grand Swipes-in-waiting, fellow Wall Street Kappas, Kappas from the Spring Street and Montgomery Street chapters, and worthless neophytes!”

It was January 2012, and Ross, wearing a tuxedo and purple velvet moccasins embroidered with the fraternity’s Greek letters, was standing at the dais of the St. Regis Hotel ballroom, welcoming a crowd of two hundred wealthy and famous Wall Street figures to the Kappa Beta Phi dinner. Ross, the leader (or “Grand Swipe”) of the fraternity, was preparing to invite 21 new members — “neophytes,” as the group called them — to join its exclusive ranks.

Looking up at him from an elegant dinner of rack of lamb and foie gras were many of the

most famous investors in the world, including executives from nearly every too-big-to-fail bank, private equity megafirm, and major hedge fund. AIG CEO [Bob Benmosche](#) was there, as were Wall Street superlawyer Marty Lipton and Alan “Ace” Greenberg, the former chairman of Bear Stearns. And those were just the returning members. Among the neophytes were hedge fund billionaire and major Obama donor Marc Lasry and Joe Reece, a high-ranking dealmaker at Credit Suisse. **[To see the full Kappa Beta Phi member list, [click here](#).]** All told, enough wealth and power was concentrated in the St. Regis that night that if you had dropped a bomb on the roof, global finance as we know it might have ceased to exist.

During his introductory remarks, Ross spoke for several minutes about the legend of Kappa Beta Phi – how it had been started in 1929 by “four C+ William and Mary students”; how its crest, depicting a “macho right hand in a proper Savile Row suit and a Turnbull and Asser shirtsleeve,” was superior to that of its namesake Phi Beta Kappa (Ross called Phi Beta Kappa’s ruffled-sleeve logo a “tacit confession of homosexuality”); and how the fraternity’s motto, “*Dum vivamus edimus et biberimus*,” was Latin for “While we live, we eat and drink.”

On cue, the financiers shouted out in a thundering bellow: “*DUM VIVAMUS EDIMUS ET BIBERIMUS*.”

The only person not saying the chant along with Ross was me — a journalist who had sneaked into the event, and who was hiding out at a table in the back corner in a rented tuxedo.



Several Kappas at the table next to me, presumably discussing the coming plutocracy.

I’d heard whisperings about the existence of Kappa Beta Phi, whose members included both incredibly successful financiers (New York City’s Mayor Michael Bloomberg, former Goldman Sachs chairman John Whitehead, hedge-fund billionaire Paul Tudor Jones) and incredibly unsuccessful ones (Lehman Brothers CEO Dick Fuld, Bear Stearns CEO Jimmy Cayne, former New Jersey governor and MF Global flameout Jon Corzine). It was a secret fraternity, founded at the beginning of the Great Depression, that functioned as a sort of one-percenter’s Friars Club. Each year, the group’s dinner features comedy skits, musical acts in drag, and off-color jokes, and its group’s privacy mantra is “What happens at the St. Regis



stays at the St. Regis.” For eight decades, it worked. No outsider in living memory had witnessed the entire proceedings firsthand.



A Kappa neophyte (left) chats up a vet.

I wanted to break the streak for several reasons. As part of my research for [my book, \*Young Money\*](#), I’d been investigating the lives of young Wall Street bankers – the 22-year-olds toiling at the bottom of the financial sector’s food chain. I knew what made those people tick. But in my career as a financial journalist, one question that proved stubbornly elusive was what happened to Wall Streeters as they climbed the ladder to adulthood. Whenever I’d interviewed CEOs and chairmen at big Wall Street firms, they were always too guarded, too on-message and wrapped in media-relations armor to reveal anything interesting about the psychology of the ultra-wealthy. But if I could somehow see these barons in their natural environment, with their defenses down, I might be able to understand the world my young subjects were stepping into.

So when I learned when and where Kappa Beta Phi’s annual dinner was being held, I knew I needed to try to go.

Getting in was shockingly easy — a brisk walk past the sign-in desk, and I was inside cocktail hour. Immediately, I saw faces I recognized from the papers. I picked up an event program and saw that there were other boldface names on the Kappa Beta Phi membership roll — among them, then-Citigroup CEO Vikram Pandit, BlackRock CEO Larry Fink, Home Depot billionaire Ken Langone, Morgan Stanley bigwig Greg Fleming, and JPMorgan Chase vice chairman Jimmy Lee. Any way you count, this was one of the most powerful groups of business executives in the world. (Since I was a good 20 years younger than any other attendee, I suspect that anyone taking note of my presence assumed I was a waiter.)

I hadn't counted on getting in to the Kappa Beta Phi dinner, and now that I had gotten past security, I wasn't sure quite what to do. I wanted to avoid rousing suspicion, and I knew that talking to people would get me outed in short order. So I did the next best thing — slouched against a far wall of the room, and pretended to tap out emails on my phone.



The 2012 Kappa Beta Phi neophyte class.

After cocktail hour, the new inductees – all of whom were required to dress in leotards and gold-sequined skirts, with costume wigs – began their variety-show acts. Among the night's lowlights:

- [Paul Queally](#), a private-equity executive with Welsh, Carson, Anderson, & Stowe, told off-color jokes to [Ted Virtue](#), another private-equity bigwig with MidOcean Partners. The jokes ranged from unfunny and sexist (Q: “What’s the biggest difference between Hillary Clinton and a catfish?” A: “One has whiskers and stinks, and the other is a fish”) to unfunny and homophobic (Q: “What’s the biggest difference between Barney Frank and a Fenway Frank?” A: “Barney Frank comes in different-size buns”).
- [Bill Mulrow](#), a top executive at the Blackstone Group (who was later appointed [chairman](#) of the New York State Housing Finance Agency), and [Emil Henry](#), a hedge fund manager with Tiger Infrastructure Partners and former [assistant secretary of the Treasury](#), performed a bizarre two-man comedy skit. Mulrow was dressed in raggedy, tie-dye clothes to play the part of a liberal radical, and Henry was playing the part of a wealthy baron. They exchanged lines as if staging a debate between the 99 percent and the 1 percent. (“Bill, look at you! You’re pathetic, you liberal! You need a bath!” Henry shouted. “My God, you callow, insensitive Republican! Don’t you know what we need to do? We need to create jobs,” Mulrow shot back.)
- [David Moore](#), [Marc Lasry](#), and [Keith Meister](#) — respectively, a holding company CEO, a billionaire hedge-fund manager, and an activist investor — sang a few seconds of a finance-themed parody of “YMCA” before getting the hook.
- [Warren Stephens](#), an investment banking CEO, took the stage in a Confederate flag hat and sang a song about the financial crisis, set to the tune of “Dixie.” (“*In Wall Street land we’ll take our stand, said Morgan and Goldman. But first we better get some loans, so quick, get to*”)

*the Fed, man.”)*

A few more acts followed, during which the veteran Kappas continued to gorge themselves on racks of lamb, throw petits fours at the stage, and laugh uproariously. [Michael Novogratz](#), a former Army helicopter pilot with a shaved head and a stocky build whose firm, Fortress Investment Group, had made him a billionaire, was sitting next to me, drinking liberally and annotating each performance with jokes and insults.

“Can you fuckin’ believe Lasry up there?” Novogratz asked me. I nodded. He added, “He just gave me a ride in his jet a month ago.”

The neophytes – who had changed from their drag outfits into Mormon missionary costumes — broke into their musical finale: a parody version of “I Believe,” the hit ballad from *The Book of Mormon*, with customized lyrics like “I believe that God has a plan for all of us. I believe my plan involves a seven-figure bonus.” Amused, I pulled out my phone, and began recording the proceedings on video. Wrong move.



The grand finale, a parody of “I Believe” from The Book of Mormon

“Who the hell are you?” Novogratz demanded.

I felt my pulse spike. I was tempted to make a run for it, but – due to the ethics code of the *New York Times*, my then-employer – I had no choice but to out myself.

“I’m a reporter,” I said.

Novogratz stood up from the table.

“You’re not allowed to be here,” he said.

I, too, stood, and tried to excuse myself, but he grabbed my arm and wouldn’t let go.

“Give me that or I’ll fucking break it!” Novogratz yelled, grabbing for my phone, which was filled with damning evidence. His eyes were bloodshot, and his neck veins were bulging. The song onstage was now over, and a number of prominent Kappas had rushed over to our table. Before the situation could escalate dangerously, a bond investor and former Grand Swipe named Alexandra Lebenthal stepped in between us. Wilbur Ross quickly followed, and the

two of them led me out into the lobby, past a throng of Wall Street tycoons, some of whom seemed to be hyperventilating.

Once we made it to the lobby, Ross and Lebenthal reassured me that what I'd just seen wasn't *really* a group of wealthy and powerful financiers making homophobic jokes, making light of the financial crisis, and bragging about their business conquests at Main Street's expense. No, it was just a group of friends who came together to roast each other in a benign and self-deprecating manner. Nothing to see here.

But the extent of their worry wasn't made clear until Ross offered himself up as a source for future stories in exchange for my cooperation.

"I'll pick up the phone anytime, get you any help you need," he said.

"Yeah, the people in this group could be very helpful," Lebenthal chimed in. "If you could just keep their privacy in mind."

I wasn't going to be bribed off my story, but I understood their panic. Here, after all, was a group that included many of the executives whose firms had collectively wrecked the global economy in 2008 and 2009. And they were laughing off the entire disaster in private, as if it were a long-forgotten lark. (Or worse, sing about it — one of the last skits of the night was a self-congratulatory parody of ABBA's "Dancing Queen," called "Bailout King.") These were activities that amounted to a gigantic middle finger to Main Street and that, if made public, could end careers and damage very public reputations.

After several more minutes spent trying to do damage control, Ross and Lebenthal escorted me out of the St. Regis.

As I walked through the streets of midtown in my ill-fitting tuxedo, I thought about the implications of what I'd just seen.

The first and most obvious conclusion was that the upper ranks of finance are composed of people who have completely divorced themselves from reality. No self-aware and socially conscious Wall Street executive would have agreed to be part of a group whose tacit mission is to make light of the financial sector's foibles. Not when those foibles had resulted in real harm to millions of people in the form of foreclosures, wrecked 401(k)s, and a devastating unemployment crisis.

The second thing I realized was that Kappa Beta Phi was, in large part, a fear-based organization. Here were executives who had strong ideas about politics, society, and the work of their colleagues, but who would never have the courage to voice those opinions in a public setting. Their cowardice had reduced them to sniping at their perceived enemies in the form of satirical songs and sketches, among only those people who had been handpicked to share their view of the world. And the idea of a reporter making those views public had caused them to throw a mass temper tantrum.

The last thought I had, and the saddest, was that many of these self-righteous Kappa Beta Phi members had surely been first-year bankers once. And in the 20, 30, or 40 years since,

something fundamental about them had changed. Their pursuit of money and power had removed them from the larger world to the sad extent that, now, in the primes of their careers, the only people with whom they could be truly themselves were a handful of other prominent financiers.

Perhaps, I realized, this social isolation is why despite extraordinary evidence to the contrary, one-percenters like Ross keep saying how badly persecuted they are. When you're a member of the fraternity of money, it can be hard to see past the foie gras to the real world.

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As everyone has seen, these are the daily stories in the news. These people actually do these things on a regular basis. They only hang out with other billionaires, who also do the same crimes, infidelities and extremes so they all think they can get away with these kinds of crimes. This does not just affect the billionaires. Their actions harm millions of innocent victims. Let's take a look at the problem:

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## ANATOMY OF A SILICON VALLEY CARTEL “BURN NOTICE”: TECH BILLIONAIRES COPY SPY HIT-JOB TACTICS TO WIPE OUT ADVERSARIES

- Contracts hit job and lobby services like In-Q-Tel, Sidney Blumenfeld Consulting, New America Foundation, Gawker Media, Richard Berman Consulting, NVCA and private investigators.
- Destroys all your sources of income
- Steals your technology
- Sends “honey-trap” fake dates to harass you
- They will put a “do not hire” notice on every job & HR database in the world
- Spoofing your websites by instantly redirecting links to fake clones
- Sends tens of millions of fake users to your sites
- Intercepts any Paypal, or other online payments, so you never get any on-line revenue
- Threatens law firms that try to defend you
- Has their corrupt Senator manipulate laws against you
- Puts moles in your company
- Calls your employer with fake stories about you to get you fired
- Posts character assassination stories using their “Troll Farms” and Gawker Media
- They have Google lock all of the attacks against you at top of Google search results
- Copies the CIA and GCHQ tactics book
- The Silicon Valley Cartel is able to accomplish the web portion of the attacks, because the Silicon Valley Cartel founded, funded and Board-level manages the very companies that have the internet technology to undertake such attacks. Instead of only using them for law enforcement, they use them to dabble in organized crime, on the side.

THE SILICON VALLEY CARTEL USED THE “JTRIG OPS MANUAL” TO CONDUCT ATTACKS ON ORDINARY AMERICANS WHO THEY WANTED “TAKEN OUT”

Controversial GCHQ Unit Engaged in Domestic Law Enforcement, Online Propaganda, Psychology Research

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-  [Controversial GCHQ Unit Engaged in Domestic Law Enforcement, Online Propaganda, Psychology Research](#)



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The spy unit responsible for some of the United Kingdom’s most controversial tactics of surveillance, online propaganda and deceit focuses extensively on traditional law enforcement and domestic activities — even though officials typically justify its activities by emphasizing foreign intelligence and counter-terrorism operations.

Documents published today by *The Intercept* demonstrate how the Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group (JTRIG), a unit of the signals intelligence agency Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), is involved in efforts against political groups it considers “extremist,” Islamist activity in schools, the drug trade, online fraud, and financial scams.

Though its existence was secret until last year, JTRIG quickly developed a distinctive profile in the public understanding, after documents from NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden [revealed](#) that the unit had engaged in “dirty tricks” like deploying sexual “honey traps” designed to discredit targets, launching denial-of-service attacks to shut down internet chat rooms, pushing veiled propaganda onto social networks, and generally [warping discourse](#) online.

Early official claims attempted to create the impression that JTRIG’s activities focused on international targets in places like Iran, Afghanistan, and [Argentina](#). The closest the group seemed to get to home was in its targeting of trans-national “hactivist” group Anonymous.

While some of the unit’s activities are focused on the claimed areas, JTRIG also appears to be intimately involved in traditional law enforcement areas and UK-specific activity, as previously unpublished documents demonstrate. An August, 2009 JTRIG memo entitled “Operational Highlights” boasts of “GCHQ’s first serious crime effects operation” to shut down internet forums and to remove websites identifying police informants and members of a witness protection program. Another was “used to facilitate and execute online fraud.” The document also describes GCHQ advice provided “to assist the UK negotiating team on

climate change.”

Particularly revealing is a fascinating [42-page document](#) from 2011 detailing JTRIG’s activities. It provides the most comprehensive and sweeping insight to date into the scope of this unit’s extreme methods. Entitled “Behavioral Science Support for JTRIG’s Effects and Online Humint [Human Intelligence] Operations,” it describes the types of targets on which the unit focuses, the psychological and behavioral research it commissions and exploits, and its future organizational aspirations. It is authored by a psychologist, Mandeep K. Dhani.

Among other things, the document lays out the tactics the agency uses to manipulate public opinion, its scientific and psychological research into how human thinking and behavior can be influenced, and the broad range of targets that are traditionally the province of law enforcement rather than intelligence agencies.

JTRIG’s domestic and law enforcement operations are made clear. The report states that the controversial unit “currently collaborates with other agencies” including the Metropolitan police, Security Service (MI5), Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), Border Agency, Revenue and Customs (HMRC), and National Public Order and Intelligence Unit (NPOIU). The document highlights that key JTRIG objectives include “providing intelligence for judicial outcomes;” monitoring “domestic extremist groups such as the English Defence League by conducting online HUMINT;” “denying, deterring or dissuading” criminals and “hacktivists;” and “deterring, disrupting or degrading online consumerism of stolen data or child porn.”

It touts the fact that the unit “may cover all areas of the globe.” Specifically, “operations are currently targeted at” numerous countries and regions including Argentina, Eastern Europe and the UK.

JTRIG’s domestic operations fit into a larger pattern of UK-focused and traditional law enforcement activities within GCHQ.

[Many GCHQ documents](#) describing the “missions” of its “customers” for which it works make clear that the agency has a wide mandate far beyond national security, including providing help on intelligence to the Bank of England, to the Department for Children, Schools and Families on reporting of “radicalization,” to various departments on agriculture and whaling activities, to government financial divisions to enable good investment decisions, to police agencies to track suspected “boiler room fraud,” and to law enforcement agencies to improve “civil and family justice.”

Previous reporting on the spy agency established its focus on what it regards as political radicalism. Beyond [JTRIG’s targeting of Anonymous](#), other parts of GCHQ targeted political activists deemed to be “radical,” even [monitoring the visits of people to the WikiLeaks website](#). GCHQ also stated in one internal memo that it studied and hacked popular software programs to “enable police operations” and gave two examples of cracking decryption software on behalf of the National Technical Assistance Centre, one “a high profile police case” and the other a child abuse investigation.

The JTRIG unit of GCHQ is so notable because of its extensive use of propaganda methods and other online tactics of deceit and manipulation. A 2011 report on the organization's operations, published today, summarizes just some of those tactics:

2.5 *Operation methods/techniques.* All of JTRIG's operations are conducted using cyber technology. Staff described a range of methods/techniques that have been used to-date for conducting effects operations. These included:

- Uploading YouTube videos containing "persuasive" communications (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Setting up Facebook groups, forums, blogs and Twitter accounts that encourage and monitor discussion on a topic (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Establishing online aliases/personalities who support the communications or messages in YouTube videos, Facebook groups, forums, blogs etc
- Establishing online aliases/personalities who support other aliases
- Sending spoof e-mails and text messages from a fake person or mimicking a real person (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deceive, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Providing spoof online resources such as magazines and books that provide inaccurate information (to disrupt, delay, deceive, discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter or denigrate/degrade)
- Providing online access to uncensored material (to disrupt)
- Sending instant messages to specific individuals giving them instructions for accessing uncensored websites
- Setting up spoof trade sites (or sellers) that may take a customer's money and/or send customers degraded or spoof products (to deny, disrupt, degrade/denigrate, delay, deceive, discredit, dissuade or deter)
- Interrupting (i.e., filtering, deleting, creating or modifying) communications between real customers and traders (to deny, disrupt, delay, deceive, dissuade or deter)
- Taking over control of online websites (to deny, disrupt, discredit or delay)
- Denial of telephone and computer service (to deny, delay or disrupt)
- Hosting targets' online communications/websites for collecting SIGINT (to disrupt, delay, deter or deny)
- Contacting host websites asking them to remove material (to deny, disrupt, delay, dissuade or deter)

Throughout this report, JTRIG's heavy reliance on its use of behavioral science research (such as psychology) is emphasized as critical to its operations. That includes detailed discussions of how to foster "obedience" and "conformity":

2.18 *Behavioural science needs.* Staff identified various areas of behavioural science support that their effects and online HUMINT operations might benefit from. These mostly referred to social psychology, and included:

- Psychology of relationships (including online social interactions)
- Cultural impact on social interactions
- Psychology of trust and distrust
- Psychological profiling
- Developing realistic online aliases/personalities
- Psychology of persuasion
- Mass messaging
- Marketing/branding of YouTube videos
- Plausible excuses for not being able to communicate or interact with target online (or face-to-face)
- Effective delay tactics and “hooks” when dealing with online customers
- Online criminal behaviour (e.g., child exploitation, fraud)
- Youth behaviour online
- Online business operations

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## Psychology-Based Influence Techniques

3.2 Theories and research in the field of social psychology may prove particularly useful for informing JTRIG's effects and online HUMINT operations. The following topics would be particularly relevant for *social influence*:

- Social cognition (including social perception and attribution)
- Attitudes
- Persuasive communications
- Conformity
- Obedience
- Interpersonal relationships
- Trust and distrust
- Psychological profiling

In addition, the application of social psychological ideas to marketing and advertising would be useful.

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3.6 *Obedience* is a direct form of social influence where an individual submits to, or complies with, an authority figure. Obedience may be explained by factors such as diffusion of responsibility, perception of the authority figure being legitimate, and socialisation (including social role). Compliance can be achieved through various techniques including: Engaging the norm of reciprocity; engendering liking (e.g., via ingratiation or attractiveness); stressing the importance of social validation (e.g., via highlighting that others have also complied); instilling a sense of scarcity or secrecy; getting the "foot-in-the-door" (i.e., getting compliance to a small request/issue first); and applying the "door-in-the-face" or "low-ball" tactics (i.e., asking for compliance on a large request/issue first and having hidden aspects to a request/issue that someone has already complied with, respectively). Conversely, efforts to reduce obedience may be effectively based around educating people about the adverse consequences of compliance; encouraging them to question authority; and exposing them to examples of disobedience.

3.7 *Conformity* is an indirect form of social influence whereby an individual's beliefs, feelings and behaviours yield to those (norms) of a social group to which the

In response to inquiries, GCHQ refused to provide on-the-record responses beyond its boilerplate claim that all its activities are lawful.

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Documents published with this article:

- Behavioural Science Support for JTRIG'S Effects and Online HUMINT Operations
- [UK Ministry Stakeholder Relationships Spreadsheets](#) (13 documents merged)

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**The following are details from a series of Silicon Valley Hit-Jobs, now reported to police and under investigation by various** *oto:*

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agencies, per witness and victim reports:

Here is what happens to you when you cross paths with a Silicon Valley Mobster

Did you do something to offend Eric Schmidt, Elon Musk or John Doerr? Here is what will

happen to you...

∞ If you happen to make a technology that is better than the last one that a Silicon Valley mobster just stole or,



∞ If you happen to make a technology that a Silicon Valley mobster just wants, and they steal it from you, and you complain to the feds;

This happens to you and it has happened to over 40 individuals in America, that cross the Silicon Valley Cartel:

- The people from State and Federal agencies, that most people think would help them in such a case, will do almost nothing at all. The Silicon Valley mobsters will threaten to cut off the campaign funding, for anybody, from the State or Federal government that tries to help you. Don't count on any support from the State or Federal government. Expect to get no help at all except from the few and the bold. You must plan to go it on your own and use every off-the-cuff tactic you, and your friends, can muster.
- They own many digital tabloid newspapers like Gawker, Reddit, Google, Motley Fool, Hearst Publications, ALICE Coalition, Huffington Post, EV World, Mercury News and thousands of on-line special interest publications. They will post some made-up character assassination articles on them and then have Google stick those links to the top, of the top page, of Google so everybody sees it. Many people, and countries, have now proven that Google rigs its search engines to harm its adversaries. If Google did that to you, the technical proof now exists and you can win in court and get compensated for the damages they caused you. Google will refuse to remove those links if you are on the Silicon Valley mobster's hate-list or "no poach black list". In order to control politics they own many of these stealth tabloid publications where they can order attack stories written about you. Some of these kinds of people own famous online media tabloids (ie: Gawker Media Group) and stock tip publications which are really just shill operations for their agendas and attacks. Identify these publications and partner with every person, or company, who they have coordinated attacks on in the past. Read about their attacks on inventor Mike Cheiky, Gary D. Conley, Aaron Swartz, Stan Meyer, Preston Tucker and hundreds of other innovators that they wanted "out of the way". You will see no negative reports about the "bad guys", allowed on those sites, and every bad report about you will be manually up-ranked and locked into the top slot on their page in order to damage you. The downside for the bad guys, though, is that the internet remembers everything. You can now prove, in court, showing technical and historical metric data, that they intentionally locked and damaged you and you can get compensated for the damages.

- Everything that you read about here: <http://www.whengooglegoogles.com> gets done to you, and almost nobody in federal agencies will put a stop to it because their bosses might lose campaign funding.
- They will put “moles” in your organization. Crazy rich people have private eye’s and ex-employees that they pay to get a job at your company. They pretend that they are helping you, then they sabotage your effort, report your activities to the VC and circumvent your every move. Consider past jobs that future employees had with your attackers.
- To understand the process, watch some of the movies about how the bad guys sabotage: Francis Coppola’s: **Tucker, A Man and His Dream**; Greg Kinear’s: **Flash of Genius**.
- As punishment against you, rich political campaign backers will try to have their federal lackey’s change the law to hurt you. If you are a tech group, for example, the “bad guys”, are currently lobbying and organizing to suddenly try to change the patent laws so that your business is destroyed. When billionaires put bribes in the right pockets, they accomplish sweeping policy change. Don’t let that happen. Expose the “who” and the “why” in such tactics. See the current fabricated “Patent Troll Crisis” that they faked up, as just such a ploy, at: <http://www.savetheinventor.com/>
- They will spy on you. Elon Musk famously emailed all of his employees. He sent them each an email about a company tip with a different sentence, in each email so he could see who was ratting out his crimes to th
- They will hack every device you own and record all of your communications media.
- Watch out for “honey traps” in your activities and in on-line sites. Read the Snowden/Greenwald reports on what “Honey Traps” are. That hottie who just contacted you on Tinder, Match.com or OK Cupid works for them, and intends to sue you in a rape case, paternity case, abuse case or other media embarrassment to destroy your reputation (Like they did to Micheal Arrington for exposing AngelGate), after stealing your secrets.
- They will hire these troll farms (off-shore warehouses full of tens of thousands of on-line attack bloggers working under tactical orders to terminate you on-line) to attack you en masse with tens of thousands of fake character assassination blog postings designed to destroy your reputation and income sources:



- [Troll farm in Russia was behind Columbia Chemical hoax](#)
- AS Americans remembered the **attacks** on the World Trade Center last year, ... who first revealed details of the **troll farm** to a local reporter in February, ...  
[news.com.au/technology/online/columbia-chemical-hoax-...](http://news.com.au/technology/online/columbia-chemical-hoax-...)
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Every single troll blog comment from these machine-guns-of-slander , every pseudo attack article about you, everything is already tracked back to the actual author. The NSA have done it, that is well known. NO amount of TOR, or VPN on top of VPN or stealthing software can hide a troll attacker any more. What is only now becoming known is that the official, and also the independent hacker, Chinese and Russian spies have got almost all of that information too. Hackers have broken into Sony, The White House, All of Target, All of the Federal Employee Records, everything. In a court case you can now, legally, subpoena NSA records to sue the attackers. Others, hearing of your filed case, may just show up and give you the information. Attackers cannot hide behind anonymity any more. Those who were blogging that you “sleep with goats” and “eat unborn children” can now be found out and delt with.

- - Do you have on-line stores and paypal or credit card accounts that take payments at those stores? Trying to make a little cash on the side? Confused about why you never get any orders? The attackers have DNS-re-routed your stores and payment certificates, spoofed your sites and turned off all of your income potential from those on-line options in order to damage your economic potential. Illegal? Yes. Happening to people every day? Yes. Get professional IT services to document the spoofs, and re-routes, and sue the operators of those tactics that are attacking your revenue stream.
- It now only costs \$50,000.00 to bribe a Senator. Some of these tech billionaires earn that much in 3 minutes. Beware of your Senator. Senators take stock options in tech companies as bribes, watch for linkages. See the 60 Minutes Episode called: Congress

### Trading On Insider Information.

- Want a job? Forget about it! The bad guys went into Axciom, Oracle, SAP, and all of the Human Resources and Recruiter databases, and put “red flag notices” on your profile. You will get some great first interviews, but when they run your back-ground check, you will never hear back from that interviewer again. You got “HR Black-listed”, in retribution, for accidentally bothering a campaign billionaire. Hire an HR service to look and print out your false “red flag” HR data-base inserts and use those as evidence in your lawsuit. In the news stories below, and tens of thousands of more on-line, you will see details of the Silicon Valley Cartel’s “No Poaching” Blacklist lawsuits; which kept thousands of people from getting jobs, or changing jobs, based on the whims of a handful of campaign billionaires and a secret Omerta “Do not hire” list. If you have offended the Cartel, your name will go on the list and all of the HR firms will avoid giving you a job, in fear of losing their contracts with these big technology VC’s. That is a felony, though, and in the U.S. you can sue them for it, as many have now done. It was not “just” a No Poaching list, it was a punishment Black-List, as well.
- They will anonymously put all of your email addresses on blacklists, and watch-lists, so that you can’t use services like craigslist, cafe press, zazzle or other on-line services to make money. If you try to open any accounts on those services, you either won’t be able to create an account or, you will get an account, but all of your orders will get “spoofed” into oblivion so you can’t make any money. The attackers believe that by causing you as much economic hard-ship as possible, they can get retribution for what-ever they have perceived that you have done to offend them. Again, use an IT forensic services group to get the data to show this is happening, trace it, and sue the perpetrators.

All of these things are happening, today, to over 500 people and nobody is doing anything about it. California Senators and Attorney Generals are implicated in this so they won’t help. Federal cops are told not to talk to anybody until “the investigation is complete”, but the investigation is going to be stone-walled for over a decade. Their actions provide the proof. When you look out on the internet and add up the pronouncements of “scam”, “sleeping with goats”, against those poor souls who are under attack, you can see that a very large organization, with large resources, is behind it; a group with as many resources as....hmmm.. say a Silicon Valley Crime Cartel!

The volume of attack items proves that no mere mortal, or company, could have acquired that much media unless it was placed there by very wealthy parties. Everyone now knows that the web is controlled. The volume of attacks can often prove that those attacks are fabricated. Additionally, IP Trace Routing and digital tracking now can prove the attackers manipulation of your data, email and website traffic. One of your best sets of evidence will come from the attackers, themselves. The bad guys always leave a digital trail of bread-crumbs leading right

back to themselves. You can hire an IT company to build a “tracking array” comprised of hundreds of websites which are bait to catch them in the act. Regarding: Paranoia vs. documented evidence. If you, and others have experienced the tactics, and the police have recorded the tactics being used against you, it isn’t paranoia to be cautious.

Before John Doerr, Elon Musk and Eric Schmidt existed, there were earlier versions of them. Here is article about the predecessors:

The sure sign of a great idea is when some big gorilla steals it from you.

Read and know some of the history, below, so you can see the first signs of trouble:

Inventors+ Who Changed the World and Got Screwed in Return

By Karl Smallwood

As we’ve discussed before, just because your hard work and perseverance led you to create something that changes the world, it doesn’t mean that you’ll get fame, fortune, or the slightest bit of recognition out of it. In fact, some inventors get so little credit that we completely forgot about them in our previous article, and since we really don’t like angering the ghosts of people who could probably invent a way to punch us from beyond the grave, here they are.

#6. Siegel and Shuster, Superman’s Creators

Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster created Superman, the most famous superhero ever, perhaps with the exception of Spider-Man or that kid who changes the channel with his eyes in X2.

Debuting in 1938, Superman was an instant success. DC Comics soon followed up the “man in underpants punches criminals” concept with Batman, and that was it, there was no turning back: Siegel and Shuster’s creation had started a multibillion-dollar industry that is still going strong today, spawning toys, T-shirts, and, oh yeah, some of the highest-grossing movies of all time.

Nice one, Siegel and Shuster!

Alan Light “Take it from us, kids: Work hard, change the world, and you too can see absolutely no reward from it!”

But Then They Got Screwed

“Nice one, Siegel and Shuster” is exactly what DC must have said, in a sarcastic tone, when the duo famously sold them all rights to Superman for a measly \$130, a check that’s now ironically worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At the time, no one suspected that the guy in blue pajamas that they’d been drawing would turn into a cultural icon — so when he did, and Siegel and Shuster continued getting squat, the pair embarked on perhaps the longest clusterfuck in copyright history.

The duo spent the better part of their lives unsuccessfully trying to reclaim some part of their creation, only to be rebuffed time and time again. While DC raked in billions from Superman alone, Siegel and Shuster lived the lives of paupers. They were given a yearly pension in the late 1970s by Warner Bros. (which had purchased DC), but only because the studio couldn't afford the bad publicity with a Superman movie on the way.

In 1999, three years after Siegel died, his family successfully won the rights to his half of his creation. A happy ending, right? Nope! This meant dick to Warner Bros., who still refused to pay them a penny, leaving them to fight in court for another 10 fucking years. And the superdickery continues: More recently, documents disappeared from Siegel's daughter's attorney's office and somehow wound up in the hands of Warner Bros. executives.

#### #5. Philo T. Farnsworth, the Farm Boy Who Invented Television

Philo Farnsworth, besides having the supreme honor of inspiring a Futurama character, was a serial inventor with a list of credited patents longer than his forehead.

Among those patents was the one that made television possible: an "image dissector" that could capture images as a series of lines to be displayed electronically. If that isn't impressive enough for you, consider the fact that Farnsworth came up with the idea at age 14, while growing up on a farm in Idaho, and first demonstrated it at 21, in 1927. If that didn't make you feel bad about yourself, it should have.

#### But Then He Got Screwed

When the young inventor applied for a patent at age 20, David Sarnoff of the Radio Corporation of America took notice. Radio had a pretty cozy spot at the center of the American living room at this point, and Sarnoff wasn't interested in letting that change. And if it did, then he would at least make sure that RCA would be the one getting rich from it.

Sarnoff kept Farnsworth tied in a series of legal battles over the next decade using a number of bullshit tactics, like hiring a Russian inventor to spy on him or using said inventor's earlier patents (which they could never get to work) to argue that he had invented TV. At one point Sarnoff just said "Fuck it" and started making TVs without paying Farnsworth. RCA was eventually forced to pay him a one-time \$1 million licensing fee, but it wasn't worth the emotional stress that had left the man crippled.

Then the whole television business was put on hold when the '40s rolled around and the government told everyone to focus on building things that could kill Germans. The final blow came when Farnsworth's patents expired just as World War II ended ... and, what do you know, television sales skyrocketed. RCA, or anyone else for that matter, no longer had to even pretend to give a shit about paying Farnsworth for his invention.

It wasn't until 20 years after his death that the government decided that Farnsworth probably deserved some recognition. No shit.

Following Farnsworth's final wishes, his statue is about to insert something into Sarnoff's anus.

#### #4. Edwin H. Armstrong, the Father of FM Radio

When is the last time you listened to AM radio? Intentionally? The sound quality is so bad that most of the programming is reduced to things that already sound like shit, like conservative talk radio or a single, never-ending religious sermon in Spanish.

The much superior FM was invented by Edwin Armstrong, who created a system to reduce interference across radio bands in the 1910s. He continued his lifelong vendetta against crappy sound in the '20s, when he came up with frequency modulation (FM) as a way to reduce static. We will now reiterate that he developed all this technology nearly 100 years ago, and it's still present in all modern radios.

#### But Then He Got Screwed

Things seemed to be going swimmingly for Armstrong for a while, but it was at this point that a remarkably smug asshole came into the picture.

Yes, David fucking Sarnoff from RC-fucking-A proceeded to mess with the life of yet another world-changing inventor. Sarnoff had built his empire with AM radio, so he decided that if FM was the way of the future, then he'd do anything possible to pull a John Connor on that future. Since Armstrong wouldn't relinquish his patent, Sarnoff made sure that RCA not only stopped supporting the development of the new technology, but actively tried to stop it.

In 1937, Armstrong used money from his own pocket to build the very first FM radio station. Another followed, then another, until by the mid '40s a string of stations known as the Yankee Network were busy convincing everyone of the superiority of FM, just by existing. And then it all stopped.

In a dick move of epic proportions, Sarnoff successfully lobbied the FCC to move the FM band to a different place on the dial, from 42 to 50 MHz to 88 to 108 MHz. While there were somewhat valid technical reasons for this, a happy side effect for RCA was that it made all of Armstrong's stations instantly obsolete.

It took decades for FM radio to recover. In the late '70s, it finally surpassed AM, but Armstrong was long gone by then, having committed suicide in 1954 by jumping from the 13th floor of his office building, presumably screaming "FUCK SARNOOOOOOFFFF" all the way down.

#### #3. John Walker, Inventor of the Match

About 500 billion matches are used every year in the United States — that's the kind of volume you can do when your product sets itself on fire with every use. Before the invention of self-igniting friction matches, people simply used sticks that caught on fire when you, y'know, put them near fire.

This changed when John Walker, an English chemist born in 1871, began coating sticks in a number of dangerous-sounding chemicals until he happened upon one that, when struck against a surface, erupted in flames. Other self-igniting matches had been tried before, but

they were extremely impractical, by which we mean that a lot of people probably lost their eyebrows or worse using them.

And clearly, eyebrows were very important to this man.

Walker's invention caught on fire, both literally and figuratively, and we still keep matches around today, despite the fact that we've all heard of lighters.

But Then He Got Screwed

Walker, unaware of the potential of his invention, worked on these new "friction lights" for about a year, then promptly forgot about the whole thing and stopped selling them. People close to him implored Walker to patent his friction light, since he'd just revolutionized the creation of fire and all. Walker declined, believing that his invention could better benefit mankind without a patent.

Others, however, believed that Walker's invention could better benefit mankind by making them rich.

Getty- "How does fire help humanity if it doesn't allow me to buy prostitutes?"

In 1829, another inventor named Isaac Holden independently came up with an improved version of Walker's friction matches. Like Walker, Holden neglected to patent his idea ... and that's where one Samuel Jones came in. Jones, realizing that Walker and Holden had effectively created one of the most useful inventions in the history of civilization and weren't making money from it, decided to do it on their behalf, because he was nice like that.

Almost immediately, Jones patented the exact same thing and began selling it under the name "Lucifers," because fuck it — if you're gonna be evil, you might as well go to the source. Soon other brands began offering improved versions of the same thing, all for a price, of course. It wasn't until they were all dead that Walker was credited for his invention, and Jones for being a douchebag.

#2. Stephen Foster, the Father of American Music

There are some tunes that you're just born knowing. If we somehow forced you to hum a melody right now, chances are that a great number of you would go with something like "Oh! Susanna":

Or "Camptown Races" (you know, the one that goes "doo-da, doo-da"):

Or maybe something more nostalgic, like "Old Folks at Home":

Man, can you imagine if all these songs had been written by the same guy, and that he'd been actively trying to get money from them? That dude would have been richer than Madonna and Bono combined.

Actually, all those songs and more were written by the same person, and he did try to cash in on them — the keyword being "try."

Then “she” came around the mountain and snatched up all his royalties.

But Then He Got Screwed

In the 1800s, Stephen Foster wrote classics like “My Old Kentucky Home” and “Beautiful Dreamer” and over 200 other songs. Foster was a professional songwriter before those existed. Seriously: The profession literally did not exist before Foster trailblazed it like a motherfucker.

Of course, the problem with being the first in his profession was that there were no such things as “enforcing copyright” or “not screwing over songwriters” back then. Today, Foster would have earned obscene amounts of money from “Oh! Susanna” alone, but in 1848, he got exactly \$100 for the rights to publish the sheet music, while the publisher made \$10,000 selling his work.

Even when Foster became a minor celebrity, he continued getting nothing but pennies for every copy of his work that was sold. For his dozens of hit songs, he saw around \$15,000 in royalties in his whole life. In the 1860s, he was dumped by his wife, who had probably had enough of sticking around with this dude who wrote like a rock star, and drank like a rock star, but was not rich like one. He died at the age of 37 after hitting his head on a washbasin, with around 40 cents in his pocket.

Some of which were melted down to make this statue.

His contributions can’t be overstated. Not only did he create most of the conventions of popular songwriting as we know them today, but he also demonstrated the need for intellectual property laws by getting repeatedly screwed.

#1. Gary Kildall, the Father of the Operating System

Gary Kildall is one of the guys we have to thank for the fact that you don’t need to be a genius to use the ultra advanced computer you are looking at right now to search for porn. Thank you, Gary.

In 1973, Kildall made life a lot easier for nerds everywhere when he created CP/M, a groundbreaking operating system for microcomputers (which is what they called any computer smaller than a semi truck back then). The program became the industry standard for the next decade. This guy was basically Bill Gates before Bill Gates was Bill Gates.

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“It’s cool, I’ll just donate a bunch of money to charity someday when I’m all old and prune-faced.”

But Then He Got Screwed

Of course, at the same time, Bill Gates was busy trying to become Bill Gates, and he eventually achieved that at Kildall’s expense.

In 1980, IBM was getting ready to launch its first personal computer and needed an operating

system to operate the shit out of it. They first knocked on Microsoft's door, but Microsoft wasn't really into the OS-making business at that point, so they directed the IBM suits to Gary Kildall's company. However, as nerd lore has it, Gary picked that day to go flying (he was an amateur pilot), blowing off IBM and his chance at history.

Accounts differ on whether Kildall met the IBM suits that day or not, but either way, the company went back to Microsoft, totally forgetting the whole "We don't make OS's here" part. Not one to miss out on an opportunity, Bill Gates turned to local programmer Tim Paterson, who had built a CP/M clone he called QDOS (for "Quick and Dirty Operating System"), bought it for a paltry 50 grand, then turned around and sold it to IBM under the name PC-DOS.

The term "user-friendly" meant something very different back then.

PC-DOS, later renamed MS-DOS, was included in every computer IBM made, and, long story short, that's why roughly 90 percent of you are using Microsoft Windows right now.

Today, Kildall's name is barely known, while Bill Gates will be a household name in the fucking 25th century. Most of Kildall's innovations ended up being credited to other people — and he can't even defend himself, having died in 1994 after falling down in a tavern, which pretty much just seems like his luck.

Today's lesson is, if you're an inventor, wear a freaking helmet.

Karl Smallwood wrote a book (yes, a real one), which you can read all about here. If you want to read words he's written for free, feel free to follow him on Twitter. Mike Floorwalker has a website that's like ... whoa. Like, seriously, dude ... whoa.

Robert William Kearns (March 10, 1927 – February 9, 2005) was an American inventor who invented the intermittent windshield wiper systems used on most automobiles from 1969 to the present. His first patent for the invention was filed on December 1, 1964.

Kearns won one of the best known patent infringement cases against Ford Motor Company (1978–1990) and a case against Chrysler Corporation (1982–1992). Having invented and patented the intermittent windshield wiper mechanism, which was useful in light rain or mist, he tried to interest the "Big Three" auto makers in licensing the technology.

But then he got screwed.

They all rejected his proposal, yet copied his idea and began to install intermittent wipers in their cars, beginning in 1969. March Abraham made the film: "Flash of Genius" about him.

Preston Tucker was a car-crazy kid who hung around auto speedways and grew up to create an automobile—the Tucker—that was years ahead of its time. He was a man of pioneering spirit, ingenuity and daring, who revolutionized Detroit in the 1940s with his stunning "Car of Tomorrow." It was streamlined, futuristic and fast—the car every American dreamed of owning, at a price most people could afford.

A man of endless enthusiasm, Tucker publicized his model all over the country to wild



acclaim. He sold stock, set up a factory . . .

But then he got screwed.

...and then the auto industry launched a devastating anti-Tucker campaign in order to character assassinate, industrially spy on and sabotage his car. Francis Ford Coppola made a movie: “The Man and His Dream” about him.

Nikola Tesla helped established robotics, radar, remote control, and he helped expand ballistics, nuclear physics, and theoretical physics.

But then he got screwed.

Practically no one’s heard of him. Why? Because of a man named Thomas Edison, who is widely credited with the invention of the light bulb. Edison was an all-around pretentious ass, who totally tried to steal Tesla’s credit... which kinda worked, considering everyone remembers him and not Tesla.

Anyway, the two men had initially worked together — well, Tesla worked for Edison —and this is where Tesla was first screwed over by the man. Edison had offered \$50,000 — over a million bucks, adjusted for inflation — to someone who could fix his crappy and inefficient motors. When Tesla did (probably by staring them down until they worked harder), Edison wrote his deal off as a joke, and continued to pay Tesla \$18 per week. Keep in mind, Tesla was one of the most brilliant humans to have ever lived; it didn’t take long for him to flip Edison the bird and get his ass outta there to start his own company.

Soon enough, Edison’s electricity, direct current (DC) was competing with Tesla’s far superior electricity, alternating current (AC). Edison actually tried to discredit Tesla’s AC by having the first electric chair run on it; this was supposed to discourage people from putting it in their home. There are a few movies based on Nikola, one is: “The Prestige”.

THUS...

What do we learn from this lesson?:

- Non-disclosure agreements with investors mean nothing. Only discuss the “How It Can Make Money” part with investors and never discuss the “How it Works” part with anybody!
- Build it and try selling it yourself, first.
- File a patent on it before you tell a single soul about it. If you have told anyone except your patent lawyer, then the cat is out of the tube!

## ATTACKED: WHITE HOUSE HIT-JOB'S ON U.S. TAXPAYERS, FOR REVENGE!

Here is what happens when you accidentally piss off The White House. They decide to ignore that bothersome piece of paper, called the *U.S. Constitution*, and, instead use the Italian policy book called *The Vendetta*. Lois Lerner, and IRS hit-jobs, were just a small sample of what the hit-team, crafted by the notorious Sidney Blumenthal, had to offer. In one case, as described by a victims investigators: “They had In-Q-Tel, which is, directly, financially, politically, staffing, beneficiary and operationally connected to John Doerr, Elon Musk, The White House, Eric Schmidt and campaign financing for the same campaigns; run an attack on our client.

In-Q-Tel used its sister organization: The New America Foundation, which is, directly, financially, politically, staffing, beneficiary and operationally connected to John Doerr, Elon Musk, The White House, Eric Schmidt and campaign financing for the same campaigns. NAF is a giant lobby group designed to manipulate policy directions in order to benefit Silicon Valley VC's.

They timed this with media hit-jobs produced by Gawker Media, which is, directly, financially, politically, staffing, beneficiary and operationally connected to John Doerr, Elon Musk, The White House, Eric Schmidt and campaign financing for the same campaigns.

In-Q-Tel gets part of its money from taxpayers, and part of its money from the U.S. Government, via the CIA and the State Department (via Hillary Clinton). This makes it a triple felony for In-Q-Tel to use federal funds, as well as CIA resources, to undertake business and political hit-jobs, and character assassinations, against U.S. citizens within the domestic borders of the United States. It also violates the United States Constitution.

The White House got pissed off that a few companies had created products which competed with the products of John Doerr, Elon Musk, Steve Jurvetson and, Eric Schmidt; the financial backers of Reid, Feinstein and Obama, ie: The White House's cash cow.

So Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, David Plouffe, Rahm Emanuel, and other senior White House staff, got together with Musk's and Doerr's people and sent out some hit-jobs on our client, in total violation of the law, ethics, and decency.”

The Corbett Report, Alex Jones, and many other independent media outlets have waxed on about the evils of In-Q-Tel, and political hit jobs. It is now well documented, in the media and sunshine filings, that In-Q-Tel funded much of Silicon Valley's web related start-ups.

In-Q-Tel is not a spy group as much as it is an “I wish I was a spy” group for Harvard and Yale graduates who love to create financial trouble. The frat house attitude of these people, seems to be just like any frat house: “Greed is good. Revenge is required. To hell with the rules”.

The rabid approaches to social control, manifested by the In-Q-Tel investments, white papers and hidden camera web videos, shows a culture of elitism that makes Martha's Vineyard white-bread matrons pale in comparison.

Are In-Q-Tel people insane? Probably not. Are they sociopathic control freaks? Maybe.

The five tons of cocaine found on In-Q-Tel's “Cocaine 1” airplane were quit astonishing for a 501 C 3 non-profit charity, like In-Q-Tel, to be hauling around.

Their commercial contract, with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to run dirty tricks against U.S. opponents was a bit surprising.

Their founders families strange deaths,, and departures, and rape issues at their start-ups LucidWorks, Palantir and others, were also surprising and no less bizarre.

In-Q-Tel does zero-oversight dirty tricks tech, and spy work, for politicians and the campaign billionaires, of those politicians. Want a private, congress-invisible, email server?; a plane full of cocaine?; 100,000 fake troll bloggers to counter-act an opponent's campaign...? You know who to call.

What kind of people get to run a tax payer funded organized crime operation that can take out 65,000 local workers, tell the White House what to do, buy Senators and Attorney Generals, commit possible murders, rig the stock market, and do it all with absolute impunity?

This kind:

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**Elon Musk's** growing empire is fueled by \$4.9 billion in government subsidies ... **Musk**/Tesla and company are very good about repaying Govt loans.

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Here in Europe we've been fascinated by what has become known as **AngelGate**. But after talking all day to many contacts today across the tech scene in...

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I returned to my house, flipped on my Mac and see **AngelGate**, ... As a funny coincidence I happen to have written about the topic of **collusion** 3 weeks prior to the ...

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That would be an illegal form of **collusion** in what should be a ... It's so perfectly timed one might even think that HeavensGate InvestiGate **AngelGate\*** might be ...

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The Union Square partner shares his thoughts on "superangels," the globalization of Web services, and such companies as Quora and StackOverflow

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In a colorful blog post, PayPal veteran and angel investor Dave McClure dismissed talk of **collusion** and “**Angelgate**” saturated social media — Twitter, Quora, Facebook (and spawned jokes and a Hitler...

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I was talking about **Angelgate** earlier today with an entepeneur (the new spelling) a bunch of angels and you’re wondering if the guys you’ve been meeting with were in the **collusion** meeting that Mike...

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How **AngelGate** Affects You...Yes, You. In an overcrowded world of mortal human beings, struggling Michael Arrington’s report of **collusion** among Silicon Valley Super Angels really is as epic a story as it...

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Dave “Sue Sylvester” McClure uses his bullhorn blog to call foul about a not-naming-names-but-still-really-mad-as-hell story of **collusion** by that creepy kid from the school newspaper who wants to...

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### [The Friday Roast - Silicon Valley's despicable wage cartel](#)

Some of **Silicon Valley's** best known names, Apple and Google among them operated a wage **cartel**. Now they're being punished.

 [diginomica.com/2014/08/15/friday-roast-silicon-valleys-d...](http://diginomica.com/2014/08/15/friday-roast-silicon-valleys-d...)

### [Taxi industry piles on 'Silicon Valley cartel' | Capital New York](#)

In recent weeks, the San Francisco-based taxi app called Lyft has been trying to launch in the New York City market, so far without success. State and city officials ...

[capitalnewyork.com/article/city-hall/2014/07/8549483/taxi-in...](http://capitalnewyork.com/article/city-hall/2014/07/8549483/taxi-in...)

### Silicon Valley workers may pursue collusion case as group

Jan 14 Roughly 60,000 **Silicon Valley** workers won clearance to pursue a lawsuit accusing Apple Inc, Google Inc and other companies of conspiring to drive ...

[reuters.com/article/2014/01/15/siliconvalley-collusio...](http://reuters.com/article/2014/01/15/siliconvalley-collusio...)

### Secret anti-labor cartel alleged in SiliconValley | www.ajc.com

Secret anti-labor **cartel** alleged in **Silicon Valley**. Posted: 2 ... in lost income for some 100,000 **SiliconValley** engineers whose salary was ...

[ajc.com/weblogs/jay-bookman/2014/jan/27/secret-an...](http://ajc.com/weblogs/jay-bookman/2014/jan/27/secret-an...)

### Is the National Venture Capital Association (Nvca) Actually a ...

IS THE NATIONAL VENTURE CAPITAL ASSOCIATION (NVCA) ACTUALLY A ...

[thenewsdaily.org/national-venture-capital-association-nvca...](http://thenewsdaily.org/national-venture-capital-association-nvca...)

### Is the National Venture Capital Association (Nvca) Actually a .

Columns. Column: THE TAKEDOWN – Perp walking the big dogs; The Punisher Column. FEATURES: HOT TOPICS. ON-TOPIC EXPOSE DOCUMENTARIES and DOCUDRAMAS. INVESTIGATIONS

➤ [corruptionnewsdc.com/is-the-national-venture-capital-associati...](http://corruptionnewsdc.com/is-the-national-venture-capital-associati...)

### NVCA Archives - CORRUPTION BUSTERS

National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) collusion. ... AFI researchers have lived with this **cartel**conduct for years now, ...

➤ [corruptionbusters.info/tag/nvca/](http://corruptionbusters.info/tag/nvca/)

Rosebud222 Archives – THE SHOCKING NEWS

is the national venture capital association (nvca) actually a mafia-like **cartel**? uncategorized; by wiki members –

january 15, 2015 0 0

[theshockingnews.org/tag/rosebud222/](http://theshockingnews.org/tag/rosebud222/)

### [Abel Danger: The Mafia-Like \*\*Cartel\*\* Running Silicon Valley](#)

How The National Venture Capital Association & the Silicon Valley Venture Capitalists became a Mafia-like **Cartel**:

[abeldanger.net/2015/05/the-mafia-like-cartel-running-sil...](http://abeldanger.net/2015/05/the-mafia-like-cartel-running-sil...)

### [PDF \*\*The Silicon Valley salary cartel - Marque Lawyers\*\*](#)

The **Silicon Valley** salary **cartel** Google, Apple and others face multi-billion dollar US antitrust class action  
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[marquelawyers.com.au/assets/marque-update\\_240314.pdf](http://marquelawyers.com.au/assets/marque-update_240314.pdf)

### [\*\*The Hiring Monopsony Cartel in Silicon Valley: Live from La\*\*](#)

David Streitfeldfeb: Engineers Allege Hiring Collusion in **Silicon Valley**: “A class-action lawsuit that accuses industry executives of agreeing between 2005 and 2009 ...

[delong.typepad.com/sdj/2014/03/the-hiring-monopsony-cartel-i...](http://delong.typepad.com/sdj/2014/03/the-hiring-monopsony-cartel-i...)

Big tech firms holding wages down? Marx was right all along

Opinion We should have more Marxist analysis of the tech business. So here is some, looking at the manner in which the major firms of **Silicon Valley** are being accused ...

[theregister.co.uk/2014/01/29/marxist\\_analysis\\_silicon\\_valle...](http://theregister.co.uk/2014/01/29/marxist_analysis_silicon_valle...)

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[ideicedailys.com/uncategorized/the-salary-cartel-silicon-v...](http://ideicedailys.com/uncategorized/the-salary-cartel-silicon-v...)

High-Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation – Wikipedia, the free...

High-Tech Employee Antitrust Litigation involves a 2010 United States Department of Justice (DOJ) antitrust action and a 2013 civil class action against several **Silicon Valley** companies for alleged “no cold call” agreements which restrained the recruitment of high-tech employees.

[Wen.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-Tech\\_Employee\\_Antitrust\\_Litigation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-Tech_Employee_Antitrust_Litigation)

### [\*\*Are Dreamworks, Disney, Lucas Arts part of the Silicon Valley Cartel?\*\*](#)

The biggest story in the Technology Sector, other than the lack of Jobs given to minorities in the tech sector, has been the Price Fixing **Cartel of Silicon Valley**.

 [toonbarn.com/other-cartoons/dreamworks-disney-lucas-ar...](http://toonbarn.com/other-cartoons/dreamworks-disney-lucas-ar...)

### [\*\*Silicon Valley Wage Cartel Essay\*\*](#)

Name: Date: 5/14/14. (Limit this entire analysis to no more than 300 words. Include the statements below in boldface). Title of Article: How **Silicon Valley’s** most celebrated CEOs conspired to drive down 100,000 tech engineers. Briefly state the main idea of the article: (2 points).

[antiessays.com/free-essays/Silicon-Valley-Wage-Cartel-66...](http://antiessays.com/free-essays/Silicon-Valley-Wage-Cartel-66...)

### [\*\*Silicon Valley’s Caste System Has Been Exposed — NYMag\*\*](#)

...only makes sense when you know that **Silicon Valley’s** top-level executives often behave as a **cartel** – displaying more loyalty to each other, across company lines, than to their own employees...

[nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2014/04/silicon-valle...](http://nymag.com/daily/intelligencer/2014/04/silicon-valle...)

[svb.com/pdf/economic-report-q2-2013](http://svb.com/pdf/economic-report-q2-2013)

**Silicon Valley Bank.**

[svb.com/pdf/economic-report-q2-2013/](http://svb.com/pdf/economic-report-q2-2013/)

### [\*\*Silicon Valley hasn’t got away with its no-poaching cartel just yet\*\*](#)

...anti-poaching ring within **Silicon Valley** dates back to the 1980s, when Star Wars creator George Lucas Jobs eventually enforced the **cartel** on a new generation of tech companies in the 2000s, the lawsuit...

[qz.com/247251/silicon-valley-hasnt-got-away-with...](http://qz.com/247251/silicon-valley-hasnt-got-away-with...)



# Appendix 1

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18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

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Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT

SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS ...

(View More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT

SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES AND ANALYSES FINANCIAL BUDGETARY

AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT ETC. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

September 21 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$800,000

## Transaction Number # 2

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0343K : DEAT0105ME00038: 98 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

TECHNOLOGY & MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC.  
18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT  
SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS ...

(View More) TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT

SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES  
AND ANALYSES FINANCIAL BUDGETARY

AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT ETC.

Date Signed:

December 10 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$734,414

**Transaction Number # 3**

PIID: DECF0000018: 4 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

GRANT THORNTON INTERNATIONAL LTD  
333 JOHN CARLYLE ST STE 500 , ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:



Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery financial services to support the Advanced ...

(View More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery

financial services to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturers Loan Program.

ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

July 16 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$684,210

**Transaction Number # 4**

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0343K : DEAT0105ME00038: 67 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

TECH AND MGT SERVIC

18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT

SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

May 28 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$600,000

**Transaction Number # 5**

PIID: DEGC0000005: 5 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON LLP  
1285 AVE OF THE AMERICAS , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 30 , 2009

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Obligation Amount:

\$520,855

**Transaction Number # 6**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 8 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP  
919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced Vehicles  
Technogoly Manufacturing

loan program. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

September 16 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$519,590

**Transaction Number # 7**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 4 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 30 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$445,218

**Transaction Number # 8**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 2 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Change Order

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 03 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$432,680

**Transaction Number # 9**

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0343K : DEAT0105ME00038: 64 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

TECH AND MGT SERVIC

18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

Supplemental Agreement for work within scope

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT

SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

May 15 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$416,952

**Transaction Number # 10**

PIID: DEGC0000003: 1 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

CLEARY GOTTLIEB STEEN & HAMILTON LLP

1 LIBERTY PLZ FL 43 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is to add Recovery Act funding in

the amount of \$408 924 to contract DE-GC0000003 with Cleary in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicle

Manufacturer Loan Program. LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

August 04 , 2009

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Obligation Amount:

\$408,924

**Transaction Number # 11**

PIID: DEGC0000005: 3 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON LLP  
1285 AVE OF THE AMERICAS , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Change Order

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 03 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$393,585

**Transaction Number # 12**

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0265K : DEAT0106CF01301: 13 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

SCULLY CAPITAL SERVICES INC (DEL)  
1133 15TH ST NW STE 900 , WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R710 : Financial

Services (includes credit card services and any other financial services. See revision to description for

code R703 above) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery obligate FY 09 ARRA funding in the ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery obligate FY 09 ARRA funding in the amount of \$319 496.00.

Date

Signed:

December 24 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$319,496

**Transaction Number # 13**

PIID: DECF0000018: 5 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

GRANT THORNTON INTERNATIONAL LTD

333 JOHN CARLYLE ST STE 500 , ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery financial services to support the Advanced ...

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financial services to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturers Loan Program  
ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

August 25 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$314,910

**Transaction Number # 14**

PIID: DECF0000014: 4 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.

8283 GREENSBORO DR , MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Change Order

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery FINANCIAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 03 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$308,837

**Transaction Number # 15**

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0343K : DEAT0105ME00038: 112 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

TECH AND MGT SERVIC

18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:



R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT  
SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS ...

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SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES  
AND ANALYSES FINANCIAL BUDGETARY

AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT ETC.

Date Signed:

May 07 , 2010

Obligation Amount:

\$304,851

**Transaction Number # 16**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 7 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle  
Manufacturers

loan program. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

August 18 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$273,825

**Transaction Number # 17**

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0343K : DEAT0105ME00038: 93 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

TECH AND MGT SERVIC

18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT

SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS ...

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SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES  
AND ANALYSES FINANCIAL BUDGETARY

AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT ETC. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

October 29 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$267,166

**Transaction Number # 18**

PIID: DEGC0000003: 4 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

CLEARY GOTTLIEB STEEN & HAMILTON LLP

1 LIBERTY PLZ FL 43 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is to add Recovery Act funding in

support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. LEGAL SERVICES  
ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

October 21 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$204,462

**Transaction Number # 19**

PIID: DEGC0000003: 3 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

CLEARY GOTTLIEB STEEN & HAMILTON LLP

1 LIBERTY PLZ FL 43 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is to add Recovery Act funding in

support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

October 09 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$204,462

**Transaction Number # 20**

PIID: DEGC0000003: 2 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

CLEARY GOTTlieb STEEN & HAMILTON LLP

1 LIBERTY PLZ FL 43 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act: The purpose of this requisition is to add Recovery Act funding in

the amount of \$200 000 in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. LEGAL

SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

September 15 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$200,000

**Transaction Number # 21**

PIID: DEGC0000005: 7 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON LLP  
1285 AVE OF THE AMERICAS , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES in support of the ...

(View More)

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing

Loan Program. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

September 15 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$200,000

**Transaction Number # 22**

IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0343K : DEAT0105ME00038: 73 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

TECH AND MGT SERVIC  
18757 N FREDERICK AVE , GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R499 : Other

Professional Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act Funding CONSULTING AND GENERAL  
SUPPORT SERVICES ...

(View More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery Act Funding CONSULTING AND GENERAL SUPPORT  
SERVICES INCLUDING BUSINESS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL STUDIES  
AND ANALYSES FINANCIAL BUDGETARY

AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUPPORT ETC. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

July 08 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$195,100

**Transaction Number # 23**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 3 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 19 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$150,000

**Transaction Number # 24**

PIID: DECF0000018: 6 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

GRANT THORNTON INTERNATIONAL LTD

333 JOHN CARLYLE ST STE 500 , ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery financial services to support the Advanced ...

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financial services to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturers Loan Program  
ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

September 21 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$141,250

**Transaction Number # 25**

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IDV PIID : PIID GS10F0265K : DEAT0106CF01301: 12 (Delivery Order)

Recipient:

SCULLY CAPITAL SVC

1133 15TH ST NW STE 900 , WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R710 : Financial

Services (includes credit card services and any other financial services. See revision to description for code R703 above) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery obligate FY 09 ARRA funding in the ...

**Transaction Number # 26**

PIID: DECF0000014: 8 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.

8283 GREENSBORO DR , MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery FINANCIAL SERVICES in support of the ...

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SERVICES in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:



September 15 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$102,479

**Transaction Number # 27**

PIID: DEGC0000005: 6 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON LLP  
1285 AVE OF THE AMERICAS , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Other Administrative Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle  
Manufacturers

Loan Program ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

August 12 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$98,275

**Transaction Number # 28**

PIID: DEGC0000005: 4 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON LLP  
1285 AVE OF THE AMERICAS , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 18 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$68,943

**Transaction Number # 29**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 6 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Other Administrative Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturers

loan program. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

August 12 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$56,475

**Transaction Number # 30**

PIID: DEGC0000004: 5 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

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919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced ...

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More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery LEGAL SERVICES to support the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturers

Loan Program (ATVMLP). Providing legal counsel on programmatic aspects of the ATVMLP and on transactions

proposed or consummated under the ATVMLP. ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

July 14 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$51,042

**Transaction Number # 31**

PIID: DECF0000014: 9 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.

8283 GREENSBORO DR , MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery FINANCIAL SERVICES in support of the ...

(View More) TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery FINANCIAL

SERVICES in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

November 18 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$30,000

**Transaction Number # 32**

PIID: DECF0000014: 7 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.

8283 GREENSBORO DR , MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery FINANCIAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

July 16 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$29,000

**Transaction Number # 33**

PIID: DECF0000014: 5 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.

8283 GREENSBORO DR , MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

Recovery FINANCIAL SERVICES ARRA::YES::ARRA

Date Signed:

June 30 , 2009

Obligation Amount:

\$25,000

**Transaction Number # 34**

PIID: DECF0000014: 11 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

BOOZ ALLEN HAMILTON INC.

8283 GREENSBORO DR , MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS

RECOVERY FINANCIAL SERVICES in ...

(View More) TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY FINANCIAL SERVICES in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

Date Signed:

April 28 , 2010

Obligation Amount:

\$-46,118

**Transaction Number # 35**

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PIID: DEGC0000004: 9 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON LLP

919 3RD AVE LBBY 3 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY

Date Signed:

November 18 , 2010

Obligation Amount:

\$-86,650

**Transaction Number # 36**

PIID: DEGC0000005: 13 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

PAUL WEISS RIFKIND WHARTON & GARRISON LLP

1285 AVE OF THE AMERICAS , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS Recovery

Date Signed:

July 06 , 2010

Obligation Amount:

\$-294,322

**Transaction Number # 37**

PIID: DEGC0000003: 6 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

CLEARY GOTTLIEB STEEN & HAMILTON LLP

1 LIBERTY PLZ FL 43 , NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R418 : Legal

Services Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY LEGAL SERVICES in support of the ...

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TAS::89 0323::TAS RECOVERY LEGAL SERVICES in support of the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing

Loan Program.

Date Signed:

August 11 , 2010

Obligation Amount:

\$-483,197

**Transaction Number # 38**

PIID: DECF0000018: 8 (Definitive Contract)

Recipient:

GRANT THORNTON INTERNATIONAL LTD

333 JOHN CARLYLE ST STE 500 , ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Reason for Modification:

Funding Only Action

Program Source:

89-0323:Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account

Agency:

Department of Energy : ENERGY Department of Product/Service Code:

R703 : Accounting

Services (NOTE: New code created for Financial Services See R710 below) Description:

TAS::89 0323::TAS





