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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER CLEGG

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Gordon Sweeney Correspondence

The attached letter to the President from Gordon Sweeney, with numerous enclosures, is referred to the Department for whatever review and direct response you consider appropriate. This office has not responded in any fashion. Mr. Sweeney's correspondence concerns a pending lawsuit against the United States.

Many thanks.

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GORDON E. SWEENEY

904 10th Street Boulder, CO 80302

March 1, 1985

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CERTIFIED MAIL #P/79-239-369 ARETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, DC 20000

> Re: National Security Compromised by the U.S. Forest Service

Dear President Reagan:

Your pledges to strong national security, reduction of dependence on foreign material, the (out of) balance of payments, and the size of the federal government (among other pledges) "flys in the face" of information which I am enclosing regarding the falsification of documents by a federal agency pursuing the removal of a strategic metal (tungsten) mine from production. The agency is the U.S. Forest Service and the mine is the Andrew Tungsten Mine operated by Curtis Tungsten, Inc. in the San Gabriel Mountains, Los Angeles County, California. This single mine has the potential of doubling the total known reserves of tungsten in the United States at a time when we are importing 70 to 80% of our consumptive needs. When you signed the California Wilderness Act of 1984 last October, you put this mine in a wilderness area in violation of the Wilderness Act and the National Environmental Policy Act procedures.

These serious charges have been consummated by the majority mine owners in a filed and amended lawsuit, Ronald and Claire Curtis v. United States Government, in Federal Court, Los Angeles, California.

I am enclosing some of the documentation that has been made available to me, along with copies of recent letters to Senators William Armstrong and Gary Hart of Colorado. The additional information (Enclosures Nos. 13, 16 and 17) in Senator Hart's letter were not available when I wrote to Senator Armstrong.

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BY NARA, DATE 6/2/06

President Ronald Reagan March 1, 1985 Page 2

I believe the classified information available to you about the Spacetrack System and the "hardening" of associated deep-space satellites warrant the earliest possible completion of this system to prevent a Soviet first-strike capability. The removal of the Curtis Tungsten property from the Sheep Mountain Wilderness Area and its future production will greatly assist our national security.

It is my hope that this information reaches you before you read it in major newspapers. Whatever assistance you can direct toward an early moral resolve of this case will better the Administration's position (i.e., a Federal Grand Jury investigation of the violations) and that of due process and justice.

Respectfully,

Gordon E. Sweeney

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Enclosures: Copies of letters to Senators William

Armstrong and Gary Hart

All enclosures included with Senator Hart's letter (Items Nos. 1 through 17) GORDON E. SWEENEY

904 10th Street Boulder, CO 80302

February 13, 1985

Ms. Ann Vance c/o Senator William Armstrong U. S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Vance:

I am sorry we missed when I called Washington today. I understand you are the Senator's staff aid responsible for wilderness, and the accompanying letter and documents are wilderness related.

Your initial review of this information might lead you to think this lawsuit is being filed by some California "kook". I assure you, this is not the case. Not only did the federal judge in Los Angeles deny the U.S. Attorney's motions for dismissal, he ordered the Curtises to amend the lawsuit and gave his permission to sue the United States Government. I have only been privileged to some of the documentation of this case. The complete set of documents are available for review at the Federal Court in Los Angeles, California; the information exceeds three thousand pages of evidence.

In Washington, D.C., Mr. Bob Terrell (professional staff member on the Committee of Energy and Natural Resources, Dirksen Office Building, phone: 224-5205) can further attest to Mr. Curtis' credentials and elaborate on the three House and Senate Subcommittee hearings at which Mr. Curtis has given testimony.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me at work (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) (303-449-0220) or at home (evenings) (303-442-1062).

Sincerely,

Gordon E. Sweeney

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Enclosures

GORDON E. SWEENEY

904 10th Street Boulder, CO 80302

February 13, 1985

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT #P 610-792-190 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable William Armstrong U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

ATTN: Ms. Ann Vance

Re: Wilderness Bills

Dear Senator Armstrong:

I am enclosing information about a pending lawsuit in Southern California between Ronald and Claire Curtis vs. United States Government on a matter which should be of utmost interest to you and Colorado, since similar violations could have occurred in the study review of proposed wilderness areas of your Colorado wilderness bill.

My interest in this suit is several-fold, and I believe I can appreciate the desires and aspirations of both environmental and natural resource considerations. I have been an avid backpacker and nature photographer for more than twenty-five years, and I was raised in and around mining camps all my life since my father was associated with mining and milling of tungsten and other ores containing strategic metals.

I have traveled many hundreds of miles in much of Colorado's back country long before it was "designated" as wilderness. We must protect those areas which qualify for wilderness status; however, we must also keep open those areas which contain scarce and strategic metals for the protection of our national security.

Many areas in Colorado, and other western states, including Alaska, have been included in a "massive wilderness land-grab" with the evaluation of mineral (and other) resources partially or, in some cases, completely ignored.

William Armstrong February 13, 1985 Page 2

I have to assume that in an election year (1984) you voted for the California Wilderness Act so that when your Colorado wilderness bill came up, the California delegation would vote for your bill. However you voted, were you aware of the Federal Ninth Circuit Court decision which upheld a lower court ruling which VOIDED the use of RARE II studies and procedures in the evaluation of proposed areas for change to wilderness status? Or that the U.S. Forest Service continues to ignore those federal court rulings and the rights of citizens to due process? Will the Colorado Wilderness Act also be in jeopardy because of these same federal court rulings?

Are you an accomplice to these violations? Or, were you misled by the <u>falsified documents</u> presented to Congress by the U.S. Forest Service before your vote? I believe you should pursue this matter. The lawsuit (documents also enclosed) may bring out some of the real facts, or the government's lawyers may settle out of court in order to <u>further cover-up</u> their violations and practices.

The two specific documents which are mentioned in the newspaper article and as suggested by Mr. Curtis will "hang them" are the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.) which were prepared by the U.S. Forest Service on the Sheep Mountain Wilderness Study Area. The Draft E.I.S. (published in the Federal Register, October 4, 1978) contained considerable documentation about the Andrew (Curtis) Tungsten mine and mill, reference to U.S. Bureau of Mines reports on the property and the Forest Service access road 2N06, from Cow Canyon Saddle to Cattle Canyon, in the San Gabriel Mountains, Los Angeles County, California. Final E.I.S. (published in the Federal Register, January 3, 1979) which was presented only to Congress for review, systematically removed ALL mention of the Curtis Tungsten mine and mill buildings, Bureau of Mines reports about it, Forest Service road 2N06 and even the existence of Cattle Canyon. No copies of the Final E.I.S. were made available to the public for review and comment, a clear and continuing practice of the Forest Service in violation of the review/lawmaking process, and a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act procedures.

This property was evaluated by the U.S. Forest Service in the late 1970's and estimated at that time to be worth \$250 million. I believe that you, as a senator, have access to a "classified or restricted document called the Mineral Availability System which has been prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Mines specifically on the Curtis Tungsten property ("Andrew Tungsten Mine, Los Angeles County, California"). Please contact Mr. Philip T. Stafford (U.S. Bureau of Mines, Washington, D.C., tungsten specialist at ((202) 634-1029) about this report and any further information which he might have regarding this property.

If any individual, division or branch of our government decides on its own that they can violate laws as they see fit . . . laws established by Congress and upheld by the Judicial System . . . and then state that Congress forgives them in the passage of a new act, then this lawsuit raises serious and far-reaching questions about the direction our government is taking us, even questions about Congress itself.

I would appreciate your early response to some of these questions before the news media picks up on this in Colorado; a senior reporter with the Los Angeles Times has recently read the complete court records of this lawsuit and is pursuing further information before his news release. Please keep me up to date on further developments. Also, can you secure a copy of the above-mentioned final E.I.S. for me?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for representing all Colorado interests in a fair and balanced manner and to send belated congratulations on your reelection last November.

Sincerely

Sordon E. Sweeney

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P.S. Please excuse the reproductions. They are probably fourth or fifth generation copies; as I do not have access to original documents because they are filed with the interrogatories in the Los Angeles County Federal Court.

#### Enclosures:

- Letter: From U.S.F.S. to Ronald Curtis: Request for more information about "Plan of Operation" (2-22-75).
- Map: From Amended Operating Plan--Approved, signed and dated by U.S.F.S. district ranger, deputy forest supervisor (4-14-78).
- Decision notice, Environmental Assessment Report--Curtis Tungsten, U.S.D.A.--Forest Service. By forest supervisor (2-12-80).
- 4. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit:
  Upheld decision of lower court. State of Calif.
  v. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (Oct. 1981).
- 5. Notices: Intent to prepare an E.I.S. by U.S.F.S.--Curtis Tungsten, Inc. Special Use Permit Application for Road 2N06. (8-23-82).
- Maps: From Draft E.I.S.--Curtis Tungsten, Inc. application for special use road permit (1983).
- 7. California Mining: South coast volume highlights tungsten site (3-83).
- 8. News article: The Daily Report, Upland, California (4-10-83).
- 9. Testimony: By Ronald Curtis to Senator Malcolm Wallop, Chairman, Public Lands and Reserve Water Subcommittee (7-28-83).
- 10. Letter: From landowner Robert Walker (now within wilderness) to Senator Wallop. Existence of Road 2N06 since the 1930's (7-83).

#### 11. Lawsuit documents:

- (a) Ronald and Claire Curtis vs. Secretary of Agriculture and U.S.F.S. (1-31-84)
- (b) Motion to Dismiss by U.S. Attorney (10-31-84)
- (c) Motion to Dismiss by U.S. Attorney (11-5-84)
- (d) Amended Complaint for Injunctive Relief; Violation of Due Process; and Fraud Conspiracy (1-2-85)

William Armstrong February 13, 1985 Page 5

- 12. Letter: U.S. General Accounting Office to U.S. Geological Survey (8-14-84)
- 13. Map of Sheep Mountain Wilderness from Land Management Planning News (USFS) (mailed 12-19-84)
- 14. News article: <u>The Daily Report</u>, Upland, California--"Upland Miner Sues Over Wilderness Act" (1-19-85)

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

#### March 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN KELLEHER

CHIEF COUNSEL

U.S. SECRET SERVICE

FROM:

FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Request for Reimbursement for Bail Costs and \$500 for Hotel Bill for Robert Latta

The attached letter to the President, from Robert Latta's father, is referred to you for direct reply and whatever other action you consider appropriate. The White House has not responded to the elder Mr. Latta in any fashion.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR BRANDEN BLUM

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

DOJ Draft Bill to Provide Posthumous Citizenship for Aliens Killed in Action in Vietnam While Serving in the Armed

Forces of the United States

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft bill, and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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# OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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March 14, 1985
LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

TO:

Legislative Liaison Officer

Department of Defense
Department of State

Veterans Administration

SUBJECT: Department of Justice draft bill to provide posthumous citizenship for aliens killed in action in Vietnam while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

The Office of Management and Budget requests the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.

Please provide us with your views no later than

COB, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1985.

Direct your questions to Branden Blum legislative analyst in this office.

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James C. Murr for Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

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#### Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Speaker House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed for your consideration and appropriate reference is a draft bill entitled "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who was killed while serving with the United States armed forces during military operations of the Vietnam conflict may be considered to have been citizens of the United States at the time of such aliens' death."

During the 98th Congress, Congress passed and the President signed H.R. 960, which conferred citizenship on Cpl. Wladyslaw Staniszewski, a national of Great Britain, who was killed in action on July 7, 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam while serving in the United States Marine Corps. When the President signed the bill into law, he noted his intention to submit to the 99th Congress legislation which will provide United States citizenship for all noncitizens killed in action in Vietnam while serving in the armed forces of the United States. A copy of the President's statement is enclosed. The attached draft bill was prepared pursuant to the President's statement.

The draft bill provides that an alien who was killed in action or died as a result of injuries sustained while participating in military operations involving hostile forces of the Vietnam conflict, while serving in the armed forces of the United States, shall, upon approval by the Attorney General, be considered a citizen of the United States at the time of the person's death. A request for granting such posthumous citizenship would be filed on behalf of said person by a family member or any other person designated by the Attorney General. The executive department wherein the deceased served would verify that the person was killed in action or died from injuries sustained during military operations of the Vietnam conflict. Upon approval, the person who filed the request shall be formally notified stating that the deceased is considered to have been a citizen of the United States at the time of the person's death. The bill also

provides that no benefits, rights or liabilities shall accrue to any survivor of the deceased as a result of enactment.

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# Department of Justice

Washington, D.C. 20530

MAR 1 3 1985

Honorable David A. Stockman Director, Office of Management and Budget Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

Enclosed are copies of a proposed communication to be transmitted to the Congress relative to: a legislative proposal "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who are killed while serving with the United States armed forces during military operations of the Vietnam conflict may be considered to have been citizens of the United States at the time of such aliens' death."

Please advise this office as to the relationship of the proposed communication to the Program of the President.

Sincerely, (Signed) Phillip P. Daniel

Phillip D. Brady Acting Assistant Attorney General

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TO COORDINATE CLEARANCE CONTACT: John Logan, 633-2078, OLIA



Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Enclosed for your consideration and appropriate reference is a draft bill entitled "To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who are killed while serving with the United States armed forces during military operations of the Vietnam conflict may be considered to have been citizens of the United States at the time of such aliens' death."

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1985

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This is written in response to your letter of March 18 to Counsel to the President Fred F. Fielding. In that letter you questioned the commitment of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorneys offices to enforcing laws directed against pornography.

I have referred your letter to the Department of Justice for appropriate review. You should be hearing directly from the Department in the near future.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with us.

Sincerely,

John G. Roberts

Associate Counsel to the President

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Mr. Kenneth Lisenbee 825 West End Avenue New York, NY 10025

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROGER CLEGG

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

Illegal Pornography

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#### KENNETH LISENBEE 825 West End Avenue New York, New York 10025

March 18, 1985

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding Counsel
Office of Counsel to the President The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Please help!

Dear Mr. Fielding:

The flagrant expansion of the illegal pornography industry in our Nation is one seriously neglected problem I have been deeply concerned about for over five years now. Everyone is pleased with the Reagan Administration's efforts against child pornography and the sexual exploitation of children. But it is the "adult" porn that is getting to our children. It is transported interstate and mailed daily, courtesy of our U.S. Postal Service by organized crime "families" and by greedy individuals who are escaping prosecution. It is a national disgrace that large-scale interstate pornography networks operate as if Federal obscenity laws do not exist. Our Constitutional obscenity laws are not being enforced in the primary areas of production and interstate distribution--New York City and in the Los Angeles area.

Every year between \$6 and \$8 billion of obscene video cassettes, films, photographs, sexual paraphernalia and hundreds of glossy magazines and lewd tabloids, are illegally transported across state lines and via the U.S. Postal Service. Practically all porn publications promote interstate prostitution and "dial-an-escort" and "dial-a-porn" services (male prostitution is itself a \$1.7 billion per year racket). Materials shipped interstate from New York and Los Angeles depicting bondage and torture, mutilation, rape, sodomy and lesbian acts, and bestiality--end up in our Nation's Capital and Massachusetts, Texas and even France--simply because the Federal obscenity laws are not being vigorously and continually enforced by the United States Attorneys Office in the Southern District of New York under Rudolph Giuliani, and in the Central District of California (encompassing the Los Angeles area) under Robert C. Bonner. It is disgraceful that these two men are ignoring citizens' pleas for enforcement of our Federal obscenity laws--laws passed by the United States Congress for the protection of decency and the sanctity of the family. Magazines openly sold on newstands in New York and elsewhere (i.e., "Family Affairs") promote incest. Citizens' complaints to the FBI and U.S. Postal Service have brought no action or acknowledgements by them or Giuliani's office.

Over 50% of the hard-core smut in our Nation comes from New York City and the Los Angeles area--supplying a growing sex industry--having between 15-18,000 "adult" bookstores (twice as many as McDonald's) because the United States Attorneys in Los Angeles and New York City have no apparent intention to make vigorous enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws a major priority, after illegal drugs. New York does not have any experienced obscenity prosecutors in Giuliani's office, and the New York FBI Field Office does not have any Agent whose sole duty is to investigate citizens' complaints.

Damaging revelations about "Star Distributors" (in New York) during the Presidential campaign became one of the worst embarrassments for the Democrats

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding Page Two March 18, 1985

because it operates out of a Zaccaro/Ferraro building in clear violation of New York State and Federal obscenity laws. Outraged citizens, myself included, demonstrated outside Star's warehouse and still no action--even with television and newspaper coverage (see enclosed newspaper article).

Mr. Fielding, it is <u>crucial</u> that direct Presidential orders be given to "crack down" to all 59 FBI Field Offices, to all U.S. Postal Inspectors, and especially to United States Attorneys Giuliani and Bonner in New York and Los Angeles, respectively. Justice <u>has</u> the manpower and an adequate budget but no <u>will-power</u> to produce an <u>all-out attack</u>. Citizens' complaints about adult pornography (98% of the smut is "adult") go <u>uninvestigated</u>, and in any case, <u>no complaints are ever acknowledged</u>, even when requested. The Justice Department, United States Postal Service, and FBI take <u>months and months</u> -- constant delays -- to get out a <u>partial</u> answer to letters relating to specific violations of Federal obscenity laws.

Furthermore, U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani has several people on his staff who are constantly prone to misdirecting obscenity complaints and letters to the "Civil Rights Division" (there is no "consenting adults" exception to obscenity laws) or some other area, or merely "losing" the letters completely; further correspondence sent by "CERTIFIED, RESTRICTED DELIVERY" mail is again "lost." More delays and excuses are given on the telephone. This inefficiency is a "green light" for criminal pornographers to continue to expand into cable TV markets across America, influencing how many more tens of thousands of children and teenagers towards this behavior?

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP? This problem must be solved. Americans must have concerned and determined law enforcement by the FBI to investigate citizens' complaints. What are the U.S. Postal Inspectors doing, anyway? The Justice Department and all 95 U.S. Attorneys, especially U.S. Attorneys Giuliani and Bonner, must vigorously enforce all Federal obscenity laws -- for the sake of decency, and the children, families and future generations of Americans.

Who wants to live in an America where sexual intercourse and sodomy are shown on prime-time television as "adult entertainment"?

Please convey my message to the appropriate officials, Mr. Fielding, about this complete breakdown in Federal obscenity law enforcement by the U.S. Justice Department and FBI, and U.S. Postal Service.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lisenbee

#### Enclosure

P.S.--Pornographers have distributed their unsolicited materials to members of the Supreme Court and the Congress, and have directed people to mail pornographic magazines to a Bible publisher in Michigan.

Bring back decency and strong law enforcement to America!



"Citizens for a Decent New York State" demonstrate yesterday outside the warehouse at 200 Lafayette St., Manhattan, the home of Star Distributors, described by the protesters as the "largest hard-core obscenity distributor in the world."

# Pornography warehouse target of irate protesters

By Robert Selle New York City Tribune Staff

Angry demonstrators gathered outside a major pornography warehouse in lower Manhattan to protest the "slack" attitude toward obscenity of both Republicans and Democrats.

"We want to know why [U.S. Attorney for the Southern District Rudolph Giuliani has not prosecuted Star Distributors," said one irate representative of Citizens for a Decent New York State (CDNYS).

In a statement, the group called Star Distributors; whose warehouse at 200 Lafaytte St. was the focus of the rally, the "largest hardcore obscenity distributor in the world."

The demonstrators marched in a circle, chanted and held signs that read, "Porn is not victimless." "Where is U.S. Attorney Giuliani?" and "Porn is not protected by the First Amendment." The Saturday rally was a prelude to National Pornography Awareness Week. Oct. 28-Nov. 3.

The building in which Star rents space is managed and partly owned by John Zaccaro, husband of Democratic vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, a fact first revealed in a New York City Tribune copyright story last July 24. Ferraro has variously listed herself on congressional financial-disclosure forms as vice president and secretary-treasurer of her husband's real estate firm.

Giuliani, one of 95 U.S. attor-

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neys, is a Reagan administration appointee and is responsible for all federal prosecutions in Manhattan. the Bronx and six upstate counties. The protesters said the courts have repeatedly found the distribution. importing, interstate transportation, mailing or broadcast of pornography to be illegal. They find it "impossible to understand" why Star and its officers have not yet been indicted under federal antiobscenity laws.

The demonstrators said Star distributes pornography to outlets in all 50 states and to 44 foreign countries.

#### Crime links seen

Police say the smut firm is run by its vice president, Robert DiBernardo, who reportedly directs the distribution of pornography for the Gambino and DeCavalcante crime "families." It has been long recognized that organized crime has a major hand in the \$7-billion-per-year U.S. porn busi-

CDNYS spokesman Robert Peters, a Manhattan attorney, said Giuliani "has done nothing" to enforce the U.S. anti-obscenity statutes anywhere in his jurisdic-

But Peters said his group was also protesting the "indifference" toward pornography of the Democratic White House aspirants.

"Why is it that Geraldine Ferraro, who claims to represent the women of America, has had nothing to say about pornography's degrading, abusing impact upon women and children?" he said.

He also called attention to Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale's 1970 Senate vote in favor of a measure that would have obscenity laws, "including those prohibiting the sale of textual pornography to children."

"We rightly ask, can Americans expect anything better [than the Reagan administration | from Mr. 'Civil Libertarian' - Fritz Mondale?" Peters said.

Mondale's vote, as a U.S. senator from Minnesota, was one of only five affirmative votes cast. The bill would have legalized pornography nationwide. Mondale later justified the vote by saying it was not so much for the bill as it was a vote of confidence in the chairman of a panel which recommended adoption of the measure. The panel leader, dean of the University of Minnesota law school, was a personal friend, the former vice president said at the time.

New York state has one of the strongest obscenity laws in the nation, said one demonstrator, who suggested that Gov. Cuomo, Mayor Koch and City Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward "personally inspect the films, magazines, video cassettes and newspapers" at Star's warehouse.

The demonstrator, who did not want his name used, noted that during the summer Koch had removed Penthouse magazine advertisements showing a nearly nude Walter Mondale from the subway system on the ground they were "obscene." If what amounted to a "suggestive, tasteless" poster was considered obscene and fit to be banned, the protester said, City and state leaders would surely find the material at Star "eminently worthy" of the same treatment.

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau "has been twiddling his thumbs as Manhattan island sinks in pornographic slime." a CDNYS statement said.

"We need law enforcement, and we want it now," a demonstrator said.

"We should not have to plead with the police, U.S. attorneys or the FBI to do their jobs.

New York City and Los Angeles area produce most pornography in the United States.

# Exposé of Zaccaro firm nets major award

By a Staff Writer

Peter Klebnikov, an investigative reporter for the New York City Tribune, has been named a firstplace winner of the Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE) award.

Klebnikov, 28, who joined the City Tribune in June 1984, was the first reporter in the nation to disclose the tangled business dealings of John Zaccaro, husband of former vice presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro.

After being assigned to check out a tip concerning a possible con-

nection between a major distributor of pornography and the real estate firm co-owned by Zaccaro and Ferraro. Klebnikov went on to write a series that was published last year on July 24 and 25, Aug. 3 and Sept 21.

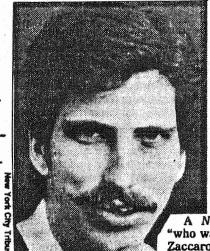
Steve Weinberg, executive director of the IRE, said some 367 entries were received for the contest, now in its fifth year. The 2,000-member organization, which is based at the prestigious University of Missouri School of Journalism, was started in memory of Don Bolles, a reporter for the Arizona

Republic, who was killed during his investigation of an organized crime syndicate.

A recent issue of the Bulletin of the American Society of Newspaper Editors cited the IRE awards as ranking close behind the Pulitzer Prize in importance within the journalism industry. Following preliminary evaluations by a board of journalism professors and news

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Peter Klebnikov



Read this!

A New York Times reporter "who was working on a profile of Zaccaro and his business interests, saw the Tribune story, for example, and did some investigating on his own," Shaw continued in his Dec. 5 article. But when he co-wrote the article, his editors told him "to rewrite the story, substantially deemphasizing the information about

The New York Tribune [which changed its name to the New York City Tribune on Oct. 17, 1984] published the first story purporting to 'link' Zaccaro with organized crime figures — a story disclosing that a company in which Zaccaro holds a 50-percent interest was leasing two floors in a seven-story warehouse in the Little Italy section of New York to an affiliate of a company described by law enforcement authorities as the largest printer and distributor of pornographic material in the country." Shaw wrote.

Prior to joining the City Tribune staff, Klebnikov wrote for the New York Times and the Bridgehampton Sun on Long Island. He has also won awards from the New York Press Association and the Long Island Press Club.

Klebnikov will be honored at special ceremonies in Chicago on June 21, during the IRE's annual convention.

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professionals, a final decision was made by a two-judge panel composed of Myrta Pulliam, executive board chairwoman of the *Indianap*olis Star, and Don Thrasher of ABC's 20/20, Weinberg said.

The first article of the series focused on the pornography firm, Star Distributors, which housed its shipping offices on the fifth floor of an commercial building nearly next door to the Zaccaro firm's offices in Manhattan's Little Italy.

Queried about Star, Zaccaro's office denied any association with the building, saying simply that the realty firm listed space on the ground floor. Zaccaro "For Rent" signs were liberally hung on the building façade.

#### Searched City records

But after an exhaustive search of New York City Housing Department records, Klebnikov showed that Zaccaro had paid taxes on the building and at least managed it. That story, published on July 24, 1984, was Klebnikov's first on Zaccaro. The day after publication, all Zaccaro signs were stripped from

In a July 25 article, a spokesman for Ferraro admitted that the Zaccaro firm managed the building housing Star, which has frequently been cited in state and federal testimony as an organized-crimelinked pornography operation.

Such disclosures proved embarrassing to Ferraro's political campaign, since she was strongly endorsed by the National Organization for Women. She soon stated that she held only one share in her husband's firm, but, in fact, the company only issued two shares, the other being held by Zaccaro.

Klebnikov also discovered that the Zaccaro firm had managed a building housing one of the largest gambling clubs in Chinatown, a club that had been raided numerous times by City police. A police source informed Klebnikov that in such cases, the owner and/or manager of such a site is notified.

Following publication of the articles, the full glare of the media spotlight was focused on Ferraro.

Although she gave an impressive performance at her well publicized press conference on Aug. 21 at which she responded to questions about her financial disclosures, the questions about her husband's realty firm and its transactions continued to haunt her throughout the campaign.

#### Quoted in most newspapers

The reporter's articles were quoted in nearly every major newspaper in the country and started intensive investigations of Zaccaro's business associations by such prominent media organizations as The Wall Street Journal.

In a post-election front page report last year on press coverage and Ferraro, Los Angeles Times writer David Shaw said that "reporters [at other papers] who looked into the [City Tribune] allegations found the basic information to be true."

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