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## WALSH INVESTIGATION

NEW INFORMATION SHEDS LIGHT ON EXTRAVAGANT TAXPAYER-FUNDED  
WALSH PROBE; TAXPAYERS PICK UP TAB FOR MILLIONS  
IN LUXURY OFFICE SPACE, HOTEL ROOMS, TRAVEL & FOOD

AS MEMBERS OF THIS BODY KNOW, I'VE BEEN QUITE CRITICAL IN THE PAST ABOUT IRAN-CONTRA INDEPENDENT COUNSEL LAWRENCE WALSH.

I'VE CRITICIZED HIM FOR THE \$35 MILLION COST OF HIS INVESTIGATION. I'VE CRITICIZED HIM FOR NOT SHUTTING HIS INVESTIGATION DOWN. I'VE CRITICIZED HIM FOR SMEARING THE NAMES OF SOME OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVANTS.

DESPITE ALL THIS, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT ONE DAY I'D BE STANDING HERE TO SUGGEST THAT IT'S TIME TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE THE INDEPENDENT COUNSEL.

SOME HERE MIGHT NOT HAVE SEEN THE INFORMATION RECENTLY DISCOVERED BY CONGRESSMAN GERALD SOLOMON, AND REPORTED IN THE MEDIA. OTHERS MIGHT HAVE GLOSSED RIGHT OVER THE INFORMATION, SINCE THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SO LONG THAT NO ONE REALLY CARES.

SO LET ME SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH YOU.

### \$5.6 MILLION FOR LUXURIOUS OFFICE SPACE

CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON OBTAINED SOME OF THE VOUCHERS AND EXPENSE REPORTS FOR MR. WALSH AND HIS CREW--THESE VOUCHERS CONFIRM A POINT I HAVE MADE BEFORE: THAT MR. WALSH'S INQUISITION IS BASED IN SOME OF THE MOST LUXURIOUS REAL ESTATE IN TOWN--JUST HOW LUXURIOUS? WELL, SO FAR, THE DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT THE TAXPAYERS HAVE SHELLED OUT \$5.6 MILLION FOR OFFICE SPACE.

BUT NOT ONLY DOES MR. WALSH CHOOSE TO WORK IN THE MOST EXPENSIVE REAL ESTATE, HE ALSO CHOOSES TO STAY IN EXPENSIVE HOTELS. NOW, THAT WOULD BE FINE IF WAS PAYING THE BILL. BUT HE DOESN'T. THE TAXPAYERS PAY THE BILL.

### \$655,000 ALLOWANCE

DOCUMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL SHOW THAT \$655,000 HAS BEEN SPENT ON WHAT IS TERMED "PER DIEM AND SUBSISTENCE."

AND, APPARENTLY, UP TO \$300,000 OF THIS AMOUNT HAS BEEN USED TO PAY THE PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES OF JUDGE WALSH AND HIS CHIEF DEPUTY, CRAIG GILLEN.

THOSE PERSONAL LIVING EXPENSES INCLUDE MR. WALSH'S HOTEL BILLS AT THE WATERGATE HOTEL, A COUNTLESS NUMBER OF \$17 ROOM SERVICE BREAKFASTS, AND ROOM SERVICE DINNERS, WHICH RUN BETWEEN \$25-\$40 EACH.

### WALSH'S BIG BREAKFASTS

IN FACT, BY CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON'S CALCULATIONS, YOU AND I AND ALL THE REST OF AMERICAN TAXPAYERS HAVE SHELLED OUT \$25,000 FOR LAWRENCE WALSH'S BREAKFASTS AND \$40,000 FOR LAWRENCE WALSH'S DINNERS.

THE TAXPAYERS ARE PAYING MR. WALSH'S HOTEL AND RESTAURANT BILLS BECAUSE JUDGE WALSH LISTS HIS PRINCIPAL DUTY STATION AS OKLAHOMA CITY ON HIS GOVERNMENT TRAVEL VOUCHERS.

AND MR. GILLEN, HIS FULL-TIME DEPUTY WHO HAS REALLY TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE OPERATION, LISTS HIS PRINCIPAL DUTY STATION AS ATLANTA.

THEY DO THIS EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO INDEPENDENT COUNSEL OFFICE IN ATLANTA--AND EVEN THOUGH THERE'S ONLY A PART-TIME ONE IN OKLAHOMA CITY.

BY LISTING THEIR PRINCIPAL DUTY STATIONS AS OKLAHOMA CITY AND ATLANTA, JUDGE WALSH AND MR. GILLEN ARE ABLE TO BILL THE TAXPAYERS FOR THEIR TRAVEL FROM OKLAHOMA CITY AND ATLANTA TO WASHINGTON AND BACK, AND ALL THEIR LIVING EXPENSES WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

CONGRESSMAN SOLOMON HAS CALCULATED THAT MR. GILLEN HAS COLLECTED AT LEAST \$100,000---THAT'S \$100,000--IN LIVING AND TRAVEL EXPENSES ABOVE AND BEYOND HIS LEGALLY ESTABLISHED SALARY.

CONGRESS SOLOMON HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT MR. WALSH AND MR. GILLEN RECEIVE SPECIAL RATES FROM THE CORPORATION THAT OWNS THE WATERGATE HOTEL.

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THIS SPECIAL DISCOUNT, SINCE IT SAVES THE TAXPAYERS MONEY--BUT I WONDER IF IT MIGHT ALSO QUALIFY AS AN IMPROPER SUPPLEMENTATION OF SALARY.

THERE ARE OTHER EXPENSES THAT ARE COMING TO LIGHT. \$881,000 IN "INCIDENTAL EXPENSES." \$401,000 FOR "MAINTENANCE." \$698,000 FOR "CONTRACTUAL SERVICES." THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. AND I THINK ALL OF AMERICA CAN NOW UNDERSTAND WHY MR. WALSH AND MR. GILLEN ARE GOING ON AND ON.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, WICHITA - \$4 MILLION

The committee approved \$4 million for construction of the center. The land has already been purchased. Funding for planning and design of the center was included by Senator Dole in last year's bill.

SANTA FE TRAIL - \$150,000

The committee included \$150,000 to develop the Santa Fe Trail in Kansas. The funding would be used to hire additional personnel, to certify sites as well as to build displays and parking at historic sites along the trail.

NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The committee approved \$11 million for President Bush's management plan for this nationwide conservation program which includes wetlands restoration projects throughout the country. This amount was a \$4 million increase from the House funding level. Kansas has applied for \$1.18 million to fund conservation programs for several sites including McPherson wetlands, the playa lakes, and Cheyenne Bottoms.

RURAL ABANDONED MINE PROGRAM (RAMP)

The committee included \$15 million for the national Rural Abandoned Mine Program, run by the Soil Conservation Service. Earlier this year, the Soil Conservation Service committed funding to establish a Kansas program. The Senate approved \$3 million more than the House appropriated for the program.

BROWN V. BROWN BOARD OF EDUCATION, TOPEKA

At Senators Dole's request, language was included to instruct the National Park Service to fund a general management plan for establishing the Monroe School as a National Historic site. The study will begin as soon as legislation establishing the Monroe School as a National Historic Site is signed into law.

The Senate Public Lands Subcommittee held a hearing yesterday on the legislation, and Senator Dole expects the Senate will act quickly to pass a bill establishing Brown v. Board of Education as a National Historic Site.

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