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THE LIST: Abramoff's Ruin Is Charity's Boon

Returned Abramoff Personal Donations

- Rep. **Roy Blunt** (R-MO) will return \$8,500 in personal Abramoff donations but not donations from Abramoff clients. Charity unspecified.
- Sen. **Kit Bond** (R-MO) will return \$12.5K from Abramoff and Preston Gates. The Salvation Army will be the beneficiary. (AP, 1/5)
- Sen. **Sam Brownback** (R-KS) will return personal contributions and associate contributions worth more than \$42,000 to charity. (AP, 1/4)
- Sen. **Jim Bunning** (R-KY): changed mind, and is now giving \$1K from Abramoff to a hospice program at St. Elizabeth Medical Center (**Carroll**, *Courier-Journal*, 1/6).
- Rep. **Dan Burton** (R-IN): donating both the \$7K from Abramoff and \$12K from Abramoff-connected tribes to the Autism Society, Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and Eisenhower Medical Center (*Indianapolis Star*, 1/5).
- **Pres. Bush** will return \$6K in personal donations from Abramoff; the beneficiary is the American Heart Association. Abramoff, a Bush Pioneer, raised more than \$100K for Bush's presidential campaigns. (multi, 1/5)
- Sen. **Conrad Burns** (R-MT) in Dec. gave back \$150K in Abramoff and tribal donations. (AP, 1/4)
- Rep. **Chris Cannon** (R-UT): returning \$2K from Abramoff, but not the \$7K in Abramoff-connected tribal donations (**Gehrke**, *Salt Lake Tribune*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Eric Cantor** will return \$10K in Abramoff and Abramoff-related donations. The beneficiary will be a Richmond, VA charity. **Hardin**, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 1/4)
- Rep. **Dave Camp** (R-MI) "is considering" returning \$500 from Abramoff. (*Detroit News*, 1/5)
- Sen. **Saxby Chambliss** (R-GA): returning \$1K to Georgia National Guard Family Support Foundation, didn't return additional \$1K from Abramoff-represented tribe.
- Sen. **Thad Cochran** (R-MS): will donate \$8K given to him from Abramoff to Katrina hurricane relief, but is keeping tribal money connected to Abramoff (**Radelat**, *Clarion-Ledger*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Barbara Cubin** (R-WY) will give a \$250 Abramoff donation to the Wyoming Substance Abuse Treatment Center in Sheridan, WY. (AP, 1/4)
- Rep. **Tom Davis** (R-VA): returning \$500 from Abramoff, another \$4K from Abramoff-connected tribes (*Hotline* reporting).

- Sen. **Elizabeth Dole** (R-NC): returned \$1K
- Sen. **John Ensign** (R-NV): donated \$10K -- \$5K directly from Abramoff -- to Nevada Patriot Fund, which gives money to families of soldiers killed or wounded in Iraq (**Abrahms**, *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 1/5).
- Sen. **Mike Enzi** (R-WY) will give \$1K from Abramoff to a WY charity. (AP, 1/4)
- Rep. **Tom Feeney** (R-FL): return unspecified donation from Abramoff
- Rep. **Mike Ferguson** (R-NJ): gave \$2K to Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation, \$1K was given directly from Abramoff
- Rep. **Mark Foley** (R-FL): donated \$2K to a local drug and alcohol rehab center said he would not return an additional \$3K from two Abramoff-connected tribes (**Clark**, *Miami Herald*, 1/5).
- Speaker **Dennis Hastert** (R-IL): received \$69K, \$2.5K of it directly from Abramoff and is donating all of it to charity (**Tibbetts**, *Quad City Times*, 1/5).
- Rep. **J.D. Hayworth** (R-AZ) will give %2,250 from Abramoff to the Salvation Army's Katrina relief fund but won't give back "hundreds of thousands" from tribes. (AP 1/5)
- Sen. **Johnny Isakson** (R-GA): last month, gave \$4K from Abramoff to the Salvation Army, also returned \$5K from Abramoff-connected tribes 1/4. Isakson: "Out of an abundance of caution, I would rather the Salvation Army and those they serve benefit from this money" (**Kemper**, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 1/6).
- Sen. **James Inhofe** (R-OK): donating \$2K to Oklahoman Medical Research Foundation (AP, 1/5).
- Rep. **Ernest Istook** (R-OK) will return personal donations. (AP, 1/4)
- Rep. **Walter Jones** (R-NC): returned \$1K
- Rep. **Tom Latham** (R-IA): received \$1K from Abramoff, directed campaign treas. to donate money to Greater IA Chapter of Alzheimer's Assn. (**Skipper**, *Globe-Gazette*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Frank Lobiondo** (R-NJ) will return a \$1K personal donation from Abramoff. (Gannett News Service, 8/17/05)
- Rep. **Marilyn Musgrave** (R-CO): donating \$1K received from Abramoff's wife to Crossroads Safe House, a domestic violence shelter (**Sprengelmeye**, *Rocky Mountain News*, 1/5).
- Ex-Rep. **George Nethercutt** (R-WA): donated \$1K to charity, but not the \$6K from Abramoff-connected clients (1/5).
- Rep. **Bob Ney** (R-OH) gave \$6.5K to the American Indian College Fund in money he said was received from Abramoff and his partner **Michael Scanlon**. The donation was a bit shy of the amount of money he received from Abramoff and his SunCruz casino company (*Wheeling News-Register*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Chip Pickering** (R-MS): donating \$2.5K he received from Abramoff to Katrina hurricane relief, but will keep the \$15K from Abramoff-connected tribal clients (*Clarion-Ledger*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Richard Pombo** (R-CA) in '05 returned personal donations from Abramoff. (multi)
- Rep. **Ralph Regula** gave \$1K to American Indian College Fund, kept other Abramoff-connected tribal donations

- Rep. **Dennis Rehberg** (R-MT) will donate to charity nearly \$20K from Abramoff and clients. (AP, 12/17)
- Rep. **Paul Ryan** (R-WI): donating \$950 to USO Operation Phone Home and the American Heart Ass'n (**Schultze/Walters**, *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, 1/4).
- Rep. **Jim Saxton** (R-NJ) in '05 returned a \$1K contribution from Abramoff. (Gannett News Service, 8/17/05)
- Sen. **Richard Shelby** (R-AL): returning \$1K
- Rep. **Rob Simmons** (R-CT): gave \$1.25K to Katrina hurricane relief fund
- Sen. **Gordon Smith** (R-OR): donated \$2K in money received directly from Abramoff in '01 and '02, and an additional \$4K to charity that he received from tribes. He returned \$3.5K in money from two tribes before Abramoff's plea (*AP/Seattle Post Intelligencer*, 1/5).
- Sen. **Ted Stevens** (R-AK): received \$11.5K, \$1K directly from Abramoff, and donated all of it to charity. Stevens donated the \$1K from Abramoff to the AK Red Cross (**Ruskin**, *Anchorage Daily News*, 1/5).
- Sen. **Jim Talent** (R-MO) will return donations from "two groups connected with Abramoff." In '05, he returned \$2K from Abramoff and \$1K from Preston Gates. (AP, 1/5)
- Sen. **Craig Thomas** (R-WY): donating \$8K, including \$2K directly from Abramoff, to victims of tornado in Wright, WY (AP, 1/5).
- Sen. **John Thune** (R-SD): donating \$2K from Abramoff to a SD domestic abuse shelter (AP, 1/5).
- Rep. **Heather Wilson** (R-NM): donated \$1K to Greater SW Boy Scouts of America, keeping \$4K from Abramoff-connected tribes (**Coleman**, *Albuquerque Journal*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Roger Wicker** (R-MS): donating \$250 received from Abramoff in '96 to MS Hurricane relief (*Clarion-Ledger*, 1/5).

Returned At Least Some Donations From Abramoff Clients/Associates; Did Not Receive Direct Contributions

- Sen. **Lamar Alexander** (R-TN) said he would return \$2K that a LA tribe gave him in his '00 presidential bid (AP, 1/6).
- Sen. **George Allen** (R-VA): "abruptly reversed" stand he took, and will return \$2K from MI Indian tribe represented by Abramoff (**Eisman**, *Virginian-Pilot*, 1/6).
- Sen. **Max Baucus** (D-MT): returned about \$19K in Abramoff-connected donations, including use of Abramoff's MCI Center skybox (AP, 12/19).
- Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE): donating \$7K to Wilmington Boys And Girls Club for contributions from Abramoff-connected clients and from Dem lobbyists at Abramoff's firm (**Brooks**, *News-Journal*, 1/6).
- Sen. **Hillary Rodham Clinton** (D-NY) will donate \$2K to a charity in NY. (*Hotline* reporting, 1/5)
- Sen. **Kent Conrad** (D-ND): donated \$3.75K.
- Rep. **Henry Cuellar** (D-TX) will return \$500

- Rep. **Peter DeFazio** (D-OR): giving \$1.5K to a charity (*Corvallis Gazette Times*, 1/5).
- Sen. **Byron Dorgan** (D-ND) returned \$67K in Abramoff-connected tribal donations (*Bismarck Tribune*, 12/14).
- Sen. **Mike DeWine** (R-OH): likely returning the \$1K to Chippewa tribe (**Ruton**, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, 1/5).
- Sen. **Dick Durbin** (D-IL): donating \$11K from Abramoff-related money to two Chicago-area groups that serve Native Americans (MSNBC, "First Read," 1/5).
- Rep. **Phil English** (R-PA) will return \$5K from Abramoff tribes.
- Rep. **Lane Evans** (D-IL): said he'd donate \$2K he received from an Abramoff-connected tribe to the Community Caring Conf. of Rock Island (**Felker**, *Quad-Cities Dispatch*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Eliot Engel** (D-NY) will return \$1K.
- Rep. **Kay Granger** (R-TX): \$2K to Boys And Girls Club Of Greater Fort Worth
- Sen. **Judd Gregg** (R-NH): donating \$12K
- Maj Ldr **Bill Frist** (R-TN): returning \$2K given to his PAC from Abramoff-linked tribe (**Theobald**, *Tennessean*, 1/5).
- Sen. **Tom Harkin** (D-IA): returning \$15.5K to three tribes represented by Abramoff (**Norman**, *Des Moines Register*, 1/6).
- Rep. **Katherine Harris** (R-FL): returning \$3K
- Rep. **Robin Hayes** (R-NC): asked two LA tribes represented by Abramoff if they wanted their contributions returned (*Citizen-Times*, 1/6).
- Rep. **Melissa Hart** (R-PA) will donate \$1K to womens charities. (AP, 1/5)
- Rep. **Tim Holden** (D-PA) will return \$1K. (AP, 1/5)
- Rep. **Don Manzullo** (R-IL): donating \$2K back to MS Band Of The Choctaw Indian Tribe
- Rep. **Jim Nussle** (R-IA) will return \$6K from Abramoff's tribal clients. He'll donate to an unspecified charity. (AP, 1/5)
- Sen. **Tim Johnson** (D-SD): donating \$8.25K to org. that "helps Native Americans" (AP, 1/5).
- Sen. **Jon Kyl** (R-AZ) will give \$4K in tribal donations to charity. (AP, 1/4)
- Rep. **Nita Lowey** (D-NY) will return \$2K from tribes.
- Sen. **John McCain** (R-AZ) will return money donated by two tribes who Abramoff repped at the time of donation. No charity specified. But McCain will not return \$5K from three tribes who later affiliated with Abramoff. (AP, 1/4)
- Sen. **Mitch McConnell** (R-KY): donating \$18K from tribes to the Wayside Christian Mission (*Cincinnati Enquirer*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Jim McCrery** (R-LA): donating \$35K of the \$52.75K he received from Abramoff-connected tribes to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club in Shreveport.
- Sen. **Mitch McConnell** (R-KY) will give \$19.5K to the Wayside Christian Mission. (AP, 1/5)
- Sen. **Barbara Mikulski** (D-MD): donated \$5K to American Indian College Fund (*Washington Post*, 1/5).
- Rep. **Earl Pomeroy** (R-ND): spokesperson said he "will be returning" \$6.95K this week (*Bismarck Tribune*, 1/5).

- Rep. **Deborah Pryce** (R-OH): donating \$8K to charity
- Rep. **Charlie Rangel** (D-NY): donating \$2K from Abramoff firm Greenberg-Traurig to Harlem Boys Choir
- Rep. **Hal Rogers** (R-KY) will return \$32K from tribes and give it to the Unite Foundation. (**Carroll**, *Courier Journal*, 1/5)
- Rep. **Bud Shuster** (R-PA) will return \$1K from tribes.
- Sen. **John Sununu** (R-NH): donating \$3K
- Rep. **John Sweeney** (R-NY): donating \$2K to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Sen. **John Warner** (R-VA): returned \$1K to charity.
- Rep. **Curt Weldon** (R-PA) will return \$2K.
- Rep. **Jerry Weller** (R-IL): donating \$500 to charity