

111th CONGRESS, 1st SESSION
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

**Investigation into Officially Connected Travel of House Members to Attend the Carib
News Foundation Multinational Business Conferences in 2007 and 2008.**

EXHIBIT 1

RESOLUTION

Whereas Members, Delegates, or Employees of the House of Representatives participated in officially-connected travel in 2007 and 2008 that was sponsored, funded, or organized by Carib News or the Carib News Foundation;

Whereas certain allegations have arisen related to the sponsorship of officially connected travel in 2007 and 2008 that was sponsored, funded, or organized by Carib News or the Carib News Foundation;

Whereas pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a) the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee jointly engaged in informal fact-finding to gather additional information concerning these allegations;

Whereas the conduct of a Member, Delegate, or Employee of the House, in connection with the aforementioned allegations, may violate the Code of Official Conduct or one or more law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to the conduct of a Member, Delegate, or Employee of the House in the performance of the duties or the discharge of the responsibilities of such individuals; and

Whereas the Committee has authority to empanel an investigative subcommittee regarding such conduct pursuant to House Rule XI, clauses 3(a)(2) and (3)(b)(2), and pursuant to Committee Rules 14(a)(3) and 18; and

Whereas the Committee has determined pursuant to Committee Rule 1(c) that the interests of justice require the adoption of special procedures in order for the Committee to carry out its investigative and enforcement responsibilities with respect to the aforementioned allegations;

It is hereby resolved by the Committee

1. That an Investigative Subcommittee be established with jurisdiction to conduct a full and complete investigation into any conduct of House Members or staff related to their participation in officially-connected travel in 2007 and 2008 that was sponsored, funded, or organized by Carib News or the Carib News Foundation;
2. That the scope of the inquiry may extend to any matters related to the jurisdiction of the Investigative Subcommittee as set forth in this resolution;
3. That at the conclusion of its inquiry, the Investigative Subcommittee shall report to the Committee its findings, conclusions, and recommendations;
4. That the Members of the Investigative Subcommittee shall be designated pursuant to Committee Rule 19(a);
5. That Committee Rules 7 (Confidentiality), 8(a) (Subcommittees – General Policy and Structure), 9 (Quorums and Member Disqualification), and 10 (Vote

Requirements) are fully applicable to this inquiry by the Investigative Subcommittee;

6. That the Investigative Subcommittee is authorized to obtain evidence and relevant information by the means and in the manner set forth in Committee Rules 19(b) – (c), except as those rules apply to respondents;
7. That witnesses before the Investigative Subcommittee shall be furnished with a copy of the special procedures for this inquiry (as set forth in this resolution), as well as accorded the rights set forth in Committee Rules 26(k) – (o);
8. That the Committee intends that all witnesses who provide testimony before the Investigative Subcommittee should be sequestered and should not communicate with any other witnesses regarding any aspect of their testimony unless the Investigative Subcommittee permits otherwise;
9. That at any point during its inquiry, or at the conclusion of its inquiry, the jurisdiction of the Investigative Subcommittee may be expanded in accordance with the requirements of Committee Rule 19(d) if the Investigative Subcommittee obtains information indicating that a Member, officer, or employee of the House may have committed a violation of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to the conduct of such Member, officer, or employee in the performance of his or her duties or the discharge of his or her responsibilities. If the scope of jurisdiction of the Investigative Subcommittee is expanded to investigate the conduct of an identified Member, officer, or employee of the House, the inquiry regarding the identified Member, officer, or employee shall proceed before the same Investigative Subcommittee and in accordance with all the Rules of the Committee regarding an inquiry involving a respondent;
10. That except as otherwise provided in this Resolution, the Rules of the Committee shall be applicable in this matter and will be interpreted by the Investigative Subcommittee and the Committee in a manner not inconsistent with this Resolution.

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EXHIBIT 2

Unique Vacations, Inc.

WORLDWIDE TRAVEL SPECIALISTS • 1-800-327-1991 • 4000 BISCAYNE BLVD. SUITE 1000 • MIAMI, FL 33135

Unique Vacations Groups Department
4950 S.W. 72nd Avenue, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33155
Phone: (800) 327-1991 FAX: (305) 668-2767



Group Contract

Mrs. Rodney
NY Carib News Foundation
7 West 36th Street
8th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Phone: (212) 944-1991
Email: [REDACTED]

Group Name: 12th Annual Multi-National Business Conference
Hotel: Sandals Grande Antigua
Room Category: Run of House Rooms (Premium or better)
Dates of Travel: November 8 – 11, 2007

Group Room Block Grid:

Dates of Travel	11/08/2007	11/09/2007	11/10/2007	11/11/2007
ROH Rms	75	75	75	0
Totals	75	75	75	0

Group Rate:

Rooms	Rate Per Night	# of Nights	Room Rate	# of Rooms	Total Room Costs
Single ROH Rooms	\$350.00	3	\$1,050.00	0	\$0.00
Double ROH Rooms	\$420.00	3	\$1,260.00	63	\$79,380.00
Comp Concierge Upgrade	\$420.00	3	\$1,260.00	2	\$2,520.00
Comp ROH Rooms	\$0.00	3	\$0.00	10	\$0.00
Grand Total					\$81,900.00

Group Reservations and Changes:

Upon receipt of a signed copy of this contract and the required deposit, Unique Vacations will reserve the total number of rooms listed by this contract (NO ROOMS WILL BE HELD PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF THE SIGNED CONTRACT AND DEPOSIT). Addendums to this room block may be made periodically by the organization or their authorized agent and must be received in writing by Unique Vacations Groups Department. Confirmation of these changes will be remitted in the form of a new group room block breakdown.

Group Rate: US\$ 1,260.00 per couple for three (3) nights based on a Run of House room category.

* Group rates are inclusive of all gratuities and taxes on property,

Airport portorage and transportation gratuities are not included.

Payment Terms:

All payments must be sent to the offices of Unique Vacations, Inc.

Unique Vacations Inc.

Attn: Groups Dept.

4950 SW 72nd Ave.

2nd Floor

Miami, FL 33155

A deposit equal to **US\$ 10,000.00** is required to confirm the rooms.

A second deposit equal to 25% of the group value of **US\$ 20,475.00** is due ninety (90) days prior to the groups scheduled arrival date.

2nd Deposit Due Date: August 10, 2007

Final balance on the total group value of **US\$ 51,425.00** is required forty-five (45) days prior to arrival, along with a final rooming list and flight information.

Final Payment Due Date: September 24, 2007

Name changes are not permitted within 48 hours of scheduled room arrival.

Special Considerations:

One (1) private group cocktail party with open bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres (1 Hour) and one (1) private group buffet dinner (2 Hours) are included in the group rate.*

Additional private functions will require a set up fee and per person food and beverage fee as listed below:

Breakfast during sessions – US\$ 8.50 per person per breakfast *

Buffet breakfast – US\$ 20.00 per person per breakfast *

Receptions – US\$ 20.00 per person per reception. *

Buffet Lunch – US\$ 20.00 per person per lunch *

Buffet dinner – US\$ 45.00 per person per dinner *

Plated dinner – US\$ 55.00 per person per dinner *

*Entertainment is not included for functions.

For those guests not staying at Sandals Grande Antigua, the daily day pass rate to attend the conference is US\$ 150 per person per day. Included in this cost is the food and beverage for all working sessions/ receptions/dinners, etc.

**** All group functions must be confirmed through Unique Vacation's Groups Department.**

Concierge Upgrades:

A total of 2 upgrades to a run of house concierge room will be provided with this program. (One (1) complimentary concierge upgrade for every twenty-five (25) rooms paid.) Concierge upgrades will be guaranteed for the duration of the group's stay only.

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WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATIVE FOR SANDALS & REACHES RESORTS

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Meeting Facilities:

Complimentary use of meeting facilities and basic A/V equipment are included in the group rates.

Guaranteed Reservations:

All group reservations are guaranteed for late arrival, any no show rooms will be charged for the entire length of their booking.

Extension Rooms:

Participants are welcome to purchase extension nights at the group program rate, from three (3) days prior until three (3) days after the official program dates (black out dates may apply).

Extension reservations must be paid prior to the group's arrival. Extension reservations will be confirmed based on availability and will be bound by the same cancellation policies as the group.

Master Account Charges and Payments:

Master account for incidentals on property and any outside tours and other charges will be settled on property prior to the group's departure from the resort. Preferred method of payment will be by credit card.

Full Group Cancellation:

180 days or more prior to group arrival, there will be no fee for full group cancellation.

Between 179 and 90 days prior to the group arrival 25% of full room revenue will be charged for full group cancellation, minus rooms resold by the hotel.

Between 89 days prior and 60 days of the groups scheduled arrival 75% of full room revenue will be charged for full group cancellation, minus rooms resold by the hotel.

Within 59 days of the groups scheduled day of arrival 100% of full room revenue will be charged for full group cancellation.

Room Attrition Policy:

180 days or more prior to group arrival, there will be no fee for attrition.

Between 179 and 90 day prior to group arrival, 15% of the total room block held at the 180 day review may be canceled without a fee. Any rooms cancelled above the allowed attrition schedule will be charged 20% of full room revenue, minus rooms resold by the hotel.

Between 89 and 60 days prior to group arrival, 10% of the total room block held at the 90 days review may be canceled without a fee. Any rooms cancelled above the allowed attrition schedule will be charged 60% of full room revenue, minus rooms resold by the hotel.

Between 59 and 31 days prior to group arrival, 5% of the total room block held at the 60 days review may be canceled without a fee. Any rooms cancelled above the allowed attrition schedule will be charged 80% of full room revenue.

Within 30 days of the scheduled arrival date, no rooms in the total room block held at the 31 day review may be canceled without payment of a penalty. Any rooms canceled within 30 days prior to arrival will be charged 100% of full room revenue.

General Conditions:

On behalf of Unique Vacations, we look forward to hosting your group at Sandals Grande Antigua and ask that you return a signed copy of this contract.

Failure to comply with all the above payment dates and conditions may result in the cancellation of group space and forfeiture of all deposits being held by Unique Vacations.

The quoted rate is valid for thirty days from the above contract date and space is subject to availability until a deposit has been received and confirmed by Unique Vacations. If the group falls below the required number of rooms (10), the group rate and privileges are no longer valid.

Group bookings are not eligible for override commissions through the CSS/PSS program. CSS/PSS agents will earn one free stay through the GO SANDALS OR GO BEACHES program for every group of ten rooms or more, redeemable after the group has traveled.

Signature Guest Discounts are not combinable with group rates. Signature Guest will earn points for their stay at the Sandals or Beaches Resorts.

Effective January 22, 2007, the US Department of State and Homeland Security will require all travelers to and from the Americas, Caribbean and Bermuda to have a passport. Non-US Citizens should contact the airline regarding the specific entry requirements that apply to their nationality.

**** Boarding will be denied without proper travel documentation. ****

If you have any questions regarding this contract please do not hesitate to contact the groups department.

1-800-327-1991 ext. 4225, 4247 or 4179 or fax: (305) 668-2767.

Sincerely,

Tonya Hawryluk
Group Sales Manager - Unique Vacations
For Sandals and Beaches Resorts

Date



Accepted by
May 8, 2007

Date

5/5/2007

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EXHIBIT 3



Carib News Foundation
 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

TO : Hon. Dr Errol Cort
 Minister of Finance and the Economy

cc. John Lynch
 Executive VP, Sandals Resorts

FROM : Karl B. Rodney, *CARIB NEWS*

DATE : October 3, 2007

SUBJECT : Basic Requirements to Host Conference

As a condition of the Basic Requirement, the Host Country agreed to provide accommodation of twenty-five (25) rooms for Members of Congress and other VIP's. This payment is now required for the Sandals Grande Antigua for the Conference, November 8-11, 2007.

The group contract rate negotiated for the conference is \$420 per night for double occupancy. The amount for the three nights stay is \$1,260. The total due for the 25 rooms is \$31,500.

SANDALS is now requesting full payment for the rooms reserved. We would appreciate if you would make the payment of \$31,500 payable to:

Unique Vacations Inc.
Att: Groups Department
 4950 S.W. 72ND Avenue, 2nd floor
 Miami, FL 33155
 (800) 327-1991 ext 4225, 4247, 4379

A wire transfer of funds is also possible. The information is

SUNTRUST BANK
 777 BRICKELL AVENUE
 MIAMI, FL 33131
 (305) 579-7254

ACCOUNT NAME: Unique Vacations, Inc
 ACCOUNT #: XXXXXXXXXX
 ABA ROUTING #: XXXXXXXXXX
 SWIFT ID: XXXXXXXXXX

Thanks for your kind co-operation

Karl B. Rodney



Carib News Foundation
7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
Tel: (212) 944-1991 Fax: (212) 944-2089
E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

TO : Tonya Hawryluk
Group Sales Manager/Unique Vacations

FROM : Faye A. Rodney, CARIB NEWS

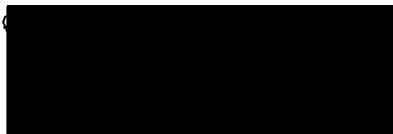
DATE : October 5, 2007

Please find enclosed a check for \$20,000 on account of the CARIB NEWS BUSINESS CONFERENCE in Antigua, November 8-11, 2007.

65 Rooms x \$1260	-	\$ 81,900
Deposit	-	\$ 10,000
Antigua Government payment	-	\$ 31,400
Check enclosed	-	<u>\$ 20,000</u>

Balance Due - \$ 20,500

Total payment will be made by October 24, 2007



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EXHIBIT 4

JOEL COHEN
DIRECT DIAL: [REDACTED]
DIRECT FAX: [REDACTED]

DANIELLE ALFONZO WALSMAN
DIRECT DIAL: [REDACTED]
DIRECT FAX: [REDACTED]

March __, 2009

BY EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Mr. Leo Wise
Staff Director & Chief Counsel
Office of Congressional Ethics
United States House of Representatives
1017 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Request for Information, Review No. 09-2567

Dear Mr. Wise:

We represent Mr. Karl Rodney, Carib News and the Carib News Foundation with respect to the above referenced Request for Information. While you have asked for our clients' voluntary cooperation, which they are not obligated to provide, and in light of your informal assurances that you have no basis at this time to believe that our clients have acted inappropriately with respect to this matter, we enclose herewith documents responsive to your request.¹ To the extent that the Freedom of Information Act is applicable to any submissions made to the Office of Congressional Ethics, our clients hereby request that the information provided be treated confidentially.

By way of background, Mr. Rodney is a native of Jamaica and has been active in the Caribbean American community for decades, having served as President of the Jamaica Progressive League, the largest Caribbean organization in the United States. In 1982, Mr. Rodney recognized that there was no media outlet for the growing Caribbean American community. So, after 15 years of employment with Equitable Life Insurance, Mr. Rodney and

¹ Given our clients' privacy concerns and potential publicity that may be generated from this submission, we have withheld a number of documents, including tax and banking records, having concluded that they are not required for your inquiry.

his wife, Faye, pooled their resources to found Carib News. The weekly newspaper has been in circulation for 28 years and boasts a stellar reputation throughout the country and Caribbean region. Its mission is to disseminate news that is relevant to its readership as well as provide information for immigrant readers who are acclimating to life in the United States.

The work of Carib News is largely guided by its social mission to build a bridge of understanding and strong alliance between the Caribbean American and African American communities, and the community at large. For example, each year, Carib News hosts approximately 20 editorial board meetings at its office, inviting members of the community and local elected officials to discuss pressing issues and to educate the community on how the system works. Past speakers have included former New York Governor George Pataki, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York City School Chancellor Joel Klein and various health commissioners and high profile businesspersons making a difference in the community. Carib News then publishes editorials of the meeting's content for all of its readers. Carib News also organizes and sponsors community outreach meetings in the five boroughs throughout the year on key issues to the community, e.g., mortgages.

In furtherance of the goals of his organizations, Mr. Rodney has held several unpaid positions, including membership on the Board of the New York City Partnership with David Rockefeller, the Board of the United Way of New York, the Board of the New York Urban League and the Board of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce. He was also an instrumental participant in the founding of the Caribbean Cultural Center, the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and several service organizations in the community.

In 1985, the Rodneys recognized a void in the business connection between the United States and Caribbean. Seeking to foster business and education contacts between the two regions through first-hand contact and information, the first annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference (the "Conference") was held. Later, in 1998, the Carib News Foundation (formerly Carib News Charities) was founded to support the community outreach program of Carib News. The Foundation receives modest annual contributions unrelated to the Conference and has sponsored cultural tributes such as Mother of the Year awards through Carib News and other Caribbean heritage events. The Foundation's involvement with the Conference has evolved and increased over the years.

The Conference has grown in size throughout the years. Its agenda includes dozens of speakers with specific areas of relevant expertise, including distinguished professionals and state and federal public officials from the United States and the Caribbean region. Over its history, the Conference has generated serious business interest and commercial opportunities in the region. While our clients are appreciative of the past participation of Members of the United States Congress, the Conference is in no way dependent on their participation, and the Conference would, indeed, proceed in their absence.

In promoting the Conference, Mr. Rodney and his organizations have welcomed the financial support and meaningful participation of corporations interested in marketing their services to the Caribbean American community and the region, as well as those with social development programs in areas of, e.g., education, health, and the environment. T HCSOC CCK

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relationships with these corporations spans several years and grew out of Carib News' record of partnership in promoting such programs.

You will note in your review of the enclosed documents that our clients have been in regular contact in recent years with staff members at the House of Representatives in completing the necessary paperwork for the Conference. In 2006, for example, then-Chair Representative Doc Hastings and then-Ranking Minority Member Representative Howard L. Berman, in a reply letter to Michele Rodney, acknowledged Ms. Rodney's explanation of the Conference's finances and the fact that Carib News Foundation would be paying for Member travel expenses while the corporate participants "provide a contribution to the overall pool of expenses of the Conference."

In 2007, when the forms and requirements had been significantly changed since the 2006 process, Dawn Kelly Mobley, Esq., the Ethics Counsel for the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, as well as Susan L. Olson, Esq., Peg Perl, Esq. and Hilary Smith of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct each worked with Ms. Patricia Louis of Carib News regarding how to properly complete the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

For example, in an email to Ms. Louis, dated September 19, 2007, Ms. Kelly Mobley clarified the definition of "sponsor" by distinguishing between organizations that "take part in sponsoring food and other parts of the [Conference] travel," as opposed to the "*official* sponsor...providing travel, lodging and organizing the trip." (emphasis in original). Ms. Kelly Mobley advised in her email that it was only the "*official* sponsor" that may not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent, and who must have a direct and immediate relationship with the event.

In another email, dated October 11, 2007, Ms. Louis explained to House Counsel Susan L. Olson that the Conference's corporate participants "contribute to the overall expense of the trip and the general work of the [Carib News] Foundation." Ms. Olson responded with a question by email dated October 12, 2007, "Do the [corporate participants] pay for any of the expenses of the trip for the invited House Members, including roundtrip air transportation costs, lodging costs, meal costs, costs of a particular meal or reception, etc.?" Since, as discussed above, the costs specified by Ms. Olson were covered by Carib News' sponsorship of the Conference, Ms. Louis replied, "No."

After subsequent correspondence between Ms. Olson, Ms. Kelly Mobley and Mr. Bill O'Reilly, Ms. Kelly Mobley writes to Ms. Louis on October 12, 2007, "I have explained [to Susan Olson] that the organizations you labeled as co-sponsors are not. They support your foundation annually, but have not and will not pay for the Members trip. This is simply a misunderstanding of the terms "sponsor," "contributor," and "participant" as used in the Ethics rules."

It is clear that it has always been our clients' intention to complete all of the necessary paperwork, including the House's Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, accurately and honestly, and that the above exchanges with House staff and Counsel largely informed the organizations' actions in this regard. In those exchanges, our clients openly disclosed the identities of the Conference's corporate participants and at no time tried to mislead

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or deceive the House staff or Counsel.

The Rodneys have tirelessly dedicated their life's work to promoting worldwide interest and business opportunities for the Caribbean region, and improving the lives of all Caribbean Americans. For that public service, they have had their names and organizations splashed in print and electronic news media, have seen their corporate donors publicly excoriated for any past or future support of their programs, and have needed to dedicate significant time, effort and legal fees, particularly relative to their modest operation, in order to defend their credibility and reputation in the marketplace. We ask that you be mindful of these realities in ensuring appropriate sensitivity is exercised concerning the attached materials, particularly given your representation to us that you do not believe that our clients have acted inappropriately.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Joel Cohen

and

Danielle Alfonzo Walsman

Enclosures

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NYS Department of State

Division of Corporations

Entity Information

Selected Entity Name: CARIB NEWS, INC.

Selected Entity Status Information

Current Entity Name: CARIB NEWS, INC.

Initial DOS Filing Date: JUNE 08, 1982

County: WESTCHESTER

Jurisdiction: NEW YORK

Entity Type: DOMESTIC BUSINESS CORPORATION

Current Entity Status: ACTIVE

Selected Entity Address Information

DOS Process (Address to which DOS will mail process if accepted on behalf of the entity)

KARL RODNEY
7 WEST 36TH ST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10018

Chairman or Chief Executive Officer

KARL RODNEY
7 WEST 36TH ST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10018

Principal Executive Office

KARL RODNEY
7 WEST 36TH ST
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10018

Registered Agent

NONE

This office does not require or maintain information regarding the names and addresses of officers, shareholders or directors of a corporation.

***Stock Information**

# of Shares	Type of Stock	\$ Value per Share
200	No Par Value	

*Stock information is applicable to domestic business corporations.

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EXHIBIT 6

NYS Department of State

Division of Corporations

Entity Information

Selected Entity Name: CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

Selected Entity Status Information

Current Entity Name: CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

Initial DOS Filing Date: MAY 27, 1988

County: NEW YORK

Jurisdiction: NEW YORK

Entity Type: DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

Current Entity Status: ACTIVE

Selected Entity Address Information

DOS Process (Address to which DOS will mail process if accepted on behalf of the entity)

C/O KARL B. RODNEY
15 WEST 39TH STREET
13TH FL.
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10018

Registered Agent

NONE

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No Information Available		

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Name History

Filing Date	Name Type	Entity Name
MAY 15, 2001	Actual	CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION
MAY 27, 1988	Actual	CARIB NEWS CHARITIES, INC.


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EXHIBIT 7

A CARIBNEWS PROGRAM

CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

DOING BUSINESS TOGETHER 

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The Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference: What You Will Learn?

Building Business Strategies For Global Competitiveness

Diversity & Accountability In Corporations

- This has to do with standard that corporations are looking to in doing international business and that the Caribbean ought to keep in step with. Add to the competitiveness issues.

Travel & Tourism

- Tourism as an investment segment – to be treated as such and to direct attention to the investment potential. The use of technology is advancing the marketing and services of the Tourism Sector.
- The future look of Tourism – where are the opportunities for expansion of the Product. Competitiveness with other areas.

Health

- Health as an investment segment – Caribbean an ideal location for off-shore Medical facilities. Looking at the Apollo model in India as a possibility. We will be inviting medical institutions who might have an interest in the aspect of health. Job creation, better health care and infrastructural development.
- Management & Delivery of Health Care Services – what a collaboration can take place between health care providers in the US and those in the Caribbean. Sharing data and information to systems performance and provider performance.
- Collaboration on research between US and Caribbean Health Care institutions of chronic diseases affecting the respective population.

Safety & Security

- Issue of drugs and small arms trade and its impact on the safety and security of the region. Build awareness among US Congresspersons on how the demand in the US drives the trade. Expand Homeland Security concept to include US recognition of the Caribbean and the need to provide adequate funds. Regional and US collaboration on the problem.

Sustainable Use Of Marine Resources

- Great opportunity in the Caribbean to protect one of its treasures. Build awareness in the region, identify resources and seek collaboration to harness and protect marine resources.

Entrepreneurship In The Diaspora

- To develop a generation of entrepreneurship in the Diaspora to expand the investment pool. To enhance the Stock Market and investment opportunities in the region. Investment and Banking with a Diaspora emphasis.

Pull on great examples of entrepreneurship in the Caribbean and in the US.

Cultural Industries

- Realizing the potential of the Caribbean culture in all forms; assessing the potential, strategies of development and marketing that will have a direct impact as a revenue generator for the region. Entrepreneurship again.

The Management Of Disaster & Recovery

- The concept of a Hemispheric Disaster Fund – proposed by Congressman Danny Davis at last year's Conference.
- The role of communication and technology in recovery.
- The use of Diaspora talent in this process and sensitivity to the community being served.
- Cadre of specialists – ready to be mobilized through organizations of the region.

Technology : The Role In Sustainable Development

- Impact on Education.
- Impact on Health.
- Opportunity for investment.
- Collaboration with US Corporations and institutions, i.e. strategy partnerships
- Delivery of services.

Globalization - A Reality For The Caribbean

- Understanding the Global marketplace
- Obstacles of parochial politics
- The future is now
- Public/private partnership for full advantage – i.e. the role of the entrepreneur
- Financial services.

Market Strategies In The Global Reality

- The Diaspora market opportunities
- A new look at agro-business – organic and gourmet
- Explore new distribution channels

United States/Caribbean Relations

- Special differential understanding of competitiveness and trade policy.

- Fostering better investment climate.
- Security collaboration

Education

- Use of technology in bridging the divide

Strategies and application process for doing business in the Caribbean – to stimulate discussion on opportunities for specific business situations, incentives, information.

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EXHIBIT 8

**12th Annual Caribbean Multi-National
Business Conference Program
Antigua & Barbuda**

Thursday, November 8, 2007

12:00noon- 6:00pm :	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION -
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4:00 - 5:30om - COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Venue -

Theme - INTERNATIONAL TRADE - THE WTO ROLE

Speakers - Hon. Charles Rangel - Member of Congress

Hon. Maxine Waters - Member of Congress

Hon. Dr. Errol Cort - Minister of Finance & The Economy

6:30- 7:30pm - OPENING RECEPTION

Venue: - Sandals Grande

Theme: - CEMENTING DIASPORA TIES

Sponsor: - AT&T

MC: -

Speakers - Hon. Harold Lovell - Minister of Tourism & Civil Aviation

Hon. Yvette Clarke - Member of Congress



7:30 - 9:30 pm -

Venue: - Sandals Grande

Theme: - COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES

Sponsor: - SANDALS

MC: -

Speakers - Hon. 'Butch' Stewart, Chairman, Sandals
Hon. Ed Towns - Member of Congress
Minister of Government, Antigua - TBD

Entertainment :

10:00pm - 1:00am: Hospitality Area

Venue: Sandals Grande

Sponsors: - Royal Caribbean Bakery

Friday, November 9, 2007

8:00am - 8:45am BREAKFAST - Buffet Style

9:00am - 6:00pm	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
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9:00am - 10:15am - OPENING CEREMONIES

Venue: - Sandals Grande - Main Ballroom

Theme: - CEMENTING DIASPORA TIES, COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES

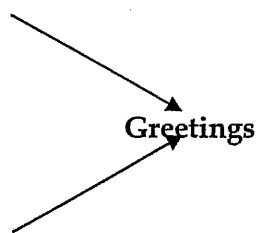
Sponsor: - CITI/PFIZER/MACY'S/AT&T

MC:

Invocation: -

Anthems: -

Speakers: - Eric Eve
Karen Boykin-Towns
Ed Goldberg
Marie Long



Hon. Errol Cort - Minister of Finance & The Economy

Hon. Yvette Clarke - Member of Congress

Hon. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick - Member of Congress

Susan Taylor - Editor in Chief - Essence

Governor General of Antigua

Ribbon Cutting

10:30am -11:45am - PRESENTATION

Theme: - FINANCIAL SERVICES - A ROLE IN HEMISPHERIC DEVELOPMENT

Venue: - Sandals Grande

Sponsors - CITI

Greeting -

Chair/Moderator - Jacqueline Ebanks

Speaker: Hon. Maxine Waters - Member of Congress

Hon. William Lacy Clay - Member of Congress

Hon. Compton Bourne - President, CDB

Caribbean Minister of Finance - TBD

12:00noon - 1:15pm

Theme: - NATIONAL SECURITY : A PRE-CONDITION FOR THE
PATHWAY TO SUCCESS

Venue : - Sandals Grande

Sponsors: - HSBC

MC: - Dr. Basil Wilson

Remarks: - Reginald Canal

Keynote Speaker: Hon. Bennie Thompson - Member of Congress

Panelists: - Minister of Security - Caribbean - TBD

Hon. Donna Christensen - Member of Congress

Hon. Yvette Clarke - Member of Congress

Professor Iwelaw Griffith

12:00noon -1:15pm

Theme - EDUCATION - ISSUES & CHALLENGES ON
COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

Sponsors - IBM

Chair - Marilyn Johnson

Speakers - Dr. Edison O. Jackson, President Medgar Evers College
Hon. Donald Payne, Member of Congress
Minister of Education - Antigua & Barbuda - TBD
Youth Representative = TBD

1:30 -2:00 p.m. - LUNCH

Theme - INTERNATIONAL TRADE - POSITIONING THE CARIBBEAN

Venue - Sandals Grande

Sponsors - Government of Antigua & Barbuda

Remarks - Hon. Errol Cort (or designee)

Keynote Speaker - Hon. Billie Miller - Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade
Hon. Charles Rangel - Member of Congress

3:00pm - 4:00pm - ROUND TABLES
IMMIGRATION - STRENGTHENING THE U.S.

Venue: -
Sponsor -
Speakers - Hon. Sheila Lee Jackson - Member of Congress
Dr. Marco Mason
HAITI - THE TRANSFORMATION

Venue -
Sponsor - Preferred Health Partners
Speakers - Hon. Barbara Lee - Member of Congress
Hon. Eliot Engel - Member of Congress
CARICOM Rep. - TBD

THE VALUE OF DIVERSITY IN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT ??

Venue:
Sponsor - Goodworks International
Speaker - Hon. Gregory Meeks - Member of Congress
CARICOM REP. - TBD

4:00pm - 5:30pm -

Venue: - Off Site

Theme - HEALTH - COMMON ISSUES - TRIED SOLUTIONS

Sponsor - Pfizer/ Preferred Health Partners

Greeting: -

MC -

Keynote Speakers: - Dr. Dexter McKenzie
Dr. Denzil Douglas - Prime Minister St. Kitts
Dr. Donna Christensen - Member of Congress
Dr. Marcia Bayne-Smith

6.30:00pm - 10: 00 pm - HOST COUNTRY EVENING

Hosted by Prime Minister Baldwin Spencer

**** MANDATORY FOR ALL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ATTEND**

Venue - Off Site

Sponsor : Antigua & Barbuda

10:00pm - 1:00am - Hospitality Area

Venue: - Sandals Grande

Sponsor: - Golden Krust

Saturday, November 10, 2007

- 8:00am - 10.00am -
- Venue: - Sandals Grande
- Theme : - STRATEGIES FOR ?? ..DIASPORA ADVANCING
THE ROLE OF WOMEN
- Sponsors: - MACYS
- Remarks - Brenda Scott - Macy's
- MC - Marilyn Johnson
- Speakers - Michele Obama (invited)
Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson - Member of Congress
Hon. Diane Abbott - Member of Parliament, UK
Baroness Patricia Scotland - Attorney General, UK
Harriett Michel - President NMSDC
Caribbean person - TBD
- 10:15am - 11:45pm - PRESENTATION
- Theme - HEALTH - REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CARE AND INVESTMENT
- Venue - Sandals Grande
- Sponsors - Pfizer
- Greeting - Karen Boykin-Towns - Pfizer
- Chair/Moderator - Hon. Yvonne Graham

- Keynote** - **Dr. Denzil Douglas - Prime Minister St. Kitts/Nevis**
- Panelists**
- Dr. Dexter McKenzie**
 - Hon. Donna Christensen - Member of Congress**
 - Dr. Lesly Kernisant**
 - Dr. Marcia Bayne-Smith**
 - Caribbean person - TBD**
- 10:15am-11:45am** -
- Theme** - **TRAVEL & TOURISM - EXPANSION IN THE DIAPORA CONNECTION**
- Venue** -
- Sponsors** - **AMERICAN AIRLINES/SANDALS**
- Chair/Moderator** - **Lloyd Williams**
- Speakers** -
- Hon. Gregory Meeks - Member of Congress**
 - Hon. Keith Ellison - Member of Congress**
 - Hon. Allan Chastanet - Minister of Tourism, St. Lucia**
 - Hon. Harold Lovell, Minister of Tourism, Antigua & Barbuda**
- 10:15-am-11:45am** - **PRESENTATION**
- Theme** - **TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATION - SHARED COLLABORATIVE ADVANCES ??**

Venue: - Sandals Grande
Sponsors: - AT&T
Remarks - Marie Long
Keynote Speakers: - Hon. Ed Towns - Member of Congress
Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson - Member of Congress
Minister of Technology - TBD

12:00noon - 1:15pm -

Theme - INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES - THE DIAPORA LINKAGES

Venue: - Sandals Grande

Sponsor - HSBC

Remarks - Javier Evans

Speakers - Hon. Compton Bourne

Dr. Roy Hastick

Hon. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick - Member of Congress

Hon. Kendrick Meek - Member of Congress

Hon. William Lacy Clay Jr. - Member of Congress

1:30pm -2:30pm - LUNCH

Theme: - FINANCE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS - VALUE
AND ROLE

Sponsors: - CITI

Remarks - Michael Flanigan
Speakers - Eric Eve - CITI
Hon. Donald Payne

2:30pm - 6:30pm

Optional:

3:00pm - 4:00pm - ROUND TABLE

Venue :

Round Table #1

Theme : HEALTH TOURISM

Venue

Sponsor - Preferred Health Partners

Round Table#2 -

Theme - HEMISPHERIC DISASTER FUND

Venue -

Sponsor - Royal Caribbean Bakery

Speakers - Hon. Gregory Meeks - Member of Congress
Hon. Edolphus Towns - Member of Congress

Round Table#3

Theme - CLOSING THE GENERATION GAP
Hon. Kendrick Meek - Member of Congress
Hon. Yvette Clarke - Member of Congress

Venue -

Sponsor - Golden Krust Bakery

Round Table #4

Theme : PASSPORT REQUIREMENT - IMPACT ON TOURISM

Venue :

Sponsor : American Airlines

Speakers : Hon. Bennie Thompson - Member of Congress
Hon. Sheila Jackson Lee - Member of Congress
(Tourism officials from CTO or CHA)

Sponsor : CARIB NEWS

4:00pm - 5:30pm - COMMUNITY OUTREACH -
EDUCATION - DIASPORAL COLLABORATION

Venue: - Off Site

Sponsor - CITI

Moderator: - Michael Flanigan

Speakers: - Dr. Edison Jackson - President Medgar Evers College
Hon. Danny Davis - Member of Congress
Hon. David M. Dinkins - Former Mayor New York City
Caribbean person - TBD

6:30 - 7:30pm - GALA RECEPTIONS

Venue:

Sponsor - AT&T - HSBC

Speaker - Hon. Billie Miller, Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Minister of Government .. Antigua

Theme:

7:30 - 10:00 pm : GALA DINNER & AWARDS

Theme :

Venue :

Sponsors AT&T/MACY'S/PFIZER

Speakers : Hon. Charles Rangel - Member of Congress
Hon. Stephanie Tubbs-Jones - Member of Congress

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Keynote Speaker : Prime Minister Hon. Baldwin Spencer

Hospitality Area

10:30pm - 1:00am

Venue:

Sponsor: - Royal Caribbean Bakery

Sunday, November 11, 2007

8:30 am - 10:00am - POWER BREAKFAST

Theme - UNDERSTANDING THE SPIRITUAL ROOTS AND
MAKING IT WORK

Sponsors: - Golden Krust/Macys

Celebrant - Ed Goldberg
Lowell Hawthorne
Caribbean person - TBD

Selection

Theme:

Selection:

11:00am } Paid Trip to Montserrat - Transportation (Ferry) - Lunch and
] Special Tour . Addressed. by Chief Minister Lowell Lewis

8:00 pm]

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OFF PUBLIC SCHEDULE - MANDATORY FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Friday November 9, 2007

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Private Welcome Reception with Governor General

Saturday November 10, 2007

- US CARIBBEAN RELATIONS

- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00pm - Closed Door Meeting
(Mandatory for all Members)
Prime Ministers & Ministers of Government
with Members of Congress
Secretary of State - Condoleezza Rice (Invited)
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm - Private Meeting with Local Elected Officials and
the Business Community

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EXHIBIT 9

From: carib-desk@att.net
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 4:05 PM
To: [REDACTED]; Dalley, George
Subject: Draft Agenda, 2007 Conference
Attachments: Program Working Copy - edited Sept 13.doc

Attached draft program for your attention.
Congresswoman Strepheanie Tubbs-Jones has given us the name of Ms. Dawn Kelly Mobley
thee counsel in her office who will be working on the ethics approval. The program has also
been sent to her.

Regards

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Executive Assistant
NY Carib News
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EXHIBIT 10

From: plouis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 3:47 PM
To: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: Draft Program - 2007Business Conference

Ms. Mobley:
We spoke earlier re permission for Members to attend the Conference and you asked for The program. I have not gotten back to you because we have been working on getting the program together.
Attached is the draft for your guidance

Regards and Thanks

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Executive Assistant
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EXHIBIT 11

From: O'Reilly, Bill
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 1:37 PM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: FW: Draft Program - 2007Business Conference
Attachments: Program Working Copy - edited Sept 13.doc

Have you dealt with the Carib news travel before? I have a hazy memory of looking at this trip last year. Can you review this and work with dawn or the Chairwoman to answer any questions they have?

Bill O'Reilly
202-225-7103

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

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 7:15 PM
To: O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: Fw: Draft Program - 2007Business Conference

Would you please have someone look at this proposed travel agenda for the Chairwoman? The trip is in November but she'd like to talk with someone about it later this week. There is an entertainment component which doesn't appear to be clear yet. Let me know who will have it please? Dawn

Sent using BlackBerry

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Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Hon. Baldwin Spencer



Minister of Finance & The Economy
Hon. Errol Cross

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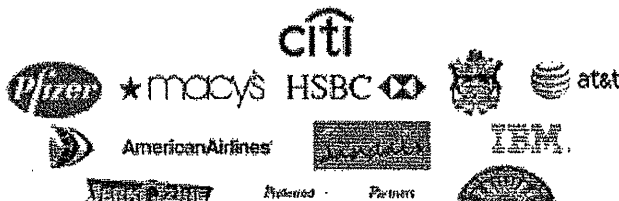
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U.S. House of Representatives
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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): _____

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box):
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): each representatives spouse is invited or one family member
6. Dates of travel: November 8-11, 2007
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Varies depending on member
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box):
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations:
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - b. Two nights' lodging and meals are being offered:
 If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

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11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: Pfizer-Education/Health
AT&T and IBM - provide technology to the region. MACY's - seeks new vendor sources, Citibank- opportunities in the region.

13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: Regular scheduled air service, economy class.

14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted.

15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box):

16. I represent that either (check one of the following):
 a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or
 b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation:
 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: A Caribbean country that has not previously hosted the conference.

18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Sandals Resort/Rex Resort

19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$110.00

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Has appropriate meeting rooms

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	320	330	195
For each accompanying family member:	320	0	195

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee:		
For each accompanying family member:		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip. (Signify "yes" by checking box).

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name and title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

Email Address: _____

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
 U.S. House of Representatives
 HT-2, The Capitol
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)
 (202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL
CERTIFICATION FORM**

1. *Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip):* Fill in the names of each person, organization, or other entity contributing funds or in-kind support towards the trip.
2. *I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent:* House Members and staff may not accept travel funded by a lobbyist or registered foreign agent, even when the lobbyist or foreign agent will be reimbursed by a client or employer.
3. *I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:* All financial contributors to the trip must qualify as sponsors and should be listed as a sponsor in response to question 1.
4. *Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?* Check yes or no. House Rules permit Members and House staff to accept travel benefits for one accompanying family member if offered by the trip sponsor.
5. *Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited:* You must list every House Member and employee who is invited on the trip, together with your reason for inviting that individual. Members and House staff may accept privately sponsored travel only when related to the individual's official duties. The explanation should demonstrate a connection between the trip and each invitee's official duties.
6. *Dates of Travel:* State the dates of departure and return.
7. *Cities of departure -- destination -- return:* For example, an appropriate entry might read: "DC - Detroit - DC". Include additional destinations if there will be more than one. Do not list the names of airports, times of flights, or cities where travelers will have an airport layover (this information should be included in the attached detailed agenda).
8. *Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel:* The agenda should be a detailed, hour-by-hour agenda. Include the names of speakers and the subjects of briefings. The agenda should also include information regarding the time spent on travel to and from the destination, as well as local travel. Travel will not be approved if the agenda includes an excessive amount of either unscheduled time and/or opportunities for recreational activities, even if such activities are at the personal expense of the invitees.

9. *I represent that (check one of the following):* Check only one box in response to this question. "Institutions of higher education" generally includes accredited public and private colleges or trade schools located in the U.S. and its territories; such entities should check box "a," regardless of whether they employ or retain a federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Entities other than institutions of higher education that do not employ or retain a federal lobbyist or foreign agent should check box "b." Entities other than institutions of higher education that do employ or retain a registered lobbyist or foreign agents may sponsor travel only for one-day events. For such trips, lobbyist involvement must be "*de minimis*" as defined by Committee regulations (see question 12).
10. *If travel is for participation in a one-day event, check one of the following:* Complete this question only if you checked box "c" in response to question 9. For travel to one-day events sponsored by an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist, lodging and meals generally may be provided only for one night. However, two nights may be authorized by the Committee in accordance with the factors set forth in Committee regulations.
11. *If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip:* House Rules prohibit Members and employees from being accompanied by registered lobbyists or foreign agents while traveling. This rule does not prohibit lobbyist or foreign agent participation in briefings or meetings that occur at the destination.
12. *Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:* The sponsor(s) (the entity or entities paying for the trip) should be the entity primarily responsible for organizing the trip. Travel may not be accepted from an entity that merely contributes money towards the travel and is not otherwise involved in planning or conducting the trip.
13. *Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip:* Briefly describe the interest or purpose of each sponsor in the trip.
14. *Describe the type and class of transportation being provided:* See directions on form.
15. *I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s):* While Members and staff may accept local transportation necessary in facilitating their participation in officially-connected aspects of a trip, Members and staff may not accept local transportation in connection with recreation or entertainment.
16. *I represent that either:* For events that are arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation (e.g., annual meetings of business or trade associations), Members or employees may accept the meals that are provided to all other attendees as part of the event. For events put on specifically for Members or staff, meal expenses must be "reasonable" in accordance with Committee regulations.

17. *Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:* The destination of a trip must be related to its purpose. Travel to a location of an event organized without regard to congressional participation (for example, annual meetings of business or trade associations) is presumptively reasonable.
18. *Name of hotel or other lodging facility:* Include the names of all hotels and lodging facilities to be used during the trip.
19. *Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility:* Self-explanatory. Trip sponsors should not pay for a "package" that includes recreational or entertainment activities. However, Members and staff may generally use a pool or gym facilities that are offered free of charge to all hotel guests.
20. *Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:* For events held without regard to congressional participation (e.g., annual meetings of business or trade associations), an entry such as "location of annual trade association meeting" is sufficient. When the trip is held specifically for Members or staff, include rationale such as proximity to the site to be visited or to the airport.
21. *Total Expenses for Each Participant:* Indicate whether the figures provided are actual amounts or good faith estimates by checking the appropriate box. All trip expenses should be included. Expenses other than those for transportation, lodging and meals must be individually listed and specified.
22. *I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip:* Members and staff may not accept a lump sum based on an estimate of incidental expenses.
23. *Certification Information:* Self-explanatory.

THE TRIP SPONSOR SHOULD PROVIDE A COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM, INCLUDING ALL ATTACHMENTS, TO EACH HOUSE MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE INVITED ON THE TRIP.

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EXHIBIT 14

Olson, Susan


From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 11:16 AM
To: Dixon, Carol; Sassaman, John; Van Hartesveldt, Peter; Smith, Tonia; Kellner, Ken; 'Kim, Morgan'
Cc: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Per Bill's request, I'm forwarding the following string of emails to you which includes my email from earlier today regarding my analysis of the "co-sponsors" situation for the Carib News trip. Let me know what you think. Thanks!

Susan

From: O'Reilly, Bill
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 11:09 AM
To: Olson, Susan; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

That's always been my understanding of the rules – can you also run this by others to see if anyone has any other thoughts.

Bill O'Reilly
202-225-7103


From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 9:29 AM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Bill and Dawn,
Please note the following response from Ms Louis at Carib News. Unfortunately, it appears that if each sponsor contributes funding directly to the trip (an earmark of funds) and not simply to the general funds of Carib News, then the assumption is that all of these entities are co-sponsors of the trip for purposes of the House travel rules. If that is the case and since it is likely that at least one of these co-sponsors hires or retains a federally registered lobbyist, the trip could only be a one-day event trip. Thus the Committee can't approve the trip as it currently exists.

But, if you have a different interpretation of the below information from Ms. Louis, please do let me know. Thanks! Susan

Susan L. Olson

Counsel

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EXHIBIT 15

Olson, Susan

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:56 AM
To: Olson, Susan; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

If you feel the need to do so. It is my understanding that the Rodneys will be in the office this morning. If you call soon, you will probably get one of them directly.

From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:53 AM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Bill and Dawn,
In light of the following response from Ms. Louis, shall I still pursue the funding issue with Mr. and Mrs Rodney?

Susan

From: plouis [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:48 AM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olson,
In response to your e-mail, the answer to your question is NO.

Regards and Thanks for your patience

Patricia Louis
Executive Assistant
CARIB NEWS
7 West 36th Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10018

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

From: Olson, Susan [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 2:41 PM
To: plouis
Cc: Kelly Mobley, Dawn; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Louis,

Please explain in more detail your email message below relative to the "sponsors contribute to the overall expense of the trip." In this regard, do the following entities pay for any of the

expenses of the trip for the invited House Members, including roundtrip air transportation costs, lodging costs, meal costs, cost of a particular meal or reception, etc.?

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- Royal Caribbean Bakery
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- Pfizer
- Macy's
- AT&T
- HSBC
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- Goodworks International
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- Antigua & Barbuda
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- Golden Krust

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From: plouis [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 10:37 AM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olson,

In response to your e-mail :

The sponsors contribute to the overall expense of the trip and the general work of the Foundation.

As a courtesy, each contributor is given an opportunity to be attached to a part of the program that is being presented. They do not determine the content or the other participants in the Conference.

Federally registered lobbyists or foreign agents will not be accompanying the Members or participating in the program.

Regards

Olson, Susan

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 6:18 PM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Olson, Susan
Subject: Re: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues


Their Directors are Mr and Mrs. Rodney who could be queried at the same number.

Sent using BlackBerry

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

From: O'Reilly, Bill
To: Olson, Susan; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Fri Oct 12 18:12:57 2007
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

I'd like an answer to that question, but am wondering if she is the right person to provide it at this point. I'm certainly not confident that those entities are not sponsors, as it looks like we said last year that they were sponsors. But if they can affirmatively and cleanly state what you've asked below I'd be inclined to accept the representation.

Bill O'Reilly
202-225-7103


From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 4:28 PM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Do you want me to ask Ms. Louis this follow-up question, as I'm concerned that she doesn't specifically address the funding issue, or is this simply "beating the issue to death?"

Ms. Louis:

While you indicate that "the companies are not sponsors or co-sponsors of any part of the trip and play no role in the planning or content," I also need a specific assurance from you that the companies do not pay for any of the expenses of the trip for the invited House Members, including roundtrip air transportation costs, lodging costs, meal costs, cost of a particular meal or reception, etc.

Thank you!

Susan

From: plouis [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 3:08 PM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olsen,

I sent you a fax indicating that the companies are not sponsors or co-sponsors of any part of the trip and play no role in the planning or content. They are participants. The program has been amended to reflect this.

I am sorry for the misunderstanding and confusion and thank you for your patience.

Regards and Thanks

Patricia Louis

Executive Assistant

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

From: Olson, Susan [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 2:41 PM
To: plouis
Cc: Kelly Mobley, Dawn; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Louis,

Please explain in more detail your email message below relative to the “sponsors contribute to the overall expense of the trip.” In this regard, do the following entities pay for any of the expenses of the trip for the invited House Members, including roundtrip air transportation costs, lodging costs, meal costs, cost of a particular meal or reception, etc.?

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Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olson,

In response to your e-mail :

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Federally registered lobbyists or foreign agents will not be accompanying the Members or participating in the program.

Regards

Patricia Louis

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

From: Olson, Susan [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 4:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Dear Mrs. Louis:

With regard to the pre-trip approval requests for the Carib News Foundation's (Foundation) trip to Antigua, the issues involving sponsorship are as follows:

While the sponsor form that you completed indicates that the Foundation is the sole sponsor of the 2007 trip, the draft schedule, however, indicates that the following entities are "sponsoring" sessions, events, etc. during this trip:

- o Antigua Government
- o Sandals
- o Royal Caribbean Bakery
- o CITI
- o Pfizer
- o Macy's
- o AT&T
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- o IBM
- o Goodworks International
- o Preferred Health Partners
- o Antigua & Barbuda
- o American Airlines
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Last year the Foundation provided the following information regarding these "additional sponsors" for the November 9 to 12, 2006 trip:

The Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will be paying for the Members' travel expenses including transportation, meals, and lodging. The background materials for the Conference also indicate that the additional trip sponsors provide a "contribution to the overall pool of expenses in contribution to the [Foundation]," which is used to "underwrite the overall expenses of the Conference," primarily for meal expenses. These materials further provide that these additional sponsors have representatives from their organization who will be attending and participating in the Conference.

Accordingly, the Committee's Advisory Opinion, dated October 27, 2006, provided that all of the organizations that provided financial underwriting for the trip along with the Foundation were required to be listed as the "trip sponsors" on the participating Members' post-travel disclosure form and their 2006 annual financial disclosure statements.

Accordingly, you need to provide information describing the role of these "additional sponsors" as listed in the 2007 trip draft schedule for this current trip. Without such information, I cannot proceed with the review of the pre-trip approval requests for the Foundation's Antigua trip.

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EXHIBIT 16

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2007 5:53 PM
To: plouis
Subject: RE: Draft Program - 2007Business Conference

Nothing was attached to this email. Therefore, we have not received the proposed agenda you mention below and have nothing to preview.

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EXHIBIT 17

From: plouis <[REDACTED]>
To: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Tue Sep 18 15:23:55 2007
Subject: RE: Draft Program - 2007Business Conference

Sorry for the omission. Program now attached

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EXHIBIT 18

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2007 12:05 PM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: FW: Please read query below

Susan: See CARIB News' email below in response to my voice message about sponsorship. Please speak with Patricia Lewis of CARIB News so we can start to process this travel; if possible.

I have kept the Chairwoman updated on this matter and will let her know you will begin the process.

I still have the information on my desk. Feel free to grab it at your convenience.

Dawn

From: plouis [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2007 6:40 PM
To: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: RE: Please read query below

The Conference dates are November 8-11, 2007: and opens on Thursday November 8 and ends the morning of November 11, 2007- (3 nights)

CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION is the Sponsor of the event.

Item No. 12: The companies like Pfizer, AT&T are donors/contributors of grants to the Foundation for educational purposes and NOT the SPONSOR, consequently I assume the information contained in that item will have to be changed.

Awaiting your advice.

Regards

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EXHIBIT 19

Cc: [REDACTED]; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Dear Mrs. Louis:

With regard to the pre-trip approval requests for the Carib News Foundation's (Foundation) trip to Antigua, the issues involving sponsorship are as follows:

While the sponsor form that you completed indicates that the Foundation is the sole sponsor of the 2007 trip, the draft schedule, however, indicates that the following entities are "sponsoring" sessions, events, etc. during this trip:

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- o HSBC
- o IBM
- o Goodworks International
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Last year the Foundation provided the following information regarding these "additional sponsors" for the November 9 to 12, 2006 trip:

The Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will be paying for the Members' travel expenses including transportation, meals, and lodging. The background materials for the Conference also indicate that the additional trip sponsors provide a "contribution to the overall pool of expenses in contribution to the [Foundation]," which is used to "underwrite the overall expenses of the Conference," primarily for meal expenses. These materials further provide that these additional sponsors have representatives from their organization who will be attending and participating in the Conference.

Accordingly, the Committee's Advisory Opinion, dated October 27, 2006, provided that all of the organizations that provided financial underwriting for the trip along with the Foundation were required to be listed as the "trip sponsors" on the participating Members' post-travel disclosure form and their 2006 annual financial disclosure statements.

Accordingly, you need to provide information describing the role of these "additional sponsors" as listed in the 2007 trip draft schedule for this current trip. Without such information, I cannot proceed with the review of the pre-trip approval requests for the Foundation's Antigua trip.

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EXHIBIT 20

Registration

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 6:49 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Her question centers on whether any of these "co-sponsors" retains a lobbyist or foreign. This is the issue you and I focused on previously. It is a central problem if any do and are paying for the events. If so, you are in the same position as last year with one-day events. Call Susan back tomorrow as early as possible. Hopefully, these co-sponsors don't retain lobbyists, but you should have their representations on this matter. At a minimum, Macy's does, right? Alternatively, if they are only sponsoring event tables or the like, a lobbyist will not be problematic.

Sent using BlackBerry

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

From: plouts [REDACTED]
To: Kelly Mobley, Dawn; Thomas, Shelley; Dailley, George
Sent: Wed Oct 10 17:56:25 2007
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Please see e-mail I received from Ms. Olson of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

A possible response could be: The sponsors contribute to the overall expense of the trip and the general work of the Foundation. As a courtesy, each contributor is given an opportunity to be attached to a part of the program that is being presented. They do not determine the content or the other participants in the Conference.

Please advise us.

Regards and Thanks

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-----Original Message-----
From: Olson, Susan [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2007 4:01 PM



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To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval Issues

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Accordingly, the Committee's Advisory Opinion, dated October 27, 2006, provided that all of the organizations that provided financial underwriting for the trip along with the Foundation were required to be listed as the "trip sponsors" on the participating Members' post-travel disclosure form and their 2006 annual financial disclosure statements.

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Accordingly, you need to provide information describing the role of these "additional sponsors" as listed in the 2007 trip draft schedule for this current trip. Without such information, I cannot proceed with the review of the pre-trip approval requests for the Foundation's Antigua trip.

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EXHIBIT 21

From: plouis [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 10:37 AM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

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Ms. Olson,

In response to your e-mail :

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EXHIBIT 22

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 1:49 PM
To: Olson, Susan; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Did their travel form indicate that the others directly fund the trip? I had difficulty speaking with Ms. Louis. She is Carribean and simply did not understand terminology; specifically the meaning of "sponsor". Before I asked you to look into this matter, Ms. Louis said Macy's and the others were not paying for the trip or organizing. Carib News organized, funded, and arranged the travel. It is my understanding that the groups she calls "sponsors" below, will be participants at the program. As such, she uses the terms "contributors", "sponsors", and "participants" interchangeably. Ms. Louis indicated that these other organizations support the Carib News Foundation on an annual basis.

Would you speak with her or the Director, Mrs. Rodney, directly about this? I think this is a matter of misunderstanding and needs direct clarification.

Thanks,

Dawn

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EXHIBIT 23

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

From: Olson, Susan [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 2:41 PM
To: plouis
Cc: Kelly Mobley, Dawn; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval Issues

Ms. Louis,

Please explain in more detail your email message below relative to the "sponsors contribute to the overall expense of the trip." In this regard, do the following entities pay for any of the expenses of the trip for the invited House Members, including roundtrip air transportation costs, lodging costs, meal costs, cost of a particular meal or reception, etc.?

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EXHIBIT 24

From: plouis [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 3:08 PM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olsen,
I sent you a fax indicating that the companies are not sponsors or co-sponsors of any part of the trip and play no role in the planning or content. They are participants .The program has been amended to reflect this.

I am sorry for the misunderstanding and confusion and thank you for your patience.

Regards and Thanks

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CARIBNEWS@ATT.NET

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Susan Olsen	FROM: P. Louis
COMPANY: House Ctee on Standards	DATE: 10/12/07
FAX NUMBER: 202-225-7392	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:
RE: Travel Certification Form	

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY YOUR INFORMATION

Ms. Olsen,
In response to your e-mail - the Conference is paid for by CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION.

The companies are participants. They are not sponsors or co-sponsors for any part of the trip and play no role in the planning or content.

The program has been amended to reflect the companies as Participants.

I regret the misunderstanding and thank you for your patience as I go through and grow through this process, which is new to me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

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EXHIBIT 26

Olson, Susan

From: O'Reilly, Bill
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 6:13 PM
To: Olson, Susan; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

I'd like an answer to that question, but am wondering if she is the right person to provide it at this point. I'm certainly not confident that those entities are not sponsors, as it looks like we said last year that they were sponsors. But if they can affirmatively and cleanly state what you've asked below I'd be inclined to accept the representation.

Bill O'Reilly
202-225-7103
[REDACTED]

From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 4:28 PM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Do you want me to ask Ms. Louis this follow-up question, as I'm concerned that she doesn't specifically address the funding issue, or is this simply "beating the issue to death?"

Ms. Louis:

While you indicate that "the companies are not sponsors or co-sponsors of any part of the trip and play no role in the planning or content," I also need a specific assurance from you that the companies do not pay for any of the expenses of the trip for the invited House Members, including roundtrip air transportation costs, lodging costs, meal costs, cost of a particular meal or reception, etc.

Thank you!

Susan

From: plouis [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 3:08 PM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olsen,
I sent you a fax indicating that the companies are not sponsors or co-sponsors of any part of the trip and play no role in the planning or content. They are participants .The program has been amended to reflect this.

I am sorry for the misunderstanding and confusion and thank you for your patience.

Regards and Thanks

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From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 6:18 PM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Olson, Susan
Subject: Re: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval Issues

Their Directors are Mr and Mrs. Rodney who could be queried at the same number.

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From: plouis [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:48 AM
To: Olson, Susan
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Ms. Olson,
In response to your e-mail, the answer to your question is NO.

Regards and Thanks for your patience

Patricia Louis
Executive Assistant
CARIB NEWS
7 West 36th Street, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10018

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From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:53 AM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

Bill and Dawn,
In light of the following response from Ms. Louis, shall I still pursue the funding issue with Mr. and Mrs Rodney?

Susan

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From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 10:56 AM
To: Oison, Susan; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval issues

If you feel the need to do so. It is my understanding that the Rodneys will be in the office this morning. If you call soon, you will probably get one of them directly.

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Registration

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 1:55 PM
To: plouis
Subject: RE: Confidential

The fax did not come through. I will be stepping out of the office for the remainder of the day, but will be in early Monday. Please follow up again with Susan. I have explained that the organizations you labeled as co-sponsors are not. They support your foundation annually, but have not and will not pay for the Members trip. This is simply a misunderstanding of the terms "sponsor", "contributor", and "participant" as used in the Ethics rules which is why I sent you the Rules book for preparation.

Once you are able to clarify these issues and make sure your itinerary passes too, you should be fine. An Ethics Committee Staff Attorney must review and approve as well. Your Staff Attorney is Susan.

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 11:55 AM
To: 'plouis'
Subject: RE: Confidential

Have you spoken with your Director and explained the problem so you can call Olson asap?

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 9:59 AM
To: 'plouis'
Subject: FW: Confidential

Please read both emails below. Give Susan a call as soon as you work through the kink, let her know you are following up. Please make yourself available to work through this matter today. Thank you Patricia. (These other organizations can participate in the program but should not help pay for the trip)

From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2007 9:29 AM
To: O'Reilly, Bill; Kelly Mobley, Dawn
Subject: FW: Carib News - Pre-trip Approval Issues

Bill and Dawn,
Please note the following response from Ms. Louis at Carib News. Unfortunately, it appears that if each sponsor contributes funding directly to the trip (an earmark of funds) and not simply to the general funds of Carib News, then the assumption is that all of these entities are co-sponsors of the trip for purposes of the House travel rules. If that is the case and since it is likely that at least one of these co-sponsors hires or retains a federally registered lobbyist, the trip could only be a one-day event trip. Thus the Committee can't approve the trip as it currently exists.

But, if you have a different interpretation of the below information from Ms. Louis, please do let
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From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 3:23 PM
To: plouls
Subject: RE: Draft Program - 2007 Business Conference (No agenda or program attached)

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Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2007 3:09 PM
To: 'plouls'
Subject: RE: Draft Program - 2007 Business Conference (No agenda or program attached)

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To: 'plouls'
Subject: RE: Draft Program - 2007 Business Conference (No agenda or program attached)

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In any event, I do need to know who the official sponsor will be. I have assigned a staff attorney to review your documents and will remain in contact with you until this matter is finalized.

Please respond today or tomorrow at the latest. I will be traveling for a while thereafter and must ensure that my staff attorney has all that is necessary for a safe review.

Dawn Kelly Mobley
 Ethics Counsel for Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones
 Chairwoman, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
 U.S. of Representatives
 Washington, DC 20515
 202/226-7103

From: Kelly Mobley, Dawn [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2007 7:03 PM
To: [REDACTED]
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Dawn Kelly Mobley


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November 30, 2009

R. Blake Chisam, Esq.
Chief Counsel & Staff Director
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chisam:

In response to the Committee's letter of July 31, 2009, requesting my witness testimony before the Investigative Subcommittee concerning certain allegations related to the 2007 and 2008 Carib News Foundation conferences, I continue to offer as much assistance as possible. I would, however, like to respond to your letter and ask that you share my response with the Chairman, Ranking Member, and Reps. Miller and Simpson, of the Investigative Subcommittee.

On August 11, 2009, you took my sworn testimony.¹ During the solicitation of my testimony, Clifford Stoddard referred to several emails secured from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) containing communication between a Carib News employee and me. Questions were also posed concerning a video taken during one of the Carib News conferences. I subsequently communicated with Clifford and requested a copy of the OCE report. He told me he would request the report of the OCE for me since a significant portion of it concerned me, and later, offered to speak with Members of the Subcommittee about my obtaining a copy.

However on November 19, 2009, I received a message from my intern that Clifford had just called about a 10 AM meeting at the Committee. Though we had previously discussed meeting, Clifford and I had not confirmed the meeting because I still awaited a response on my request for the OCE report and review of my sworn testimony. Despite the lack of confirmation, I rushed to the Committee offices and briefly met the Members of the Investigative Subcommittee. Of the Subcommittee, I requested the OCE report and a review of my transcript. The Members asked Clifford to speak with me outside the Committee hearing room. During my conversation with Clifford, I told him he had not given me notice of the interview, and again, requested the OCE report. Clifford indicated that in speaking with his Staff Director, it was decided I could not receive a copy of the report since I had not been a target of the OCE referrals concerning this investigation. He then volunteered that the "only things the report contained (about me) were the emails". Clifford also said the interview would be rescheduled because the Members had to be finished by 11:30 AM.

For a number of reasons, I request this matter be dismissed without disclosure of the OCE findings and report including the email communications from Carib News.² First, investigation of the 2007 Carib

¹ You were accompanied by Clifford Stoddard and Donald Sherman. Mr. Stoddard posed the majority of questions and made all Committee references to the findings and evidence obtained from the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) or other investigative sources.

² Because I was not allowed the OCE report, I was unable to review whether applicable timelines were honored by the OCE in reviewing and referring the complaint, OCE report, and findings to the Committee on Standards.

News CODEL violates Resolution 895 which states that "No review shall be undertaken by the board of any alleged violation of law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct not in effect at the time of the alleged violation; nor shall any review be undertaken by the board of any alleged violation that occurred before the date of adoption of this resolution." Resolution section 1(e). The Resolution was adopted on March 11, 2008. Because the OCE investigated and referred this matter to the Committee which occurred before March 11, 2008, the OCE violated H. Res 895 and had no jurisdictional authority. As a result, I request that the matter be dismissed without public disclosure of the report and findings. Indeed if the OCE referred the matter for further review, the Committee apparently honored that referral by creating the Investigative Subcommittee, investigating, securing and using physical and documentary evidence, and taking sworn testimony. Given such, the Committee's actions have been consistent with any recommendation for further review which could have been lodged by the OCE Board and a dismissal of the complaint without disclosure of the report and findings would be proper.³

Moreover improperly or illegally obtained evidence should likewise be dismissed without public disclosure. Indeed, the National Legal and Policy Center (NLPC), through its media reports, web listings, and distributions has made no mystery about its provision of audio and video tapes it improperly and secretly made during one of the Carib News conferences which it submitted to the OCE. On May 22, 2009, the NLPC states the Standards Committee also requested NLPC's recordings; which it furnished.⁴ However in its May 18, 2009 letter to supporters and contributors, the NLPC describes how it crashed the 2008 Carib News conference, entered the event uninvited, and took video and audio tapes.⁵ The NLPC letter states of the 2008 conference, "The *New York Post* reporter and photographer, who were with me, were denied entry to the event. **But I made it inside.**" The letter further reads in part, "I mingled and acted like I belonged. I knew my act was over, however when a burly guy approached me and asked if I was Peter Flaherty. I could see he had my picture in his hand. He said he was with the Police Korps of St. Maarten and I was being detained." It states "I (Peter Flaherty) raced back to my hotel room to get my camera, recording device and my laptop out of there. I handed them off to the *Post* reporter in case the "Kops" or anyone else came looking for them."⁶ Mr. Flaherty trespassed on the conference because "the trip was supposed to be for an annual Caribbean business conference. We figured it would be worth monitoring this year's event."⁷ Mr. Flaherty's trespass resulted in improperly obtained evidence in violation of H. Res. 895 which states, "The Office shall not review any document, recording or physical evidence that was obtained in violation of any law, rule, or regulation. When an individual submits evidence to the Office, s/he shall be asked to affirm to the best of their ability that the evidence was not obtained in violation of any law, rule, or regulation."⁸ NLPC was not an invited guest. It, Mr. Flaherty, and the reporters who accompanied him, crashed the conference. As a result, the evidence was unlawfully obtained and should not have been reviewed by the OCE or referred to the Standards Committee. It should be dismissed without disclosure as a part of the originating complaint.⁹

³ House Comm. On Standards of Official Conduct Rule 17 (A)(e). ("If the Committee votes to dismiss a matter referred from the Board, the Committee is not required to make public the written report and findings of the Board pursuant to paragraph (c) unless the Committee's vote is inconsistent with the recommendation of the Board.")

⁴ See attachments from: nlpc.org, *Roll Call* Nov 5, 2009.

⁵ See, NLPC May 18, 2009, letter (attached)

⁶ See, footnote above.

⁷ See, footnote 4 (pg 3)

⁸ OCE Rule 4 (C)

⁹ Moreover, NLPC's May 18, 2009, letter, trespass, and all resulting fruits of the poisonous tree should be disclosed as exculpatory evidence.

If the Committee's position is that this investigation was self-initiated pursuant to Committee Rule 18 (a), this review, resulting from improperly obtained evidence and email messages formed in violation of H. Res 895, should likewise be dismissed without public disclosure; for the same reasons stated above.

Finally, my review of this matter came only at the behest of the former Committee Staff Director, Bill O'Reilly, who asked that I return a call to the Carib News number he then handed me. In speaking with the Carib News representative, Pat, I took her concerns and questions to Susan Olson, who advised me on how to address them. Susan had been on the Committee much longer than other Advice attorneys. I also shared these conversations with Bill O'Reilly as they progressed. I discussed the telephone calls and emails with Susan and Bill O'Reilly, who assigned Susan as Advice Counsel. At all times, I only attempted and intended to further the work of the Committee.

For all the reasons stated above and as a witness to this investigation, I request that my previous testimony stand, this investigation be terminated, and the complaint dismissed without public disclosure.

Respectfully Submitted,


Dawn Kelly Mobley *D*

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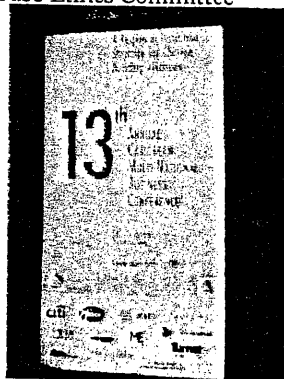


House Ethics Committee Asks NLPC For Info on Rangel-Led, Citigroup-Funded Caribbean Junket

Submitted by [Peter Flaherty \(peter.flaherty\)](mailto:peter.flaherty@nlpc.org) on Tue, 06/02/2009 - 15:48

On May 22, the House Ethics Committee

asked NLPC if to provide photographs, audio recordings and other materials related to a trip to the sunny Caribbean island of St. Maarten in November 2008 by the following five House



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members: Charles Rangel (D-NY), Donald Payne (D-NJ), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (D-MI), Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and Donna Christensen (D-VI).

I was present in St. Maarten, where I documented violations of House Rules that prohibit corporate sponsorship of travel and hospitality.

When I inquired whether this matter was under investigation, I was told that House Rules prevented the Committee from confirming an investigation. We provided the material on May 29 along with a formal request for an investigation.

[Click here to download a 4-page pdf of the Complaint, without exhibits](http://www.nlpc.org/sites/default/files/CaribEthicsComplaint_0.PDF)

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The sponsor of the trip was the Carib News Foundation, but it was funded by "lead sponsor" Citigroup, a major recipient of bailout funds, which contributed \$100,000. Other sponsors included IBM, AT&T, Verizon, Pfizer, Macy's and American Airlines.

As Susan Crabtree points out (<http://thehill.com/leading-the-news/caribbean-trip-under-scrutiny-by-house-panel-2009-06-01.html>) *The Hill*:

Democrats imposed stricter limits on corporate-sponsored travel to prevent the type of abuse unearthed during the Jack Abramoff scandal. Lawmakers who attended Abramoff-organized golf junkets to London and Scotland, as well as other luxurious locales, listed several nonprofits as having paid for the travel even though corporations footed the bill.

This junket was described in a major article in the *New York Post* on November 30, 2008, and was also the subject of an article in *The Hill* on January 28, 2009. Moreover, I discussed it on CNBC on January 29, 2009. Yet it took months for the Committee to request the evidence from NLPC.

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Charles Rangel

Rangel Says Ethics Committee Has Not Asked About His Finances

Submitted by Peter Flaherty on Fri, 10/30/2009 - 11:14

The Washington Post reports

_____ today that staff members of the _____ House Ethics Committee _____ met with Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel (D-NY) in July and questioned him about a trip by Rangel and four other members of the Congressional Black Caucus to the Caribbean island of St. Maarten. According to the *Post*:

Rangel said he has not been interviewed by the committee to discuss other elements of the investigation, which involve his personal finances and whether House resources were improperly used to raise funds for a college center named for him.

It was NLPC that exposed both the Caribbean junket and Rangel's failure to disclose, or pay taxes on, rental income from his Dominican Republic "villa." While we welcome the investigation of the junket, we believe that tax evasion is a serious matter, and that Rangel should be treated no differently than any other citizen.

Flaherty: Rangel Dirty Even After Coming Clean

Submitted by NLPC Staff on Fri, 10/09/2009 - 08:29



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1730 Rhode Island Ave N.W. Suite 608
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Dear :

Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY) is Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He is a very powerful man.

And we have him on the run!

I am writing to ask for your help. We want to finish him off. Let me explain why this is so important.

Barack Obama is President. The Democrats control Congress. They are raising taxes, but they are a bunch of hypocrites.

Obama nominees Timothy Geithner and Tom Daschle did not pay their taxes. Neither did Rangel.

The American people are growing sick and tired of the double standard for those in power and everyone else.

If you will help, we can take out Rangel and fan the flames of opposition to massive tax hikes planned by Obama and Rangel.

NLPC EXPOSES TAX CHEAT RANGEL

We have been furiously digging on Rangel's financial affairs. Every time we flip over a rock, there is something there.

We have now exposed three major controversies which have received significant media coverage. All three were based on our original research. All three were provided to the *New York Post* on an exclusive basis.

Follow-on coverage has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and almost everywhere else. Even Jay Leno has joked about Rangel not paying his taxes.

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Moreover, to be eligible for the homestead exemption, one must pay DC income tax, from which members of Congress are exempt.

Again, we provided the story to the *New York Post*, which again put it on the front page.

On November 26, we filed a Complaint asking the House Ethics Committee to add this matter to the ones it is already purportedly investigating.

RANGEL LEADS JUNKET VIOLATING HOUSE RULES

We also meticulously reviewed Rangel's travel forms.

Members of Congress are required to file forms when they travel, including who paid for the trip. The rules were tightened considerably in the wake of the Abramoff scandal - and the infamous golf trip to Scotland.

A Rangel Caribbean trip last year jumped out at us. He filed the form months after the deadline, when he knew we were looking at him.

The trip was supposed to be for an annual Caribbean business conference. We figured it would be worth monitoring this year's event.

I traveled to sunny St. Maarten on November 6 and attended the event. The *New York Post* reporter and photographer, who were with me, were denied entry to the event.

But I made it inside. I snapped photos and made audio recordings. It was quickly obvious that the event was funded by big corporations and was crawling with lobbyists - all in violation of Pelosi's new House rules!

The *New York Post* did a feature article on November 30 based on my eyewitness account, photos and recordings.

The conference events were lightly attended. St. Maarten is half Dutch and half French, making for an interesting culture and cuisine. The beaches are beautiful. Everyone had a great time.

RANGEL SICKS "KOPS" ON ME

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The media is hungry. Please help us bring them fresh meat.
We've worked most closely with the *New York Post* but we have good relationships with all the other reporters working on this.

BY EXPOSING RANGEL, WE EXPOSE PELOSI

When she took over as House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi pledged to "lead the most honest, the most open and the most ethical Congress in history."

Rangel has already filed a Complaint against himself with the House Ethics Committee, no doubt confident of a whitewash.

The problem is that new stuff keeps coming out, and Rangel keeps putting Pelosi on the spot.

Rangel boasted to a reporter that Pelosi has assured him that he can serve as House Ways and Means Chairman as long as he wants. Pelosi had to deny the report.

Rangel's problems are now too big to be swept under the rug. Even the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* have editorialized that Rangel must step down as Ways and Means Chairman.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR UNIQUE ROLE

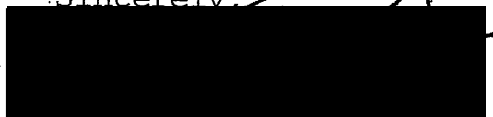
Your gift will allow us to show that the Empress Pelosi has no clothes! And soon, Barack Obama will have to take a stand.

I think we have proven NLPC's investigative skills. How many "good government" groups would actually crash a Congressional junket?? We have the expertise and audacity to take down Rangel.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift today.

If you will help, we will continue to dig into Rangel's finances. He has been in Congress for 38 years - since 1971! There are plenty of rocks yet to flip over.

Sincerely,


Peter Flaherty
President

P.S. your gift will help us expose the hypocrisy of Obama and his allies in Congress like Rangel who want to raise our taxes, while they evade theirs!

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Counsel to Investigative Subcommittee
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
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Re: Patricia Louis

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

I am writing in connection with the staff interview of Patricia Louis that occurred on October 14, 2009.

Near the end of the interview, you asked Ms. Louis about an e-mail that she received on October 12, 2009, from Susan Olson, Counsel to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, in which Ms. Olson asked whether certain named entities "pay for any of the expenses of the trip for the invited House Members..." (See CRB #000053-54.) Specifically, you asked whether anyone told Ms. Louis to respond "no" in a subsequent e-mail she sent to Dawn Kelly Mobley, but addressed to Ms. Olson, on October 15, 2009. (See CRB #000053.)

At the staff interview, Ms. Louis answered without qualification that no one had told her to respond "no" to Ms. Olson's question. In fact, upon further reflection, Ms. Louis does not have a specific recollection of whether anyone told her to respond "no" to Ms. Olson's question. It was Patricia's previous custom and practice, however, to share with Karl Rodney incoming e-mails from the Committee on matters of consequence, and to respond to such e-mails as directed by Mr. Rodney.

Please take the appropriate steps to ensure that this correction is incorporated within the investigative record.

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely, /



David H. Laufman

cc: Patricia Louis

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Acknowledgment of Charitable Contribution	
IMPORTANT: Please acknowledge the enclosed charitable contribution by completing and returning this form. Donors cannot deduct contributions unless they are acknowledged in this manner and a failure to return this form in a timely manner may make you ineligible for future contributions by Verizon Foundation.	
1. I hereby acknowledge the Verizon Foundation 2008 contribution of: \$35,000.00 for 13th Annual Multi-National Business Conference - November 6-9, 2008.	
(or describe property or services other than money received)	
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2. Please indicate whether or not any goods or services were provided by your organization in consideration for this contribution (e.g., the value of food, beverage, ticket or entertainment at a fundraising event): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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Carib News Foundation

7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10017

Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089

E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 23, 2007

Ms. Marie Long
 Vice President Constituency Relations
 AT&T Foundation
 1120 20th Street, 10th floor
 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Long:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and AT&T (The new AT&T) for sponsorship of the Eleventh Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama. AT&T sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference, and certainly highlighted AT&T as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

Thanks to AT&T support over the years, the conference is growing in scope and significance. This the eleventh year, we are extending the reach to include Central America, touching more countries in the region in the mission of expanding business opportunities.

This November 8 - 11, 2007, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in Antigua & Barbuda, and I would like to invite AT&T to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event. Of course, we will always highlight AT&T's role and position AT&T to get the full advantage of all aspects of the Conference.

The continuing broadening of the conference base also allows for the broadening of the awareness of AT&T and its significance regionally and in local markets with affinity to the region. This significant role of AT&T will not be lost on participants, regionally and locally, elected officials, Presidents, Prime Ministers and Ministers of Government who would be attending.

The Multi-National Business Conference is a bridge between businesses from the US, and commercial, civic and governmental representatives from their local communities from countries in the Caribbean region and Central America. In this our 12th year, we will be bringing together an impressive list of Fortune 1000 companies, African-American, African-Caribbean, Panamanian entrepreneurs, social and civic leaders, and elected officials from across the U.S. and throughout the Caribbean to stimulate the creation of commercial projects benefiting companies and individuals desiring to do business in the region, to bring together businesses, community and governmental leaders interested in understanding the economic opportunities of the Caribbean marketplace, locally and in the Caribbean.

Whether it is your goal to grow your business with the Caribbean community in your current marketplace, or expand to the opportunities in the Caribbean, Central America and the U.S., you need to sponsor the conference for the following opportunities:

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And do all of this in the most beautiful of all settings: *Antigua & Barbuda*

As a Prime Sponsor, *AT&T* will be highlighted in conference marketing materials, advertising, brochures, invitation letters and public placement banners both in the U.S., Panama and other Caribbean countries. Your selected representatives will be included in a New York Carib News feature article that will be published in the weeks prior to the conference on *Carib World Radio* and on the Conference website. This media exposure will give your representatives the opportunity to deliver key corporate messages, and highlight your products and services.

Prime Sponsors get prime access to key elected officials through private reception, seating at Luncheon and Dinner, photo opportunities, etc. *AT&T* will be able to host special receptions, conduct workshops and chat rooms on topics that are strategic to your business and industry.

By becoming a sponsor of this year's conference *AT&T* will be joining other Fortune 1000 companies like Pfizer, IBM, and JP Morgan-Chase, who support the growth and development of the multicultural business market.

A complete summary of the Prime Sponsor package is included with this sponsorship request letter, and I invite you to review that document to ensure your understanding of all the features of the Prime Sponsor level of support.

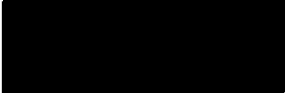
The conference is significant for another important reason. It provides host countries and their leaders' access to American congressmen and women, senators, mayors and other elected officials who have pledged to support international trade initiatives and economic incentives that encourage business development in Caribbean countries and Central America. Their presence and participation in the conference add another dimension of support to the economic agenda of sponsors and conference participants alike and an appreciation of the economic power of the local communities.

Your agreement to sponsor this year's Carib News Multi-National Business Conference will enable the Carib News Foundation to continue establishing linkages between the US., Caribbean and Panamanian businesses, leaders, and citizens in this hemisphere, and the local markets in the U.S.

I look forward to your positive response to this sponsorship request, and will contact your office to arrange a time to discuss sponsorship terms and any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Best regards


Karl B. Rodney
Publisher/CEO

cc. Congressman Charles Rangel

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April 23, 2007

Mr. Will Ris
Senior Vice President
Government Affairs
American Airlines
1101 17th Street, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Ris:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation for American Airlines sponsorship of the Annual Multi-National Business Conference last year in Panama City, Panama. Thank you and the fine American Airlines colleagues at all levels - the conference was a success.

The conference is constantly growing in scope and significance and we have extended its reach to include Central America, touching more countries in the Caribbean Basin in the mission to expand business opportunities.

This *November 8 - 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda, West Indies*, and I would like to invite *American Airlines* to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event. We will of course highlight *American Airlines'* role in the Conference and provide the widest exposure for *American Airlines* in all aspects of the Conference.

This broadening of the conference base also allows for the broadening of the awareness of *American Airlines'* regional base and to highlight the significance of *American Airlines* activities in this hemisphere. This significance will not be lost on the conference participants, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

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As was the case last year, we are expecting about 20 Members of Congress or more who will be attending along with other Civic Leaders and VIP's. Again, we will position American Airlines as the main carrier to the Caribbean transporting the elected officials and celebrities. To help us move the process along we would like to propose the following, that American Airlines participate as a **Gold Sponsor** of the conference in consideration for which American Airlines would receive the following:

- American Airlines will be recognized as a main sponsor.
- American Airlines name and logo will be included on all printed material.
- American Airlines will be included in all radio and television promotions.
- American Airlines will be in all Internet promotions.
- American Airlines will be a **designated sponsor** of a main event and/or a workshop with speaking opportunities.
- American Airlines will receive prominent space for display or exhibition.
- American Airlines banners will be displayed in the main conference area and other designated locations.
- American Airlines will receive complimentary hotel accommodations.
- American Airlines can develop specific promotional materials.


In return for the above, American Airlines will provide *Carib News* with:

- **Maximum of fifty (50) roundtrip coach class tickets** from the 48 contiguous United States to Antigua. Reservations to be done by *Carib News* and ticketing to be by American Airlines.
- **Maximum of thirty-five (35) first-class roundtrip tickets** from the 48 contiguous United States to Antigua.
- **Maximum of five (5) coach class tickets and five (5) first class tickets** to be used for site inspection and conference planning prior to the conference.
- American Airlines will provide group fares for registered attendees. Fare and reservations & ticketing to be negotiated by American Airlines.

Site Inspection is part of the sponsorship package. We do plan to do a site inspection in Antigua from July 20-23, 2007 when we will officially announce the Conference and work out broad issues,

Thanks for your kind consideration and we are looking forward to a continued strong and meaningful partnership with American Airlines

Best regards,


Karl B. Rodney
Publisher/CEO

c.c. Congressman Charles Rangel
Congressman Gregory Meeks
Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson
Dale Morris

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From: Olson, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2007 4:12 PM
To: Kelly Mobley, Dawn; O'Reilly, Bill
Subject: RE: Emailing: CARIB WORLD RADIO.htm

How about an email (so we have this in writing) like the following:

Dear Mrs. Rodney:

Please note that I recently received a copy of this document on the Carib News website. Accordingly, based on our prior conversations relative to the entities/companies listed at the bottom of this document, I suggest that the "sponsor" listing be changed to "participants" to reflect the involvement of these entities/companies as participants in the Carib News Foundation conference and that this updated document be redistributed.
Thank you!

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 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 30, 2007

Mr. Eric Eve
 Senior Vice President, Community Relations
 850 Third Avenue, 12th floor
 New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Eve:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and Citibank for sponsorship of the Eleventh Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama. Citibank's sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference, and certainly highlighted Citibank as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

We appreciate very much your personal interest in the mission of the conference and the commitment to its growth and expansion. This year provides some very unique opportunities and we would appreciate a timely meeting with you to explore the possibilities.

This November 8 – 11, 2007, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in Antigua & Barbuda, and I would like to invite Citibank to become one of the corporate sponsors for this event. We will, of course, highlight Citibank's role and position Citibank to get the full advantage of all aspects of the Conference.

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As a Prime Sponsor, Citibank will be highlighted in conference marketing materials, advertising, brochures, invitation letters and public placement banners both in the U.S., Panama and other Caribbean countries. Your selected representatives will be included in a New York Carib News feature article that will be published in the weeks prior to the conference on Carib World Radio and on the Conference website. This media exposure will give your representatives the opportunity to deliver key corporate messages, and highlight your products and services.

Prime Sponsors get prime access to key elected officials through private reception, seating at Luncheon and Dinner, photo opportunities, etc. Citibank will be able to host special receptions, conduct workshops and chat rooms on topics that are strategic to your business and industry.

By becoming a sponsor of this year's conference Citibank will be joining other Fortune 1000 companies like Pfizer, IBM, who support the growth and development of the multicultural business market.

Your agreement to sponsor this year's Carib News Multi-National Business Conference will enable the Carib News Foundation to continue establishing linkages between the US. Caribbean businesses, leaders and citizens in this hemisphere, and the local markets in the U.S.

I look forward to your positive response to this sponsorship request, and will contact your office to arrange a time to discuss sponsorship terms and any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Best regards,



**Karl B. Rodney
Publisher/CEO**

Cc: Michael Flanigan

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April 23, 2007

Ms. Marilyn Johnson
VP Marketing Development
IBM Corporation
1133 Westchester Avenue
White Plains, NY 10604

Dear Ms. Johnson:

We want to once again say thanks for **IBM** sponsorship of the Eleventh Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama last year. **IBM** sponsorship and the presence and participation of you and your colleague Drew Valentine contributed to the level of success of the conference. It also certainly highlighted **IBM** as a significant player to participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials, Prime Ministers and Ministers of Government.

Over the last eleven years, the conference has been growing in scope and significance. We have extended the reach to include Central America, touching more countries in the Caribbean Basin region in the mission of expanding business opportunities.

This *November 8 - 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda*, and I would like to invite **IBM** to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event. We will of course highlight **IBM's** role in the conference and provide the widest exposure for **IBM** in all aspects of the conference.

This broadening of the conference base also allows for the broadening of the awareness of **IBM** and its significance regionally and in the local markets with affinity to the region. The significance of **IBM** presence will not be lost on the participants, elected officials, Presidents and Prime Ministers who will be attending.

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We are of course mindful of IBM role in the Technology development and would look to facilitate that. The wider interest in Women and Minority Economic development which you so ably represented in the past will also be of keen consideration to the Conference.

By becoming a sponsor of this year's conference **IBM** will be joining other Fortune 1000 companies like AT&T, Pfizer and JP Morgan-Chase, who support the growth and development of the multicultural business market.

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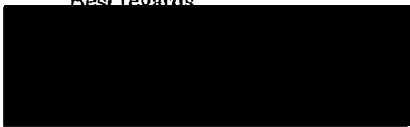
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April 23, 2007

Mr. Edward J. Goldberg
Senior Vice President
Government & Consumer Affairs
Macy's East
151 West 34th Street
New York, NY 10001

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and *Macy's* for sponsorship of the Tenth Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama. *Macy's* sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference, and certainly highlighted *Macy's* as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

Thanks to *Macy's* support over the years, the conference is growing in scope and significance. We have extended the reach to include Central America, touching more countries in the region in the mission of expanding business opportunities.

This *November 8 – 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda*, and I would like to invite *Macy's* to become one of the corporate sponsors for this event. We will, of course, highlight *Macy's* role and position *Macy's* to get the full advantage of all aspects of the Conference.

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The Women in Business session that *Macy's* sponsored last year was so successful, we hope we can expand it to a greater international outreach of world women leaders. The session on *Macy's* role in assisting emerging companies to do business with Corporate America, we plan to continue. The Ecumenical Breakfast on Sunday morning will be highlighted by *Macy's* involvement.


It is our hope that *Macy's* will once again agree to provide the Conference Bags. Your selection is always warmly received.

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cc. Brenda Scott

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April 30, 2007

Mr. Reginald Canal
Vice President and Premier
Center Representative
HSBC Bank
452 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10018

Dear Mr. Canal:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and *HSBC* for sponsorship of the Eleventh Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama. *HSBC's* sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference, and certainly highlighted *HSBC* as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

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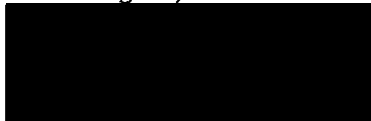
By becoming a sponsor of this year's conference *HSBC* will be joining other Fortune 1000 companies like Pfizer, IBM, and Citibank, who support the growth and development of the multicultural business market.

Your agreement to sponsor this year's Carib News Multi-National Business Conference will enable the Carib News Foundation to continue establishing linkages between the US., Caribbean businesses, leaders and citizens in this hemisphere, and the local markets in the U.S.

I look forward to your positive response to this sponsorship request, and will contact your office to arrange a time to discuss sponsorship terms and any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Karl B. Rodney
Publisher/CEO

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 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10017
 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 30, 2007

Ms. Karen Boykin-Towns
 Director/Team Leader
 Government Relations & Public Affairs
 Pfizer
 235 East 42nd Street
 New York, NY 10017

Dear Ms. Boykin-Towns:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and *Pfizer* for sponsorship of the Eleventh Multi-National Business Conference in *Panama City, Panama*. *Pfizer* sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference and certainly highlighted *Pfizer* as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

We appreciate very much your personal interest and support for the mission of the conference and your ongoing commitment to assist in its growth. The opportunities for growth and expansion continue to exist particularly in the target area of health and its many components. We would be anxious to meet with you to explore the potential.

Over the last eleven years, the conference has been growing in scope and significance. We have extended the reach to include Central America, touching more countries in the Caribbean Basin region in the mission of expanding business opportunities.

This *November 8 - 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda*, and I would like to invite *Pfizer* to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event. We will of course highlight *Pfizer's* role in the conference and provide the widest exposure for *Pfizer* in all aspects of the conference.

This broadening of the conference base also allows for the broadening of the awareness of *Pfizer* and its significance regionally and in the local markets with affinity to the region. The significance of *Pfizer's* presence will not be lost on the participants, elected officials, Presidents and Prime Ministers who will be attending.

The Multi-National Business Conference is a bridge between businesses from the US, and commercial, civic and governmental representatives from their local communities from countries in the Caribbean region and Central America. In this our 12th year, we will be bringing together an impressive list of Fortune 1000 companies, African-American, African-Caribbean, Panamanian entrepreneurs, social and civic leaders, and elected officials from across the U.S. and throughout the Caribbean to stimulate the creation of commercial projects benefiting companies and individuals desiring to do business in the region, to bring together businesses, community and governmental leaders interested in understanding the economic opportunities of the Caribbean marketplace, locally and in the Caribbean.

Whether it is your goal to grow your business with the Caribbean community in your current marketplace, or expand to the opportunities in the Caribbean, Central America and the U.S., you need to sponsor the conference for the following opportunities:

- **Marketing** : Understand the market, in the U.S., the Caribbean and Central America.
- **Business Development**: Meet potential customers and potential partners

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- **Strategic Analysis:** Understand the possibilities of emerging markets in the U.S., the Caribbean and Central America
- **Corporate Image:** Demonstrate your commitment to diversity & equal opportunity
- **Community Relations:** Establish lasting relationships with key community leaders
- **Government Relations:** Meet with and discuss topics of interest with significant Elected officials from the U. S. and the Caribbean

And do all of this in the most beautiful of all settings: **Antigua & Barbuda.**

As a Prime Sponsor, *Pfizer* will be highlighted in conference marketing materials, advertising, brochures, invitation letters and public placement banners both in the U.S., Panama and other Caribbean countries. Your selected representatives will be included in a New York Carib News feature article that will be published in the weeks prior to the conference on *Carib World Radio* and on the Conference website. This media exposure will give your representatives the opportunity to deliver key corporate messages, and highlight your products and services.

Prime Sponsors get prime access to key elected officials through private reception, seating at Luncheon and Dinner, photo opportunities, etc. *Pfizer* will be able to host special receptions, conduct workshops and chat rooms on topics that are strategic to your business and industry.

By becoming a sponsor of this year's conference *Pfizer* will be joining other Fortune 1000 companies like AT&T, Pfizer and JP Morgan-Chase, who support the growth and development of the multicultural business market.

A complete summary of the Prime Sponsor package is included with this sponsorship request letter, and I invite you to review that document to ensure your understanding of all the features of the Prime Sponsor level of support.


The conference is significant for another important reason. It provides host countries and their leaders' access to American congressmen and women, senators, mayors and other elected officials who have pledged to support international trade initiatives and economic incentives that encourage business development in Caribbean countries and Central America. Their presence and participation in the conference add another dimension of support to the economic agenda of sponsors and conference participants alike and an appreciation of the economic power of the local communities.

Your agreement to sponsor this year's Carib News Multi-National Business Conference will enable the Carib News Foundation to continue establishing linkages between the US., Caribbean and Panamanian businesses, leaders, and citizens in this hemisphere, and the local markets in the U.S.

I look forward to your positive response to this sponsorship request, and will contact your office to arrange a time to discuss sponsorship terms and any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Karl B. Rodney
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E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 30, 2007

Mr. Lowell Hawthorne
President/CEO
Golden Krust Bakeries
1381 East Gunhill Road
Bronx, NY 10469

Dear Mr. Hawthorne:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and *Golden Krust* for sponsorship of the Eleventh Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama. *Golden Krust's* sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference, and certainly highlighted *Golden Krust* as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

We appreciate very much your support for the mission of the conference and for the very important participation of the *Golden Krust* Family. The participation is always enthusiastic, and at the Ecumencial Power Breakfast – inspiring.

This *November 8 – 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda*, and I would like to invite *Golden Krust* to become one of the corporate sponsors for this event. We will, of course, highlight *Golden Krust's* role and position *Golden Krust* to get the full advantage of all aspects of the Conference.

The Multi-National Business Conference is a bridge between businesses from the US, and commercial, civic and governmental representatives from their local communities from countries in the Caribbean region and Central America. In this our 12th year, we will be bringing together an impressive list of Fortune 1000 companies, African-American, African-Caribbean, Panamanian entrepreneurs, social and civic leaders, and elected officials from across the U.S. and throughout the Caribbean to stimulate the creation of commercial projects benefiting companies and individuals desiring to do business in the region, to bring together businesses, community and governmental leaders interested in understanding the economic opportunities of the Caribbean marketplace, locally and in the Caribbean.

Whether it is your goal to grow your business with the Caribbean community in your current marketplace, or expand to the opportunities in the Caribbean, Central America and the U.S., you need to sponsor the conference for the following opportunities:

- **Marketing** : Understand the market, in the U.S., the Caribbean and Central America.
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- **Government Relations:** Meet with and discuss topics of interest with significant Elected officials from the U. S. and the Caribbean

And do all of this in the most beautiful of all settings: *Antigua & Barbuda*.

As a Prime Sponsor, *Golden Krust* will be highlighted in conference marketing materials, advertising, brochures, invitation letters and public placement banners both in the U.S., Panama and other Caribbean countries. Your selected representatives will be included in a New York Carib News feature article that will be published in the weeks prior to the conference on *Carib World Radio* and on the Conference website. This media exposure will give your representatives the opportunity to deliver key corporate messages, and highlight your products and services.

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By becoming a sponsor of this year's conference *Golden Krust* will be joining other Fortune 1000 companies like Pfizer, IBM, and Citibank, who support the growth and development of the multicultural business market.

Your agreement to sponsor this year's Carib News Multi-National Business Conference will enable the Carib News Foundation to continue establishing linkages between the US., Caribbean businesses, leaders and citizens in this hemisphere, and the local markets in the U.S.

I look forward to your positive response to this sponsorship request, and will contact your office to arrange a time to discuss sponsorship terms and any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Best regards,



Karl B. Rodney
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 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 23, 2007

Mr. Vincent Hosang
 Chairman/CEO
 Royal Caribbean Bakery
 117 Route 303, Suite#B
 Tappan, NY 10983

Dear Mr. Hosang:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation to you and *Royal Caribbean Bakery* for sponsorship of the Tenth Annual Multi-National Business Conference in Panama City, Panama. *Royal Caribbean Bakery* sponsorship and your presence and participation contributed to the level of success of the conference, and certainly highlighted *Royal Caribbean Bakery* as a significant player to the participants, entrepreneurs, elected officials and Ministers of Government.

Thanks to *Royal Caribbean Bakery* support over the years, the conference is growing in scope and significance. We have extended the reach to include Central America, touching more countries in the region in the mission of expanding business opportunities. We will of course highlight *Royal Caribbean Bakery/Jerk Q'Zine's* role in the Conference and provide the widest exposure for *Royal Caribbean Bakery/Jerk Q'Zine* in all aspects of the Conference.

This *November 8 - 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda*, and I would like to invite *Royal Caribbean Bakery* to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event.

Whether it is your goal to grow your business with the Caribbean community in your current marketplace, or expand to the opportunities in the Caribbean, Central America and the U.S., you need to sponsor the conference for the following opportunities:

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- **Strategic Analysis:** Understand the possibilities of emerging markets in the U.S., the Caribbean and Central America
- **Corporate Image:** Demonstrate your commitment to diversity & equal opportunity
- **Community Relations:** Establish lasting relationships with key community leaders
- **Government Relations:** Meet with and discuss topics of interest with significant Elected officials from the U. S. and the Caribbean

And do all of this in the most beautiful of all settings: *Antigua & Barbuda*.

As a Prime Sponsor, *Royal Caribbean Bakery* will be highlighted in conference marketing materials, advertising, brochures, invitation letters and public placement banners both in the U.S., Panama and other Caribbean countries. Your selected representatives will be included in a New York Carib News feature article that will be published in the weeks prior to the conference on *Carib World Radio* and on the Conference website. This media exposure will give your representatives the opportunity to deliver key corporate messages, and highlight your products and services.

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 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
 Tel: (212) 944-1991: Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

July 12, 2007

Mr. Wallace Ford
 Executive Vice President
 GWI Consulting
 Good Works International, LLC
 1700 K Street NW, Suite 430
 Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. Ford:

This November 8 – 11, 2007, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in Antigua & Barbuda, and I would like to invite GWI Consulting to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event.

The Multi-National Business Conference is a bridge between businesses from the US, and commercial, civic and governmental representatives from their local communities from countries in the Caribbean region and Central America. In this, our 12th year, we will be bringing together an impressive list of Fortune 1000 companies, African-American, African-Caribbean entrepreneurs, social and civic leaders, and elected officials from across the U.S. and throughout the Caribbean to stimulate the creation of commercial projects benefiting companies and individuals desiring to do business in the region, to bring together businesses, community and governmental leaders interested in understanding the economic opportunities of the Caribbean marketplace, locally and in the Caribbean.

The past eleven conferences held in Jamaica, Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Croix, the U. S. Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Grenada, St. Maarten, and Nassau, Bahamas, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Thomas, Panama City, Panama resulted in the consummation of several major business deals.

I would like to invite GWI Consulting to become one of the corporate sponsors. We will of course highlight GWI Consulting's role in the conference and provide the widest exposure for GWI Consulting in all aspects of the conference.

Whether it is your goal to grow your business with the Caribbean community in your current marketplace, or expand to the opportunities in the Caribbean, Central America and the U.S., you need to sponsor the conference for the following opportunities:

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 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

July 27, 2007

Ms. Daphnee Champagne
 Director of Marketing
Brooklyn Medical Group
 200 Montague Street, 4th floor
 New York, NY 11201

Dear Ms. Champagne:

This *November 8 – 11, 2007*, a very special conference of international significance is scheduled to occur in *Antigua & Barbuda*, and I would like to invite *the Brooklyn Medical Group* to become one of the corporate sponsors for this history-making event.

The Multi-National Business Conference is a bridge between businesses from the US, and commercial, civic and governmental representatives from their local communities from countries in the Caribbean region and Central America. In this, our 12th year, we will be bringing together an impressive list of Fortune 1000 companies, African-American, African-Caribbean entrepreneurs, social and civic leaders, and elected officials from across the U.S. and throughout the Caribbean to stimulate the creation of commercial projects benefiting companies and individuals desiring to do business in the region, to bring together businesses, community and governmental leaders interested in understanding the economic opportunities of the Caribbean marketplace, locally and in the Caribbean.

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I would like to invite *Brooklyn Medical Group* to become one of the corporate sponsors. We will of course highlight *Brooklyn Medical Group's* role in the conference and provide the widest exposure for *Brooklyn Medical Group* in all aspects of the conference.

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CARIB NEWS INC.
 7 WEST 36TH STREET
 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/2/2007	██████████

Bill To MICHAEL FLANIGAN DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS CITI 1992 RALPH AVENUE BROOKLYN, NY 11234

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Description	Amount
SPONSOR FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATION AL BUSINESS CONFERENCE SANDALS GRANDE ANTIGUA RESORT & SPA ANTIGUA & BARBUDA NOVEMBER 8 - 11, 2007 TAX ID NO. ██████████	50,000.00
Total	
	\$50,000.00

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CARIB NEWS INC.

7 WEST 36TH STREET
8TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, 10018
212-944-1991

ATTN: Faye Rodney

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/6/2007	██████████

Bill To
MS. MARILYN JOHNSON VICE PRESIDENT MARKET DEVELOPMENT - IBM 1133 WESTCHESTER AVENUE WHITE PLAINS, NY 10604

Description	Amount
SPONSORSHIP FOR: "THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE" NOVEMBER 8 - 11, 2007 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA TAX ID NO. ██████████	18,000.00
CC: WANDA MCKENZIE EMAIL: ██████████	
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT PATRICIA LEWIS AT 212-944-1991	Total

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 7 WEST 36TH STREET
 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/22/2007	██████████

Bill To BRENDA SCOTT MACY'S EAST 151 WEST 34TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10001
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Description	Amount
SPONSOR FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATION AL BUSINESS CONFERENCE SANDALS GRANDE ANTIGUA RESORT & SPA ANTIGUA & BARBUDA NOVEMBER 8 - 11, 2007 TAX ID NO. ██████████	17,500.00
Total	
	\$17,500.00

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CARIB NEWS INC.
 7 WEST 36TH STREET
 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
10/11/2007	██████████

Bill To
KAREN BOYKIN-TOWNS SENIOR DIRECTOR/TEAM LEADER - WORLDWIDE PUBLIC AFFAIRS & POLICY, PFIZER, INC. 235 EAST 42ND STREET NEW YORK, NY 10017

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Description	Amount
SPONSOR FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATION AL BUSINESS CONFERENCE SANDALS GRANDE ANTIGUA RESORT & SPA ANTIGUA & BARBUDA NOVEMBER 8 - 11, 2007 TAX ID NO. ██████████	25,000.00
Total	\$25,000.00

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CARIB NEWS INC.

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 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/5/2007	██████

<p>Bill To</p> <p>PREFERRED HEALTH PARTNERS 200 MONTAGUE STREET, 4TH FLOOR BROOKLYN, NY 11201 ATTN: MS. DAPHNE CHAMPAGNE</p>

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Description	Amount
SPONSOR FOR THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATION AL BUSINESS CONFERENCE SANDALS GRANDE ANTIGUA RESORT & SPA ANTIGUA & BARBUDA NOVEMBER 8 - 11, 2007 TAX ID NO. ████████	10,000.00
Total	\$10,000.00

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Invoice

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 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Date	Invoice #
10/11/2007	██████████

Bill To GOODWORKS INTERNATIONAL 300 PEACHTREE, STREET NE, STE 4420 ATLANTA, GA 30308 ATTN: WALLACE FORD

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 7 WEST 36TH STREET
 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/5/2007	██████████

Bill To ROYAL CARIBBEAN BAKERY 620 SOUTH FULTON AVENUE MOUNT VERNON, N.Y. 10550
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 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/5/2007	██████████

Bill To
GOLDEN KRUST CARIBBEAN BAKERY, INC. CORPORATE OFFICES 3958 PARK AVENUE BRONX, N.Y. 10457 ATTN: WINSTON WELLINGTON

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From: "Guerrero, MarieFrance" <[REDACTED]>
To: <carib-desk@att.net>
Subject: RE: Re Award letters
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 14:46:24 +0000

Patricia,

Sorry, but we have been waiting for the spreadsheet so we could do your booking for you. We are giving you 10 First class tickets and 10 Coach tickets and 5 coach tickets for the site inspection.

If you need any thing else please let me know.

MarieFrance Guerrero
Executive Assistant
Government Affairs
American Airlines
[REDACTED]

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From: carib-desk@att.net [mailto:carib-desk@att.net]
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2007 10:14 AM
To: Guerrero, MarieFrance
Subject: Re Award letters

Hello Marie France,

I still do not have any correspondence (award lettes) from American Airlines re the 2007 Business Conference so that we can know how many tickets we have and so plan accordingly..

Could you help?

Regards and Thanks

Patricia Louis
Executive Assistant
NY Carib News
Ph: (212) 944-1991
Fax: (212) 944-2089

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Eisenman, Donna

From: Eisenman, Donna
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2007 9:12 AM
To: 'plouis'
Cc: Guerrero, MarieFrance
Subject: RE: Congressional reservations

Karl B Rodney

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Patricia,
Recap for promotional free tickets:

10 First Class/Business

- 1.) Karl Rodney
- 2.) Faye Rodney
- 3.) Charles Rangel
- 4.) Eric Eve (11/3 - confirmed coach since business class sold out/11/11 return business class)
- 5.) Maxine Waters
- 6.) Sydney Williams
- 7.) Bennie Thompson
- 8.) Dr. London Thompson
- 9.) Stephen Rangel
- 10.) Eddie Bernice Johnson (10/24 - authorized per your e-mail)

12 Coach Class (2 from site inspection plus 10 for conference)

- 1.) Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick (reservation not completed pending guest info *MARV 12*)
- 2.) Stephanie Tubbs Jones (10/24 Carib News Authorized to pay for guest - plan to contact today) *ok for now*
- 3.) Donna Christensen (10/24 - plan to reserve today - 11/8 from NYC and return to St. Croix on 11/9 per Patricia)
- 4.) Yvette Clarke (10/23 - pending ethics per Mary Bishop/scheduler- no firm reservation)
- 5.) Edolphus Towns (10/19 - pending guest authorization - no reservation *OK has wife*)
- 6.) Sheila Jackson-Lee (10/24 - no reservation)
- 7.) Donald Payne (10/24- reservation completed pending final ok)
- 8.) Barbara Lee (10/19 - pending guest authorization - no firm reservation)
- 9.) Rodney Hall *Ed Towns* (EB Johnson guest?? Need Carib News Authorization *TAY*)
- no reservation booked) *wife*
- 10.) Laura Richardson (10/23 - Reservation completed pending final ok)
- 11.) Diane Watson (10/13 - Reservation completed pending final ok) - *Paid efr*
- 12.) George Dalley (10/19 - pending Congressional schedule / no firm reservation)

Please let me know if you want to use one of the coach free promotional tickets for EB Johnson's guest. Or should the guest be also confirmed in first/business class? I will be speaking to this office this morning. Thank you.

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EXHIBIT 58

Eisenman, Donna

From: Guerrero, MarieFrance
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 11:36 AM
To: Eisenman, Donna
Subject: FW: 2007 Multinational Business Conference

*Marie
Donna
Lof*

Here are the names:

MarieFrance Guerrero
Executive Assistant
Government Affairs
American Airlines

*Sylvia
Anna
to Karen Cox*



From: carib-desk@att.net [mailto:carib-desk@att.net]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2007 9:55 AM
To: Guerrero, MarieFrance
Subject: 2007 Multinational Business Conference

*429
942*

Hello Marie France,
It's that time of the year again for the Business Conference. This year it will be held in Antigua from November 8 - 11, 2007.

Your e-mail below refers - we do not have the award letters, but we need to make the following first class reservations:

- DA* Eric Eve - JFK to Antigua - November 4 - 11, 2007
- LAH* La Toya Murphy - JFK to Antigua - November 7 to 11, 2007
- GUKPH* Karl & Faye Rodney - JFK to Antigua - November 6 to 12, 2007
- NE GW* Congressman Charles Rangel - JFK to Antigua - November 8 - 11, 2007
- Congressman Bennie Thompson - Jackson, Mississippi
- Dr. London Thompson (wife) *GULVDC* Nov. 8 - 11, 2007
- MUYF* Congresswoman Maxine Waters *LWWZYH*
- Ambassador Sydney William (husband) - Los Angeles - November 8 - 11, 2007

*LX TFX
Rangel*

I will also need to make two reservations for site inspections for October 10 - 12, 2007 for Karlisa Rodney and Lita Balram - JFK/ANTIGUA/JFK

If you need additional information, do not hesitate to ask.
Regards
Patricia Louis



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10/12/07

CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

AIR TRAVEL

TRAVEL RESERVATIONS

CARIB NEWS STAFF

No.	Last Name	First Name	Travel Date
1	Best NOV • S	Richard	11/8 - 11/11
2	Chase NOV • J	Desmond	11/8 - 11/11
3	Chase	Sara	11/8 - 11/11
4	Hazlewood • S	Patricia	11/8 - 11/11
5	Jordan	Margo	11/8 - 11/12
6	Little •	Godfrey	11/6 - 11/11
7	Louis •	Patricia	11/7 - 11/11
8	Rodney •	Karlisa	11/7 - 11/11
9	Dover BCL •	Frances	11/8 - 11/11
10	Roberts P53 •	Michael	11/8 - 11/11
11	Austin •	Paulette	11/8 - 11/11
12	Balram •	Lita	11/7 - 11/11
13	Hazlewood •	Leyland	11/8 - 11/11

These 13 Staff members will be met from the remaining 8:
 4 Barters REF# [redacted] AWARD# [redacted] / 6 / 7/ and 8, and 1
 total of 13

FIRST CLASS			
1	Rodney T	Karl	11/6 - 11/12
2	Rodney T	Faye	11/6 - 11/12
3	Rangel	Charles	11/8 - 11/11
4	Eve T	Eric	11/4 - 11/11
5	Waters GYCP	Maxine 323	11/8 - 11/11
6	Williams 11/2	Sydney 757	11/8 - 11/11
7	Thompson	Bennie	11/8 - 11/11
8	Thompson	Dr. London	11/8 - 11/11

Eight First class tickets to be met from the 10 allotted, with

OTHER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS			
1	Kilpatrick OK	Carolyn Cheeks	11/8 - 11/11
2	Tubbs-Jones	Stephanie	11/8 - 11/11
3	Christensen	Donna / b Waller	11/8 - 11/11
4	Clarke T OK	Yvette	11/8 - 11/11

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 John Lisiewski

George
 K Derek Bks

meagan
 GULVDP

glory

DTT' Marven
 Lela @ NO GUEST
 Shelley Linn 10/17
 10/23 LMT
 Pending ETHICS

10/11/07

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Brown City

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Guests

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5	Towns OK	Edolphus	11/8 - 11/11	- Maria
6	Jackson-Lee	Sheila	11/8 - 11/11	(MAD)
7	Payne OK	Donald	11/8 - 11/12	- Dailene
8	Payne	William	11/8 - 11/12	
9	Butterfield	G.K.	11/8 - 11/11	NOT -
10	Meek	Kendrick	11/8 - 11/11	
11	Meeks	Gregory	11/8 - 11/11	
12	Lee	Barbara	11/8 - 11/11	Tatiana
13	Johnson	Eddie	11/8 - 11/11	Chelys on Jan
14	Clyburn	James	11/8 - 11/11	
15	Clay	William Lacy	11/8 - 11/11	
16	Richardeon	Laura	11/8 - 11/11	Elisa - 225-4851
17	Watson	Diane	11/8 - 11/11	Alice - 225-7086
18	Dalley	George	11/8 - 11/11	
19	Rangel	Stephen	11/8 - 11/11	

No Guest ??

Not certain about

Go on

NOT going

NOT going

Tatiana

Chelys on Jan

NOT GO

NOT GO

Elisa - 225-4851

Alice - 225-7086

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Nine Economy class tickets remaining - We will use them
 i.e. Donna Christensen, Edolphus Towns, Kendrick Meek,

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Ed

Towns

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2611 JEFF DAVIS 204 ARLINGTON, VA 22202 800-433-7300

SALES PERSON: GC

ITINERARY

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DATE: 08 NOV 07

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TO: CONGRESSWOMAN CLARKE
ATTN MARY BISHOP 202-226-0112-FAX

FOR: CLARKE/YVETTE CONGRESSWOMAN

10 NOV 07 - SATURDAY

AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1635	ECONOMY	FOOD FOR PURCHASE
	LV NEW YORK JFK		800A	EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
	DEPART: TERMINAL 8			03HR 50MIN
	AR SAN JUAN PR		1250P	NON-STOP
	ARRIVE: TERMINAL D			
	CLARKE/YVETTE C SEAT-7G			
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:891	ECONOMY	EQP: BOEING 757
	LV SAN JUAN PR		200P	01HR 10MIN
	DEPART: TERMINAL D			NON-STOP
	AR ANTIGUA		310P	
	CLARKE/YVETTE C SEAT-9D			

12 NOV 07 - MONDAY

AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1270	ECONOMY	EQP: BOEING 757
	LV ANTIGUA		420P	01HR 10MIN
	AR SAN JUAN PR		530P	NON-STOP
	ARRIVE: TERMINAL D			
	CLARKE/YVETTE C SEAT-10F			
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1742	ECONOMY	FOOD FOR PURCHASE
	LV SAN JUAN PR		745P	EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
	DEPART: TERMINAL D			03HR 55MIN
	AR NEW YORK JFK		1040P	NON-STOP
	ARRIVE: TERMINAL 8			
	CLARKE/YVETTE C SEAT-8C			

PASSENGER TICKET AND BAGGAGE CHECK
SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

ISSUED BY **AMERICAN AIRLINES** ELECTRONIC TICKET

PASSENGER RECEIPT 1 OF 1
DATE OF ISSUE 08 NOV 07 ISSUING OFFICE CODE ISI

American Airlines

ISS. AGENT ID. **DL1 SJF** PLACE OF ISSUE **DALLAS LOVE FLD** TOUR CODE

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CLARKE/YVETTE CONGRESSWOMAN

NAME OF PASSENGER (NOT TRANSFERABLE)
CLARKE/YVETTE CONGRESSWOMAN CLASS DATE TIME STATUS NOT VALID BEFORE NOT VALID AFTER

NO FROM
NEW YORK JFK

NO TO
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ANTIGUA

FARE	USD	0.00
TAX	WK	10.00
TAX	XY	7.00
TAX	XA	5.00
TOTAL	USD	22.00

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SAN JUAN PR

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NEW YORK JFK

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DATE: 08 NOV 07

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TO: ATTN AARON 202-225-1339-FAX

FOR: JONES/STEPHANIE TUBBS

10 NOV 07 - SATURDAY
 AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:891 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE
 LV WASHINGTON DULLES 800A EQP: BOEING 757
 06HR 10MIN
 1-STOP
 AR ANTIGUA 310P
 JONES/STEPHANIE SEAT-9B AA-L85U100
 VIA SAN JUAN PR

12 NOV 07 - MONDAY
 AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1270 ECONOMY EQP: BOEING 757
 LV ANTIGUA 420P 01HR 10MIN
 NON-STOP
 AR SAN JUAN PR 530P
 ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
 JONES/STEPHANIE SEAT-14C AA-L85U100
 AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1944 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE
 LV SAN JUAN PR 635P EQP: BOEING 757
 DEPART: TERMINAL D 03HR 50MIN
 AR WASHINGTON DULLES 925P NON-STOP
 JONES/STEPHANIE SEAT-9B AA-L85U100

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 FROM WASHINGTON DULLES
 TO ANTIGUA
 FLIGHT: 891 CLASS: T DATE: 10NOV TIME: T/PRONM
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USD 22.00		

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 TO ANTIGUA
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2611 JEFF DAVIS 204 ARLINGTON, VA 22202 800-433-7300

SALES PERSON: GC ITINERARY DATE: 08 NOV 07
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TO: ATTN SHELLY 202-225-5517-FAX

FOR: CHRISTENSEN/DONNA

08 NOV 07 - THURSDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1635 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE
 LV NEW YORK JFK 800A EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
 DEPART: TERMINAL 8 03HR 50MIN
 AR SAN JUAN PR 1250P NON-STOP
 ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
 CHRISTENSEN/DON SEAT-33C AA-Y3R5588
 SERVICE IMMEDIATELY ABOVE NOT YET CONFIRMED

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:891 ECONOMY EQP: BOEING 757
 LV SAN JUAN PR 200P 01HR 10MIN
 DEPART: TERMINAL D NON-STOP
 AR ANTIGUA 310P
 CHRISTENSEN/DON SEAT-10A AA-Y3R5588
 SERVICE IMMEDIATELY ABOVE NOT YET CONFIRMED

09 NOV 07 - FRIDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1270 ECONOMY EQP: BOEING 757
 LV ANTIGUA 420P 01HR 10MIN
 AR SAN JUAN PR 530P NON-STOP
 ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
 CHRISTENSEN/DON SEAT-17D AA-Y3R5588

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:5142 ECONOMY
 OPERATED BY AMERICAN EAGLE/EXECUTIVE
 LV SAN JUAN PR 750P EQP: ATR72 TURBOPROP
 DEPART: TERMINAL D 34MIN
 AR ST THOMAS 824P NON-STOP
 CHRISTENSEN/DON SEAT-2C AA-Y3R5588

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ANTIGUA
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XA 5.00
USD 22.00

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800-433-7300

SALES PERSON: GC

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DATE: 08 NOV 07

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TO: CONGRESSMAN BENNIE THOMPSON
ATTN MEGAN 202-225-5898-FAX

FOR: THOMPSON/BENNIE CONGRESSMAN

12 NOV 07 - MONDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:5027 ECONOMY
 OPERATED BY AMERICAN EAGLE/EXECUTIVE
 LV ANTIGUA 942A EQP: ATR72 TURBOPROP
 01HR 33MIN
 NON-STOP

AR SAN JUAN PR 1115A
 ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
 THOMPSON/BENNIE SEAT-1C

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:633 BUSINESS LUNCH
 LV SAN JUAN PR 1220P EQP: BOEING 757
 05HR 10MIN
 NON-STOP

DEPART: TERMINAL D
 AR DALLAS FT WORTH 330P
 THOMPSON/BENNIE SEAT-4E

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:3809 ECONOMY FOOD FOR PURCHASE
 OPERATED BY AMERICAN EAGLE
 LV DALLAS FT WORTH 505P EQP: EMBRAER 145 JET
 01HR 20MIN
 NON-STOP

DEPART: TERMINAL B
 AR JACKSON MS 625P
 THOMPSON/BENNIE SEAT-8C

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American Airlines

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American Airlines

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 NOT VALID FOR REVALUATION
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 FROM ANTIGUA
 TO SAN JUAN PR
 RR 5827 T 12NOV T/PRONM
 RR 633 U 12NOV U/PRONM
 DALLAS FT WORTH
 RR 3809 T 12NOV T/PRONM
 JACKSON MS

FARE CALCULATION
ANU RR X/SJUG.00T/PRONM RR X/DFWJ.00U/PRONM RR JANG.00T /PRONM NU08.00END R0E1.00S

FARE
 USD 0.00
 XY 7.00
 XA 5.00
 TOTAL
 USD 12.00

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2611 JEFF DAVIS 204 ARLINGTON, VA 22202 800-433-7300

SALES PERSON: GC

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DATE: 08 NOV 07

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TO: CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE
TRAVEL VALID ON AMERICAN AIRLINES ONLY
ATTN - GEORGE/HOLLY 202-225-0816-FAX
202-226-9731- GEORGE

FOR: RANGEL/CHARLES

10 NOV 07 - SATURDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1635 BUSINESS BREAKFAST
LV NEW YORK JFK 800A EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
DEPART: TERMINAL 8 03HR 50MIN
AR SAN JUAN PR 1250P NON-STOP

ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
RANGEL/CHARLES AA-HAD6146
SERVICE IMMEDIATELY ABOVE NOT YET CONFIRMED

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:769 BUSINESS BREAKFAST
LV NEW YORK JFK 630A EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
DEPART: TERMINAL 8 03HR 45MIN
AR SAN JUAN PR 1115A NON-STOP

ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
RANGEL/CHARLES SEAT-3H AA-HAD6146

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:891 BUSINESS EQP: BOEING 757
LV SAN JUAN PR 200P 01HR 10MIN
DEPART: TERMINAL D NON-STOP
AR ANTIGUA 310P
RANGEL/CHARLES SEAT-2E AA-HAD6146

11 NOV 07 - SUNDAY

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1270 BUSINESS EQP: BOEING 757
LV ANTIGUA 420P 01HR 10MIN
AR SAN JUAN PR 530P NON-STOP

ARRIVE: TERMINAL D
RANGEL/CHARLES SEAT-2B AA-HAD6146

AIR AMERICAN AIRLINES FLT:1742 BUSINESS DINNER
LV SAN JUAN PR 745P EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
DEPART: TERMINAL D 03HR 55MIN
AR NEW YORK JFK 1040P NON-STOP
ARRIVE: TERMINAL 8
RANGEL/CHARLES SEAT-2H AA-HAD6146

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SAN JUAN PR
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NEW YORK JFK

FARE CALCULATION

NYC RR X/SJU RR ANJ0.00U/PRONM RR X/SJU RR NYC0.00U/PRONM NJC0.00END R0E1.00

FARE
USD 0.00
WK 10.00
XY 7.00
YA 5.00
USD 22.00

EQUIV FARE PAID

FORM OF PAYMENT

PCS CK WT UNCK WT
STOCK CONTROL NUMBER TX

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COUPON AIRLINE FORM SERIAL NO CK

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ADDITIONAL SEAT INFORMATION
BAGGAGE ID NR
NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL
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EXHIBIT 64

From: plouis [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2007 12:37 PM
To: Eisenman, Donna
Subject: re unused tickets

Hello Donna,

Thought you had got rid of me huh! Not so fast.

The conference went well, except for a few mosquitoes who were too happy to see us.

Thanks so much for all your help!

Would you be able to tell me which Members of Congress you actually charged tickets for. I know we had

Maxine Waters and her husband on, but she did not travel. Diane Abbott also did not travel.

Latoya Murphy also did not travel. I would like to use her ticket for KARLISA RODNEY to travel

From New York (JFK) to Montego Bay, Jamaica, leaving on December 19th returning on January 04, 2008.

Pls let me know.

Thanks and Have a wondereful week-end

Patricia Louis

Executive Assistant

CARIB NEWS

7 West 36th Street, 8th Floor

New York, NY 10018

Eisenman, Donna

From: Coffey, Antoinette
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 10:03 AM
To: Eisenman, Donna
Cc: Guerrero, MarieFrance; Ris, Will
Subject: RE: re unused tickets

Donna,

The original agreement was 5 coach tickets for site inspections; 5 were used 10 coach- 4 were used 10 first- 6 were used.

Will said the award letters were to be used for that event only and not to be carried over.

Please note they have award letters from our NY Sales office from another event that have not been used. They were trying to those tickets for this event when they thought they would need more tickets.

Those tickets have not been used to my knowledge.

Antoinette

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

From: Eisenman, Donna
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2008 8:01 AM
To: Coffey, Antoinette
Cc: Guerrero, MarieFrance
Subject: FW: re unused tickets

Antoinette, please check on the final count for TAC tickets used.

Thanks,

Donna

From: plouis [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, January 03, 2008 3:07 PM
To: Eisenman, Donna
Subject: FW: re unused tickets

Hello Donna,

Happy New Year to you - hope your wishes and dreams come to fruition in

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*** TX REPORT ***

TRANSMISSION OK

TX/RX NO [REDACTED]
CONNECTION TEL [REDACTED] 912685621717
SUBADDRESS
CONNECTION ID
ST. TIME 10/16 15:26
USAGE T 00'26
PGS. SENT 1
RESULT OK

Unique Vacations, Inc.

WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATIVE FOR SANDALS & BEACHES RESORTS

Unique Vacation's Groups Department
4950 S.W. 72nd Avenue, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33155
Phone: (800) 327-1991 FAX: (305) 668-2767



Invoice

October 16, 2007

To: Hon. Dr. Errol Cort
Minister of Finance

Phone:
Fax: 268-562-1717

From: Natalie Berroa
Group Accounting Generalist

Phone: 800-327-1991

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: 12th Annual Multi National Conference

Sandals Grande Anitgua

Dates of Travel: November 8-11, 2007
Rate per room: \$ 1,260.00
Total No. of rooms: 25

Total due at this time: \$ 31,500.00

Please make checks payable to:

Unique Vacations Inc.
Attn: Group Dept

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Unique Vacations, Inc

Incoming Wire Detail Report
Printed on Oct 31,2007 12:57 PM

Process Information

Wire system reference: [REDACTED]

Transfer Amount: USD 31,500.00

Exchange Rate: .0000000000

Credit Amount: USD 31,500.00

10-25-07

Sending Bank: [REDACTED]

Sending Party:

Message Reference: IMAD: 1025B1QGC03C00390010251344FT01 Ref: 2339800298FS

Transfer Text: ORG=A [REDACTED]
J P MORGAN CHASE NYC
NEW YORK, NY
ORG=
PS MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE
ECONOMY
ST JOHN'S
ANTIGUA
OBK=S ROYCAGAG
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
MARKET AND HIGH STREETS
ST. JOHN'S,AG
SRF=[REDACTED]
ORF=SWF OF 07 10 25
BBK=D 0873003270117
UNIQUE VACATIONS INC
RECEIPTS ACCOUNT
4950 SW 72ND AVE
MIAMI FL 33155-5533
BNF=[REDACTED]
UNIQUE VACATIONS INC

Close

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

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Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

- CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION
1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): _____
 2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box):
 3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
 4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
 5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): EACH REPRESENTATIVE'S SPOUSE
 6. Dates of travel: NOVEMBER 8 - 11, 2007
 7. Cities of departure - destination - return: VARIES DEPENDING ON MEMBER
 8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box):
 9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the Committee's travel regulations.
 10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:
 If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):

12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION (SEE ATTACHED SHEET)

13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: THE INTEREST OF CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION IS TO PROMOTE INFORMATION, TRADE AND MEANINGFUL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CARIBBEAN

14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: REGULAR SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE, ECONOMY CLASS

15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box):

16. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:

b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation:

If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____

17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: A CARIBBEAN COUNTRY THAT HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY HOSTED THE CONFERENCE

18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: SANDALS RESORT/REX RESORT

19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$1 0.00

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: HAS APPROPRIATE MEETING ROOMS

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	320	330	165
For each accompanying family member	320	0	145

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee		
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name and title: KARL B. RODNEY, CEO

Organization: CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

Address: 7 WEST 36TH STREET, 8TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018

Telephone number: 212-944-1981

Fax number: 212-944-2089

Email Address: CARIB-DESK@ATT.NET

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
 U.S. House of Representatives
 HT-2, The Capitol
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)
 (202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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Carib News Foundation
7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

TO : Members of Congress who attended the 12th Annual
Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference

FROM : Karl B. Rodney

DATE : November 28, 2007

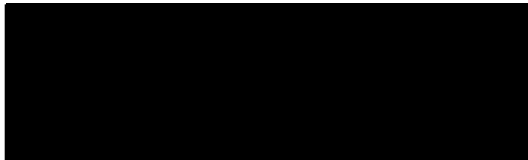
SUBJECT : Business Conference Travel Information

The following is the breakdown of the value for the 12th Annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference held in Antigua & Barbuda from November 8-11, 2007.

Airfare - \$490.00

Hotel - \$410.00

Total amount of package = \$990.00



Organized by Carib News Foundation. A non-profit project 501-C-3 corporation

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2009 SEP 30 PM 3:28

U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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- 1. Name of Traveler: Charles B. Rangel
- 2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): none
- b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 10, 11, 2007
- b. Dates at personal expense (if any): none
- 4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): New York City - Antigua - New York City
- 5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The New York Carib News Foundation

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The Conference, schedule attached, was to explore initiative and programs to expand and strengthen economic and cultural relationships between New York and some island nations of the Caribbean.

- 7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

- 8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
- b. If not, explain: Due to Congressional schedule, I was only able to participate on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning; I participated fully on all of the events in this period of time.

RANGEL.

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$ 490.00	\$ 410.00 (incl. meals)	
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____

DATE: _____

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER
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Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Bennie G. Thompson

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): London Thompson

Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 10-12, 2007

Dates at personal expense: N/A

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Jackson, MS to Antigua to Jackson, MS

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Carib News

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended meetings and events that involved the promotion, trade and meaningful connection between the United States and the Caribbean.

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
3. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: I was unable to attend all events due to the House being in session for legislative business on

Thursday, November 8th and Friday November 9th.

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	364.30	410.00	195.00
For accompanying family member:	364.30	0	195.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	N/A	
For accompanying family member:	N/A	

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER: _____

DATE: 11/29/07

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LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

2008 SEP 15 AM 10:55

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U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

Original Amendment
9/12/08 *DMF*

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Name of Member or Officer (print or type): DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): NONE

Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: NOVEMBER 8-9, 2007

Dates at personal expense: NONE

Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): SEE ATTACHED

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): OPENING RECEPTION ON 11/8 6:30 PM, 11/9 9:00 AM - OPENING CEREMONY, 1:30 PM - LUNCH

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

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3. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: _____

CHRISTENSEN

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$ 490.00	\$ 410.00	INCLUSIVE WITH HOTEL EXPENSES
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER:



DATE: 12/2/07

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LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

2007 NOV 19 PM 3: 53

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Original Amendment

2007 NOV 20 PM 2: 03

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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MEMBER / OFFICER
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Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Yvette D. Clarke

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: 11-10-07 — 11-12-07

Dates at personal expense: _____

Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): New York JFK - Antigua - New York JFK

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): CARIB NEWS

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Gala Dinner + Award

Round table - Topic - HEMISPHERIC DISASTER FUND

Round table - Topic - Community outreach + EDU + Youth Director

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; and
3. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: _____

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	320	330	195
For accompanying family member:	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER: _____



DATE: 11/20/07

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**THE NEW YORK
CARIBNEWS**

 THE WEEKLY VOICE OF THE CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
 7 WEST 36TH STREET, 8TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10018

TEL: (212) 944-1991; FAX: (212) 944-2089
 E-MAIL ADDRESS: NYCARIB@AOL.COM;
CARIBNEWS@ATT.NET

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: Kelly Mobley	FROM: Patricia Louis
COMPANY: Committee on Standards of official conduct	DATE: 8/20/08
FAX NUMBER: 202-225-7392	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER:
RE: 2008 MULTINATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE	

URGENT FOR REVIEW PLEASE COMMENT PLEASE REPLY YOUR INFORMATION

Following is the completed form and attachments re travel for Members of Congress to attend the 2008 Multinational Business Conference scheduled for November 6-9, 2008 in St. Maarten.

Regards

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

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1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box):
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): BASED ON COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH IMPACTS US/CARIBBEAN RELATIONS ON WHICH THE MEMBER SERVES,
6. Dates of travel: NOVEMBER 8-9, 2008
7. Cities of departure -- destination -- return: VARIES - DEPENDING ON MEMBER
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box):
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: _____
 CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION (* SEE ATTACHED)
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: _____
 THE INTEREST OF CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION IS TO PROMOTE, INFORM, TRADE AND
 ESTABLISHMENT OF MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE U.S AND THE CARIBBEAN
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: _____
 REGULAR SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE, ECONOMY CLASS
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify "yes" by checking box):
16. I represent that either (check one of the following):
 a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: or
 b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:
 If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: SEE ATTACHED
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: SONESTA MAHO BEACH RESORT
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$110.00
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: HAS APPROPRIATE MEETING ROOMS

21. **TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:**

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	410	260	145
For each accompanying family member	410	0	145

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$150 \$ 25	Conference Registration Local transportation
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):

23. I certify that the information obtained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

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Theme : A Region In Transition - Strategy For Change - Building Alliances

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 2008

13TH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Time - 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM

TOWN HALL FORUM - HEALTH
Time - 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

- Healthy Living - 'The Worldwide Challenge'
- Innovative Solutions For Life Styles
- Diseases - A Collaborative Approach - Diabetes, Hypertension, Obesity, Oral Health

Venue - Royal Islander
Moderator - Dr. Marcia Bayne Smith

Speakers - Mrs. Karen Boykin-Towns, Congress Member Dr. Donna Christian Christensen, Commissioner Maria Buncamper Molanus, Health Commissioner, St Maarten, Dr. John Palmer, Harlem Hospital Center Dr. Jay Cowan, National Medical Association, Dr. Leon Merrick - Merrick's Dental Studio, First Lady Michelle Paige Paterson, Health Advocate

MULTI-NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE OPENING RECEPTION
Time - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Venue - Upper Pool
Theme - A Region In Transition

MC - Sabrina Hosang - Royal Caribbean Bakery

Speakers - Faye A. Rodney, Hon. Roy Marlin - Commissioner For Tourism & Finance Of St Maarten

MULTI-NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE OPENING DINNER
Time - 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM
Venue - The Maho Room
Theme - A Strategy For Change

MC - Judge Sylvia Hinds-Radix

Speakers - Susan Taylor & Hon. Donald Payne, Member Of The United States Congress

HOSPITALITY AREA
Time - 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2008

BREAKFAST - OCEAN TERRACE
Time - 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM

*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (OCEAN TERRACE LOBBY) * CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT (SABA ROOM)*
Time - 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

BUSINESS CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONIES
Time - 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM
Venue - Maho Room
Theme - Building Alliances For Progress

Invocation - Rev. Susan Johnson-Cook
Anthems - Saint Maarten 'Lift Every Voice'

Remarks - Eric Eve, Karen Boykin-Towns, Marie Long, Ed Goldberg, Patrick Gaston, Hazel Dukes

Speakers - Hon. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, Member US Congress * Commissioner Sarah Wescot Williams, Leader of Government, St. Maarten * Harry Belafonte

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES
Time - 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM Coffee Break * 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM Presentation

EDUCATION - TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES COLLABORATION

Moderator - Dr. Emmanuel Gonsalves
Greetings - Marie Long
Speakers - Dr. Edison Jackson, Patrick Gaston, Dr. Marcia Keizs, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Professor Rex Nettieford

PRESENTATION - INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & TOURISM TODAY'S ECONOMIC ENGINE'
Time - 12:00 Noon to 1:15 PM

Moderator - Lloyd A Williams, President & CEO of The Greater Harlem Chamber Of Commerce
Greeting - Wallace Ford
Speakers - Commissioner Roy Marlin, Howard Dodson, Congressman Gregory Meeks, Professor Rex Nettieford, Dr. Martin Valdes

PRESENTATION - HEALTH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE REGION
Time - 12:00 Noon to 1:15 PM

Moderator - Yvonne Graham
Greeting - Karen Boykin Towns
Speakers - Dr. Denzil Douglas, Dr. Carl Kenel Pierre, Commissioner Maria Buncamper Molanus, Health Commissioner of St Maarten, Dr Dexter McKenzie

LUNCHEON
Time - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM
Venue - Main Ballroom

Theme - Building A Winning Strategy - Partnerships That Works

Moderator - Hon. Nick Perry, NYS Assembly
Speaker - Eric Eve * Keynote Speaker - Hon. David Paterson, Governor New York State

ROUND TABLE ONE - EDUCATION - THINKFINITY PRESENTATION & DEMONSTRATION
Time - 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Venue - Royal Islander A

MC - Dr. Patricia Hazlewood
Speakers - Patrick Gaston & Albert Browne

ROUND TABLE TWO - LOCAL BUSINESS INITIATIVES
Time - 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Venue - Royal Islander B

Speaker - Ed Goldberg, Eric Eve, Albert Browne

TOWN HALL FORUM - EDUCATION SHARING WORKING SOLUTIONS

Time - 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Venue - Royal Islander A

Greetings - Michael Flanigan

Moderator - Dr. Marcella Maxwell

Speakers - Hon David M. Dinkins (Former Mayor, NYC), Dr. Edison O. Jackson, Dr. Marcia Keizs, Professor Rex Nettleford, UWI and William Payne, Assemblyman NJ

HOST COUNTRY EVENING - CULTURAL PRESENTATION

Time - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

HOSPITALITY AREA

Time - 10:00 PM to 1:00 AM

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8 2008

BREAKFAST - OCEAN TERRACE

Time - 7:45 AM to 8:15 AM

PRESENTATION - WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AND POWER

Time - 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Venue - Maho Beach

Greeting & Opening Remarks - Brenda Scott

Moderator - Marilyn Johnson

Speakers - Commissioner Sarah Wescot Williams, Leader of Government Business, Dame Billie Miller, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Barbados, Dr. Marcia Keizs, President of York College, Michelle Paterson, First Lady New York State, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Rev. Dr. Susan Johnson Cook

PRESENTATION - THE CARIBBEAN, IT'S VALUE & POTENTIAL IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Time - 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Venue - Royal Islander A

Greeting - Wallace Ford

Moderator - Dame Billie Miller

Speakers - Hon. P.J. Patterson, former Prime Minister, Jamaica, Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Hon. Dr. Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister of St. Kitt-Nevis, Congressman Charles Rangel

PRIVATE MEETING CLOSED DOOR SESSION With Members Of Congress & Minister Of Government

Time - 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM

PRESENTATION - TRADE & INVESTMENT - CREATIVE SOLUTIONS RETOOLING FOR GROWTH - PARTNERSHIP AT WORK

Time - 12:00 Noon to 1:15 PM

Venue - Royal Islander A

Greeting - Michael Flanigan

Moderator - Ivanhoe Ffriend

Speakers - Hon William Thompson, Comptroller, NYC, Adolfo Carrion, Borough President, Bronx, NY,

Congressman Edolphus Towns, Eric Eve

PRESENTATION - HEMISPHERIC SECURITY - PORTS/AIRPORTS - CRIME, DRUGS, DISASTER IN CHALLENGING TIMES

Time - 12:00 Noon to 1:15 PM

Venue - Royal Islander B

Greeting - Earl Brown, Deputy Borough President, Bronx, Judge Sylvia Ash, Tony Best, Congressman Bennie Thompson, Commissioner Theo Heyliger, St Maarten, Professor Ivelaw Griffith, Hon Lance Ogiste, Brooklyn District Attorney

LUNCHEON - AN AGENDA FOR PARTNERSHIP

Time - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Venue - Maho Room

Greeting - Lloyd Brown

Speaker - Most Hon. P.J. Patterson, former Prime Minister of Jamaica & President of Heis Consults, Dr. Compton Bourne, President CDB

ROUND TABLE ONE - IMMIGRATION & DEPORTEES

Venue - Royal Islander A

Moderator - Dr. Marco Mason

Speakers - Congressman Bennie Thompson, Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Member US Congress, Attorney Stanford Rubenstein, NYC Councilmember Dr. Kendall Stewart

ROUND TABLE TWO - HAITI BOLD INITIATIVES - THE DIASPORA - CEC & CARICOM

Venue - Royal Islander B

Moderator - Hon. Yvonne Graham

Speakers - Hon. Charles Rangel, Hon. Gregory Meeks, Hon. Ralph Gonsalves, Dr. Lesly Kernisant

TOWN HALL FORUM - TECHNOLOGY

Venue - Royal Islander A

Moderator - Colin Ward

Greeting & Opening - Marie Long

Speakers - Congressman Edolphus Towns, Albert Browne, Commissioner of Technology, Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson

GALA RECEPTION

Time - 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Speaker - Susan Taylor

GALA DINNER & AWARDS PRESENTATION

Time - 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Speakers - Dr. Harry Belafonte, Hon. Sarah Wescot Williams, Leader of Government Business

HOSPITALITY AREA

Time - 10:30 PM to 1:00 AM

Venue - Hotel Conference Room

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9TH 2008

POWER BREAKFAST - SPIRITUALITY THE BASICS IN BUSINESS
Time - 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Greeting - Lowell Hawthorne
Speakers - Ed Goldberg Local Minister

Selection - Local Choir

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NAME	REASON FOR PARTICIPATION
Charles Rangel	To address trade issues that impact on the Caribbean/US Relations as Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means. Follow up on Trade Discussions held in New York, June 2008
Bennie Thompson	Chairman of the Committee of Homeland Security, Regional Security, Coast Guard, TSA - cooperation within the Hemisphere
Maxine Waters	Financial Services initiatives between US and the Caribbean. Initiatives on Haiti development, Immigration and Border Security
Stephanie Tubbs-Jones	Trade and taxation issues between the US and the Caribbean, as a member of the Ways and Means Committee
Donna Christensen	Health related collaboration with the US and the Caribbean, AIDS and other related diseases. Member of the Committee on Emergency Threats, Cyber-security, Science & Technology
Yvette Clarke	Represents a large Caribbean population and to the Caribbean/US relations on Immigration and Homeland Security
Barbara Lee	Member of the Sub-committee on State, Foreign operation and related programs. Member of sub-committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and related agencies
Danny Davis	Member of the Sub-committee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary education - Member of sub-committee on Higher Education, lifelong learning and competitiveness. Issues of importance to developing economies of the Caribbean.
Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick	Member of the Sub-committee on Financial Services, and sub-committee on the Department of Homeland Security
Edolphus Towns	Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce - and sub-committee on Tele-communications and the Internet
Donald Payne	Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Chair of the sub-committee on Africa and Global Health
Eddie Bernice Johnson	Member of the Sub-committee on Aviation - critical for the Caribbean economy. Member of the sub-committee on Research and Science Education - addressing the technological divide

NAME	REASON FOR PARTICIPATION
Sheila Jackson Lee	Member of the Committee on the Judiciary, Immigration issues. Member of the sub-committee on Border, Migration and Global Counter-terrorism. Chair of sub-committee on Transportation and Infrastructure protection.
Melvin Watt	Member of Financial Services Committee, important issue for the emerging Financial Services Sector in the Caribbean. Member of the committee on the Judiciary - Immigration issues.
William Lacy Clay	Member of the Sub-committee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology, Member of the sub-committee on Financial Services.
G. K. Butterfield	Member of the sub-committee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.
Jesse Jackson Jr.	Member of the Sub-committee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related programs. Member of sub-committee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Services.
Diane E. Watson	Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Vice-Chair of the sub-committee on Africa and Global Health.
Kendrick Meek	Member of the Sub-committee on Trade and member of the Committee on Ways and Means.
Gregory A. Meeks	Member of the Committee on Financial Services - Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs - Member of the sub-committee on the Western Hemisphere.
David Scott	Member of the Committee on Financial Services - Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs - Member of the Committee on Agriculture.
James Clyburn	Member, House Committee on Appropriations, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, Transportation, Treasury and Housing and Urban Development, The Judiciary.
Keith Ellison	Member of the Committee on Judiciary, Member of the sub-committee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law. Member of the Committee on Financial Services.
Corrine Brown	Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Member of the sub-committee on Aviation - Member of the sub-committee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
Robert 'Bobby' Scott	Chair of the sub-committee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, Member of Committee on Education and Labor.

NAME	REASON FOR PARTICIPATION
Nydia Velazquez	Chairwoman of the House Small Business Committee, Member of the Financial Services Committee, member of sub-committee on Housing and Community Opportunity, Capital Markets, Insurance and Government-sponsored Enterprise, Oversight and Investigations.



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TO HOST

CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

- Invitation to host conference to be issued by Prime Minister (Head of Government). This is to facilitate the attendance of several elected officials from the United States, United Kingdom and other countries.
- Prime Minister to be keynote speaker at one of the major events of the conference and participates in the closed door session with attending elected officials.
- Local host committee to be organized with all interested ministers, agencies and associations. The chairman of this committee would be someone designated by the Prime Minister to coordinate all the activities.
- To provide the care and comfort for the VIP's attending i.e.
 - To provide 25 all-inclusive rooms for the VIP's and members of Congress attending.
 - To provide appropriate mode of transportation for VIP's and members of Congress - cars or specialized vans - not buses.
- To be a designated sponsor in one of the categories - *Title, Main or Regular Sponsor* (See Attachment).
- To organize a "Host Country Evening" - The Friday evening, the host country will host at an appropriate location an evening of food, refreshment, cultural presentation and entertainment.
- Provide for local entertainment for the various functions -
 - The Opening Ceremonies
 - The Reception
 - The Gala Dinner
- To assist in Promotion and Publicity of the conference both locally and through international offices and official publications.
- Assist in securing competitive hotel rates.
- Equip and staff conference secretariat.
- Prime Minister to issue invitations along with CARIB NEWS to members of the US Congress, other Prime Ministers and Ministers of Government.
- Participate in the Forum with Members of Congress.
- Arrange tours and activities of interest for VIP's and/or their spouse.

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Mr. Rodney,

Thank you for your letter to the Committee requesting permission for Members to participate in your trip to St. Maarten. However, due to the new travel rules, the Committee no longer approves trips in general for privately sponsored travel. Each invitee must get individual permission to attend the trip. The process is as follows:

1. The sponsor of the trip fills out the Private Sponsor Form and sends that to all the invitees, including a detailed daily agenda and a list of all House invitees.
2. The person going on the trip then fills out the Traveler Form and sends that and the sponsor form in to the Committee for approval.
3. The Committee will look over the trip and if everything is in order, the staff member will receive a letter back stating that they are approved to attend the trip.

This process and the forms are located on our website, www.ethics.house.gov. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

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To: <carib-desk@att.net>
Subject: Carib News Foundation sponsorship of Member of Congress travel.
Date: ~~Wednesday, September 24, 2008 1:55:07 PM~~

I need to speak with someone about the 13th Annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference on Nov. 6-9th in St. Maarten. The Committee has received the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form requesting approval for the Carib News Foundation to pay the transportation, lodging and meals expenses for several Members of Congress. I have a number of questions about the conference and your organization and the paperwork that was filled out. Is there someone I can schedule to speak with via phone about these matters tomorrow (Thursday) some time after 11am?

Thank you,

Peg Perl

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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

September 30, 2008 Conference Call with Karl & Fay Rodney of Carib News

(PGP typed up on 12/22/08 based on notes taken contemporaneous with the phone call)

Karl & Fay Rodney are the co-founders & directors of Carib News. My general approach was to walk through the questions on the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form submitted 9/10/08 to verify some issues.

Sponsorship of Conference, funding by lobbyists or other sources (Questions 1-3):

I asked about the Foundation and any corporate giving to the Foundation that was specifically for financing the conference or earmarked for congressional travel. I specifically referenced things I had seen on the website from last year's conference that listed "corporate sponsors" of the conference, etc. *Responses and explanations given by the Rodneys:*

- Carib News Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that does numerous educational and outreach activities" and the conference is one of them.
- Corporations with lobbyists give money generally to the Foundation all year that goes into a general fund that is used for multiple program activities, including the conference.
- There is no designation or earmarking of funds by corporations for the conference or congressional travel, and no specific request to get corporate funding for congressional travel.
- There will not be parts of the conference "sponsored" by a particular corporation recognized – such as a banner with "this lunch sponsored by AT&T." This is the plan for 2008's conference, regardless of past years. Any website indicates to the contrary are wrong and outdated

Trip arranged without regard to Congressional participation & air/hotel costs (Questions 16-21):

I asked about the apparent difference between the online registration packages and the costs quoted here for Congressional travel in order to make sure the Congressional participation was at the same level as all other attendees at the conference. *Responses and explanations given by the Rodneys:*

- There will be about 300 attendees total at the conference.
- They are purchasing a conference package with the Resort to cover lodging, meals, etc. including all conference luncheons as well.
- The hotel negotiated rate is \$110 for the most basic room, which is the same for Members and everyone else. This only applies for the dates of the conference, so if Members want to add personal days, they will be adding nights at a much higher rate for personal expense just like all other attendees.
- The meals expenses are that many meals are included with the room (all-inclusive resort breakfast, cocktail hours, etc.), but there is an additional \$145 per person that covers some additional conference dinners and receptions.
- The Members' flights are all commercial economy class – no charter flight or anything special from other attendees. The \$410 per person estimate is the average for a flight from NYC, but it will vary for Members who come from other cities.

Other Costs not included on form/Local transportation or events:

Based upon problems from last year, I specifically asked about any local transportation or any other expenses that were not on the sponsor certification form. I also generally asked whether everything on the agenda was at the resort hotel or if other events were happening around the island(s). *Responses and explanations given by the Rodneys:*

- They are waiving the conference fee for participants and might provide ground transportation or taxis from airport, etc.
- Carib News is paying for everything – no local government or private company paid dinners.
- The meeting with foreign ministers is at the Resort hotel and is not open to the public – only Members are invited and all other conference attendees will be in other panels at that time.
- The “host country cultural program” is a dinner at the hotel paid for by Carib News. The only thing the host country pays is the entertainment.
- A revised sponsor certification form with these additional expenses and details about locations on the itinerary will be provided.

Follow-up after 9/30 phone call

Carib News did provide a revised form and itinerary after the conversation. I followed up with an email with questions and another revised itinerary was provided. Through these revisions and additional phone calls with Fay Rodney in October, Carib News stated that all events would be held on the resort grounds and there would not be any meals or events anywhere else on the island.

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**Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation**

2005

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Note: The organization may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

For calendar year 2005, or tax year beginning **June 1**, 2005, and ending **May 31**, 20 **06**

G Check all that apply. Initial return Final return Amended return Address change Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of organization Carib News Charities Inc		A Employer identification number [REDACTED]
	Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions)
	City or town, state, and ZIP code New York, NY 10018		()

H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$

J Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

K If exemption application is pending, check here ▶

L 1. Foreign organizations, check here . . . ▶

2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation . . . ▶

M If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here . . . ▶

N If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here . . . ▶

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see page 11 of the instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	0			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11					
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23				
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid				
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25					
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	0				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)					
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)			
		Beginning of year	End of year		
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	0	0	0
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4	Pledges receivable			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis			
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
12	Investments—mortgage loans				
13	Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
15	Other assets (describe)				
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see page 16 of the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)				
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	0	
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe)			
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30	Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	0	0		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	0	0		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	0
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }			2
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6). If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see pages 13 and 17 of the instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8.	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }			3

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the organization liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
If "Yes," the organization does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see page 18 of the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2004			
2003			
2002			
2001			
2000			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years.	3
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2005 from Part X, line 5.	4
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions on page 18.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling letter: (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic organizations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	
c	All other domestic organizations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-).	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	
6	Credits/Payments.		
a	2005 estimated tax payments and 2004 overpayment credited to 2005	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached.	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2006 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1c		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	The books are in care of _____ Telephone no. _____ Located at _____ ZIP+4 _____	
13	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <input type="checkbox"/>	

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the organization (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the organization agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/>	1b	X
c Did the organization engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2005? <input type="checkbox"/>	1c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the organization was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2005, did the organization have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2005? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the organization is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see page 20 of the instructions.) <input type="checkbox"/>	2b	X
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
3a Did the organization hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2005 as a result of (1) any purchase by the organization or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the organization had excess business holdings in 2005.) <input type="checkbox"/>	3b	X
4a Did the organization invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? <input type="checkbox"/>	4a	X
b Did the organization make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2005? <input type="checkbox"/>	4b	X
5a During the year did the organization pay or incur any amount to:		
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/>	5b	X
c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the organization claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).		
6a Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
b Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answered "Yes" to 6b, also file Form 8870	6b	X

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see page 21 of the instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
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2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see page 21 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				
.....				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services—(see page 21 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
.....		
.....		
.....		
.....		
.....		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1 NONE	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see page 22 of the instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2		Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments See page 22 of the instructions		
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3		

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 22 of the instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:	
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 23 of the instructions)	1c
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 23 of the instructions)	4
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6

Part XI Distributable Amount (see page 23 of the instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1
2a	Tax on investment income for 2005 from Part VI, line 5	2a
b	Income tax for 2005. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 24 of the instructions)	6
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see page 24 of the instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:	
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:	
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4
5	Organizations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see page 24 of the instructions)	5
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see page 24 of the instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2004	(c) 2004	(d) 2005
1 Distributable amount for 2005 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2004:				
a Enter amount for 2004 only				
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2005:				
a From 2000				
b From 2001				
c From 2002				
d From 2003				
e From 2004				
f Total of lines 3a through e.				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2005 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ _____				
a Applied to 2004, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see page 25 of the instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see page 25 of the instructions)				
d Applied to 2005 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2005 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see page 25 of the instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2004. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see page 25 of the instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2005. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2006				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(E) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 25 of the instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2000 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 25 of the instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2006. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2001				
b Excess from 2002				
c Excess from 2003				
d Excess from 2004				
e Excess from 2005				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see page 26 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

- 1a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2005, enter the date of the ruling ▶
- b** Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon.					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter % of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see page 26 of the instructions.)

- 1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**
- a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
-
- b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

- 2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:**
- Check here if the organization only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the organization makes gifts, grants, etc. (see page 26 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

- a** The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
-
- b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
-
- c** Any submission deadlines:
-
- d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<i>a</i> Paid during the year				
Total				▶ 3a
<i>b</i> Approved for future payment				
Total				▶ 3b

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Carib News Foundation
 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

June 6, 2008

Mr. Dale Morris
 Manager, Community & Media Relations
American Airlines
 MD5675
 P.O. Box 619616
 Dallas, Fort Worth, Texas 75261

Dear Mr. Morris:

We want to once again express our deep appreciation for American Airlines sponsorship of the Annual Multi-National Business Conference last year in Antigua. Thank you and your fine American Airlines colleagues at all levels - the conference was a success.

For the past twelve years, the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference has been instrumental in encouraging investment, cross-border trade and business partnerships, the role played by executives of major corporations, medium and small-size businesses and entrepreneurs, and deepens the connections with key elected officials.

This year, the Thirteenth Annual Conference is scheduled to be held in St. Maarten, November 6 - 9, 2008, and promises to further strengthen and expand on the work done by many of the Caribbean countries developing economies, in collaboration with the emerging markets initiatives in the U.S. The quality of the sessions and the high level of participation is now legendary, and is anxiously awaited each year.

Since Air Transportation is such a vital issue for the Caribbean Region, it is going to be one of the Agenda items in the travel & Tourism sector. American's success is vital to the Caribbean region and the US role in world travel; we would expect significant input into any initiatives discussed.

We expect to have elected officials of the US and the Caribbean, Civic Leaders and Business- persons who can influence policies and encourage worthwhile initiatives to be at the Conference. We would welcome American Airlines' participation.

We are open to our customary barter of tickets for sponsorship levels, and have enclosed a proposed arrangement guide similar to last year.

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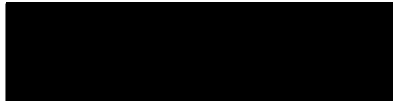
Enclosed is a Power Point presentation of the sponsorship opportunities the Conference provides, and also a program and recap of the 2006-2007 Conference. It is our sincere wish that this presentation motivates your sponsorship.

We would be happy to answer any questions you might have or to fill in any detail. I can be reached by e-mail: KBRodney@nycaribnews.com or (212) 944-1991.

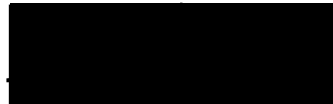
Because we know of your busy schedule, I will also follow up with your office to ascertain interest level.

Thanks for your kind consideration.

Best regards,



Faye A. Rodney
President



Karl B. Rodney
Publisher/CEO

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 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 04, 2008

Ms. Marie Long
 Vice-President Constituency Relations
 AT&T
 1133 21st Street, NW
 Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Long:

For the past twelve years, the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference has been instrumental in encouraging investment, cross-border trade and business partnerships, the role played by executives of major corporations, medium and small-size businesses and entrepreneurs, and deepens the connections with key elected officials.

Your support and that of AT&T went a long way to make the Conference a success, as it continues to foster on-going growth in business achievements and impactful policy decisions. We appreciate very much your personal commitment and the consistent support of AT&T from the inception of the Conference. Your presence and participation add to the quality of the Conference, and has helped the Conference to grow, and for us to achieve concrete results and expressed appreciation of new opportunities.

We can assure you that all the key stakeholders, Members of Congress, Heads and Ministers of Government, Elected Officials, Community and Business Leaders are all aware and appreciative of yours and AT&T'S participation in this very important mission.

This year, the Thirteenth Annual Conference is scheduled to be held in St. Maarten, November 6 - 9, 2008, and promises to further strengthen and expand on the work done by many of the Caribbean countries developing economies, in collaboration with the emerging markets initiatives in the U.S. The quality of the sessions and the high level of participation is now legendary, and is anxiously awaited each year.

Enclosed is a Power Point presentation of the sponsorship opportunities the Conference provides, and also a program and recap of the 2006-2007 Conference. We know of your interest to deepen the AT&T local, regional and global connections, and I know the Conference can achieve that. It is our sincere wish that this presentation motivates your sponsorship.

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We would be happy to answer any questions you might have or to fill in any detail. I can be reached by e-mail: KBRodney@nycaribnews.com or (212) 944-1991.

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CARIB NEWS INC.
 7 WEST 36TH STREET
 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/10/2008	██████████

Bill To
AT&T Foundation 1133 - 21st Street, NW Suite # 900 Washington, DC 20036 ATTN: MARIE LONG, VP

Description	Amount
Multi-National Business Conference 2008 Tax ID ██████████	25,000.00
Total	
	\$25,000.00

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 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10018
 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

April 04, 2008

Mr. Eric Eye
 Senior Vice President
 Community Relations
 Global Consumer Group
 Citigroup Inc.
 850 Third Avenue, 12th floor
 New York, NY 10022

Dear Mr. Eye:

For the past twelve years, the annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference has been instrumental in encouraging investment, cross-border trade and business partnerships, the role played by executives of major corporations, medium and small-size businesses and entrepreneurs, and deepens the connections with key elected officials.

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Because we know of your busy schedule, I will also follow up with your office to ascertain interest level.

Thanks for your kind consideration.

Best regards,

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Faye A. Rodney
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CARIB NEWS INC.

7 WEST 36TH STREET
 8TH FLOOR
 NEW YORK, 10018
 212-944-1991

Date	Invoice #
5/22/2008	██████

Bill To
ERIC EVE DIRECTOR, GLOBAL CONSUMER GROUP COMMUNITY RELATIONS, CITI 850 THIRD AVENUE, 12 FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10022

Description	Amount
SPONSOR FOR THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE ST. MAARTEN ANTIGUA & BARBUDA NOVEMBER 6 - 9, 2008 THE PLATINUM LEVEL TAX ID NO. ██████	75,000.00
Total	
	\$75,000.00

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MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Charles B. Rangel

From: Michelle Sherwood

Date: September 25, 2008

Re: **HSBC Bank Pulls Support from November 2008 Carib
News Foundation Conference in St. Marteen**

cc: George, Emile, Jim

This afternoon Faye Rodney called to express her distress, displeasure and great concern that executives from HSBC bank informed her that they intend to pull their financial support from the 2008 Carib News Foundation Conference. When asked why--the bankers responded-- because of the front page New York Post Story. The Rodney's have been advised that although the bank has made a decision on sponsorship the President of HSBC bank is willing to meet with them at 1 pm on Monday.

Mrs. Rodney explained to Jim, Elbert and me that as of today the Foundation's other major sponsor ATT is holding strong, but the revelation that HSBC is pulling out might well rattle other sponsors and put the future of the Conference in jeopardy.

Mrs. Rodney has spoken to Lanny Davis who advised her to speak directly to the New York Post. Lanny assured her he could put her in contact with a Post reporter who would be fair and correct the inaccuracies of the initial story. Mrs. Rodney declined this offer because she is very skeptical about the intentions and sincerity of the Post reporters. Rodney implored Lanny to defend her newspaper and the Congressman.

Carib News has retained George Artz, a public relations expert, to assist in drafting a letter to the editor of the Post; however the Rodney's are

reluctant to send the letter because they are afraid of retribution. The Rodney's expressed to us several times their displeasure because they have always followed the rules, have done nothing wrong, and have lost support in the business community because of the Post's hatchet job.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

After conferring with George and Emile, we determined that there are several options we might explore to preserve HSBC's commitment to the Conference.

1. Bill Thompson was honored at the luncheon sponsored by Carib News for the CARICOM Conference, and was praised by HSBC bank executives as being instrumental in bringing opportunity to the Caribbean in the form of the NYC pensions fund investments. Moreover, Thompson has consistently indicated that he would do whatever is necessary to support you at this time. It might be helpful if Thompson reach out directly to HSBC to see if reconsideration is an option.

2. Mayor Bloomberg is very fond of Mrs. Rodney and has expressed support for her over the years. Perhaps Thompson might go through back channels with the Mayor or the Council Speaker to see if HSBC bank will reconsider (or) to determine if another bank might intercede on the Rodney's behalf.

3. Congressmen Meeks and Towns have participated in the trip in the past, and might offer letters of support for Carib News and the Conference. This might enable the Rodney's to reclaim support in the community without your direct involvement-- which could appear hollow or self serving.

NOTE:

Rupert Murdoch owns the "Caribbean Life" newspaper which is the chief competition of Carib News. Perhaps this attach at the Rodney's was an effort to boost his own newspaper.

Please advise how you wish to proceed.

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Carib News Foundation
 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10017
 Tel: (212) 944-1991; Fax: (212) 944-2089
 E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

To : Commissioner Sarah Wescot-Williams
 Commissioner Roy Marlin

From : Karl B. Rodney
 CARIB NEWS

Date : October 14, 2008

SUBJECT : VIP's for Conference

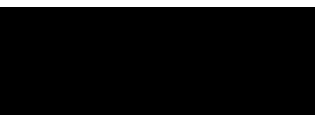
Please find following, the VIP's currently confirmed for the Conference, and their room requirements. We have a strong list of real powerful participants and should make for a very dynamic conference.

As per the Basic Requirements to host the Conference, you are required to pay for twenty-five of these rooms. We have allotted the rooms as follows:

5 Suites @ \$310 per night x 3 = \$930	= \$4,650
10 Double Occupancy - \$810 x 10	= \$8,100
10 Single Occupancy - \$588 x 10	= \$5,880
	<u>\$18,630</u>

This amount can be paid directly to the Sonesta Maho as we have provided Mr. Hunt with this breakdown. There is an additional charge per person for the All Inclusive meal served for private dining. The hotel will determine that and allocate the cost accordingly

Thanks for your kind cooperation.



Karl B. Rodney

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BASIC REQUIREMENTS

TO HOST

CARIBBEAN MULTI-NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

- Invitation to host conference to be issued by Prime Minister (Head of Government). This is to facilitate the attendance of several elected officials from the United States, United Kingdom and other countries.
- Prime Minister to be keynote speaker at one of the major events of the conference and participate in the closed door session with attending elected officials.
- Local host committee to be organized with all interested ministers, agencies and associations. The chairman of this committee would be someone designated by the Prime Minister to coordinate all the activities.
- To provide the care and comfort for the VIP's attending i.e.
 - To provide 25 all-inclusive rooms for the VIP's and members of Congress attending.
 - To provide appropriate mode of transportation for VIP's and members of Congress - cars or specialized vans - not buses.
- To be a designated sponsor in one of the categories - Title, Main or Regular Sponsor (See Attachment).
- To organize a "Host Country Evening" - The Friday evening, the host country will host at an appropriate location an evening of food, refreshment, cultural presentation and entertainment.
- Provide for local entertainment for the various functions -
 - The Opening Ceremonies
 - The Reception
 - The Gala Dinner
- To assist in Promotion and Publicity of the conference both locally and through international offices and official publications.
- Assist in securing competitive hotel rates.
- Equip and staff conference secretariat.
- Prime Minister to issue invitations along with CARIBNEWS to members of the US Congress, other Prime Ministers and Ministers of Government.
- Participate in the Forum with Members of Congress.
- Arrange tours and activities of interest for VIP's and/or their spouse.

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SUITE 1100
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

(202) 728-1010
FACSIMILE (202) 464-0669

William J. Farah
Direct Dial: (202) 496-3476
E-mail: [REDACTED]

September 25, 2009

DELIVERED BY HAND

Clifford C. Stoddard, Jr., Counsel
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
Suite HT-2, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

In re: Carib News

Dear Mr. Stoddard:

Per our conversation last week, I am attaching copies of the electronic tickets issued by American Airlines ("American") to the seven (7) congressional travelers who attended the 2007 Carib News Multinational Business Conference in Antigua. **(Tab A)** These tickets were issued pursuant to American's donation to the Carib News Foundation ("Carib News"), which consisted of eighteen (18) roundtrip tickets (6 first class and 12 coach).¹

For the 2008 conference held in St. Maarten, American initially agreed to donate ten (10) first class tickets, but later, at Carib News's request, American agreed that a first class ticket could be exchanged for two coach tickets. Carib News ultimately utilized 10 tickets – (7) business class and three (3) economy class² – all of which were issued to non-congressional travelers. Attached is a chart listing the names of the ten (10) individuals who received the tickets, along with the corresponding "eTicket Itinerary and Receipt Confirmation" each was provided. **(Tab B)** (Please note that a second chart we are providing includes the name of a non-congressional traveler, D. Higgins, who was ticketed but canceled prior to the flight.)

¹ Fifteen (15) of the tickets were issued by American Airlines' government affairs office and three (3) were issued by its New York sales office.


² For travel to the Caribbean, "business class" is equivalent to "first class" and "economy" is equivalent to "coach."

Per your request, we also are providing other documentation identified in relation to American's donations to Carib News for the 2007 and 2008 conferences, including Carib News' solicitation of American for those donations. (Tabs C & D)

Finally, you have asked American Airlines to provide the tax valuation for the tickets it donated to Carib News in connection with the 2007 and 2008 conferences. The tickets American Airlines donates to outside organizations are referred to as "Travel Authorization Certificates" ("TACs"). Because American Airlines does not seek a business deduction for TACs donated to outside organizations, the TACs donated to Carib News were not assigned a tax value, and, to the best of our knowledge, Carib News never requested a valuation for the tickets donated by American.

I hope the documentation we are providing is satisfactory. If we identify any additional documents that are responsive to your requests, we will provide them to you as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of William J. Farah.

William J. Farah

(Enclosures)

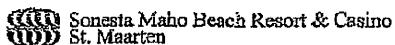
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Sonestá Maho Beach Resort & Casino
St. Maarten
RHINE ROAD#1
MAHO BAY
ST. MAARTEN, N.A.
TELE: 011 599 545 2115 FAX: 011 599 545 3400

INVOICE [REDACTED]
REVISED DATE: 11/4/2008

CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION
November 6 - 9 2008

DESCRIPTION	# ROOMS	# NIGHTS	RATE	AMOUNT
ROH SINGLES	89	3	\$ 196.00	\$ 62,332.00
ROH DOUBLES	33	3	\$ 270.00	\$ 26,730.00
ROH TRIPLE	1	2	\$ 365.00	\$ 730.00
JUNIOR SUITE UPGRADE	8	3	\$ 270.00	\$ 6,480.00
TOTAL ROOM WITH AI PACKAGE	131			\$ 86,272.00
AUDIO VISUAL				
ESTIMATED AV				\$ 1,500.00
ADDITIONAL F & B				
WELCOME RECEPTION	196	1	\$ 21.00	\$ 4,733.40
PRIVATE EVENT FEE	158	6	\$ 10.00	\$ 9,480.00
COFFEE BREAK	196	4	\$ 10.00	\$ 9,016.00
TOTAL F & B				\$ 23,229.40
GRAND TOTAL				\$ 111,001.40
LESS DEPOSITS				
CK.# 28941				\$ (3,000.00)
CK.# 1008				\$ (20,000.00)
CK.# 1010				\$ (25,000.00)
CK.# 1011				\$ (25,000.00)
Balance				\$ 38,001.40

THIS IS A TENTATIVE INVOICE - AWAITING FINAL CONFIRMATION OF THE GROUP'S REQUIREMENTS.
ACTUAL F & B AND AUDIO VISUAL REQUIREMENTS NEED TO BE DETERMINED SO THAT THESE
CHARGES CAN BE CORRECTLY FACTORED INTO THE INVOICE AND PAID BY 10/31/08.
THE GOVERNMENT OF ST. MAARTEN HAS BEEN INVOICED SEPARATELY FOR THEIR CHARGES.

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box):
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): BASED ON COMMITTEE OR SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH IMPACTS US/CARIBBEAN RELATIONS ON WHICH THE MEMBER SERVES,
6. Dates of travel: NOVEMBER 6-8, 2008
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: VARIES - DEPENDING ON MEMBER
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box):
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*):
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: _____
CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION (* SEE ATTACHED)
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: _____
THE INTEREST OF CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION IS TO PROMOTE, INFORM, TRADE AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE U.S AND THE CARIBBEAN
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (i.e., a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: _____
REGULAR SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE, ECONOMY CLASS
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*):
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: *or*
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: SEE ATTACHED
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: SONESTA MAHO BEACH RESORT
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \$110.00
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: HAS APPROPRIATE MEETING ROOMS

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	410	260	145
For each accompanying family member	410	0	145

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$150 \$ 25	Conference Registration Local transportation
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box):

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name and title: KARL B. RODNEY, CEO

Organization: CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

Address: 7 WEST 36th STREET, 8th FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10018

Telephone number: (212) 944-1991

Fax number: (212) 944-2089

Email Address: CARIB-DESK@ATT.NET

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
 U.S. House of Representatives
 HT-2, The Capitol
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)
 (202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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EXHIBIT 91

**SONESTA MAHO BEACH RESORT & CASINO
ST. MAARTEN**

Group Contract

Company Name: Carib News Foundation
 Contact Name: Karl and Faye Rodney
 Address: 7 West 36th Street, 8th floor
 New York, NY 10017

Telephone Number: 212-944-1991
 Fax Number: 212-944-2089
 Email: carib-desk@att.net

Hotel Contact: Bernard Hunt
 Telephone Number: 599-545-2115
 Fax Number: 599-545-3604
 Email: [REDACTED]

**EVENT NAME: CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE 2008
 DATES OF MEETING:**

In Accordance with your request, the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino is pleased to reserve the following tentative room block for CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE. Once this contract is accepted, we will remove from our inventory and consider sold for your use room nights pursuant to the following arrival and departure pattern:

Day	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
November	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
Standard	125	125	125	c/o
JR Suite	5	5	5	c/o
Total	130	130	130	c/o

GUEST ROOM RATES: (ALL INCLUSIVE)

The resort is pleased to confirm the following special all inclusive rates and categories based upon the entire program as outlined within this agreement:

\$196.00 per room per night based on Single occupancy

\$135.00 per person per night based on Double occupancy (As per Sales, 5 Junior Suites can be obtained at this group rate)

Junior Suites:

\$145.00 per person per night based on Double occupancy

Suite:

\$155.00 per person per night based on Double occupancy

Staff & International Media rates:

\$166 per room per night based on Single occupancy

\$106 per person per night based on Double occupancy

- Rates are person, per night
- Rates are net, non-commissionable
- Rates are valid 4 days before and after Group Contract dates
- Bellman charge of \$8.00 per person in and out – At individual's discretion

Children and Extra Persons All Inclusive conditions:

Children 2 – 6: Free of Charge when accompanied by two paying adults

Children 6 – 10: \$40.00 per child per day

Extra adult and Children 11 years and over: \$95.00 per person, per day

Extra person charges are based on usage of existing bedding. The charge for an extra bed in the rooms is \$35.000 per night.

All Inclusive Features:

- Nightly accommodations
- Buffet Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks from 11:00am to bar closing
- Complimentary entrance to Casino Royal Theater once per week (drinks additional)
- Complimentary round trip transfers at specified times to Orient Beach
- Complimentary use of towels and chaise lounges at pools or beach
- Complimentary \$20.00 match play coupon daily per room
- Complimentary use of tennis courts
- Complimentary use of kids club
- All taxes and gratuities included.

Important notes:

All rates quoted in US Dollars. Maximum occupancy is 3 adults or 2 adults, 2 children. No refunds on unused features in any plan. All rates are quoted person, per night.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS/COMPLIMENTARY FEATURES:

- 1 complimentary room per 25 paying rooms (maximum of 4)
- 3 upgrades at group rate

CHECK IN/OUT TIME:

Check in time is 3:00pm. Check out time is 11:00am. Arrivals prior to standard check in time can be guaranteed immediate room availability. However, for early arrivals, we will do our best to accommodate as soon as possible.

RESERVATIONS PROCEDURE: (Rooming List)

It is our procedure that CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE will provide the room reservations directly to our Reservations Office for the attention to Ms. Lisa Sue - email address: lsue@mahobeach.com or resv@mahobeach.com. All reservations must be received by the cut-off date, stipulated below, after which the Best Available Rate will apply. Cut-off date October 24, 2008

AIRPORT TRANSFERS:

Scheduled round trip airport transfers with meet and greet service are available at the current rate of \$10.00 per person. Rate is subject to change and at the discretion of the ground company. Taxi and Van service is also available.

DEPOSIT/PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Advance payment for your event by hotel approved method including major credit cards or company check will be required with the following deposit schedule:

Initial Deposit:

Our policy requires a **non refundable** deposit in the amount of: \$3,000.00 to be received with this signed agreement. The deposit will be applied to your master account.

Ninety Days (September 5, 2008)

At 60 days prior to group arrival, 50% of estimated F&B balance will be due

Sixty Days (October 6, 2008)

At 30 days prior to group arrival 75% of estimated F&B balance will be due.

Thirty Days (October 24, 2008)

At 15 days prior to group arrival the balance of master account (100%) will be due. On or before this date the resort will send an invoice for the total estimated amount of additional services order for your event. These additional services will include but not be limited to: Banquet Event Orders (BEO's), Audio Visual, Meeting Room rental/set up fees, Room Amenities, Delivery Charges and any/all miscellaneous expenses.

Bank Wire Transfer Information

Bank of Nova Scotia - St. Maarten

Account #:

Swift #:

ATTRITION POLICY:

Contract Signature to 60 days prior to arrival (September 5, 2008):

50% attrition allowed (50). Any rooms in excess of this allowance will result in liquidated damages totaling two nights' revenue.

89 days to 30 days prior to arrival (October 6, 2008):

30% attrition allowed (30). Any rooms in excess of this allowance will result in liquidated damages totaling two nights room revenue.

59 days to 15 days prior to arrival (October 24, 2008):

10% attrition allowed (10). Any rooms in excess of this allowance will result in liquidated damages totaling two nights room revenue.

GROUP CANCELLATION:

Upon entering this agreement, the hotel is removing the room block and meeting space from it's inventory for your use. In the event that these reserved facilities and related services are not used, the hotel will experience significant financial loss. For example, having turned away other groups or guest room reservations, the ancillary revenue associated with each guestroom, meetings or functions, including the additional food & beverage generated for the hotel.

Therefore CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE agrees to pay the resort liquidated damages based upon the following schedule:

Contract signature to 180 days prior to arrival: 25% of F&B revenue

89 to 45 days prior (August 7 – September 22, 2008) to arrival: 50% of total estimated F&B revenue

44 days to program commencement (September 23 – November 6, 2008): 100% of total estimated F&B revenue

MEETING AND BANQUET ARRANGEMENTS:

Currently, we are holding the meeting space as described noted below. Function rooms are assigned according to the number of persons expected to attend and may be changed by the hotel if attendance or other circumstances change. In such an event the hotel will provide alternative suitable arrangements to meet the requirements of your group. **Meeting space: complimentary.**

Day	Date	Time	Event	Guests	Room	Set Up
Friday	7 th	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Meeting	150	RI A	
Friday	7 th	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Meeting	150	RI B	
Saturday	8 th	8 - 11 PM	Dinner	300	Maho	
Thursday	6 th	7:00 PM	Reception	200	Upper Pool	

ACTS OF GOD:

Neither party shall be responsible for failure to perform this contract if circumstances beyond their control, including but not limited to: acts of God, shortage of communities or supplies to be furnished by the hotel, government authority, or war that makes it impossible or illegal for the hotel to hold the event.

PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES: (Please mark where applicable)

communities or supplies to be furnished by the hotel, government authority, or war that makes it impossible or illegal for the hotel to hold the event.

PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITIES: (Please mark where applicable)

Item	Individual	Master Account	Other
Room Rate (AIP)	X		
Organized events		X	
Incidentals	X		
Other			

GENERAL TERMS:

This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes any previous communications, representations, or agreements whether written or oral.

This agreement shall be binding upon the executors, administrators, assigns and successors of each party hereto; however, this agreement may not be assigned or transferred by group without the hotels express written consent.

The persons executing this agreement set forth below represent and agree that he/she has the requisite legal power and capacity to execute this agreement and bind the parties hereto, and this agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation on CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE.

GROUP NAME:
CARIB NEWS CONFERENCE

Resort of the World N.V d/b/a
Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino

[Redacted Name]

Karl Rodney

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

6/12/08
Date

[Redacted Name]

Bernard Hunt/Director of Sales

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

6/12/08
Date

Resort of the World N.V d/b/a
Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino

[Redacted Name]

Helen Bayne/General Manager

3 Jun 08
Date

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EXHIBIT 92

Scott, Roxanne

From: carib-desk@att.net
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2008 3:37 PM
To: carib-desk@att.net
Subject: Post-Travel information
Attachments: Disclosure information for Business Conference 2008.doc

Please disregard previous e-mail.

Attached is information for the post-travel disclosure form, with regard to the 2008 Business Conference held in St. Maarten, November 6-9, 2008.

Regards

Patricia Louis
Executive Assistant
NY Carib News
Ph: (212) 944-1991
Fax: (212) 944-2089

11/19/2008



Carib News Foundation

New York, NY 10018

7 West 36th Street, 8th

14-2089

Tel: (212) 944-1991: Fax:

E-mail:

info@caribnewsconference.com

TO : Congressman Charles Rangel
Congresswoman Donna Christensen
Congressman Bennie Thompson
Congressman Donald Payne
Congresswoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick

FROM : Karl B. Rodney

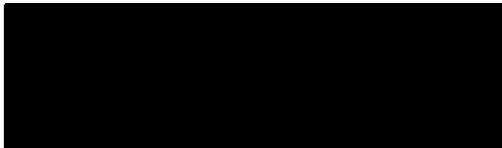
DATE : November 18, 2008

SUBJECT : Business Conference Travel Information

The following is the breakdown of the value for the 13th Annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference held in St. Maarten, N.A. from November 6-9, 2008.

Airfare	-	\$410.00
Hotel	-	\$405.00
Registration/	-	\$175.00
Transportation		

Total amount of package = \$990.00



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PRIVATELY-SPONSORED TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM
For Members, Officers and Employees
(submit directly to the Committee)

This form should be completed by House Members, officers or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule XXV, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form.

Members, officers and employees seeking approval for travel are urged to submit all forms to the Committee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. A copy of this form will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 226-7172.

1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Bennie G. Thompson
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Carib News Foundation
3. a. Dates of travel: November 8-11, 2007
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
4. If travel is for participation a one-day event (per trip sponsor question 10), check one of the following:
a. Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
b. Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: Request up to 3 nights lodging due to length of conference, travel flights available to location and wish to fully participate in all seminars
5. Travel destination(s): Washington, DC or home district to Antigua back to Washington, DC or home district
6. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:
As Chairman of Homeland Security Committee I will be able to provide my views and experiences to those attending the Multinational Business Conference.
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (signify "yes" by checking box):

8. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Jenni J. Thompson

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler):

Alan Plummer

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee:

Office address: 2432 Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: 202.225.5876

Email address:

[REDACTED]

Committee staff may contact you if additional information is required.

FOR STAFF:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date:

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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Washington, DC 20515
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(202) 225-7392 (general fax)
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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct


PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Jennifer Jimerson

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address of contact person: _____

- Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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COUNSEL TO THE CHAIRWOMAN

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TODD UNGERECHT
COUNSEL TO THE RANKING
REPUBLICAN MEMBER

SUITE HT-2, THE CAPITOL
(202) 225-7103

October 16, 2007

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves the proposed trip for you and your spouse to Antigua, West Indies scheduled for November 8 to 12, 2007 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation, of which one day will be spent at your own personal expense.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$305 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

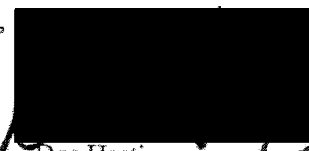
In addition, Members and staff who receive from a foreign government any tangible gifts in excess of \$305, or gifts of travel or travel expenses related to official duties in any amount (*i.e.*, for food, lodging, transportation, or entertainment), must disclose such items on the Form for Disclosing Gifts from a Foreign Government. Those forms should be filed with the Standards Committee (not the Clerk) within 30 days. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$305 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be turned over to the Clerk of the House.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Gene Green
Acting Chairman

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

GG/DH:slo

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110th Congress

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER

POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received. Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.

Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Bennie G. Thompson

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): London Thompson

Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify):

Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 10-12, 2007

Dates at personal expense: N/A

Itinerary (cities of departure -- destination -- return): Jackson, MS to Antigua to Jackson, MS

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Carib News

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended meetings and events that involved the promotion, trade and meaningful connection between the United States and the Caribbean.

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; and
3. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: I was unable to attend all events due to the House being in session for legislative business on Thursday, November 8th and Friday November 9th.

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	364.30	410.00	195.00
For accompanying family member:	364.30	0	195.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	N/A	
For accompanying family member:	N/A	

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER:



DATE: 11/29/07

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OFFICE RESOURCE CENTERS
2007 DEC -5 PM 4: 02
CLERK OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. House of Representatives
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MEMBER / OFFICER
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1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Dr. London Thompson
 b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 6, 2008 to November 9, 2008
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): NONE

4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): Jackson, MS to St. Maarten, N.A. to
 Jackson, MS

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Carib News Foundation

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended Meetins
 to give a perspective on Committee Chairmanship and Legislation

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: _____

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	410.00	405.00	part of general program
For accompanying family member:	410.00	n/a	part of general program

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	175.00	Registration Fees and Ground Transportation
For accompanying family member:	n/a	n/a

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____

DATE: November 26, 2008

111th CONGRESS, 1st SESSION
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

**Investigation into Officially Connected Travel of House Members to Attend the Carib
News Foundation Multinational Business Conferences in 2007 and 2008.**

EXHIBIT 98

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Original Amendment

U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

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MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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1. Name of Traveler: Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): Marsha Cheeks
 b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): Sister
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Depart- Nov 6, 2008, Return- Nov 9, 2008
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): NONE
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): - Attached -
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Carib News Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): I participated in a Business Conference to give appropriate Congressional and current legislative perspective on the topic of discussion "U.S. - Caribbean relations."
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; and
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
 b. If not, explain: _____

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$410.00	\$405.00	
For accompanying family member:	\$410.00	\$405.00	

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$175.00	Registration Fee
For accompanying family member:	\$175.00	Registration Fee

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____

DATE: Nov. 19, 2008

111th CONGRESS, 1st SESSION

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

**Investigation into Officially Connected Travel of House Members to Attend the Carib
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EXHIBIT 99

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers and Employees
(submit directly to the Committee)

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Members, officers and employees seeking approval for travel are urged to submit all forms to the Committee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. A copy of this form will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.

1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Yvette D. Clarke
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): CARIB NEWS Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): ANTIGUA + BARBUDA
4. a. Dates of travel: Nov 8-11-2007
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following:
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:

To meet on issues directly relating to my
constituency and affecting my community.

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Ian Campbell

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1029 LHO13

Phone number: (202) 225-6231

Email address: _____

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

FOR STAFF:

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date: _____

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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EXHIBIT 100

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER
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U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Yvette D. Clarke

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: 11-10-07 — 11-12-07

Dates at personal expense: _____

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): New York JFK – Antigua – New York JFK

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): CARIB NEWS

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Orla Dinner + Award
Round table - Topic - HEMISPHERIC DISASTER FUND
Round table - Topic - Community outreach + EDU + Youth Director

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

- the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
- the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; and
- the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: _____

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	320	330	195
For accompanying family member:	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER: _____



DATE: 11/20/07

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2611 JEFF DAVIS 204 ARLINGTON, VA 22202 800-433-7300

SALES PERSON: GC

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DATE: 08 NOV 07

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TO: CONGRESSWOMAN CLARKE
ATTN MARY BISHOP 202-226-0112-FAX

FOR: CLARKE/YVETTE CONGRESSWOMAN

10 NOV 07 - SATURDAY

AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1635	ECONOMY	FOOD FOR PURCHASE
	LV NEW YORK JFK		800A	EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
	DEPART: TERMINAL 8			03HR 50MIN
	AR SAN JUAN	PR	1250P	NON-STOP
	ARRIVE: TERMINAL D			
	CLARKE/YVETTE C	SEAT-7G		
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:891	ECONOMY	
	LV SAN JUAN	PR	200P	EQP: BOEING 757
	DEPART: TERMINAL D			01HR 10MIN
	AR ANTIGUA		310P	NON-STOP
	CLARKE/YVETTE C	SEAT-9D		

12 NOV 07 - MONDAY

AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1270	ECONOMY	EQP: BOEING 757
	LV ANTIGUA		420P	01HR 10MIN
	AR SAN JUAN	PR	530P	NON-STOP
	ARRIVE: TERMINAL D			
	CLARKE/YVETTE C	SEAT-10F		
AIR	AMERICAN AIRLINES	FLT:1742	ECONOMY	FOOD FOR PURCHASE
	LV SAN JUAN	PR	745P	EQP: AIRBUS A300-600
	DEPART: TERMINAL D			03HR 55MIN
	AR NEW YORK JFK		1040P	NON-STOP
	ARRIVE: TERMINAL 8			
	CLARKE/YVETTE C	SEAT-8C		

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SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

ISSUED BY **ELECTRONIC TICKET**
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NAME OF PASSENGER (NOT TRANSFERABLE) **CLARKE/YVETTE CONGRESSWOMAN**
CLASS DATE TIME STATUS NOT VALID BEFORE NOT VALID AFTER
****NOT VALID FOR REVALIDATION** RETAIN THIS RECEIPT****
****TRANSPORTATION** THROUGHOUT YOUR JOURNEY****

NAME OF PASSENGER **CLARKE/YVETTE CONGRESSWOMAN**

ENDORSEMENTS/RESTRICTIONS
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U.S. House of Representatives
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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
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1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Donna M. Christensen
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Carib News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Antigua, West Indies
4. a. Dates of travel: November 8 - 9, 2007
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): Christians
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following:
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:
To explore business and trade opportunities and strengthen the bond
between the Caribbean countries and the United States, the US Virgin Islands
in particular

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Shelley M. Thomas

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1510 Longworth HOB

Phone number: 202#225-1790

Email address: 

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

**FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date: _____

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

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News Foundation Multinational Business Conferences in 2007 and 2008.**

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**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct**

**PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers and Employees
(submit directly to the Committee)**

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1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

3. Travel destination(s): SAINT MAARTEN, NETHERLAND ANTILLES
4. a. Dates of travel: NOV 6, 2008 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2008
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
leaving 1 day early
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following:
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties: THE MEMBER'S CONSTITUENCY CONSISTS OF PERSONS FROM THE GREATER CARIBBEAN WHO NOW RESIDES IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN KEEPING CONNECTED THROUGH BUSINESS + EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): Shelley M. Thomas

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 1510 LHOB

Phone number: 202-225-1790

Email address: _____

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

**FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date: _____

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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U.S. House of Representatives
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EXHIBIT 104

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U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MEMBER / OFFICER
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Name of Member or Officer (print or type): DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): NONE

Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: NOVEMBER 8-9, 2007

Dates at personal expense: NONE

Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): SEE ATTACHED

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): CARIB NEWS FOUNDATION

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): OPENING RECEPTION ON 11/8 6:30 PM, 11/9 9:00 AM - OPENING CEREMONY, 1:30 PM - LUNCH

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or officer; and
3. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):

If not, explain: _____

TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$ 490.00	\$ 410.00	INCLUSIVE WITH HOTEL EXPENSES
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER: _____

DATE: _____

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EXHIBIT 105

2008 DEC 22 11:11:22

Original Amendment

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MEMBER / OFFICER
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1. Name of Traveler: Donna M. Christensen
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): None
 b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 11/6 to 11/8
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): None
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): St. Croix - St. Maarten - St. Thomas
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Carib News Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments; ---
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; and
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
 b. If not, explain: _____

CHRISTENSEN.

9. TRIP EXPENSES: Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$410.00	\$270.00	Included in lodging
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$175.00	Ground transportation & registration fee
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

[Redacted signature]

DATE:

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

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1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Donald M Payne
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Carib News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Newark, NJ - St. Maarten, Newark, NJ
4. a. Dates of travel: Nov. 6-11, 2008
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: Nov. 10-11, 2008
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): -
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following:
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:

Based on committee/subcommittee which impacts
US/Caribbean relations on which the Member serves

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): 

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2209 RHOA

Phone number: 5-3436

Email address: 

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

**FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member _____

Date: _____

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U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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EXHIBIT 107

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2008.

The Honorable Donald M. Payne
U.S. House of Representatives
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to St. Maarten, N.A. scheduled for November 6 to 11, 2008 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation. We note that this trip includes 2 days at your personal expense.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

However, we would note that since this trip is scheduled to commence after the general election on November 4, 2008 and because officially-connected travel must be related to official duties, it may be questionable whether a Member who was not reelected in the general election should to accept an invitation for a trip that is fact-finding in nature. Arguably, as of that time, the official responsibilities that may justify the acceptance of travel expenses for such a purpose will have come to an end. This consideration generally will not limit the Committee's authority to approve travel of a departing Member to participate substantially in an officially-related event (for example, to give a speech). Please keep this guidance in mind, as you may need to reevaluate your ability to participate in the trip following the election.

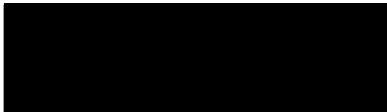
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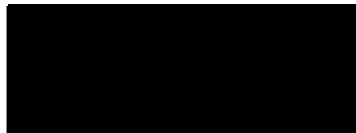
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Gene Green
Acting Chairman



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Original Amendment

U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

MEMBER / OFFICER
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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Name of Member or Officer (print or type): Donald Payne

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A
Relationship to Member/Officer (check one): Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

Date of Departure and Date of Return: Nov. 6-11, 2008

Dates at personal expense: Nov. 10-11, 2008

Itinerary (Cities of departure - destination - return): Newark, NJ - St. Maarten,
Newark, NJ

Sponsor (Who paid for the trip): Carib News Foundation

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached.

Attached to this form are ALL of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

- 1. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments
- 2. the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the Member or Officer; and
- 3. the Committee on Standards' letter approving participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box):
If not, explain: _____

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TRIP EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$410.00	\$405.00	
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		\$175.00
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER OR OFFICER: _____



DATE: Nov. 19, 2008

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1. Name of Member, officer or employee (traveler): Con. Charles B. Rangel
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): New York Car's News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Antigua
4. a. Dates of travel: November 8-11
- b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Name of accompanying family member (if any): Steven Rangel
- b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
- b. If yes, check one of the following:
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7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your official or representational duties:

Issues to be discussed with Caribbean leaders fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means

9. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: *2354 U.S. House of Representatives, Wash, DC 20515*

Phone number: *(202) 225-4365*

Email address: _____

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need contact you if additional information is required.

**FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member _____

Date: _____

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

MEMBER / OFFICER
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- 1. Name of Traveler: Charles B. Rangel
- 2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): none
- b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
- 3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 10, 11, 2007
- b. Dates at personal expense (if any): none
- 4. Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): New York City - Antigua - New York City
- 5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): The New York Carib News Foundation

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The Conference, schedule attached, was to explore initiative and programs to expand and strengthen economic and cultural relationships between New York and some island nations of the Caribbean.

- 7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.

- 8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
- b. If not, explain: Due to Congressional schedule I was only able to participate on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. I participated fully on all of the events in this period of time.

RANGEL.

9. **TRIP EXPENSES:** Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$ 490.00	\$ 410.00 (incl. meals)	
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

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SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: _____

DATE: _____

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EXHIBIT 111

THE NEW YORK
CARIBNEWS

THE WEEKLY VOICE OF THE CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
7 WEST 36TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10018; Ph: (212) 944-1991

TO : Mr. George Dalley
Chief of Staff
Congressman Charles Rangel's Office

FROM : Faye & Karl Rodney
CARIB NEWS

DATE : September 11, 2007

SUBJECT : Re-Cap of Discussion with Congressman Charles Rangel

We were very delighted to have had a direct, most informative and very inspirational talk with the Congressman, and he requested that we summarize the talk and send it on to you to start the implementation process. The discussion fell essential in three parts:

1. The 12th Annual Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference
2. The initiative to host the *CARICOM* Prime Ministers in June 2008
3. Arrangements for the Congressman to participate in a *CARIB NEWS* Editorial Board Meeting with community leaders

The Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference scheduled to be held in Antigua/Barbuda on November 8-11, 2007. As usual, the Congressman offered to be helpful in any situation that is possible, and we advised him that we were already working with you on some specific items and that you will brief him on those. We also told him we are planning a meeting in Washington with you and other key players.

We expressed the idea of building on specific segments of the conference around a presentation by him. He had no problem with that, but he was more concerned about the priority setting of the *CARICOM* Leaders. We might want to find a way prior to the conference to focus on some specific achievables. I will speak with Dame Billie Miller.

He expressed concern that the *CARICOM* leaders were not leveraging their 15+ votes at the U.N. to play a more impactful role in the court of world opinion. He was passionate about the case of Haiti and *CARICOM's* ability to be more effective there.

He expressed a vision of Haiti as being -

- The Mecca of Black consciousness
- The Triumph of Haiti over the French
- The Heroism of Toussaint L'Ouverture

should be a major draw from Blacks around the world.

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While we might not be able to develop a specific Haitian plan in November, we might want to highlight Haiti more and the Round Table on Haiti could be used as a planning session for a stronger future initiation.

He expressed the need for CARICOM to move seriously to achieve a Uniform Customs System. He expressed the possibility of inviting representatives down to be more practical around the issue facing the Caribbean.

Understood the issue of the WTO and Antigua, and wanted to be helpful. (Congresswoman Maxine Waters is very hot on this issue).

On the question of Criminal Deportees, he felt the Caribbean emphasis was misplaced on stopping the deportations. More emphasis should be on getting funds to help in the Transition Program.

The Caribbean needs to look more seriously beyond the Sun and Sea as the economic underpinning of the economy and expand the vision.

He was concerned that sometimes the National Pride of the Caribbean countries affect their effectiveness as a region.

He said he was prepared and available to offer whatever leadership he could in the various areas; he suggested we meet to provide the Forum and the Focus.

He expressed the notion that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice might be at a point where she is looking at her broader legacy. He suggested that working with you, we should invite her. He felt even in her final year, there may be things she can do for the Caribbean.

2. TO HOST THE CARICOM PRIME MINISTERS IN JUNE 2008 IN NEW YORK

The Congressman took the position that the Prime Ministers visit to New York could benefit the Region significantly, by raising awareness, mobilizing the Diaspora and taking advantage of the intrinsic values of New York - Financial, Communication, Entertainment.

He did not want to take the lead openly and to be in conflict with the elected officials from the Caribbean laden districts, but at the same time provide a distinctive agenda and leadership fitting the Prime Ministers visit.

We told him of preliminary discussions we have had regarding the inclusion of a Wall Street Activities Corporate outreach that is so clearly New York.

He suggested *CARIB NEWS* might be the host and bring all the parties together at least initially for a planning session. He expressed the desire for the Harlem Experience and certainly an Apollo event, simply because Harlem was the International Capital of Black people.

He was very complimentary of Dame Billie Miller, Barbados Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and also noted that Barbados Prime Minister Owen Arthur was very receptive to the suggestion. We have since spoken to Dame Miller and she is enthusiastically committed to the concept.

The Congressman and us agreed that we should consider opening concept and preliminary structure and we could meet around informally and thus develop in the next two months with the plan that we would be able to make some announcement at the Conference in Antigua & Barbuda.

The Elements of the Concepts:

- Cementing the Good Neighbors Ties - US/Caribbean – a Pathway to Success
- The Visit would last over 3 days
- Officials –
 - ◊ **First Day** - Business Sessions with CBC Meetings and local elected officials
Afternoon – Press Briefing

 - ◊ **Second Day** - Breakfast – Wall Street
Opening bell of Stock Market
Corporate Luncheon – Key Multinational Corporations
Afternoon & Evening: Community Session
 - Brooklyn – Medgar Evers College (Markowitz, Dr. Edison Jackson)
 - Queens – York College (Helen Marshall, Dr. Marcia Keizs)
 - Bronx - BCC (Adolpho Carrion, Dr. Carolyn Williams)
 - Manhattan – BMCC – (Scott Stringer, Dr. Antonio Perez)

 - ◊ **Third Day** - **Morning - Tour of Harlem**
Lunch – Columbia University) African American
Evening - Gala at the Apollo) Business persons

Structure:

Constituency For The Caribbean - a not for profit 501c3 organization formed more than 5 years ago at the suggestion of Congressman Rangel; was inactive because of the death of Vernon Hazel.

Reactivate:

Board:

Including Karl Rodney, Chair
Lloyd Williams, Roy Hastick, Dennis Walcott, George Dalley,
Patrick Gaston, Harriet Michel, Ambassador Betty King, Dr. Megan McLaughlin
Yvonne Graham, Rosemonde Pierre Louis
(to be asked) – board in formation

Counsel: Edward Babb Esq., Michele Rodney Esq.,

Advisory Board

Hon. Chair - Congressman Charles Rangel
Co-Chair - Dame Billie Miller
Ambassador Andrew Young Congresswoman Yvette Clarke
David M. Dinkins Congressman Gregory Meeks
Susan Taylor Congressman Edolphus Towns
Edison O. Jackson Congressman Eliot Engel
Harry Belafonte Congresswoman Donna Christensen
Rex Nettleford
Howard Dotson

(to name a few – but keep it at a very high level)

Organizations who can be listed as supportive are:

- CARICOM Consul Generals
- CARIB NEWS
- Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce
- WIACDA
- AFUWI
- ICS
- CWHA

to name a few – but open to more credible organizations.

Leyland Hazlewood - who has done some great international development work and was instructional in the Launch of the South Africa American Chamber of Commerce, can be persuaded to take on the Executive Director position.

Apart from hosting the June Prime Ministers, the Constituency for the Caribbean can take on its original role of maintaining ongoing linkages between the Region, the Community, Congress and other significant organizations or institutions.

I envision the Advisory Board meeting twice a year, one at the Multi-National Business Conference and again during the June Caribbean Heritage month when the leaders of the Caribbean are invited to the US.

The Regular Board would probably meet 4 times for the year.

3. EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN RANGEL

We are flexible and can accommodate the Member's schedule. It would be great on his visit to have key points of initiatives the Congressman has consistently taken on behalf of the Region from the Garvey exoneration to the Haiti Rescue Plan.

As soon as we can arrange a visit to Washington, we can further discuss the plan. We will continue to come up with ideas and solicit support from some of the people listed.

Mr. Jeff Eaton from the Congressman's office called enquiring about the PM visit; if appropriate you might wish to share this with him.

Thanks as always for the kind consideration.

Sincerely,



Faye A. Rodney



Karl B. Rodney



Taking Our Rightful Place In The Sun

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EXHIBIT 112

MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Charles B. Rangel

From: Michelle Sherwood

Date: October 23, 2008

Re: The Carib News Foundation Conference in Saint Maarten (Nov. 6th-9th 2008)

You have been invited again (invitation attached) this year to participate in the 12th Annual Carib News Foundation's 2008 Conference in the Caribbean. This forum was created to provide an opportunity for organizations and individuals from the United States to dialogue and learn more about regional issues of common interest. George, Jim, Emile and I have also been invited. Emile will not attend, I will not attend, November 7th is my Mother's birthday and I would like to share the day with her. I am not sure if George or Jim plan to attend.

Unfortunately on September 14, 2008 the New York Post wrote an unfair and knowingly false article "Another Power 'Trip' By Rangel" (attached) which falsely accused you of participation in a high priced vacation to the Caribbean.

Pursuant to the rules adopted at the beginning of the 110th Congress a Member may accept travel in connection with the individual's official duties that is paid for by a private source, provided that the Member receives written approval by the Standards Committee, the private sponsor receives approval from the Standards Committee and 15 days post travel the appropriate trip disclosures are filed explaining meeting and events attended. The same rules apply to Members staff traveling with the Member. The main prohibition for such trips is that participation by a lobbyist is strictly prohibited. Notably lobbyists do not attend or participate in the Carib News Foundation's Conferences.

Contrary to the NYP's allegations, in 2007 you did file the appropriate Member disclosure forms with the Standards Committee before you went on

the trip. However the only omission was that the post trip Member disclosure forms were not filed. It has since been filed with the Committee.

Presently you must consider your 2008 invitation to attend the Carib News Foundations Annual Conference. You have participated in almost every Conference since its inception 12 years ago. You are beloved by Faye and Karl Rodney. You have very strong support in the Caribbean Community.

You must not permit the sleazy NYP from interfering with your congressional duties. That said, I am certain that the NYP will have a reporter covering the trip; and will publish a story whether you attend or not. If you do not attend, the NYP will write that you were afraid to attend based on their reports. If you do attend, ALL NECESSARY and APPROPRIATE Committee filings must be made and filed in a timely manner. George has filed the pre trip 2008 Member disclosure forms.

You might consider only attending for one day similar to Governor Paterson's plans. And although more casual dress might be appropriate, it would be best to be photographed in business attire reflecting the seriousness of the Conference.

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EXHIBIT 113

Original Amendment

RELATIVE RESOURCE CENTER
2008 NOV 24 PM 3:05
U.S. House of Representatives
110th Congress

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MEMBER / OFFICER
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1. Name of Traveler: Representative Charles B. Rangel
2. a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): N/A
b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: 11/7/08 - 11/9/08
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): N/A
4. Itinerary (cities of departure - destination - return): NY (JFK) - St. Maarten - NY (JFK)
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Carib News Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The conference focused on advancing trade and commercial relations between the City of New York and the nations of the Caribbean which are governed by U.S. trade law under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means which I Chair.
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
 - a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
 - b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; *and*
 - c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*):
b. If not, explain: I did not depart for the conference until 11/7/08 but I participated until the end when I left on 11/9/08.

RANGEL.

9. TRIP EXPENSES: Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
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For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:	\$150.00; \$25.00	Conference Registration; Local Transportation
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

K SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: 

DATE: 11-21-08

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

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From: Helen P. Bayne

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From: "Helen P. Bayne" <[REDACTED]>
To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "carib-desk@att.net" <carib-desk@att.net>
Marla Chemont <[REDACTED]>, Jean-Jacques Vodak <[REDACTED]>, Melissa Gumbs
Cc: <[REDACTED]>, Fiona Taylor <[REDACTED]>, Bernard Hunt <[REDACTED]>, Valda Hazel <conventionsales@mahobeach.com>, Julie Judd <conventions@mahobeach.com>, Kent Hull <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino
Date: Sunday, September 28, 2008 7:38:36 PM

Dear Ms. Louis,

Thank you for forwarding to Melissa Gumbs, a preliminary list of registrants for the upcoming CaribNews conference, to be held at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort & Casino.

Myself, Jean-Jacques Vodak (Director of Convention Services) and Melissa Gumbs (Asst. Sales Manager) attended the meeting with officials of the St. Maarten government and other agencies last Thursday afternoon to discuss the plans for this important upcoming event.

Based on the outcome of this meeting and the Group Contract signed by myself, Mr. Karl Rodney and Mr. Bernard Hunt, following are some updates :

1. Reservations procedures : In order to process the rooming list, we would need to receive payment for each individual to guarantee the first night. This could be made via credit card, that would be processed, by certified check or cash for the amount due. Based on this list, only one reservation is for a Junior suites, all others are in Standard rooms, which is the main category contracted. We have noted the requests for room locations. We trust that said payment will be forthcoming by September 30.

Government has indicated that they may be paying for a select number of VIP rooms; however, without more accurate information we are not able to prepare an invoice to ensure their agreement to the charges and payment before arrival.

2. Attrition Policy : Based on the rooming list with only 44 rooms, we will release the other 21 rooms, as per contract. Please note that as of October 6th, we would need to have an additional 52 room reservations with payment.

3. Meeting and Banquet arrangements : As per contract, we have blocked the Royal Islander A & B for one full daytime on November 7th, the Maho Room for a Dinner on November 8th and the Upper Pool area for a Welcome Reception on November 6th. These meeting spaces are complimentary; however, Convention Services has not been able to confirm your set-up, audio-visual or Food & Beverage requirements at this time. There is an urgency to receiving this information in order to coordinate preparations and,

From: Helen P. Bayne

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ofcourse, to adhere to the signed agreement. Your group is on the all-inclusive plan, which offers a credit to any menus you may choose for these events. For your convenience, I am again attaching our current Banquet menus, pages 20 and 21 reflect the applicable credits.

[2008 Banquet & Catering Menus.pdf](#)

Additionally, I am attaching a spreadsheet prepared by Convention Services and following receipt of the draft agenda, indicating the events for which spaces have not been reserved. Other members in attendance could give no indication as to where these events would be held. Kindly let us know more specifics as soon as possible.

[caribnews nov 08 events questions.xls](#)

With regard to the reservations for Mr. and Mrs. Rodney on October 2nd, Marla Chemont had not received the request as of last Thursday.

Due to the high importance of this conference to all parties concerned, I am available to assist and will be involved in ensuring that the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort and Casino successfully comply with the stipulations of the contract and remain in close cooperation with the Government of St. Maarten.

Yours sincerely,

Helen P. Bayne, CHA

General Manager

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Carib News Foundation
7 West 36th Street, 8th floor, New York, NY 10017
Tel: (212) 944-1991 Fax: (212) 944-2089
E-mail: info@caribnewsconference.com

June 25, 2008

Commissioner Sarah Wescot- Williams
Leader of Government Business
Government Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg, St. Maarten, NA

Dear Commissioner Wescot-Williams:

Plans are coming in place for the Thirteenth Annual Caribbean Multi-national Business Conference scheduled for November 6-9 at your invitation to the beautiful country of St. Maarten.

We were very involved with the Conference on the Caribbean held in New York last week with some fifteen Heads of CARICOM Governments, which was a success, but took a large part of our time. All attention is now set for St. Maarten.

We have signed the contract with the Maho Resort and we are in conversation with many of our sponsors. Already we have some important names agreeing to come, including Congressman Charles Rangel and Governor of New York, David Paterson. We are mindful of the issues of interest to St. Maarten and so we have issued invitations to several Members of Congress, Heads of Education and Health institutions. A strong financial sector is expected; already Citibank and HSBC are on board.

There is very strong interest in the conference and all the information about the conference as St. Maarten is now on the website, in print and on radio. The promotion has begun in earnest.

We would now wish to start liaison with the local host committee to coordinate our planning with yours. Could you be kind enough to please identify the committee and the contact person and other information. We would wish that the person would report to you directly or Commissioner Marlin to expedite any matter.

Please find attached ideas for the Theme and some areas of concentration from which we can develop the program. The Host Committee should use the basic requirement as the basis for their planning. We will send a matrix of some time line and arrange for our next planning visit.

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I trust all is going well and we are looking forward to hear from you.

We will certainly keep you updated.

Very Truly Yours,

Faye A. Rodney



President



Karl B. Rodney
Publisher/CEO

cc. Commissioner Roy Marlin

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

October 20, 2008

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip for you and your spouse to St. Maarten, N.A. scheduled for November 6 to 9, 2008 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation.

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However, we would note that since this trip is scheduled to commence after the general election on November 4, 2008 and because officially-connected travel must be related to official duties, it may be questionable whether a Member who was not reelected in the general election should to accept an invitation for a trip that is fact-finding in nature. Arguably, as of that time, the official responsibilities that may justify the acceptance of travel expenses for such a purpose will have come to an end. This consideration generally will not limit the Committee's authority to approve travel of a departing Member to participate substantially in an officially-related event (for example, to give a speech). Please keep this guidance in mind, as you may need to reevaluate your ability to participate in the trip following the election.

The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson
October 20, 2008
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Sincerely,



Gene Green
Acting Chairman



Doc Hastings
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The Honorable Donna Christensen
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves the proposed trip for you and your child to Antigua, West Indies scheduled for November 8 to 9, 2007 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$305 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

In addition, Members and staff who receive from a foreign government any tangible gifts in excess of \$305, or gifts of travel or travel expenses related to official duties in any amount (*i.e.*, for food, lodging, transportation, or entertainment), must disclose such items on the Form for Disclosing Gifts from a Foreign Government. Those forms should be filed with the Standards Committee (not the Clerk) within 30 days. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$305 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be turned over to the Clerk of the House.

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Gene Green
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Sincerely,



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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2008

The Honorable Donna Christensen
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip for you and your spouse to St. Maarten, N.A. scheduled for November 6 to 8, 2008 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation.

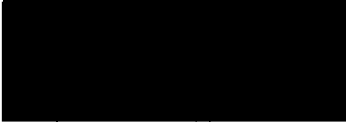
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However, we would note that since this trip is scheduled to commence after the general election on November 4, 2008 and because officially-connected travel must be related to official duties, it may be questionable whether a Member who was not reelected in the general election should to accept an invitation for a trip that is fact-finding in nature. Arguably, as of that time, the official responsibilities that may justify the acceptance of travel expenses for such a purpose will have come to an end. This consideration generally will not limit the Committee's authority to approve travel of a departing Member to participate substantially in an officially-related event (for example, to give a speech). Please keep this guidance in mind, as you may need to reevaluate your ability to participate in the trip following the election.

The Honorable Donna Christensen
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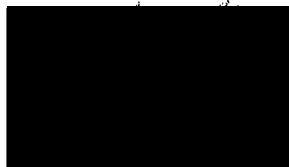
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U.S. House of Representatives
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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

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YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

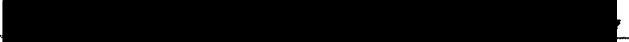
Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2264 Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: (202) 225-2261

Email address of contact person: 

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Carib News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): St. Maarten, Na
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Depart - November 6, 2008, Return November 9, 2008
- b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
- b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
- c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
- b. If yes, check one of the following: N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
- (1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
- (2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:

I will participate in a Business Conference to give appropriate Congressional and current legislative perspective on the topic of discussion "U.S. - Caribbean relations."

9. FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
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Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2008

The Honorable Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
2264 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Sincerely,



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2264 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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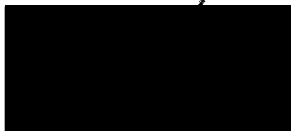
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U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

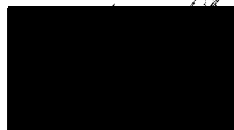
Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule XXV, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves the proposed trip for you and your child to Antigua, West Indies scheduled for November 8 to 11, 2007 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$305 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

In addition, Members and staff who receive from a foreign government any tangible gifts in excess of \$305, or gifts of travel or travel expenses related to official duties in any amount (*i.e.*, for food, lodging, transportation, or entertainment), must disclose such items on the Form for Disclosing Gifts from a Foreign Government. Those forms should be filed with the Standards Committee (not the Clerk) within 30 days. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$305 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be turned over to the Clerk of the House.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.



Gene Green
Acting Chairman

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

GG/DH:slo

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COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

**Investigation into Officially Connected Travel of House Members to Attend the Carib
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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Charles B. Rangel

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

X Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): J

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2537 Rainbow HOB, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Phone number: (202) 225-4365

Email address of contact person: reach at 

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

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U.S. House of Representatives
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Charles B. Rangel
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): New York Carib News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): St. Maarten
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: November 6 - 9, 2008
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
 b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
 c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
 b. If yes, check one of the following: N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
 (1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested; or
 (2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested:
 If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:

This conference advances trade and commercial relations between the City of New York and the nations of the Caribbean which are governed by U.S. Trade Laws.

9. FOR STAFF: *Director of the Committee on Ways and Means which I co-*
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____

X

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

October 23, 2008

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to St. Maarten, N.A. scheduled for November 6 to 9, 2008 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

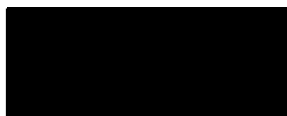
Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

However, we would note that since this trip is scheduled to commence after the general election on November 4, 2008 and because officially-connected travel must be related to official duties, it may be questionable whether a Member who was not reelected in the general election should to accept an invitation for a trip that is fact-finding in nature. Arguably, as of that time, the official responsibilities that may justify the acceptance of travel expenses for such a purpose will have come to an end. This consideration generally will not limit the Committee's authority to approve travel of a departing Member to participate substantially in an officially-related event (for example, to give a speech). Please keep this guidance in mind, as you may need to reevaluate your ability to participate in the trip following the election.

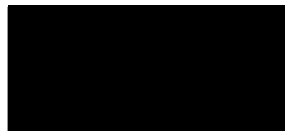
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October 23, 2008
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Gene Green
Acting Chairman



Doc Hastings
Ranking Republican Member

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees


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YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2264 Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: (202) 225-2261

Email address of contact person: 

OR

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

N/A

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

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U.S. House of Representatives
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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Carib News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): St. Maarten, Na
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Depart - November 6, 2008, Return November 9, 2008
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
b. If yes, check one of the following: N/A - Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b) *per attached form*
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: or
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If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box):
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
I will participate in a Business Conference to give appropriate Congressional and current legislative perspective on the topic of discussion "U.S. - Caribbean relations"
9. FOR STAFF:
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: _____
Signature of Employing Member

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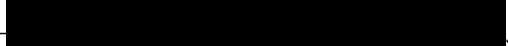
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Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Carolyn C. Kilpatrick

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: _____

Office address: 2264 Rayburn House Office Building

Phone number: (202) 225-2261

Email address of contact person:  or

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PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

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2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Carib News Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): St. Maarten, Na
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Depart - November 6, 2008, Return - November 9, 2008
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: Marsha Cheeks
c. Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Sister
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? Yes No
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Date: _____

Signature of Employing Member

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515

October 16, 2008

The Honorable Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
2264 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to St. Maarten, N.A. scheduled for November 6 to 9, 2008 sponsored by the Carib News Foundation.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

However, we would note that since this trip is scheduled to commence after the general election on November 4, 2008 and because officially-connected travel must be related to official duties, it may be questionable whether a Member who was not reelected in the general election should to accept an invitation for a trip that is fact-finding in nature. Arguably, as of that time, the official responsibilities that may justify the acceptance of travel expenses for such a purpose will have come to an end. This consideration generally will not limit the Committee's authority to approve travel of a departing Member to participate substantially in an officially-related event (for example, to give a speech). Please keep this guidance in mind, as you may need to reevaluate your ability to participate in the trip following the election.

The Honorable Carolyn C. Kilpatrick
October 16, 2008
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Sincerely,



Gene Green
Acting Chairman



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Ranking Republican Member

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EXHIBIT 129

Unique Vacations, Inc.

WORLDWIDE REPRESENTATIVE FOR SANDALS & BEACHES RESORTS

Unique Vacation's Groups Department
4950 S.W. 72nd Avenue, 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33155
Phone: (800) 327-1991 FAX: (305) 668-2767



November 7, 2007

To: Mrs. Rodney
NY Carib News Foundation
7 West 36th Street 8th Floor
New York, NY 10017
Ph: 212-944-1991
Email: rodneyfaye@aol.com

From: Tonya Hawryluk
(800) 327-1991 Ext: 4225
(305) 668-2767

Re: 12th Annual Multi National Business Conference

Sandals Grande Antigua

Bk# 4252014 1 Double Run of House Room 1 Eric & Felicia Eve - VIP	November 3 - 11, 2007 US\$ 4,200.00 Net per room	1 Room
Bk# 4252007 01 Double Run of House Suite Upgrade 1 Karl & Faye Rodney	November 6 - 12, 2007 US\$ 2,520.00 Net per room	1 Room
Bk# 4268691 02 Single Run of House Rooms 1 Edison Jackson- VIP 2 Wallace Ford	November 7 - 10, 2007 US\$ 1,050.00 Net per room	4 Rooms
02 Double Run of House Rooms 1 Dr. Marco Mason 2 Inez Dickens	US\$ 1,260.00 Net per room	
Bk# 4252015 2 Double Run of House Room 1 Jacqueline O'garrow & Albert Banks 2 Mcihael & Belinda Flanigan	November 7 - 11, 2007 US\$ 2,100.00 Net per room	2 Rooms
Bk# 4252009 7 Single Run of House Room 1 Cheryl Monroe 2 Brenda Scott 3 Senator Kevin Parker - VIP 4 Daphne Champagne 5 Lesly Kernisant	November 7 - 12, 2007 US\$ 1,750.00 Net per room	15 Rooms

6 Dr. martin Valdes
7 Colin Ward

8 Double Run of House Room US\$ 2,100.00 Net per room
1 Elmer Blackburne & Judge Laura Blackburn
2 Ed & Judi Goldberg
3 Herbert and Yosette Johnson
4 Dr. Carl and Danielle Kenel-Pierre
5 Lloyd and Loretta Lovell
6 Lucille and Reece McEwen
7 Dr. Enrique and Carole Riggs
8 Corren Simpson and Ruth Clark

Bk# 4252041 November 7 - 13, 2007 1 Room
1 Single Run of House Room US\$ 2,100.00 Net per room
1 Gary Lightbourne

Bk# 4252011 November 7 - 14, 2007 2 Room
2 Double Run of House Rooms US\$ 2,940.00 Net per room
1 Jacqueline Arrington & Roy Pinkard
2 Gary & Carol Calneck

Bk# 4268731 November 8 - 10, 2007 1 Room
1 Single Run of House Room US\$ 700.00 Net per room
1 Hon. Sarah Westcot-Williams - VIP

Bk# 4086409 November 8 - 11, 2007 48 Rooms
33 Single Run of House Rooms US\$ 1,050.00 Net per room
1 Michele Chow-Tai
2 Jewel Moolenaar Marsh
3 Elizabeth Custodio
4 C Virginia Fields
5 Yvonne Graham
6 Professor Gill Carlton
7 Sabrina Hosang
8 Vincent Hosang
9 Marie Long
10 Cheryl Morrison
11 LaToya Murphy
12 Pauline O'Leary
13 Leslie Regis
14 Roy Reid
15 Neville Reid
16 Stephen Rangel
17 Patricia Thomas
18 Dr. Marcia Bayne-Smith
19 Letitia James
20 Valerie-Oliver Durrach
21 Elizabeth Buchanan-Hind
22 George Dalley
23 Donna Christensen- Congressional for 2 nights and Hon Billie Miller 1 Night
24 Sanford Rubenstein - VIP
25 Honorable Dianne Abbott

- 26 Sheila Jackson Lee
- 27 Laura Richardson
- 28 Diane watson
- 29 Professor Rex Nettleford
- 30 TBA
- 31 Ambassador Andrew Young
- 32 Hon Dwyer Astaphan
- 33

15 Double Run of House Rooms US\$ 1,260.00 Net per room

- 1 Javier Evans and t. Savory
- 2 Bernell Grier & Kevin Lonesome
- 3 M/M Lowell Hawthorne
- 4 George Hulse & Rudilania Medrano
- 5 Marilyn Johnson & Exa Madison
- 6 Dr. Marcella Maxwell & Hazel Dukes
- 7 Nikolas & Joyce Perry
- 8 Dr. Joseph Radix & Judge Sylvia Radix
- 9 Gwenneth Gibbons & Jean Hinds
- 10 Bennie Thompson & Guest - Congressional
- 11 Edolphus Towns & Guest - Congressiona
- 12 Stephanie Tubbs-Jones & Guest - Congressiona
- 13 Maxime Waters & Guest - Congressiona
- 14 Eddie Bernice Johnson and guest
- 15 TBA

Bk# 4086411	November 8 - 11, 2007	1 Room
01 Double Run of House Suite Upgrade	US\$ 1,050.00 Net per room	
1 Charles B Rangel - Congressional		
Bk# 4252012	November 8 - 12, 2007	3 Rooms
2 Double Run of House Rooms	US\$ 1,680.00 Net per room	
1 Karen Boykin Towns & Darryl Towns		
2 Donald Payne		
01 Single Run of House room	US\$ 1,400.00 Net per room	
1 Howard Dodson - VIPS		
Bk# 4271590	November 9 - 11, 2007	2 Rooms
2 Single Run of House Rooms	US\$ 700.00 Net per room	
1 Kilpatrick, Carolyn		
2 Kilpatrick, Ana		
Bk# 4271592	November 9 - 12, 2007	1 Room
1 Single Run of House Rooms	US\$ 1,050.00 Net per room	
1 Yvette Clarke		

Booking Number	Number of Rooms	Category	Rate	Amount
4252014	1	Run of House Room	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,450.00
4252007	1	Run of House Suite Upg	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,520.00
4268691	2	Run of House Room	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 2,100.00
4268691	2	Run of House	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 2,520.00
4252015	2	Run of House Room	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 4,200.00
4252009	7	Run of House Room	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 12,250.00
4252009	8	Run of House Room	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 16,800.00
4252041	1	Run of House Room	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
4252011	2	Run of House Room	\$ 2,940.00	\$ 5,880.00
4268731	1	Run of House Room	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
4086409	33	Run of House Room	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 34,650.00
4086409	15	Run of House Room	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 18,900.00
4086411	1	Run of House Suite Upg	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,260.00
4252012	2	Run of House Room	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 3,360.00
4252012	1	Run of House Room	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
4271590	2	Run of House Room	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,400.00
4271592	1	Run of House Room	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
			Balance	\$ 113,540.00
			Less 10 Comp Rooms	\$ 12,600.00
			Balance	\$ 100,940.00

Deposits	Payment	Date	
Less Deposit	██████████	5/14/2007	\$ 10,000.00
Less Deposit	██████████	10/9/2007	\$ 20,000.00
Less Deposit	Wire 10/25/2007	10/31/2007	\$ 31,500.00
Less Deposit	Collection on Property	11/21/2007	\$ 39,440.00
		Balance	\$ -

Thank you,

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EXHIBIT 130

CRB-000382

CARIB NEWS
PROJECT ACCOUNT
Sofesta Maho Beach Resort

11/6/2008

8,500.00

PROJECT ACCT [REDACTED] BUS CONF 11/06/08 -11/09/08

8,500.00

CARIB NEWS
PROJECT ACCOUNT
Sofesta Maho Beach Resort

11/6/2008

8,500.00

PROJECT ACCT [REDACTED] BUS CONF 11/06/08 -11/09/08

8,500.00

DELUXE CORP 1+800-328-0304 www.deluxeforms.com

CRB-000384

NEWS
PROJECT ACCOUNT

1/11/06

Sonesta Mahe Beach Resort ————— \$10,357.50

Ten Thousand, Three Hundred & Fifty Seven 50

Bus. Conference 11/06 - 11/08
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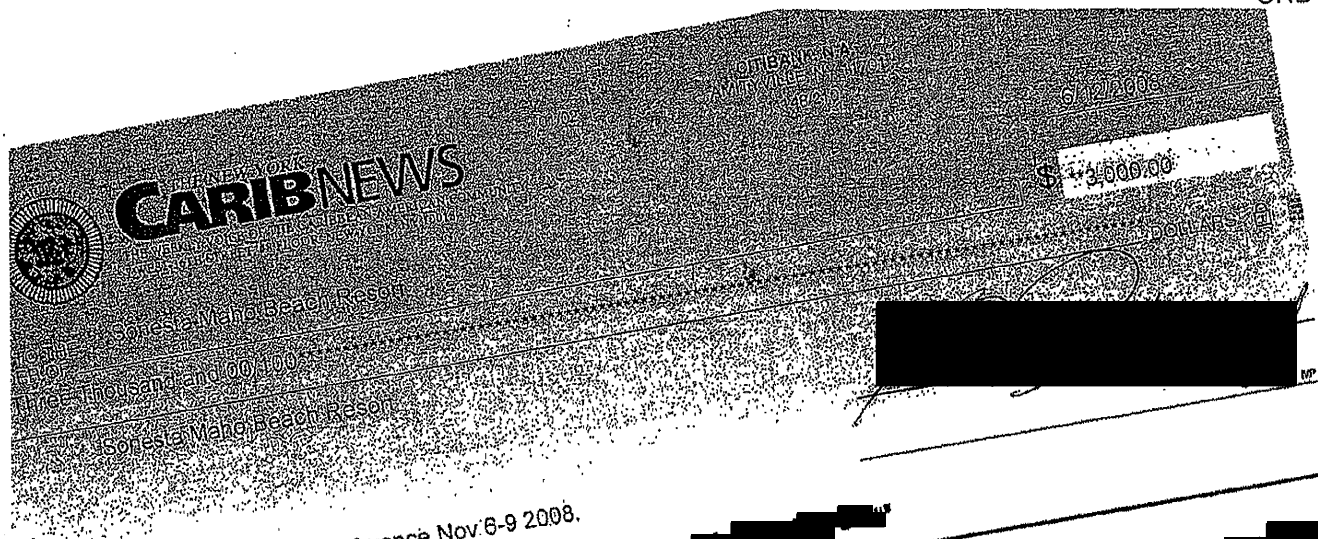
November 9, 2008

Walwyn Consulting
Three Thousand, Nine Hundred & Sixty Five $\frac{65}{100}$

Business Conference Event Planning

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NEW YORK, NY 10019

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NEW YORK, NY 10017

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Sonesta Maho Beach Resort



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Unique Vacations Inc.
Attn. Groups Dept.
4960 SW 72nd Ave.
2nd floor
Miami, Fl. 33156

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ATLANTA, GA 30308

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ATLANTA, GA**

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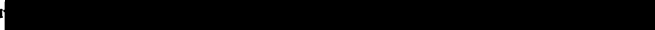
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7 West 36th Street
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New York, NY 10018

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GOLDEN KRUST FRANCHISING, INC.
3958 PARK AVENUE
BRONX, NY 10457

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11/30/2007

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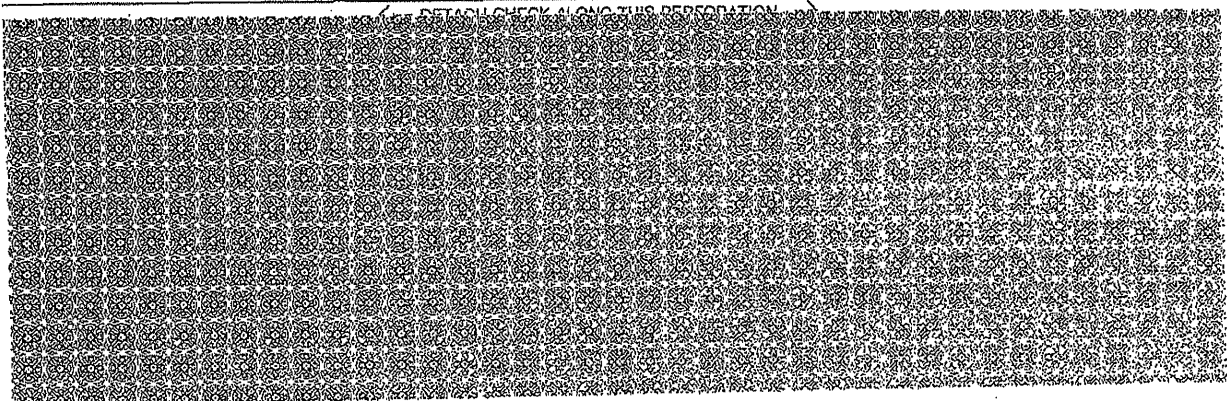
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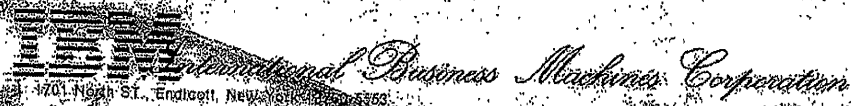
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NEW YORK NY 10018
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Pfizer Inc
235 East 42nd Street
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EMBASSY OF ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Facsimile transmittal

To: Mr. Clifford Stoddard, Fax: (202)225-3784
C/o Committee on Standards of
Official Conduct

From: Her Excellency Deborah-Mae Lovell, Date: 2/4/2010
Ambassador

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EMBASSY OF ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
WASHINGTON, D.C.



February 4, 2010

Mr. Clifford Stoddard
C/o Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
Room HT-2 The Capitol
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Mr. Stoddard,

The Embassy of Antigua and Barbuda is pleased to refer to telephone conversation (Layne/Stoddard) held last month in which clarification was sought on certain matters pertaining to the Carib News Business Forum, which was held in Antigua and Barbuda during the fall of 2007.

The Embassy is pleased, after consultation with Senator the Hon. Dr. Errol Cort, Minister of National Security, to provide the following answers to the questions posed in the aforementioned telephone conversation.

1. **Question:** What is the understanding of Antigua and Barbuda with regards to the US\$31, 500 which was paid to Sandals Hotel?

Answer: The arrangement between Carib News and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda was that the Government would be responsible for the cost of the rooms for the Members of Congress who attended the Conference. In this regard, Carib News had informed that approximately 25 Members of Congress would attend and, as a consequence, the Government would need to block and pay for 25 rooms. The Government was subsequently advised by Sandals' office in Florida that the cost of the 25 rooms was US\$31, 500. Further, the Government was informed by Sandals that this money had to be paid in advance of the conference and this was done by the Government.

2. **Question:** Was it always the Government of Antigua and Barbuda's intention to cover the cost of accommodation for the Members of Congress?


Answer: It was always the intention of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to cover the cost of accommodation for the Members of Congress.

3. **Question:** Would the Government of Antigua and Barbuda have covered the cost of accommodation if the attendees were not Members of Congress.

Answer: The Minister is unable to speculate on any actions which the Government would or would not have taken if the attendees were not Members of Congress. The agreement with the Government and Carib News was specific to covering the cost of accommodation for the Members of Congress. They played an integral role in the Conference.

In closing, the Embassy wishes to reiterate the willingness of the Government of Antigua Barbuda to cooperate with the Committee on Standard of Official Conduct in providing any further clarification which may be needed on this matter.

Sincerely,


Deborah-Mae Lovell
Ambassador

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