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POINTS TO REMEMBERDisclosure of Identity of Informant
Upon Demand by Court 28 C.F.R. 16.22

Department of Justice Order No. 501-73, dated January 18, 1973 (FR Doc 73-1071, 1/17/73), amends Title 28, C.F.R., to prohibit the disclosure by employees or former employees of any information contained in or related to the files of the Department, or acquired by such employee in his official capacity without prior approval from a designated Department official.

The situations wherein disclosure of the identity of an informant is required is governed by Roviaro v. United States, 353 U.S. 53 (1957). In Roviaro the Supreme Court reversed the District Court's order not requiring the disclosure to the defendant of the identity of the informant. While the Court recognized the general rule that the Government has the privilege to refuse to disclose the identity of an informant, the privilege is limited by fundamental fairness. In Roviaro the informant had been a central figure in the criminal activity of the defendant, making him a potentially material witness for the defense. The Court refused to establish a fixed rule for disclosure of the identity of an informant, but did establish as essential considerations in each case the crime charged, possible defenses available, and the significance of the informant's potential testimony. See also, McCray v. Illinois, 386 U.S. 300, 312 (1967).

Order No. 501-73 established a procedure for the approval or rejection by the Department of a request to disclose such information pursuant to a court order. The United States Attorney is not authorized to permit the disclosure. In the event of a demand on a Federal agent the United States Attorney should immediately communicate with the particular section of the division in the Department handling the subject matter of the indictment. The section will formulate its recommendation to the Assistant Attorney General in the light of Roviaro v. United States, supra. The United States Attorney can facilitate our response by having his initial communication focus on the salient elements of Roviaro.

The request for authorization will be processed with all haste. In the event that no answer is forthcoming by the time the Federal agent is required to divulge the informant's identity, Order No. 501-73 indicates the United States Attorney or his representative should appear before the court with the agent, present the court with a copy of Department Order 501-73 (28 C.F.R. 16.21, et seq.), and request a stay. If the court declines to grant the stay, the agent shall respectfully decline to comply with the demand. See United States ex rel. Touhy v. Ragen, Warden, et al. 340 U.S. 462 (1951).

ANTITRUST DIVISION

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DISTRICT COURT

SHERMAN ACTDISTRICT COURT DENIES MOTION OF CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL
DEFENDANTS TO DISMISS INDICTMENT IN SECTION 1 SHERMAN ACT CASEUnited States v. Ampress Brick Company, Inc. et al.
(73 CR. 312; September 5, 1973; DJ 60-10-93)

On September 5, 1973, Judge William J. Bauer of the Northern District of Illinois at Chicago denied the motion of 9 of 11 corporate defendants and 7 defendant officers of various corporate defendants (charged with a conspiracy in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act) to dismiss the indictment. The grounds of the motion were the use of successive grand juries to investigate and the failure of the court reporter to record discussions between Government counsel and the grand jurors even though requested by counsel representing potential defendants to do so during the grand jury investigation.

Defendants argued that the use of successive grand juries "rendered it impossible" for the indicting grand jury "to understand the evidence, assess the credibility of individual witnesses, or to ask questions which would be suggested by possibly conflicting testimony among the witnesses." Defendants also argued that the indicting grand jury could "have separately assessed the evidence" against each of the defendants. Defendants also complained that only a few witnesses testified before the indicting grand jury, although they "are informed and believe that almost every one of the 25 or more witnesses called before the different grand juries resides in the Chicago area . . ."

The court also denied the defendants' alternative requests for an evidentiary hearing to find out what occurred before the grand jury and for production of the grand jury transcripts of all proceedings before the grand jury which returned the indictment.

In its brief in opposition to the defendants' motion to dismiss the indictment and supporting brief, the Government stated that:

- (a) It did use successive grand juries;
- (b) It did record all testimony of grand jury witnesses;

- (c) It did not record discussions, remarks or statements by Government counsel with grand jurors during recorded sessions of the grand jury; and
- (d) It did not communicate with grand jurors concerning evidence, testimony or applicable law except during recorded sessions of the grand jury.

The Government relied upon the following cases in support of the permissibility of the use of successive grand juries, and presentment of limited and hearsay evidence to the grand jury which returned the indictment. United States v. Thompson, 251 U.S. 407, 413 (1920); United States v. Culver, 224 F. Supp. 149, 432-433 (D. Md. 1963); In Re Grand Jury Investigation of Banana Industry, 214 F. Supp. 856, 858 (D. Md. 1963); Petition of Borden Company, 75 F. Supp. 857, 863-864 (N.D. Ill.), 1948; United States v. E.H. Koester Bakery Company, 334 F. Supp. 377 (D. Md. 1971); United States v. Schack, 165 F. Supp. 371, 375-376 (S.D. N.Y. 1958); United States v. Garcia, 420 F. 2d 309, 311 (C.A. 2, 1970); Costello v. United States, 350 U.S. 359 (1959); United States v. Wolfson, 294 F. Supp. 267, 273-274 (D. Del. 1968); United States v. Daddano, 432 F. 2d 1110, 1125 (C.A. 7, 1970); Lawn v. United States, 355 U.S. 339, 350 (1958); United States v. Kysar, 459 F.2d 422, 424 (10 Cir. 1972); Jack v. United States, 409 F.2d 522, 523-524 (9 Cir. 1969); Wood v. United States, 405 F.2d 423 (9 Cir. 1969), cert. den. 395 U.S. 912 (1969); United States v. Sklaroff, 323 F. Supp. 296, 314 (S.D. Fla. 1971); Blumenfield v. United States, 284 F.2d 46 (C.A. 8, 1960), cert. den. 365 U.S. 812 (1961); United States v. Nomura Trading Co., 213 F. Supp. 704 (S.D. N.Y. 1963); United States v. Wortman, 26 F.R.D. 183 (E.D. Ill. 1960); United States v. Labate, 270 F.2d 122 (3 Cir. 1959), cert. den. 361 U.S. 900 (1959); United States v. Silverman, 132 F. Supp. 820 (D. Conn. 1955); United States v. Reese, 11 F.R.D. 424 (E.D. Pa. 1951); United States v. Addonizio, 313 F. Supp. 486, 495 (D. N.J. 1970), aff'd. 451 F.2d 49, cert. den. 405 U.S. 936 (1972); Lorraine v. United States, 396 F.2d 335, 339 (9 Cir. 1968), cert. den. 393 U.S. 933 (1968); United States v. Colasurdo, 453 F.2d 585 (2 Cir. 1971), cert. den. 406 U.S. 917 (1972).

The Government in its brief relied upon the following cases in opposition to a preliminary hearing. Lawn v. United States, supra; United States v. Ancreadis, 234 F. Supp. 341, 344 (E.D. N.Y. 1964); United States v. Reyes, 280 F. Supp. 267, 273 (S.D.N.Y. 1971), aff'd. in open court 465 F.2d 1405 (2 Cir. 1972); United States v. Peden, 472 F.2d 583, 584 (2 Cir. 1973).

The Government relied on the following cases in opposing production of grand jury transcripts. United States v. Cerone, 452 F.2d 274 (7 Cir. 1971), cert. den. 405 U.S. 964 (1972); United States v. Amabile, 395 F.2d 47, 53 (7 Cir. 1968), judgment vacated

on other grounds 394 U.S. 310 (1969), cert. den. 401 U.S. 924 (1971); Dennis v. United States, 384 U.S. 855 (1966); Posey v. United States, 416 F.2d 545 (5 Cir. 1969); United States v. Budzanoski, 462 F.2d 443, 454 (3 Cir. 1972); United States v. Politi, 334 F. Supp. 1318, 1322 (S.D. N.Y. 1971); United States v. Dioguardi, 332 F. Supp. 7, 20 (S.D. N.Y. 1971).

The Government relied upon the below authorities and cases in support of its position that there is no constitutional or other requirement to record prosecutor's statements to grand jurors, and that failure to do so, even where requested does not require dismissal of an indictment. Local Criminal Rule 1.04 of the Northern District of Illinois; United States v. Peden, *supra*; United States v. Messitte, 324 F. Supp. 334 (S.D. N.Y. 1971); United States v. Potash, *supra*, pp. 733-734; United States v. Thoresen, 428 F.2d 654, 666 (9 Cir. 1970); United States v. Hedges, 458 F.2d 188, 190 (10 Cir. 1970); Baker v. United States, 412 F.2d 1069, 1073 (5 Cir. 1969); United States v. Kind, 433 F.2d 339, 340 (4 Cir. 1970); Jack V. United States, *supra*; Loux v. United States, 389 F.2d 911 (9 Cir. 1968), cert. den. 393 U.S. 867 (1968); Schlinsky v. United States, 379 F.2d 735, 740 (1 Cir. 1967); United States v. Cianchetti, 315 F.2d 548, 591 (2 Cir. 1963); United States v. Hensley, 374 F.2d 341, 352 (6 Cir. 1967); United States v. Sklaroff, *supra*; United States v. Gramoli, 301 F. Supp. 39 (D. R.I. 1969).

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CIVIL DIVISION

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COURTS OF APPEALFEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACTMISREPRESENTATION

FIFTH CIRCUIT HOLDS THAT MISREPRESENTATION EXCEPTION TO TORT CLAIMS ACT BARS CLAIM FOR DAMAGES CAUSED WHEN AGRICULTURE OFFICIAL ERRONEOUSLY INFORMED FARMER THAT HIS HERD WAS INFECTED WITH HOG CHOLERA

Joseph J. Rey, et al. v. United States (C.A. 5, No. 73-1283, September 13, 1973, D.J. 157-76-428)

An Agriculture Department official negligently misrepresented to the plaintiff that hog cholera had infected his herd. The farmer inoculated the herd with a dangerous live virus vaccine, and a number of his hogs died. The government successfully defended in the district court on the ground that 28 U.S.C. 2680(f), which excepts from FTCA coverage "a claim caused by the imposition of a quarantine by the United States" barred this action. The Court of Appeals, while not relying on that ground, nonetheless affirmed the judgment of dismissal by the district court, accepting the government's additional argument on appeal that the misrepresentation exception to the Act, 28 U.S.C. 2680(h), barred the action.

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NEGLIGENCE IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

NINTH CIRCUIT AFFIRMS DISMISSAL OF TORT CLAIMS ACT SUIT FOR NEGLIGENT PERFORMANCE OF A CONTRACT

Alyeska Ski Corp. v. United States (C.A. 9, No. 72-1539, September 10, 1973; D.J. 157-6-203)

Plaintiff ski resort, extensively damaged by an avalanche which occurred during avalanche control operations conducted by the United States Forest Service, sued the United States under the Federal Tort Claims Act, alleging that the damage was caused by Forest Service negligence in failing to undertake avalanche control measures required by written agreement between the resort and the Forest Service. The Court of Appeals has affirmed the dismissal of the action by the district court for lack of jurisdiction, accepting the government's argument that since this was an action for

breach of a contractual undertaking, the Tort Claims Act did not provide a grant of jurisdiction to the district court, which has no jurisdiction for contract claims over \$10,000.

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JUDGMENTS

COURT MAY ENTER SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON BASIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD ON COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY

Bank of Commerce of Laredo v. City National Bank of Laredo, et al. (C.A. 5, No. 73-2217, September 13, 1973, D.J. 145-3-1206)

In this action to overturn the Comptroller of the Currency's approval of an application for a national bank charter, the district court sustained the Comptroller's decision, and, on appeal, the Fifth Circuit, in a well-reasoned opinion by Judge Clark, affirmed. It held that "[t]he district court correctly deferred to the Comptroller's expertise where the administrative record adequately explained and justified his decision to grant a national bank charter." In such a circumstance, the Court of Appeals held that plaintiff was not entitled to a trial de novo in the district court, nor to depose the Comptroller or to require him to answer interrogatories, but that the entry of summary judgment on the basis of the administrative record "was entirely proper."

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VACATING DISTRICT COURT JUDGMENT ON GROUND OF MOOTNESS

NINTH CIRCUIT HOLDS THAT AGENCY'S CHANGE IN REGULATIONS WHICH MOOTS APPEAL ALSO WARRANTS VACATING THE JUDGMENT BELOW

Weinberger v. Arizona (C.A. 9, No. 72-2610, September 13, 1973, D.J. 137-8-145)

The State of Arizona sued to enjoin the operation of certain HEW regulations governing fair hearing requirements imposed on the States under the Social Security Act. The district court held that it had jurisdiction of the suit and ruled that the regulations were illegal. HEW appealed and while the case was pending on appeal, HEW altered its regulations as a result of changed policies. HEW moved to vacate the judgment below and dismiss the appeal as moot but the appellees, citing New Left Ed. Proj. v. Board of Reg. of the U. of Tex. Sys., 472 F. 2d 48 (C.A. 5, 1973), opposed our

motion contending that since the appeal was mooted as result of HEW's own action, the judgment below should not be vacated since this would unfairly deprive appellees of a favorable precedent. HEW countered that there was no unfairness in its motion since HEW changed its regulations solely on policy grounds, and not to avoid an adverse precedent. The Court of Appeals, without opinion, granted HEW's motion to vacate the judgment below, in a per curiam order which cites United States v. Munsingwear, 340 U.S. 36.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

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COURT OF APPEALSIMMIGRATION - DEPORTATION
Under 8 U.S.C. 1251(a) (11)

EXPUNCTION OF A NARCOTICS CONVICTION IN A STATE COURT DOES NOT ERADICATE BASIS FOR DEPORTATION UNDER 8 U.S.C. 1251(a) (11)

Manuel Andrade-Gamiz v. Immigration and Naturalization Service, (C.A. 9, No. 73-2174, August 13, 1973; D.J. 39-11-906)

The petitioner in Andrade-Gamiz v. Immigration and Naturalization Service, entered the United States on November 19, 1957, as an immigrant. In January, 1971, he was convicted in a state court in California, under section 11530 of California's Health and Safety Code for unlawful possession of marijuana. Andrade-Gamiz was found to be deportable because of his marijuana conviction, under section 241(a)(11) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. section 1251(a)(11). This section gives the Attorney General the authority to deport any alien who has been convicted of a marijuana violation, either state or federal. The petitioner contended that the Board of Immigration Appeals erroneously construed section 241(a)(11) as authorizing the deportation of a person whose conviction had been expunged under section 1772 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, which had relieved him from all penalties and disabilities resulting from the marijuana conviction.

The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled in Cruz Martinez v. Immigration and Naturalization Service, 404 F.2d 1198 (1968) cert. denied 394 U.S. 955 (1969), that deportation is a function of federal and not of state law. In the context of a narcotics conviction, deportation is a procedure independent of any actions taken by the states.

In Hernandez-Valenzuela v. Rosenberg, 304 F.2d 639 (9th Cir., 1962), the court stated that Congress did not intend for 8 U.S.C. section 1251(b) to affect the offender's deportability. This provision explicitly states that in the case of narcotics offenses, neither executive pardon nor judicial judgment of leniency shall prevent deportation. The First Circuit held in Morera v. Immigration and Naturalization Service, 462 F.2d 1030 (1972), that a federal narcotics conviction which has been expunged pursuant to the Federal Youth Corrections Act, 18 U.S.C. 5021, may not be used as a basis for deportation under section 241(a)(11). However, in the instant case, the court stated that Morera is not the law of the Ninth Circuit and the possibility that a youth offender's narcotics conviction may be set aside does not deprive that conviction of the finality necessary to warrant deportation.

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FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION ACT

OF 1938, AS AMENDED

The Registration Unit of the Criminal Division administers the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, (22 U.S.C. 611) which requires registration with the Attorney General by certain persons who engage within the United States in defined categories of activity on behalf of foreign principals.

SEPTEMBER 1973

During the month the following new registrations were filed with the Attorney General pursuant to the provisions of the Act:

Austrian National Tourist Office, Portland, registered as agent of its parent in Vienna. Registrant's sole purpose in the United States is the promotion of tourism to Austria. Registrant's operating budget, furnished by the foreign principal, is \$700 per month.

Mass Communications, Inc. of Westport, Connecticut registered as agent of the Chinese Information Service of New York. Registrant will assume all responsibility for photographing one 16mm color general documentary on the Republic of China with emphasis on social and economic development. Registrant's fee for this film will be \$35,000. Registrant's second contract calls for the production of a 16mm film devoted to the contents of the National Palace Museum, Taipei and for this film registrant is to receive \$20,000. Sumner Glimcher filed a short-form registration statement as producer-director reporting a fee of \$5,000, Warren Johnson filed as camera-man-editor reporting a salary of \$300 per week and Joan Glimcher filed as writer reporting no compensation.

Mexican Government Department of Tourism, Englewood, Colorado as agent of its parent in Mexico City. Registrant's sole purpose in the United States is the promotion of tourism to Mexico. Registrant reports an operating budget of \$1,285.00 per month. Hermann W. Elger filed a short-form statement as regional director reporting a salary of \$800 per month plus \$720 Christmas bonus.

Pannonia Enterprises, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio registered as agent of International Concert Management & Agency, Budapest.

Registrant will bring performing artists from Hungary and arrange performances and bookings for them under contract. Registrant is to get a percentage of the fees paid to the performing artists. Zolton Gombos filed a short-form statement as editor and publisher and expects a fee (amount as yet undetermined). Lenke Billings filed as Promotion Manager on a fee basis (amount as yet undetermined.)

Austrian National Tourist Office, Chicago registered as agent of its parent in Vienna. Registrant's sole purpose within the United States is the promotion of tourism to Austria and registrant reports an operating budget of \$700 per month. Wilhelm Brauner filed a short-form registration as Director and reports a salary of \$26,400 per year.

Italcambio, Inc. of North Miami, Florida registered as agent of Monnaies/Argent, Switzerland. The registrant receives from the foreign principal foreign coins for distribution in the United States and promotes the sale of such coins through newspaper advertisements, mailing lists and other advertising and promotional channels. Registrant receives a discount on the retail price of the coins, such discount differing with each issue.

Graham Purcell of Washington, D.C. registered as agent of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., Sydney, Australia. Registrant will act as legal counsel to the foreign principal regarding U.S. sugar laws and their administration and will receive a fee of \$2,500 per month plus ordinary business expenses incurred in the client's behalf. Terry L. Claassen filed a short-form registration as Law Clerk assisting the registrant in the representation of the foreign principal. Mr. Claassen is a regular salaried employee of the registrant.

Mayer & O'Brien, Inc. of Chicago registered as agent of the Consul General of Iran in Chicago. Registrant will act as public relations counsel to the Consulate, including contacts with the press, contacts with American business having an interest in Iran, arrangements for visits of Iranian dignitaries, the promotion of tourism and other general public relations activities to promote Iran's image within with United States. For these services registrant will receive \$1,000 per month plus out of pocket expenses.

Imported Publications, Inc. of Chicago registered as agent of Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga, Moscow; Deutscher Buch-Export and Import, German Democratic Republic; Hemus, Sofia, Bulgaria; Kultura, Budapest, Hungary; People's Publishing House Private, New Dehli, India; Ars Polona-Ruch, Warsaw, Poland; Inkululeko Publications, London, England; Sechaba Publishers, London; Politkino, London and Progress Books, Toronto, Canada. Registrant will engage in the promotion and dissemination within the United States of printed matter received from the foreign principals.

Registrant reported an initial receipt in the form of a loan from Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga, Moscow of \$5,000. Ira Cohen filed a short-form registration as Officer in charge of Promotion reporting a salary of \$130 per week and Natalie Myers filed as Manager reporting a salary of \$150 to \$175 per month.

Activities of persons or organizations already registered under the Act:

Donald D. Steel of San Francisco filed exhibits in connection with his representation of Downard's Transport Industries, Inc., Melbourne, Australia. Registrant acts as import-export counsel and receives a retainer of \$1,000 per month plus expenses.

Rhodesian Information Office of Washington, D.C. files exhibits in connection with its representation of the Government of Salisbury, Rhodesia. The Rhodesian Information Office is an arm of the Government of Rhodesia and the purpose of its work in the United States is to promote better understanding of the aims and policies of the Government of Rhodesia.

Needham, Harper & Steers Advertising, Inc. of New York files exhibits in connection with its representation of Ingratur, Mexico. Registrant will act as advertising agency for the foreign principal at rates according to the customary current trade practices between the agency and its clients.

Arthur L. Quinn and Arthur Lee Quinn filed copies of their agreement with Compania Azucarera La Estrella, S.A. and Azucarera Nacional, S. A. Registrants will act as legal counsel to the foreign principals in connection with the entry and marketing of their Panamanian sugar in the continental United States. Registrants are to receive an annual fee of \$12,000 payable quarterly for these services.

Chinese Investment & Trade Office, Republic of China of New York filed exhibits in connection with its representation of the China External Trade Development Council, Taipei, Taiwan. Registrant is engaged in the dissemination of information to American companies and individuals relative to trade opportunities in Taiwan. Registrant's operating expenses are funded by the foreign principal.

Short-form registrations filed in support of registrations already on file:

On behalf of the German National Tourist Office of New York: Hans J. Baumann as Director of the Chicago Branch, engaged in tourist promotion and reporting a salary of \$2,100 per month.

On behalf of the Hong Kong Tourist Association of San Francisco: Catherina Leonora d'Almada Remedios as Administrative Officer engaged in the promotion of tourism and reporting a salary of \$11,880 per year.

On behalf of Arnold & Palmer & Noble, Inc. of San Francisco whose foreign principal is Japan Trade Center, San Francisco: James C. Wills as Account Executive engaged in public relations activities on behalf of the Japanese account. Mr. Wills renders his services on a special basis and is a regular salaried employee of registrant.

On behalf of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy of New York whose foreign principals are Government of Iceland, Banco Central Del Uruguay, Banco do Brasil, Banco do Estado de Sao Paulo, S.A., Hispanica de Petroleos, S. A., Compagnie Francaise Des Petroles and the British Petroleum Company, Ltd.: Charles D. Peet, Jr. as attorney rendering general legal services and reporting receipt of a pro rata share of periodic distributions of the partnership earnings of the registrant.

On behalf of Van Brunt & Company of New York whose foreign principals are: Barbados Tourist Board, Barbados Industrial Development Corporation, Japan External Trade Organization and European Travel Commission: Alfred Zerries as Art Director and reporting a salary of \$41,000 per year; James Trippler as Art Director reporting a salary of \$10,500 per year; Stephanie Schwartz as Copywriter reporting a salary of \$8,840 per year and Jean Zerries as Director of Copy reporting a salary of \$41,000 per year.

On behalf of Quebec Government House of New York: Lionel J. Poulin as Tourist Counsellor reporting a salary in Canadian funds of \$1,026.56 per month, a fee of \$828 per month and \$225 per month for expenses.

On behalf of Curtis J. Hoxter, Inc. of New York whose foreign principals are the Austrian National Bank and the Bank of Greece: Curtis J. Hoxter as International Public Relations Counselor and Petronella Forgan as International Public Relations Counselor.

On behalf of Young & Rubicam International, Inc. of New York whose foreign principal is the City of West Berlin: John J. Ryan as Public Relations Executive reporting a fee of \$94,000 and Ingeborg von Zitzewitz as Public Relations Executive reporting a salary of \$16,000 per year.

On behalf of the Spanish National Tourist Office of San Juan: Roman Arango Lopez as Director engaged in tourist promotion and reporting a salary of \$1,400 per month.

On behalf of Potomac International Corporation of Washington, D. C. whose foreign principal is the Overseas Companies of Portugal: Hugh J. Elliot as Executive Assistant engaged in research projects in the fields of economics finance, politics and management and reporting a salary of \$12,500 per year and Richard V. Allen as President engaged in keeping the foreign principal apprised of developments within the United States of interest to the principal and reporting a fee of \$60,000 per year.

On behalf of the Bahama Islands Tourist Office of Miami: Hendrik G. van Helden as Representative engaged in tourist promotion and reporting a salary of \$12,000 per year.

On behalf of the Frente de Libertacao de Mocambique whose foreign principal is its parent political organization located in Tanzania: Sharfudine M. Khan as Representative engaged in political activities. Mr. Khan reports only the receipt of living expenses from the office budget.

On behalf of the Monaco Government Tourist Office of New York: Christiane A. Dickinson as Associate Marketing Director and reporting a salary of \$125 per week and Kathryn P. Thompson as Public Relations Director reporting a salary of \$150 per week. Both are engaged in tourist promotion.

On behalf of Casey, Lane & Mittendorf of New York whose foreign principal is the South African Sugar Association of Durban: John R. Mahoney as attorney rendering legal services on behalf of the foreign principal. All fees from the foreign principal are paid directly to the firm.

On behalf of the Arab Information Center of New York: Hatem I. Hussaini as Assistant Director and reporting a salary of \$9,900 per year.

On behalf of the Amtorg Trading Corporation of New York which is the official Soviet purchasing agency in the United States: Egonjkov Valeri as Senior Engineer reporting a salary of \$540 per month, Gusev Alexandr Dmitrievich as House Manager reporting a salary of \$338 per month and Volkov Vadim as Senior Engineer reporting a salary of \$540 per month.

On behalf of Infoplan International, Inc. whose foreign principal is Communications Affiliates (Bahamas) Ltd. on behalf of the Government of the Bahama Islands: Leslie T. Harris as President engaged in public relations and publicity in the promotion of tourism to the Bahamas. Mr. Harris reports a salary of \$22,000 per year.

On behalf of Shearman & Sterling of New York whose foreign principals are: Societe de Transport et de Commercialisation des Hydrocarbons, Societe Nationale de Recherches et d'Exploitations

Minieres, Minister of Industry and Energy of Algeria, ASA Ltd. and Schlumberger Ltd.: John W. Weiser, Roger H. Knight, Michael V. Forrestal and Robert L. Clare, Jr. All are attorneys engaged in general legal services on behalf of the foreign principal and all report partnership shares in the total profits of Shearman & Sterling.

On behalf of the Japan National Tourist Organization of Chicago: Norimasa Ajiro as Director engaged in the promotion of tourism to Japan and reporting a salary of \$1,114.80 per month.

On behalf of Association-Sterling Films, Inc. of New York whose foreign principals are 35 foreign government information and tourism offices: Arthur McLaughlin reporting receipt of a commission of .01% of monthly billing, Gene Watts reporting a salary and a commission but no specific amounts. Both are engaged in the dissemination of films on behalf of the foreign principals.

On behalf of the Jamaica Tourist Board of Miami: Easton A. Brown as sales representative engaged in tourist promotion and reporting a salary of \$8,400 per annum.

On behalf of the Government of India Tourist Office of Chicago: D. R. Khurana as Tourist Promotion Officer reporting a salary of \$470 per month.

On behalf of Industrial Development Authority, Ireland: Peter F. Kerr as public relations consultant. Mr. Kerr reports a fee of \$2,000 per month and assists in the registrant's campaign to interest U. S. companies in establishing manufacturing facilities in Ireland.

On behalf of Four Continent Book Corp. of New York whose foreign principal is V/O Mezhdunarodnaia Kniga, Moscow: Eda Glaser as President engaged in the importation of books, magazines, periodicals, records and slides from the foreign principal.

On behalf of the Japan Trade Center of Chicago: Kimiaka Sasada as Director of Agriculture and Marine Products and reporting a salary of \$1,100 per month.

On behalf of the French Film Office of New York: Jean-Louis A. de Tureane as Director engaged in the gathering of commercial information concerning general interest in and market for French films in the United States and reporting a salary of \$1,800 per month.

On behalf of Package Express & Travel Agency of New York whose foreign principal is Vneshposyltorg, U.S.S.R.: Henry Levy as Manager engaged in the collection of customs duties on gift parcels

to the U.S.S.R. and reporting a fee of \$5 to \$9 per parcel and William Vislocky as Branch Manager engaged in sending gift parcels and reporting a fee of \$7 per parcel.

On behalf of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation of New York: Yoshio Uchida as Program Director reporting a salary of \$610 per month, Tadakatsu Seguro as Director reporting a salary of \$745 per month and Shinichi Shimizu as Correspondent reporting a salary of \$655 per month.

On behalf of Globe Parcel Service, Inc. of Philadelphia whose foreign principal is Vneshposyltorg, U.S.S.R.: Peter Rohatynskyj as agent engaged in sending gift parcels to Russia and reporting a commission of 50% of service fees.

On behalf of Guggenheim Productions, Inc. whose foreign principal is the State of Israel: Joan Nathan engaged in planning, research and execution of all phases of production on the film May Peace Begin With Me produced and released on behalf of the foreign principal and reporting a fee of \$300 per week.

On behalf of the Swiss National Tourist Office of New York: Walter Bruderer as Public Relations Director reporting a salary of \$1,088 per month, Urs Christian Zoebeli as Representative reporting a salary of \$992 per month, Paul Fueglistler as Travel-Trade Relations Manager reporting a salary of \$1,287 per month and Hans Rudolf Meir as Public Relations Officer reporting a salary of \$897 per month. All are engaged in tourist promotion.

On behalf of Association-Sterling Films of New York whose foreign principals are 35 foreign government information and tourist offices: Edward C. Atwood as Film Producer reporting a commission of 2% of net profit, Bruce F. Farnsworth as Branch Manager reporting a salary of \$15,990 per year plus 1% of monthly invoices, Frank Wolf as Manager reporting a salary of \$11,600 per year plus a commission and Donald Scott Sathern as Manager reporting a salary but no specific figure given. All are engaged in the distribution of films on behalf of the foreign principals.

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COURTS OF APPEAL

ENVIRONMENT

PREPARATION AND ADEQUACY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT;
SUMMARY JUDGMENT

The Citizens Environmental Council et al. v. Volpe, et al.
(C.A. 10, No. 73-1158, Sept. 19, 1973; D.J. 90-1-4-412)

Motions for summary judgment by federal and state defendants were granted by the district court, and the action of environmental groups seeking to halt a 2.76-mile federal-aid highway segment was dismissed. On review the Court of Appeals held that summary judgment was appropriate when the opponents of the motion (environmental groups) fail to substantiate their claims of factual dispute. The court held that conclusory affidavits of individuals opposed to the project were insufficient to create a factual dispute as to the adequacy of the EIS, therefore the evidentiary hearing sought by the environmental groups was not required.

The Court of Appeals went on to decide the legal issues presented. It approved an environmental impact statement reviewed and adopted by FHWA, although physically prepared by the State. It found the EIS sufficient even though EPA recommended further air and noise studies before construction. (EPA's comment was tendered eight months after the final EIS was filed.) Finally, the court refused to require a new corridor hearing under 23 U.S.C. sec. 128 when a hearing was held in 1959, the right-of-way acquired in the early 1960's and a design hearing considering social, economic and environmental factors was held in 1971.

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ENVIRONMENT

AGENCY DID NOT ACT ARBITRARILY OR CAPRICIOUSLY IN DETERMINING THAT A COURTHOUSE ANNEX AND PARKING FACILITY WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT UPON THE ENVIRONMENT

First National Bank v. Richardson (C.A. 7, No. 73-1573, Sept. 13, 1973; D.J. 90-1-4-612)

Affirming the district court, the Seventh Circuit held that GSA properly determined that no Environmental Impact Statement was required pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. sec. 4321 et seq., for a U.S. Courthouse Annex and parking facility under construction in downtown Chicago. The Court of Appeals held that GSA's determination, that the annex (although admittedly a major federal action) would not have a significant impact on the environment, was adequately supported by a "reviewable" administrative record. Hence, GSA's conclusion that no impact statement was required must stand, because the agency's findings were not arbitrary, capricious or an abuse of discretion.

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ENVIRONMENT

NEW SOURCE STANDARDS, PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 111 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. 1857c-6), FOR SULFURIC ACID PLANTS AND COAL FIRED STEAM GENERATORS UPHELD

Essex Chemical Corporation, et al. v. Ruckelshaus and Appalachian Power Company, et al. v. Environmental Protection Agency (C.A. D.C., Nos. 72-1082 and 72-1079, Sept. 10, 1973; D.J. 90-5-2-4-5 and 90-5-2-4-3)

In December 1972, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency promulgated national "new source standards," pursuant to Section 111 of the Clean Air Act, for new sulfuric acid plants and for new coal-fired steam generators. In January 1973, Essex Chemical Corporation, and others, filed a petition to review the standards for new sulfuric acid plants. At the same time Appalachian Company, and others, filed a petition to review the standards for new coal-fired generators. The two cases were consolidated for oral argument and were decided together. The standards were upheld although certain terms were remanded to the Administrator for further consideration.

The first issue decided by the court was that a National Environmental Policy Act Impact Statement need not be filed by the Administrator in setting new source standards pursuant to Section 111 of the Clean Air Act. The court agreed with, and quoted the decision in, the case Portland Cement Association v. Ruckelshaus, No. 72-1073 (C.A. D.C., June 29, 1973, slip opinion pp. 18-19): "What is decisive, ultimately, is the reality that, Section 111 of the Clean Air Act, properly construed, requires the functional equivalent of a NEPA impact statement."

The court then specifically upheld the sulfur dioxide standard for elemental sulfur feedback plants. The court stated "The results of the EPA supervised tests are impressive" (p. 16) and "*** we find that the 4.0 lbs/ton standard based on a dual absorption system for new elemental sulfur burning plants is the result of the exercise of reasoned discretion by the Administrator and cannot be upset by this court" (p. 18). In upholding the sulfur dioxide acid mist standard the court stated, "The standard, 0.15 lb. of sulfuric acid mist per ton of acid produced, is deemed achievable through the use of either electrostatic or fiber precipitator systems, both of which are certainly adequately demonstrated" (p. 23). With regard to the sulfur dioxide standard for new recycle acid plant, the court stated, "*** we find adequate support for the conclusion that the standard is achievable and the result of tests conducted at the Olin Co. Plant in Paulsboro, New Jersey ***. The results are impressive, reflecting sulfur dioxide emission levels of 2.59 and 2.85 lbs/ton, well below the standard [of 4.0 lbs/ton]" (p. 21). However the court added, "The record evidence indicates that the standard is achievable only through the use of a sodium sulfite-bisulfite scrubber, yet no consideration of the significant land or water pollution potential resulting from the disposal of the 52 lbs/ton liquid purge byproduct is apparent ***. The record is thus remanded to the Administrator for further consideration and explanation of the adverse environmental effects of requiring a 4.0 lbs/ton standard for recycle acid plants" (pp. 21-23).

The court also upheld the standards for particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide for new coal-fired steam generators. The court said "The evidence, including tests of prototype and full scale control systems, considerations of available fuel supplies, literature sources, and documentation of manufacture guarantees and expectations, convinces us that the systems proposed are adequately demonstrated, and that cost has been taken into consideration, and that the emission standards are achievable ***. [W]e cannot say that the standard represents 'a clear error of judgment' see Citizens to Preserve Overton Park v. Volpe, supra, 401 U.S. at 416" (pp. 24-25). Once again, the court added, "This scrubbing system [used in some coal-fired steam generators,] like the sodium sulfite-bisulfite system used in sulfuric acid plants, produces significant quantities of sludge by products which present substantial disposal problems. . . . Consequently, the record is remanded for further consideration and explanation by the Administrator of the adverse environmental effects of requiring a 1.2 lb/million standard for those coal-fired steam generator plants which must use a lime slurry scrubbing system as the only means of achieving the standard" (pp. 24-26).

The court also stated that since the opacity standard (which is measured by the density of the "smoke" emitted from a source) for sulfuric acid plants and for coal-fired steam

generators is essentially a subjective test on the part of trained inspectors who attempt to judge the percent of opacity in a smoke plum, "The record must be remanded for additional consideration and explanation by the Administrator regarding the reasonableness of the opacity standards" (p. 9). Also, since the standards for the two types of plants are "never to be exceeded standards" and do not provide for start-up, shut-down and malfunction conditions, the court stated, "[W]e remand for further consideration of this issue, noting that the proposed regulation [for start-up, shut-down and malfunction conditions] should play an integral role in any consideration" (p. 10).

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PUBLIC LANDS

LAND EXCHANGES; NEPA; PRIMARY JURISDICTION

National Forest Preservation Group v. Butz (C.A. 9,
No. 72-1998, Sept. 10, 1973, D.J. 90-1-4-492)

The National Forest Preservation Group (NFPG) challenged the Secretary's approval of two proposed land exchanges between the United States Forest Service and Burlington Northern. Burlington Northern intervened as a party. Some of the lands selected by Burlington Northern had been earmarked for use in connection with a large resort complex being developed by Big Sky of Montana, Inc. The exchanges were made two days after the district court had granted summary judgment to the United States.

On appeal, the Court of Appeals, first, sustained NFPG's standing on the ground that it represented recreational uses of the land in question; second, that, the completion of the exchanges before the time for filing an appeal expired could deprive the court of jurisdiction to determine the legality of the exchanges on account of mootness; third, that land exchanges in all respects are not judicially unreviewable because there was "law to apply"; fourth, that with respect to three issues raised by NFPG - compliance with the Wilderness Act, NEPA, and various statutes and regulations authorizing the exchanges-the court held it would not consider whether the Wilderness Act had been violated because NFPG had failed to raise this matter in its administrative appeals before the Secretary of Agriculture. As for NEPA, the court held that an impact statement was required to be prepared by the Forest Service notwithstanding that the proposed development project would be undertaken by a private party rather than the United States. The court analogized a land exchange to a "licensing or granting of federal funds to a non-federal entity to enable it to act." The court then determined that the environmental impact statement as prepared by the Forest Service was adequate. Finally,

as to the exchange authorities, the court found that the Secretary had complied with the Acts "Equal Value" limitation in 16 U.S.C. sec. 485, since his decision to accept his appraiser's values were supported by substantial evidence; next, that the Act did not bar the Secretary from conveying mineral land under a reservation of mineral rights. As for the Forest Service's alleged failure to follow the relevant statutes as its own regulations, to itemize the lands in one exchange (No. 2), the court held that the regulations merely expressed the intent of Congress and it was error to grant summary judgment with one exchange, and remanded for a determination whether "nonmineral" and "equal-value" limitations of the 1926 Act had been complied with respect to the lands exchanged pursuant to its authority and whether the "equal value" requirement of the General Exchange Act had been satisfied with respect to the remaining lands.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Robert N. Greenewald v. Morton (C.A. 9, No. 72-2540, decided Sept. 10, 1973; D.J. 90-2-11-6962)

The Court of Appeals affirmed a decision holding that, pending a decision by the Department of the Interior, the doctrine of Exhaustion of Administrative remedies precludes prosecution of a class action concerning applications for Indian allotments to federal land in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska under the native Allotment Act. The Indian applicants had sought a judicial determination that under the Act, the occupancy requirement could be satisfied by establishing an ancestor's occupancy of the land prior to the establishment of the National Forest.

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HIGHWAYS

SECRETARY DETERMINATION UNDER 4(f) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1966 THAT NO FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT ALTERNATIVE EXISTED TO FINAL ROUTE SELECTED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW; PLAINTIFF'S PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE WAS NOT FEASIBLE AND PRUDENT SINCE IT REQUIRED THE USE OF PARKLAND

Finish Allatoona's Interstate Right (FAIR) v. Brinegar
(C.A. 5, No. 73-2289, decided Aug. 31, 1973; D.J. 90-1-5-1194)

The plaintiffs sought declaratory and injunctive relief against the Department of Transportation, alleging that the Secretary violated Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966, 49 U.S.C. sec. 1653(f), in that, prior to approving a route across parkland for a portion of Interstate-75, did not consider an alternative route proposed by the plaintiffs, which they claimed was a "feasible and prudent" alternative but which also required use of parkland. The plaintiffs also alleged a violation of the National Environmental Policy Act, 43 U.S.C. sec. 4321 et seq., in that DOT had improperly delegated the responsibility for preparing the EIS for the project to the State Highway Department. The district court found that the Secretary had considered all feasible and prudent alternatives prior to his approval, and that the preparation of an impact statement, particularly in light of the extensive involvement of DOT in its preparation and review, could be delegated to the State.

On appeal, the court, in a per curiam decision, affirmed the district court decision on the 4(f) determination, noting particularly that:

*** the route proposed by the plaintiffs also makes use of land protected by the Department of Transportation Act, and therefore is not a "feasible and prudent" alternative to the proposed route.

The appellate court did not reach the NEPA question because the plaintiffs did not brief it on appeal. The Government's brief, did, however, contain an argument supporting the propriety of the delegation in light of (1) the traditional relationship between DOT and State Highway Departments in federal aid highway construction; (2) the recognition by the Council on Environmental Quality and the Congress of DOT's NEPA procedures; and (3) the quality of the impact statement prepared in this case.

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INDIANS

INDIAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT AND 28 U.S.C. SEC 1343 (4)
 CONFER JURISDICTION ON FEDERAL COURT TO CONSIDER CLAIMS BY
 TRIBAL MEMBERS AGAINST TRIBE

Stanley Johnson v. The Lower Elwha Tribal Community of the
 Lower Elwha Indian Reservation (C.A. 9, No. 73-1200, decided
 Sept. 4, 1973; D.J. 90-2-0-724)

Johnson's assignment of land by the Tribe on the reservation was cancelled by the Tribe on short notice and without a hearing after he had moved off the reservation and leased the assignment to another reservation indian. Johnson claimed a denial of due process under the Indian Civil Rights Act, 25 U.S.C. sec. 1302, and the presence of a substantial federal question, under 28 U.S.C. sec. 1331, as a jurisdiction basis to sue in a federal court. The district court dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction, concluding that the matter was an intratribal dispute.

The Court of Appeals reversed and remanded, finding that the district court had jurisdiction under (1) 25 U.S.C. sec. 1302, since it evidenced a congressional exception to the general policy of tribal immunity and (2) 28 U.S.C. sec. 1343(4), since it serves as a "pre-existing grant of jurisdiction" to enforce alleged violations of the 25 U.S.C. sec. 1302. This latter basis for jurisdiction was found sua sponte by the court, as neither of the parties briefed or argued it as a basis for jurisdiction. The court found no jurisdictional relevance in the fact Johnson was no longer residing on the reservation when the dispute arose. It expressly did not reach the jurisdictional question relative to 28 U.S.C. sec. 1331, although it did find that Johnson-while not possessing a vested property right-was deprived of an interest in the continued possession and use of his assignment within the protection of the Fourteenth Amendment, citing Fuentes v. Shevin, 407 U.S. 67, 68 (1972), and Boddie v. Connecticut, 401 U.S. 371, 379 (1971).

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STANDING

DECISION TO ALLOW AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF
 NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER TO HIGH BIDDER WHO HAS DEFAULTED ON
 PREVIOUS CONTRACTS IS COMMITTED TO AGENCY DISCRETION

Reliance Mills, Inc. v. United States (Civil No. C-4614,
D. Colo. Sept. 6, 1973; D.J. 90-1-11-1494)

Plaintiff, a disappointed bidder on a contract for the sale of timber in a National Forest, sought to enjoin the award of that contract and future contracts because the high bidder had a history of defaulting on previous timber sale contracts. Also, plaintiff sought to mandamus debarment procedures. Plaintiff alleged violations of Forest Service regulations. Plaintiff alleged a disappointed bidder does have standing to sue, the court held that, because the agency regulations committed debarment to agency discretions, they did not require disqualification or debarment of the high bidder despite his long history of poor contract compliance, notwithstanding that, in the Court's view, the Forest Service exercised poor business judgment.

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DISTRICT COURTS

ENVIRONMENT

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION DENIED IN NEPA CASE WHERE NO EIS
PREPARED ON 10% INCREASE IN FOREST SERVICE NATIONAL TIMBER SALE
TARGETS

Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. v. Butz (Civil
No. 1358-73, D. D.C., Aug. 14, 1973; D.J. 90-1-4-719)

Plaintiffs sought a preliminary and permanent injunction, until an environmental impact statement is prepared, halting a ten percent increase in the national timber sale targets of the Forest Service over the level of timber sales planned when the President's budget was submitted to Congress in January 1973. During the past three years, the national targets have fluctuated as the planning and budgetary program progressed and the total targets have been as large as or greater than the new fiscal 1974 targets. In denying plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, the trial judge noted that in the time necessary to hear and decide the case on the merits the planned increase was only approximately one percent, and therefore plaintiffs have not shown the necessary irreparable injury. In addition, the court noted that plaintiffs had failed to make the required strong showing that they will be likely to prevail on the merits.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF PRACTICE; MINING CONTEST; DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Robert B. Sainberg, et al. v. Rogers C.B. Morton, (Civil No. 72-217-PCT-WCF, D. Ariz.; D.J. 90-1-18-975)

Plaintiffs filed this action to set aside a decision of the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Board of Land Appeals, which affirmed the decision of the Bureau of Land Management declaring plaintiffs' mining claim null and void for failure to file an answer within 30 days after service of the Government's contest complaint. Plaintiffs' answer was one day late.

The Land Office Manager rejected the late answer to the contest complaint in accordance with a regulation, 43 C.F.R. sec. 1852.1-7(a), which provides:

If an answer is not filed as required, the allegations of the complaint will be taken as admitted by the contestee and the Manager will decide the case without a hearing.

The court, finding that the regulation was clearly mandatory, concluded that the Land Officer was under a duty to reject the answer. Also, the court found that the regulations, giving a period of 30 days in which to file an answer, was reasonable. Further, the court observed that if the "time requirement was waived this would disturb the Secretary's long-standing procedure of administering the mining laws and other land laws fairly."

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