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House of Representatives, Committee on Ethics, Washington, DC, September 11, 2013.

Hon. Karen L. Haas, Clerk, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR Ms. HAAS: Pursuant to clauses 3(a)(2) and 3(b) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, we herewith transmit the attached report, "In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative John Tierney."

Sincerely,

K. MICHAEL CONAWAY, Chairman. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ, Ranking Member.

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2013.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. CONAWAY, from the Committee on Ethics, submitted the following

#### REPORT

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On June 13, 2013, the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) sent a referral to the Committee in which it recommended further review of the allegations that certain payments Representative John Tierney's wife received from her brother and their mother were income that should have been reported as such to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and disclosed on Representative Tierney's annual Financial Disclosure Statements. Representative Tierney and his wife treated the payments as gifts among family members and therefore did not report the payments to the IRS or disclose them on Representative Tierney's Financial Disclosure Statements. The legal determination of whether a transfer is treated as income or a gift is a highly fact-specific inquiry. In particular, courts put heavy emphasis on the donor's intent. This inquiry is further complicated in matters involving transfers between family members.

The Committee reviewed the allegations, conducted additional investigation as necessary, and unanimously concluded that the presently-available evidence was inconclusive as to whether the payments to Mrs. Tierney were income or gifts and does not warrant a finding that Representative Tierney intentionally mischaracterized the nature of the payments for financial disclosure or tax purposes. Therefore, after careful consideration, the Committee has unanimously voted to close the matter referred by the OCE, determined that no further action is required at this time, and agreed to end its review of this matter with the publication of this Report, which includes the materials referred to the Committee by the OCE.

# II. HOUSE RULES, LAWS, REGULATIONS, OR OTHER STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The Code of Ethics for Government Service, clause 2, provides that any person in government service should "[u]phold the Constitution, laws, and legal regulations of the United States and all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion." One such law is the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), which imposes a tax on individual income. Gifts are not included in gross income for tax purposes, but are separately taxable to the donor. The IRS defines a gift as "[a]ny transfer to an individual, either directly or indirectly, where full consideration (measured in money or money's worth) is not received in return."

House Rule XXVI, clause 2, provides that Title I of the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA) of 1978 "shall be considered Rules of the House as they pertain to Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and employees of the House." The EIGA, codified at 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101 et seq., provides that Members, officers, and certain staff of the House are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement. The EIGA also requires candidates for federal office to file a Financial Disclosure Statement while they are a candidate. The EIGA, at Section 102(a), describes the information that must be included in a Financial Disclosure Statement. Section 102(e)(1)(A) requires a filer to include "[t]he source of items of earned income earned by a spouse from any person which exceed \$1,000. . . ." Under Section 102(a)(2)(A), a filer must disclose "the value of all gifts aggregating more" than a set amount "received from any source other than a relative of the reporting individual . . . ." However, under Section 102(e)(1), a filer does not need to include gifts to a spouse that are wholly independent of the filer. Section 104 of the EIGA makes the failure to file such information a misdemeanor punishable by a fine under Title 18 of the United States Code.

#### III. BACKGROUND

#### A. TRANSFERS TO REPRESENTATIVE TIERNEY'S WIFE

Representative Tierney is married to Mrs. Patrice Tierney. Mrs. Tierney's brothers, Robert and Daniel Eremian, allegedly ran an illegal betting website that they moved to Antigua and Barbuda around 1996.<sup>5</sup> Robert Eremian moved from Massachusetts to Antigua around this same time.<sup>6</sup> Beginning around 2002 and continuing through 2009, Mrs. Tierney assisted Robert Eremian in many ways, including paying his personal bills, filing his tax returns, managing his baseball season tickets, and helping with his minor children who continued to reside in Massachusetts.<sup>7</sup> During

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>26 U.S.C. § 1. <sup>2</sup>26 U.S.C. § 102(a). <sup>3</sup>26 U.S.C. § 2501.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Frequently Asked Questions on Gift Taxes, Internal Revenue Service, http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-Employed/Frequently-Asked-Questions-on-Gift-Taxes (last visited Sept. 6, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Information at 2, United States v. Tierney, Crim. No. 1:10–CR–10315–WGY (D. Mass. Oct. 4, 2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Testimony of Mrs. Tierney at 44–53, United States v. Lyons and Eremian, Crim. No. 1:10–CR–10159–WGY (D. Mass. Nov. 21, 2011).

a portion of this time, Mrs. Tierney also cared for their mother, Mary Eremian, who had cancer.<sup>8</sup>

As part of these activities, Mrs. Tierney had access to and control over Robert Eremian's checking account. Mrs. Tierney used money from Robert Eremian's checking account to pay for expenses related to the care of Robert Eremian's children and their mother. After a few years, Mrs. Tierney began writing checks from Robert Eremian's checking account to herself, in the amount of approximately \$1,000 per month. From 2004 to 2010, the total amount of checks from Robert Eremian to Mrs. Tierney, including both the monthly payments and funds to assist with Robert Eremian's children, was \$173,047.75. Beginning in 2006, Mrs. Tierney also wrote checks from her brother to their mother, which their mother, in turn, endorsed to Mrs. Tierney.9 From 2006 to 2010, the total amount of checks from Mrs. Tierney's mother to Mrs. Tierney was \$50,000.

Representative Tierney and his wife filed joint tax returns from 2008 to 2010 on which they did not report any payments from Robert Eremian or Mrs. Tierney's mother as income. Representative Tierney also never disclosed Robert Eremian or Mrs. Tierney's mother as a source of earned income for Mrs. Tierney on his annual Financial Disclosure Statements.

On September 20, 2010, Mrs. Tierney entered into a plea agreement with the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. Through that agreement, Mrs. Tierney agreed to waive indictment and plead guilty to four counts of Aiding and Abetting the Filing of False Tax Returns for her brother Robert Eremian. A little more than a year later, Mrs. Tierney testified in the related trial of her other brother, Daniel Eremian who was indicted along with their brother Robert Eremian on August 5, 2010, for charges related to an illegal gambling operation. Robert Eremian currently resides in Antigua and has refused to return to the United States.

During Daniel Eremian's trial, the prosecution asked Mrs. Tierney about the payments she received from Robert Eremian and their mother. The questions probed whether the payments were income or gifts. Mrs. Tierney characterized the payments from her brother as "gifts from [Robert] for helping him." 10 Mrs. Tierney testified that she issued checks to herself from Robert Eremian's account for \$1,000 a month. She also testified that she issued checks to their mother (also for \$1,000 a month) from Robert Eremian's account which their mother, in turn, endorsed to her. Mrs. Tierney denied that checks were endorsed to her from their mother in order to assure that payments from Robert Eremian's account remained within the threshold of tax-free gifts received from family members. Instead, Mrs. Tierney described the payments from her brother to their mother that were signed over to Mrs. Tierney as "a way for [their mother] to compensate me for all I did for her." 11 Mrs. Tierney denied that these payments were salary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>*Id*. at 52.

 $<sup>^9\,\</sup>mathrm{Ms}.$  Tierney's mother, Mary Eremian, passed away on May 27, 2011.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Supra. note 7, p. 51.

paid to her for services performed. Instead, she said that she "was being appreciated." 12

During a sidebar, Mrs. Tierney's lawyer asked the court for a curative instruction to the jury related to tax terms. The lawyer stated, "You might want to say there is no tax consequences to a recipient, a donee of a gift that exceeds the limits." <sup>13</sup> The judge replied, "If you believe it's a gift. I mean, I'm not getting into that one." <sup>14</sup>
Representative Tierney's opponent in the 2012 election made a

campaign issue of whether the payments from Robert Eremian and Mrs. Tierney's mother were income or gifts. Representative Tierney's campaign hired a tax lawyer to submit an opinion letter to a news outlet that was reporting on this issue. 16 The tax lawyer reviewed the transcripts from Mrs. Tierney's sentencing, Daniel Eremian's trial, and a related trial. The tax lawyer's opinion was that the payments to Mrs. Tierney were gifts, not income. The tax lawyer cited a legal treatise, Federal Taxation of Income, Estates & Gifts, stating that the traditional gift versus income "analysis is not applied literally to family transfer situations." <sup>17</sup> The tax lawyer further cited a line of U.S. Tax Court cases holding that transfers between family members are presumed to be gifts. 18

#### B. OCE REFERRAL

On June 13, 2013, the OCE referred to the Committee for further review allegations that Representative Tierney should have disclosed Robert Eremian as a source of earned income for Mrs. Tierney on Representative Tierney's annual Financial Disclosure Statements and that the payments from Robert Eremian to Mrs. Tierney were income and should have been reported as such to the IRS. 19 On July 26, 2013, the Committee announced that it was extending its review of the matter for an additional 45 days.

According to the OCE, during its review, Representative Tierney produced documents to the OCE but declined to be interviewed. Mrs. Tierney did not cooperate with the OCE review, saying, through her attorney, that on "October 23, 2012, [she] was involved in a serious automobile accident and suffered head and neck injuries, with resulting memory loss." Robert Eremian, who remains a fugitive, refused to provide information subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001. And Daniel Eremian's counsel did not respond to the OCE's request for information.

The OCE reviewed the opinion letter issued by the tax attorney hired by Representative Tierney's campaign. The OCE noted "that the legal opinion of the counsel for the campaign committee conflicts with U.S. Supreme Court precedent." <sup>20</sup> The OCE further stated that "although the opinion from the counsel for the cam-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Id. at 52.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Id.
 <sup>15</sup> Mooney and Rezendes, On eve of debate, Tierney releases tax returns, The Boston Globe (Sept. 27, 2012), http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/09/26/eve-debate-rep-john-tierney-releases-tax-returns/yGWIRw32TLmvqYUTMPZuMN/story.html.
 <sup>16</sup> The campaign's tax lawyer is a former Senior Attorney with the IRS Office of Chief Counsel. The tax lawyer has no obvious partisan background.
 <sup>17</sup> Letter from D. Sean McMahon to Michael Rezendes (Sept. 24, 2012), p. 2 (citing Boris Bittker & Lawrence Lokken, Federal Taxation of Income, Estates & Gifts, par. 10.2.6 (2012)).
 <sup>18</sup> Id. (citing Dallas v. Commissioner, 92 T.C.M. (CCH) 313 (2006); Estate of Stone v. Commissioner, 86 T.C.M. (CCH) 551 (2003); Harwood v. Commissioner, 82 T.C. No. 239, 258 (1984)).
 <sup>19</sup> OCE Review No. 13–1064.
 <sup>20</sup> Id., p. 16 n. 92.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Id., p. 16 n. 92.

paign committee explains that determining whether such payments are gifts or income is a fact specific question, the opinion is not based on any facts from interviews with the relevant parties." <sup>21</sup>

#### C. COMMITTEE REVIEW

Pursuant to Committee Rule 17A(a), the Committee reviews the reports and findings transmitted by the OCE without prejudice or presumptions as to the merit of the allegations. The Committee has reviewed the materials provided by the OCE, including the sworn testimony of Mrs. Tierney.<sup>22</sup> The Committee also asked numerous questions of Representative Tierney who cooperated with the Committee's requests. Representative Tierney maintained that he was never aware of any intent for the payments in question to be treated as earned income. Representative Tierney affirmed to the Committee that there was no instance of Robert Eremian or Mrs. Tierney's mother ever expressing any intent that the payment to Mrs. Tierney should be treated as compensation for services rendered. Representative Tierney further affirmed that there was never any agreement, written or otherwise, between Mrs. Tierney and Robert Eremian or Mrs. Tierney's mother regarding the transfer of funds to Mrs. Tierney, and that when Mrs. Tierney helped her brother and his family, and when she cared for their mother, she did so voluntarily. Finally, Representative Tierney affirmed that he is not aware of any instance in which Robert Eremian or Mrs. Tierney's mother withheld or otherwise paid taxes, or filed any forms with the IRS, with respect to the transfer of funds to Mrs. Tiernev.

In addition, the Committee conducted a telephone interview of Robert Eremian, who, as noted above, is currently under indictment by U.S. authorities and is living in Antigua. Mr. Eremian corroborated the statements of Representative Tierney and Mrs. Tierney that the payments to his sister were never intended to be treated as salary in exchange for services rendered. Mr. Eremian stated that during a trying time in his life Mrs. Tierney took over for Mr. Eremian's wife in overseeing certain basic household responsibilities for Mr. Eremian such as taking care of his children and paying his personal bills. In addition, Ms. Tierney cared for her and Mr. Eremian's ailing mother. Mr. Eremian said that he wanted to "compensate" his sister for her assistance. However, he emphasized that he was unsure that the term "compensate" was properly applied in this scenario, and that the most important thing to him was to assure that Mrs. Tierney did not suffer any losses as a result of her assistance to him. Furthermore, Mr. Eremian stated that he did not have any documentary evidence regarding these questions.

 $<sup>^{21}</sup>Id$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup>The Committee also reviewed the OCE's Memorandum of Interview of Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney. See Report and Findings of the Office of Congressional Ethics in the Matter of Representative John Tierney (Review No. 13–1064), Exhibit 7. That interview indicates that Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney gave advice on how to structure the transfers to Mrs. Tierney to avoid gift tax liability. However, he did not have additional information relevant to the question of whether the transfers were income or gifts.

#### IV. ANALYSIS

The IRC imposes a tax on individual income.<sup>23</sup> If the payments to Mrs. Tierney were income, Representative Tierney and his wife would have owed taxes on the payments. Conversely, the IRC excludes gifts from gross income for tax purposes.<sup>24</sup> Gifts are, instead, separately taxable to the donor.<sup>25</sup> Thus, if the payments were gifts, Representative Tierney and his wife would not owe taxes on the payments. The determination of what constitutes a gift versus income is highly fact-specific and can be difficult to make in instances where both indicia of consideration and donative intent are present. This analysis is further complicated in instances involving transfers between family members.

The seminal case on determining whether transfers of money are income or gifts is Commissioner v. Duberstein. 26 In Duberstein, the Supreme Court set forth a number of principles to take into account in making this determination. The Court stated that a payment will be recognized as a gift when it "proceeds from a 'detached and disinterested generosity" 27 or 'out of affection, respect, admiration, charity or like impulses." 28 However, "the mere absence of a legal or moral obligation to make . . . a payment does not establish that it is a gift." 29 "[I]f the payment proceeds primarily from 'the constraining force of any moral or legal duty,' or from 'the incentive of anticipated benefit' of an economic nature, it is not a gift." 30 "And, conversely, '(w)here the payment is in return for services rendered, it is irrelevant that the donor derives no economic benefit from it.'31 In making these assessments, the Court stated that the most critical consideration is the transferor's intent.32 Each of these factors should be decided on a case-by-case basis.33

In its analysis, the OCE relied almost entirely on *Duberstein*. In applying the *Duberstein* line of cases there are several factors that would suggest the regular monthly payments directly to Mrs. Tierney and those endorsed over from her mother drawn on Robert Eremian's account were taken in exchange for services rendered, and that it would be reasonable to characterize them as earned income. However, the OCE did not address the additional legal analysis applied to intrafamily transfers.

Indeed, there is very little legal authority applying *Duberstein* to intrafamily transfers.34 Instead, as noted in the legal opinion for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 1. <sup>24</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 102(a). <sup>25</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 2501.

 <sup>25 26</sup> U.S.C. § 2501.
 26 363 U.S. 278 (1960).
 27 Id. at 285 (quoting Commissioner of Internal Revenue v. LoBue, 351 U.S. 243, 246 (1956)).
 28 Id. (quoting Robertson v. United States, 343 U.S. 711, 714 (1952)).
 29 Id. (citting Old Colony Trust Co. v. Commissioner, 279 U.S. 716, 730 (1929)).
 30 Id. (quoting Bogardus v. Commissioner, 302 U.S. 34, 41 (1937)).
 31 Id. (quoting Robertson v. United States, supra note 28).
 32 Id. at 285-286 (quoting Bogardus v. United States, supra note 30, at 45).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Id. at 285–286 (quoting Bogardus v. United States, supra note 30, at 45). <sup>33</sup>Id. at 290.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup>Th. at 290.
<sup>34</sup>The limited precedent applying Duberstein to intrafamily transfers is easily distinguishable from this matter. For example, in *Altman* v. *C.I.R.*, 475 F.2d 876 (2d Cir. 1973), the court held that a transfer of cash and stock from a mother to a son was income, not a gift. However, the court found evidence that the transfer "was prompted by something less than maternal affection" because the son had "threatened to throw the family business into bankruptcy and report [the mother] to the Internal Revenue Service for alleged violations" if she did not complete the transfer

Representative Tierney's campaign, intrafamily transfers are subject to a presumption that they are gifts.

The treatise cited by the tax opinion includes a chapter entitled "Intrafamily Transfers." <sup>35</sup> Amongst other things, the treatise notes that some transfers of assets between family members are regularly treated as tax-free "even though their excludability under the Duberstein criteria is arguable." 36 This analysis hinges, in large part, on the presumption that certain services performed by family members to the benefit of other family members are done for free, thereby rendering moot even explicit agreements for money in exchange for those services.<sup>37</sup> To illustrate this point, the treatise cites a Maryland state court case holding that a promise of compensation for services may be rebutted by a close relationship of parties, and a U.S. Tax Court case holding that even when a husband agreed to pay his wife for health care services the money she received from him could be treated as a gift.38 The treatise does caution, however, that some agreements that are "stimulated by affection" can nevertheless be legally enforceable, and "to the extent that such obligations are paid pursuant to legal compulsion, these amounts would not qualify as gifts if the Duberstein criteria were pushed to their logical extreme." 39

While courts have rarely addressed the question of whether an intrafamily transfer is a gift or income, they have addressed the question of whether an intrafamily transfer is a gift or an arm's-length transaction in the context of sales of assets between family members.<sup>40</sup> Those cases generally hold that there is a presumption that intrafamily transfers are gifts and not bona fide sales in the ordinary course of business.41

For example, Harwood v. Commissioner 42 involved the transfer of a company's partnership interest from a mother to her sons in exchange for a note. The U.S. Tax Court held that, to the extent that the fair market value of the partnership interest was less than the value of the note, the transfer was a gift. The court explained the transfer was not an "arm's-length" transaction, to wit, the transfer was structured solely by the family accountant with no bargaining. 43 In its decision, the court noted the Gift Tax Regulations' provision that transfers "made in the ordinary course of business" will be considered to be exchanges made for full consideration 44 and that "[t]ransactions between a family group are subject to special scrutiny." 45

It is possible, however, to rebut the presumption that intrafamily transfers are gifts. For example, in Estate of Stone v. Commis-

<sup>35</sup> Boris Bittker & Lawrence Lokken, Federal Taxation of Income, Estates & Gifts, par. 10.2.6 (2012).  $^{36}$  Id. (citing Restatement of Restitution  $\S$  107 cmt. (1937)).  $^{37}$  Id. (citing Loveland's Est. v. CIR, 13 TC 5 (1949)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup>Transfers from an estate are subject to yet another taxation scheme. 26 U.S.C. §§ 2001 et

seq. 41 Harwood v. Commissioner, 82 T.C. No. 239, 258 (1984) (citing Estate of Reynolds, 55 T.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup>Id. at 259. See also Dallas v. Commissioner, 92 T.C.M. (CCH) 313 (2006) (finding a gift, in part, because the transaction was designed by donor's counsel to serve donor's estate planning goals and recipients were not represented by their own counsel).  $^{44}Id.$  at 257 (quoting 26 CFR § 25.2512–8).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup>*Id.* at 259.

sioner, 46 the U.S. Tax Court held that a transfer of various assets from parents to their children was not a gift because the transfer was an arm's-length transaction. The court explained that each party negotiated the terms of the agreement (instead of one party recommending a deal structure and the other simply acquiescing to that structure), that the parties used independent counsels in those negotiations, and that the transfers were motivated primarily by investment and business concerns and the avoidance of litigation by the children after the parents' death.<sup>47</sup>

There is even less guidance in the EIGA as to the distinction between income and gifts from family members, and the Committee has never directly addressed the distinction. However, the Committee would consider similar factors as in the tax context for their

informative value.

The Committee has recommended to the House that Members be sanctioned for failure to report and pay taxes. 48 Most recently, in the matter of Representative Charles Kangel, the Committee recommended to the House that it censure Representative Rangel for, among other things, his failure to report and pay taxes on a property he owned in the Dominican Republic. 49 The House further ordered Representative Rangel to make payments to the U.S. Treasury for the amount of back taxes owed, even though the taxes were outside the statute of limitations. However, there was no dispute that Representative Rangel owed the taxes in question. Indeed, the amount he needed to repay was determined by a tax opinion that Representative Rangel himself commissioned.<sup>50</sup> Unlike in the matter of Representative Rangel, the record before the Committee in this matter is unclear as to whether Representative Tierney and his wife owe taxes on the payments in question.

As noted earlier, there are factors present that would advise treatment of the payments as income in circumstances not involving family members, subject to the Duberstein case and its progeny alone. For instance, the payments were regular monthly payments in the same amount which were recognized to be "compensation" (even if Mrs. Tierney and Robert Eremian believe that "compensation" is consistent with describing something as a gift, and not a salary). Furthermore, for Mrs. Tierney to regularly write monthly checks to her mother with the knowledge and intent that they would be immediately and entirely endorsed back to Mrs. Tierney may, though Mrs. Tierney appears to have denied this suggestion at the trial of Daniel Eremian, evidence an intent that the "gifting" nature of the two step transfer is a mere pretext (though it is possible that the pretext is merely to disguise the full amount of the gift from Robert Eremian, in which case the Tierney's tax and financial disclosure obligations would not change).

Based on these factors, if the Committee were asked for informal guidance or a formal opinion regarding how to report similar payments outside of an intrafamily transfer on a filer's Financial Dis-

ute of limitations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup>86 T.C.M. (CCH) 551 (2003).

 <sup>48</sup> See e.g., House Comm. on Standards of Official Conduct, In the Matter of Representative James A. Traficant, Jr., H. Rpt. 107-594, 107th Cong., 2d Sess. at 1 (2002).
 49 House Comm. on Standards of Official Conduct, In the Matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel, H. Rpt. 111-661, 111th Cong., 2d Sess. at 2 (2010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup>Id. at 922-931. Indeed, Representative Rangel attempted to pay all the taxes before the Committee concluded its investigation, but the IRS would not accept payments outside the stat-

closure Statements, the Committee might advise that the most cautious approach would be to report the regular monthly payments (not the clear reimbursements for expenses) as income. However, where there is a significant question of tax law, the Committee regularly advises filers to consult with outside tax attorneys and treat the uncertain amounts in good faith upon such advice for both tax

reporting and financial disclosure purposes.

However, even these factors are not conclusive and their persuasive character is diminished further in the context of intrafamily transfers. Furthermore, just as the courts have almost never addressed circumstances clearly analogous to these, the Committee has issued no guidance in the past which would clearly instruct a filer how to interpret these facts for purposes of financial disclosure. Finally, based on the unavailability of Mrs. Tierney's mother and Robert Eremian's statement that he had no documentary evidence regarding this issue, it appears that any additional fact-gathering would be incomplete, at best, and insufficient to overcome the clear testimony of Mrs. Tierney regarding her understanding and intent, and Representative's Tierney's affirmation that he was and is not aware of any intent or indicia of intent for the payments to be the equivalent of salary or earned income.

#### V. CONCLUSION

As explained above, a determination of whether earned income accrued to Representative Tierney's wife relies on a variety of factors and has very little precedent in analogous factual circumstances. To date, Representative Tierney and Mrs. Tierney have both sworn or affirmed that they believe the intent of the regular monthly payments were as gifts, and not as arm's-length salary for services. The only other surviving witness who could verify or contradict that understanding, Robert Eremian, has further corroborated their statements. Beyond such direct testimony or documentary evidence related to the intent of the parties to the transfer, the few factors discussed above concerning the nature of the payments which might be persuasive in the non-family context, are far less persuasive in the intrafamily transfer context. In either context, whether or not the factors are persuasive of how the payments should best be treated, these factors certainly are not sufficient to warrant a finding that Representative Tierney intentionally mischaracterized the nature of the payments for financial disclosure and tax purposes.

In addition, Representative Tierney's constituents are well aware of the facts surrounding the relevant payments and their reporting at this time. Therefore, the interests of reporting on Financial Disclosure Statements have been served, and would not be furthered even if additional evidence led the Committee to require an amendment of Representative Tierney's previously filed Financial Disclosure Statements. Finally, there is no reason for the Committee to consider referral to the IRS or the Department of Justice as these payments and questions about them were explored in the Government's prosecution of Daniel Eremian and were apparently known to both agencies at the time the Department of Justice negotiated a guilty plea from Mrs. Tierney for aiding and abetting the false

tax filings of Robert Eremian.

For all these reasons, and after careful consideration, the Committee has unanimously voted to close the matter referred by the OCE, determined that no further action is required, and agreed to end its review of this matter with the publication of this Report. Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee

Pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(c)(2), the Committee hereby publishes the OCE's Report and Findings related to the allegations that Representative Tierney failed to report income to the IRS and disclose said income on his Financial Disclosure Statements.

The Chair is directed, upon providing the notices required pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rule 17A(b)(2), to file this Report with the House, together with copies of the OCE's Report and Findings in this matter.<sup>51</sup> The filing of this Report, along with its publication on the Committee's Web site, shall serve as publication of the OCE's Report and Findings in this matter, pursuant to House Rule XI, clause 3(b)(8)(A), and Committee Rules 17A(b)(3) and 17A(c)(2).

# VI. STATEMENT UNDER RULE XIII, CLAUSE 3(c) OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee made no special oversight findings in this Report. No budget statement is submitted. No funding is authorized by any measure in this Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> House Rule XI, clauses 3(a)(2) and 3(b).

# APPENDIX A

Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress as Amended

# OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### REPORT

Review No. 13-1064

The Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (the "Board"), by a vote of no less than four members, on May 31, 2013, adopted the following report and ordered it to be transmitted to the Committee on Ethics of the United States House of Representatives.

SUBJECT: Representative John F. Tierney

NATURE OF THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS: Representative John F. Tierney's wife managed the daily financial and family obligations of her brother for several years. In exchange for her assistance, her brother paid her monthly. From 2007 to 2010, Mrs. Tierney received approximately \$40,000 to \$160,000 from her brother. Representative Tierney filed financial disclosure statements from 2008 to 2011 that do not disclose that Mrs. Tierney received earned income from her brother. Representative Tierney filed his joint federal income tax returns with his wife from 2008 to 2010 that do not include income from her brother.

If Representative Tierney did not include the source of income earned by his spouse from any person that exceeded \$1,000 in his financial disclosure statements, he may have violated House rules and federal law.

If Representative Tierney did not include income earned by his spouse in his joint federal income tax returns, he may have violated federal law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation concerning the financial disclosure statements because there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Tierney's wife earned income from a source that was not disclosed in his financial disclosure statements.

The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation concerning the federal income tax returns because there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Tierney's wife received income that he did not include in their joint federal income tax returns.

VOTES IN THE AFFIRMATIVE: 6

VOTES IN THE NEGATIVE: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR STAFF DESIGNATED TO PRESENT THIS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Omar S. Ashmawy, Staff Director and Chief Counsel.

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CITATIONS TO LAW

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# OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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On May 31, 2013, the Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (the "Board") adopted the following findings of fact and accompanying citations to law, regulations, rules, and standards of conduct (in italics).

The Board notes that these findings do not constitute a determination that a violation actually occurred.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

- From 2003 to 2010, Representative Tierney's wife managed her brother's financial and family obligations because he moved to Antigua.
- 2. Patrice Tierney's brother paid her monthly for the assistance that she provided.
- 3. Representative Tierney did not report the payments that Mrs. Tierney received as earned income in his financial disclosure statements and federal income tax returns.

#### A. Summary of Allegations

- Representative Tierney may have violated House rules and federal law by not including
  the source of income earned by his spouse from any person that exceeded \$1,000 in his
  financial disclosure statements.
- Representative Tierney may have violated federal law by not including income earned by his spouse in his joint federal income tax returns.
- The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation
  concerning the financial disclosure statements because there is substantial reason to
  believe that Representative Tierney's wife earned income from a source that was not
  disclosed in his financial disclosure statements for calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, and
  2010.
- 7. The Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation concerning the federal income tax returns because there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Tierney's wife received income that he did not include in their joint federal income tax returns for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009.

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#### **B.** Jurisdictional Statement

8. The allegations that are the subject of this review concern Representative John F. Tierney, a Member of the United States House of Representatives for the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Massachusetts. The Resolution the United States House of Representatives adopted creating the Office of Congressional Ethics ("OCE") directs that, "[n]o review shall be undertaken . . . by the board of any alleged violation that occurred before the date of adoption of this resolution." The House adopted this Resolution on March 11, 2008. Because the conduct under review occurred after March 11, 2008, the OCE has jurisdiction in this matter.

#### C. Procedural History

- The OCE received a written request for a preliminary review in this matter signed by at least two members of the Board on January 25, 2013. The preliminary review commenced on January 26, 2013.<sup>2</sup> The preliminary review was scheduled to end on February 24, 2013.
- 10. At least three members of the Board voted to initiate a second-phase review in this matter on February 22, 2013. The second-phase review commenced on February 25, 2013.<sup>3</sup> The second-phase review was scheduled to end on April 10, 2013.
- 11. The Board voted to extend the second-phase review for an additional period of fourteen days on March 22, 2013. The second-phase review ended on April 24, 2013.
- 12. Pursuant to Rule 9(B) of the OCE Rules for the Conduct of Investigations, Representative Tierney presented a statement to the Board on May 31, 2013.
- 13. The Board voted to refer the matter to the Committee on Ethics and adopted these findings on May 31, 2013.
- 14. This report and findings were transmitted to the Committee on Ethics on June 13, 2013.

#### D. Summary of Investigative Activity

- 15. The OCE requested and received testimonial and, in some cases, documentary information from the following sources:
  - (1) Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney;
  - (2) Robert Eremian's Criminal Attorney; and

<sup>2</sup> A preliminary review is "requested" in writing by members of the Board of the OCE. The request for a preliminary review is "received" by the OCE on a date certain. According to the Resolution, the time frame for conducting a preliminary review is thirty days from the date of receipt of the Board's request.

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<sup>1</sup> H. Res. 895, 110th Cong. §1(e), as amended (the "Resolution").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> According to the Resolution, the Board must vote on whether to conduct a second-phase review in a matter before the expiration of the thirty-day preliminary review. If the Board votes for a second-phase, the second-phase begins when the preliminary review ends. The second-phase review does not begin on the date of the Board vote.

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- (3) United States Department of Justice.4
- 16. Representative Tierney produced documentary information to the OCE, but he declined to interview with the OCE. He presented a statement to the Board pursuant to OCE Rule 9(B). The Board determined that Representative Tierney was a non-cooperating witness.
- 17. The following individuals declined to produce documentary and testimonial information in response to OCE requests and the Board determined that they are non-cooperating witnesses:
  - (1) Patrice Tierney;
  - (2) Robert Eremian; and
  - (3) Daniel Eremian.

## II. REPRESENTATIVE TIERNEY DID NOT DISCLOSE PAYMENTS THAT HIS WIFE RECEIVED FOR SERVICES SHE PROVIDED TO HER BROTHER

#### A. Laws, Regulations, Rules, and Standards of Conduct

House Rule 26

18. Pursuant to House Rule 26, "the provisions of title I of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 shall be considered Rules of the House as they pertain to Members, Delegates, the Resident Commissioner, officers, and employees of the House."

#### Ethics in Government Act

19. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 4 §§ 101, 102

Sec. 101. (d) Any individual who is an officer or employee described in subsection (f) during any calendar year and performs the duties of his position or office for a period in excess of sixty days in that calendar year shall file on or before May 15 of the succeeding year a report containing the information described in section 102(a).

Sec. 102. (e) each report required by section 101 shall also contain information listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (a) of this section respecting the spouse or dependent child of the reporting individual as follows . . .

The source of items of earned income earned by a spouse from any person which exceed \$1,000 and the source and amount of any honoraria received by a spouse, except that, with respect to earned income (other than honoraria), if the spouse is self-employed in business or a profession, only the nature of such business or profession need be reported

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The OCE requested and received from the Department of Justice certain public documents that were presented in the trial of *U.S. v. Lyons and Eremian, No. 10-10159-PBS (D. Mass.).* 

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- 20. Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. 4 § 109, "income means all income from whatever source derived, including but not limited to the following items: compensation for services, including fees, commissions, and similar items; gross income derived from business (and net income if the individual elects to include it) . . . .
- 21. The House Ethics Manual advises that "'[e]arned' income refers to compensation derived from employment or personal efforts . . . A filer must report the source, but not the amount, of income earned by a spouse when that income exceeds \$1,000."

#### Internal Revenue Code

- 22. "Any person who willfully attempts in any manner to evade or defeat any tax imposed by this title or the payment thereof shall, in addition to other penalties provided by law, be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100,000 (\$500,000 in the case of a corporation), or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution."
- 23. "Gross income does not include the value of property acquired by gift . . . . "6

#### B. Mrs. Tierney was Responsible for Managing Her Brother's Financial and **Family Obligations for Several Years**

- 24. Details concerning Mrs. Tierney's role in assisting her brother, Robert Eremian, with his personal affairs became public when she entered into a plea agreement in the criminal case of United States v. Patrice Tierney ("Plea Agreement"). Additional details concerning payments that she received for her assistance became public during her trial testimony in the criminal case of United States v. Lyons and Eremian.
- 25. According to her trial testimony, Mrs. Tierney became responsible for managing the financial and family obligations of her brother, Robert Eremian, when he moved from the United States to Antigua to work for a company called Sports Offshore in late 2002 or

<sup>6</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 102. The Supreme Court has held that when determining whether a transfer of property is a gift within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code excluding from gross income, "the mere absence of a legal or moral

obligation to make such a payment does not establish that it is a gift. And, importantly, if the payment proceeds primarily from the 'constraining force of any moral or legal duty,' or from the 'incentive of anticipated benefit' of an economic nature it is not a gift. And conversely, '(w)here the payment is in return for services rendered, it is irrelevant that the donor derives no economic benefit from it. A gift in the statutory sense, on the other hand, proceeds from a 'detached and disinterested generosity,' out of affection, respect, admiration, charity or like impulses." Comm'r of Internal Revenue v. Duberstein, 363 U.S. 278, 285 (1967) (citations omitted). "[I]n making the gift-compensation determination, 'the proper criterion . . . is one that inquires what the basic reason for [the payor's] conduct was in fact—the dominant reason that explains his action in making the transfer." Lane v. United States, 286 F.3d 723, 729 (4th Cir. 2002) (quoting Duberstein, 363 U.S. at 286). "It is true, of course, that 'the donor's characterization of his action is not determinative' Rather, 'there must be an objective inquiry as to whether what is called a gift amounts to it in reality." Id. (quoting Duberstein, 363 U.S. at 286).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Information attached to the Plea Agreement in *United States v. Patrice Tierney*, No. 10-10315-WGY (D. Mass. October 4, 2010) ("Plea Agreement") (Exhibit 1 at 13-1064 0009-0012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Testimony of Patrice Tierney, United States v. Lyons and Eremian, No. 10-10159-PBS (D. Mass. Nov. 21, 2011) November 21, 2011 ("Mrs. Tierney Testimony") (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064 0014-0160).

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early 2003.9 Her Plea Agreement states that Sports Offshore was a gambling business headquartered in Antigua.

- 26. From approximately 2003 to 2010, she: (1) managed his personal bank account; (2) paid his personal bills; (3) prepared his personal income tax returns; (4) managed his baseball season tickets; (5) provided care for his children; and (6) provided care for their mother. 11
- 27. In October 2010, Mrs. Tierney pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the filing of false tax returns by (1) engaging in a conscious course of deliberate ignorance regarding the true nature of Mr. Eremian's income and his ownership of an off-shore gambling business; and (2) mischaracterizing the deposits of her brother's bank account as "commissions" in documents submitted to Robert Eremian's Tax Lawyer. 12

#### Managing Bank Account

- 28. During the years that Mrs. Tierney was responsible for managing her brother's bank account in Massachusetts (she was a joint account holder 13), he caused in excess of \$7 million in proceeds from Sports Offshore to be deposited into the bank account.14
- 29. Mrs. Tierney handled the daily management of the bank account, which included maintaining detailed records of all of the account's transactions. <sup>15</sup> She learned an accounting computer program, QuickBooks, and recorded the transactions with the program.
- 30. She made deposits into the bank account when her brother sent checks to her from Antigua.<sup>17</sup> She also drafted checks from the account and made wire transfers from the account for various payments.18
- 31. She was responsible for reviewing the bank account statements for accuracy, including reviewing to determine whether credit card payments listed were actually credit card payments authorized by Mr. Eremian.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0035); Memorandum from Pamela J. Lombardini to U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro, dated November 19, 2002 (Exhibit 3 at 13-1064\_0162). 

10 Plea Agreement (Exhibit 1 at 13-1064\_0010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0065); Disposition, United States v. Patrice Tierney, No. 10-10315-WGY (D. Mass. Jan. 13, 2011) ("Disposition") (Exhibit 4 at 13-1064\_0180-0181).

Plea Agreement (Exhibit 1 at 13-1064 0010).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0058).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Id.*; Although Mrs. Tierney's plea agreement states that \$7 million in proceeds were deposited in the bank account, she testified that \$5 million was deposited in the account. Id. at 13-1064\_0099.  $^{15}$  Id. at 13-1064\_0099.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0049.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Id. at 13-1064\_0039, 0041, 0058-0060, 0100.

<sup>19</sup> Id. at 13-1064\_0123-0124.

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#### Paying Personal Bills

- 32. According to a statement by the government during the sentencing proceeding of Mrs. Tierney's trial, she acted as her brother's "personal business secretary." A large portion of the expenses that came out of this checking account that she managed would have paid her brother's business expenses, his travel expenses, his credit card bills, [and] expenses related to the operation of this gambling business."
- 33. Specifically, she paid monthly bills for credit cards and periodic bills for telephones and insurance.<sup>22</sup>
- 34. She also made multiple payments per year from the personal bank account to the U.S.

  Treasury.<sup>23</sup> These payments were for her brother's income tax. She paid approximately \$2.4 million from the account for taxes during the time period when she managed the account.<sup>24</sup>
- 35. She also used the account to pay bills for a residential timeshare property in Nantucket.<sup>25</sup>

#### Preparing Tax Returns

- 36. Mrs. Tierney used the detailed QuickBooks records she compiled to prepare her brother's income tax returns.<sup>26</sup>
- 37. She provided the QuickBooks records to Robert Eremian's Tax Lawyer.<sup>27</sup> Robert Eremian's Tax Lawyer told the OCE that he used the QuickBooks records to assist with the preparation of Robert Eremian's income tax filing.<sup>28</sup>
- 38. According to Mrs. Tierney's plea agreement, "[i]n an effort to conceal the true nature of his income, Robert Eremian falsely represented himself as a consultant to Sports Offshore rather than the principal of Sports Offshore... As a result, [Mrs Tierney] mischaracterized the deposits to the [bank account] as 'commissions' in documents submitted to Eremian's tax preparer."<sup>29</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Collection of check payments for credit cards, telephones, and insurance (Exhibit 5 at 13-1064\_0194-0216).

<sup>23</sup> Collection of check payments to the United States Treasury (Exhibit 6 at 13-1064\_0218-0249).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Disposition (Exhibit 4 at 13-1064\_0177).

<sup>21</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0101); Collection of payments to U.S. Treasury (Exhibit 6 at 13-1064\_0218-0249).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0073-0074).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Plea Agreement (Exhibit 1 at 13-1064\_0011-0012).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0155-0156); Memorandum of Interview of Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney, April 24, 2013 ("Eremian's Attorney MOI") (Exhibit 7 at 13-1064\_0252).

<sup>28</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Plea Agreement (Exhibit 1 at 13-1064\_0011).

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#### Managing Season Tickets

- 39. Robert Eremian had baseball season tickets for the Boston Red Sox. Mrs. Tierney managed these tickets.<sup>30</sup>
- 40. Specifically, she drafted checks from her brother's bank account to buy the tickets annually.<sup>31</sup> She also arranged to sell the tickets to potential buyers.<sup>32</sup>
- 41. She was responsible for distributing the tickets to individuals who her brother directed to call her for the tickets.<sup>33</sup>

#### Providing Care for Children

- 42. Mrs. Tierney stated in the trial of Daniel Eremian, that she took care of Robert Eremian's children when he moved to Antigua. Her attorney stated during her sentencing hearing that Mrs. Tierney cared for her nieces and nephews when her brother "left the three of them up here in Massachusetts really in the care of a nanny. The estranged mother, their mother, Mr. Eremian's estranged wife, lives in Florida with very serious, historically [sic], drug and alcohol problems. She's been in and out of rehab. There was nobody who was caring for them. So [Mrs. Tierney] was, if you will, the surrogate mother. You know checking on them, buying them their clothes, paying the credit card bills, taking care of the house in Lynnfield. The property of the credit card bills, taking care of the house in Lynnfield.
- 43. Mrs. Tierney stated that she used her brother's bank account to pay for all of their expenses and the house expenses of their home in Lynnfield, Massachusetts.<sup>36</sup> These expenses included checks she drafted to pay for the school tuition of the children.<sup>37</sup>
- 44. Mrs. Tierney also routinely transferred money from her brother's bank account to a bank account that she shared with the nanny of her brother's children.<sup>38</sup> Mrs. Tierney used this account with the nanny to pay for expenses for the children.<sup>39</sup>

#### Providing Care for Mother

45. Mrs. Tierney stated that another task that she did for her brother was to take care of their ailing mother. 40 According to her trial transcript, Mrs. Tierney was "waiting hand and

<sup>30</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0072).

<sup>31</sup> Collection of check payments for baseball season tickets (Exhibit 8 at 13-1064\_0256-0260).

<sup>32</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0072).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0065, 0133.

<sup>35</sup> Disposition (Exhibit 4 at 13-1064\_0184).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0059).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Collection of check payments for school tuition (Exhibit 9 at 13-1064\_0262-0264).

<sup>38</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0059).

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<sup>40</sup> Id. at 13-1064\_0065.

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foot" or her ill mother at the same time that she handled her brother's other financial and family obligations.41

- 46. Mrs. Tierney routinely transferred money from her brother's bank account to a bank account that she shared with her mother. 42 Mrs. Tierney used this account to pay for expenses for her mother. 43
- 47. Overall, Mrs. Tierney was responsible for a wide range of her brother's daily personal affairs, which required an extensive amount of time and effort.

#### C. Mrs. Tierney's Brother Paid Her for the Services that She Provided

Payments Directly from Robert Eremian's Bank Account

48. According to Mrs. Tierney's trial testimony, from approximately 2004 to 2010, she wrote a \$1,000 check from her brother's bank account payable to herself every month. She stated that "I was being appreciated" for "taking care of children that were left behind, paying his household bills, his personal bills, and taking care of our mother who had cancer."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0133. <sup>42</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0059. <sup>43</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0148.

<sup>44</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0065.

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49. From 2007 to 2010, these monthly payments totaled \$39,800.  $^{45}\,$  The OCE was able to verify this amount from copies of checks written to Mrs. Tierney that were produced during the review. 46 Mrs. Tierney possibly received additional payments of approximately \$82,697 directly from her brother during this time period.<sup>47</sup> This amount is based on a document introduced during her trial testimony summarizing the payments that Mrs. Tierney received.<sup>48</sup> The OCE was unable to confirm whether Mrs. Tierney received the additional payments because she declined to provide documents that the OCE requested. As a result, the Board notes the evidence before it suggests that Mrs. Tierney received between \$39,800 to \$122,497 in direct payments from her brother.<sup>49</sup>

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50. In addition, according to a statement of Mrs. Tierney's attorney during her sentencing hearing, her brother's bank account paid for her monthly car lease and her mobile phone. 50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Collection of check payments to Patrice Tierney 2007 to 2010 (Exhibit 10 at 13-1064\_0266-0304). The monthly payments were \$1,000, except for \$2,800 received in May 2008. *Id.* at 13-1064\_0288-0289. <sup>46</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>121.</sup> Trial Exhibit 239 from *United States v. Lyons and Eremian* ("Payment Summary") (Exhibit 11 at 13-1064\_0306); Mrs. Tierney Testimony at (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0062-0064).

<sup>48</sup> Payment Summary (Exhibit 11 at 13-1064\_0306).

<sup>49</sup> Id.

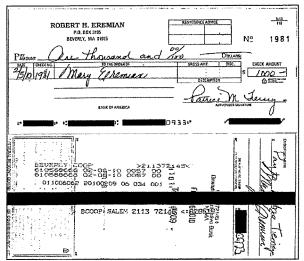
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Disposition (Exhibit 4 at 13-1064\_0185).

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51. During the time that Mrs. Tierney managed her brother's personal affairs she did not have any employment, except with her company, Tierney Designs<sup>51</sup> which generated approximately \$4,000 to \$8,000 of her annual income.<sup>52</sup>

#### Payments Indirectly from Robert Eremian's Account

- 52. Mrs. Tierney stated in her trial testimony that every month she wrote a \$1,000 check from her brother's account payable to her mother. She testified that the checks were "signed over to me by my mom, so that would be put into . . . my account."53
- 53. Mrs. Tierney stated that the endorsed checks from her mother were "a way to compensate me for all that I did for her."54
- 54. From 2007 to 2010, these monthly payments totaled  $\$38,000.^{55}$



Payments Described as Gifts

55. When asked whether the payments were "a lot of money," Mrs. Tierney said "Yes. I did a lot of work."56 However, she stated that she was not compensated as an employee.5

55 Collection of check payments to Mary Eremian endorsed to Patrice Tierney (Exhibit 14 at 13-1064\_0351-0388).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Mrs. Tierney also wrote checks from her brother bank account to Tierney Designs. *See* Collection of check

payments to Tierney Designs (Exhibit 12 at 13-1064\_0308-0316).

The payments to Tierney Designs (Exhibit 12 at 13-1064\_0308-0316).

Representative Tierney Financial Disclosure Statements for CY 2007-2009 (Exhibit 13 at 13-1064\_0318-0349); Representative Tierney Tax Returns Schedule CY 2007-2009.

Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0060).

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- 56. Mrs. Tierney testified that "I received gifts from my brother for helping him." 58
- 57. None of the legal proceedings involving Mrs. Tierney and her brother concluded whether the payments were gifts or income.
- 58. For example, the trial court in U.S. v. Lyons and Eremian did not make any determination as to whether the payments were gifts or income. Mrs. Tierney's attorney asked the court to instruct the jury about gift tax consequences, and the judge responded "If you believe it's a gift. I mean, I'm not getting into that one."59
- 59. Mrs. Tierney testified at the trial that she had conversations with Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney about the payments. 60 Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney is a friend of Representative Tierney, who went to the same high school, college, and law school as Representative Tierney. 61 Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney told the OCE that he believes Representative Tierney recommended that Robert Eremian hire him. 62
- 60. Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney told the OCE that he did not advise Mrs. Tierney that the payments from her brother were gifts. <sup>63</sup> He recalled that around 2003 Mrs. Tierney asked him whether the payments she received from her brother were taxable.<sup>64</sup> He stated that his reply was limited to saying if the payments are gifts they are not taxable.<sup>65</sup> He did not advise her on how to determine whether the payments were income or gifts.<sup>66</sup>
- 61. Mrs. Tierney testified that she asked Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney about the threshold for when gifts became taxable. 67 Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney did not recall conversations about the threshold with Mrs. Tierney, but he recalled such conversations with Robert Eremian. 68 He explained to Mr. Eremian that the gift tax threshold was \$12,000 annually.69
- 62. Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney told the OCE that he did not advise Mr. Eremian on whether the payments to his sister were gifts. <sup>70</sup> He stated that Mr. Eremian told him that he wanted to give a gift to Mrs. Tierney for taking care of his children and handling his checking account.<sup>71</sup> Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney left it up to Mr. Eremian to

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<sup>56</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064_0064).
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0071.
<sup>60</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0066.
<sup>61</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>62</sup> Eremian's Attorney MOI (Exhibit 7 at 13-1064\_0251-0252).

<sup>63</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0253.

<sup>64</sup> Id.

<sup>65</sup> *Id*. <sup>66</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Trial Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064\_0066).

<sup>68</sup> Eremian's Attorney MOI (Exhibit 7 at 13-1064\_0253).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> *Id*.

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determine whether the payments were gifts. 72 When Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney received the QuickBooks records to prepare Robert Eremian's taxes, there was a line item for "Gifts for Patrice."73

- 63. Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney had no recollection of gifts from Mr. Eremian's mother to Mrs. Tierney. <sup>74</sup>
- 64. When the OCE asked Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney whether he believes in hindsight that the payments from Mr. Eremian to Mrs. Tierney were gifts or income, he stated that that the payments were gifts because, based on the Mrs. Tierney's trial testimony and news articles that he reviewed, Mrs. Tierney took care of Mr. Eremian's children. He considered this arrangement to have been a familial obligation. The witness stated that determining whether something is a gift is based on what is in the mind of the donor and he believed that Mr. Eremian thought of it as gifts.
- 65. The witness stated he had no direct knowledge to inform his legal opinion, only newspaper reports and the trial transcript. 78
- 66. When asked about the legal basis of his opinion that the payments were gifts, the witness stated that it was based on his years of experience.<sup>79</sup> When asked whether he was familiar with the case of *Commissioner of Internal Revenue v. Duberstein*<sup>80</sup> and the standard of "detached and disinterested generosity," the witness said no. <sup>81</sup> He was shown a copy of Duberstein and he stated that he did not consider this standard when he formulated his opinion to the OCE about whether the payments were gifts.82

#### D. Representative Tierney Did Not Disclose the Payments in His Financial **Disclosure Statements or Federal Income Tax Returns**

- 67. Mrs. Tierney stated in her trial testimony that Representative Tierney was aware that she was managing the bank account for Robert Eremian. 83
- 68. On July 3, 2012, Representative Tierney held a press conference to discuss questions about Robert Eremian's off-shore gambling business. According to reports of the press

<sup>72</sup> Id. 73 Id. 74 Id. 75 Id. 76 Id. 77 Id. at 13-1064\_0254. 78 Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Id.

<sup>80</sup> See supra n.6.

<sup>81</sup> Eremian's Attorney MOI at 13-1064 0254.

<sup>83</sup> Mrs. Tierney Testimony (Exhibit 2 at 13-1064 0068).

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conference, Representative Tierney publicly acknowledged that he knew that his wife received payments from her brother for helping out with the family.

- 69. Representative Tierney reportedly said "his wife thought she was helping her brother and troubled family by paying bills and handling tax payments, and that any payments to her were gifts of gratitude for her efforts."85
- 70. With respect to the amount of payments received, Representative Tierney "rejected reports that his wife had received about \$220,000 from her brother, saying that the amount was closer to \$12,000, spread out over years. [Representative] Tierney also noted that these gifts would have been non-taxable based on their amounts."
- 71. As a result, Representative Tierney apparently knew that his wife received payments from her brother, but these payments were not disclosed as income on his financial disclosure statements or federal income tax returns.
- 72. The OCE was unable to verify the extent of Representative Tierney's knowledge of the payments because he declined to interview with the OCE.
- 73. From 2008 to 2011, Representative Tierney filed his financial disclosure statements from calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.87 In each of the financial disclosure statements, Representative Tierney lists the source of his wife's income as Tierney Designs. 88 He does not disclose Mrs. Tierney's brother or mother as sources of income for any year. 89
- 74. From 2008 to 2010, Representative Tierney filed his federal income tax returns jointly with his wife for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009.90 He did not disclose the payments that Mrs. Tierney received from her brother or mother.

#### III. CONCLUSION

75. From 2003 to 2010, Representative Tierney's wife managed her brother's daily financial and family obligations, including his personal bank account, personal bills, income tax returns, season baseball tickets, child care, and care for their mother. In exchange for these services, Mrs. Tierney's brother paid her monthly.

<sup>84</sup> Glen Johnson, John Tierney Defends His Wife; Says He Thought In-Laws' Illegal Gambling Business was Legal, Boston Globe, July 5, 2012.

Id

<sup>86</sup> William Laforme, Tierney Rebuts Criticism of Relationship with In-Laws, Salem Patch, July 3, 2012,

http://salem.patch.com/articles/tierney-rebuts-criticism-of-relationship-with-in-laws.

Representative Tierney's Financial Disclosure Statements for Calendar Years 2007 to 2010 (Exhibit 13 at 13-1064\_0318-0349). <sup>88</sup> Id. <sup>89</sup> Id.

<sup>90</sup> Representative Tierney did not provide the OCE with his Calendar Year 2010 tax return.

<sup>91</sup> Representative Tierney's Joint Federal Income Tax Returns CY 2007, 2008, 2009.

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- 76. Representative Tierney did not report the payments that his wife received as income on his financial disclosure statements or federal income tax returns.
- 77. Based on the above findings, the Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation concerning the financial disclosure statements because there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Tierney's wife earned income from a source that was not disclosed in his financial disclosure statements for calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.
- 78. Based on the above findings, the Board recommends that the Committee on Ethics further review the allegation concerning the federal income tax returns because there is substantial reason to believe that Representative Tierney's wife received income that was not included in their joint federal income tax returns for calendar years 2007, 2008, and 2009.

## IV. INFORMATION THE OCE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENAS

- 79. Counsel for Representative Tierney produced documentary evidence in response to the OCE Request, but Representative Tierney declined to interview with the OCE. Pursuant to OCE Rule 9(B), Representative Tierney provided a statement to the Board. 92
- 80. After receiving the OCE Request for Information, counsel for Mrs. Tierney initially agreed to cooperate with the review and informed the OCE that the responsive documents had been compiled and would be delivered.
- 81. On March 1, 2013, counsel for Mrs. Tierney told the OCE that she would not produce the requested information. Counsel also stated that Mrs. Tierney would not interview with the OCE because on "October 23, 2012, Mrs. Tierney was involved in a serious automobile accident and suffered head and neck injuries, with resulting memory loss."
- 82. The OCE requested testimonial information from Robert Eremian. On February 7, 2013, and April 12, 2013, OCE staff spoke with Mr. Eremian via telephone and he indicated that he had testimonial information relevant to the review. However, he did not agree to interview with the OCE and provide such information subject to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
- 83. The OCE requested testimonial information from Daniel Eremian. Counsel for Daniel Eremian told the OCE that he represented Mr. Eremian, but did not respond to the request.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Counsel for Representative Tierney wrote a letter to the OCE with the counsel's summary of the facts, but such statements from counsel are not attributed to the subject and are not considered evidence in this review. Counsel for Representative Tierney also referred the OCE to a legal opinion from the counsel for Representative Tierney's campaign committee that cites to a legal treatise to support a legal argument that the payments from Mr. Eremian to his sister for her services are gifts. The Board notes that the legal opinion of the counsel for the campaign committee conflicts with U.S. Supreme Court precedent. See supra note 6. The Board also notes that although the opinion from the counsel of the campaign committee explains that determining whether such payments are gifts or income is a fact specific question, the opinion is not based on any facts from interviews with the relevant parties.

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- 84. The following individuals, by declining to provide documentary or testimonial information in response to the OCE's Request for Information, did not cooperate with the OCE's review.
  - a. Representative Tierney;
  - b. Patrice Tierney;
  - c. Robert Eremian; and
  - d. Daniel Eremian.
- 85. As a result, the OCE was unable to obtain certain information regarding the payments that Mrs. Tierney received from her brother, Robert Eremian.
- 86. The Board recommends the issuance of subpoenas to Representative Tierney, Patrice Tierney, and Robert Eremian.

### **EXHIBIT 1**



#### U.S. Department of Justice

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September 20, 2010

Donald K. Stern, Esq 500 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116-3736

Re: United States v. Patrice Tierney

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Dear Mr. Stern;

This letter sets forth the Agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts ("the U.S. Attorney") and your client, Patrice Tierney ("Defendant"), in the above-referenced case. The Agreement is as follows:

#### 1. Change of Plea

At the earliest practicable date but in no event later than October 8, 2010, Defendant shall waive indictment and plead guilty to the Information attached to this Agreement charging her with Aiding and Abetting the Filing of False Tax Returns in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2). Defendant expressly and unequivocally admits that she committed the crimes charged in Counts One through Four of the Information, did so knowingly and willfully, and is in fact guilty of those offenses.

#### 2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following maximum penalties on each count of the Information:

- 3 years' imprisonment;
- a fine of \$100,000;
- 1 year of supervised release; and
- a \$100 mandatory special assessment.

#### 3. Sentencing Guidelines

The sentence to be imposed upon Defendant is within the discretion of the District Court ("Court"), subject to the statutory maximum penalties set forth above, and the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act, and the United States Sentencing Guidelines promulgated thereunder. The Sentencing Guidelines are advisory, not mandatory and, as a result, the Court may impose a sentence up to and including the statutory maximum term of imprisonment and statutory maximum fine. In imposing the sentence, the Court must consult and take into account the Sentencing Guidelines, along with the other factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

The parties agree with respect to the application of the United States Sentencing Guidelines that in accordance with USSG §2T1.4(a)(2), Defendant's base offense level is 6.

The U.S. Attorney and Defendant agree that there is no basis for a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines or for a sentence outside the Guidelines under the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a). Accordingly, neither the U.S. Attorney nor Defendant will seek a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines or a sentence outside the Guidelines.

Based on Defendant's prompt acceptance of personal responsibility for the offenses of conviction in this case, and information known to the U.S. Attorney at this time, the U.S. Attorney agrees to recommend that the Court reduce by two levels Defendant's Adjusted Offense Level under USSG §3E1.1.

The U.S. Attorney specifically reserves the right not to recommend a reduction under USSG \$3E1.1 if, at any time between Defendant's execution of this Agreement and sentencing Defendant:

- (a) Fails to admit a complete factual basis for the plea;
- (b) Fails to truthfully admit her conduct in the offenses of conviction;
- (c) Falsely denies, or frivolously contests, relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under USSG §1B1.3;
- (d) Fails to provide truthful information about her financial status;
- Gives false or misleading testimony in any proceeding relating to the criminal conduct charged in this case and any relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under USSG §1B1.3;
- Engages in acts which form a basis for finding that Defendant has obstructed or impeded the administration of justice under USSG §3C1.1;
- (g) Intentionally fails to appear in Court or violates any condition of release;

- (h) Commits a crime;
- (i) Transfers any asset protected under any provision of this Agreement; or
- (j) Attempts to withdraw her guilty plea.

Defendant expressly understands that she may not withdraw her plea of guilty if, for any of the reasons listed above, the U.S. Attorney does not recommend that she receive a reduction in Offense Level for acceptance of responsibility.

Defendant expressly understands that, in addition to declining to recommend an acceptance-of-responsibility adjustment, the U.S. Attorney may seek an upward adjustment pursuant to USSG §3C1.1 if Defendant obstructs justice after date of this Agreement.

#### Sentence Recommendation

The U.S. Attorney will recommend the following sentence before the Court:

- (a) two years probation with a period of 90 days home detention;
- (b) a \$2,500 fine; and
- (c) a mandatory special assessment in the amount of \$400.

Defendant agrees that she will provide to the U.S. Attorney expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation of any kind on which she intends to rely at sentencing not later than twenty-one days before sentencing. Any basis for sentencing with respect to which all expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation have not been provided to the U.S. Attorney at least twenty-one days before sentencing shall be deemed waived.

During the period of probation, Defendant must:

- Cooperate with the Examination and Collection Divisions of the Internal Revenue Service;
- Provide to the Examination Division all financial information necessary to determine Robert Eremian's prior tax liabilities; and
- (iii) Provide to the Collection Division all financial information necessary to determine Robert Eremian's ability to pay.

#### 5. Payment of Mandatory Special Assessment

Defendant agrees to pay the mandatory special assessment to the Clerk of the Court on or before the date of sentencing, unless Defendant establishes to the satisfaction of the Court that Defendant is financially unable to do so.

#### Waiver of Rights to Appeal and to Bring Collateral Challenge.

- (a) Defendant has conferred with her attorney and understands that she has the right to challenge both her conviction and her sentence on direct appeal. Defendant also understands that she may, in some circumstances, be able to argue that her conviction and/or sentence should be set aside or reduced in a collateral challenge, such as pursuant to a motion under 28 U.S.C. §2255 or 18 U.S.C. §3582(c).
- (b) Defendant waives any right she has to challenge her conviction on direct appeal or in collateral challenge.
- (c) Defendant agrees that she will not file a direct appeal nor collaterally challenge any probationary sentence of 24 months or less. This provision is binding even if the Court employs a Guidelines analysis different from that set forth in this Agreement.
- (d) This Agreement does not affect the rights of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3742(b). Defendant expressly acknowledges that he understands the U.S. Attorney has retained all appeal rights.

#### 7. Other Post-sentence Events

- (a) In the event that notwithstanding the waiver provision of Paragraph 6(c), Defendant appeals or collaterally challenges her sentence, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to argue the correctness of the sentence imposed by the Court.
- (b) If notwithstanding the waiver provision of Paragraph 6(c), Defendant seeks re-sentencing, she agrees that she will not seek to be re-sentenced with the benefit of any change to the criminal history category that the Court calculated at the time of Defendant's original sentencing, except to the extent that she has been found actually factually innocent of a prior crime. Thus, for example, Defendant will not seek to be re-sentenced based on the set aside of a prior state-court conviction that occurs after sentencing unless she has been found actually factually innocent of that prior crime.

(c) In the event of a re-sentencing following an appeal from or collateral challenge to Defendant's sentence, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to seek a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines and a sentence outside the Sentencing Guidelines if, and to the extent, necessary to reinstate the sentence advocated by the U.S. Attorney at Defendant's initial sentencing pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 8. Court Not Bound by Agreement

The sentencing recommendations made by the parties and their respective calculations under the Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the U.S. Probation Office or the Court. Within the maximum sentence which Defendant faces under the applicable law, the sentence to be imposed is within the sole discretion of the Court. Defendant's plea will be tendered pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B). Defendant may not withdraw her plea of guilty regardless of what sentence is imposed. Nor may Defendant withdraw her plea because the U.S. Probation Office or the Court declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the parties. In the event that the Court declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the U.S. Attorney, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to defend the Court's calculations and sentence in any subsequent appeal or collateral challenge.

#### 9. Civil Liability

By entering into this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney does not compromise any civil liability, including but not limited to any tax liability, which Defendant may have incurred or may incur as a result of her conduct and her plea of guilty to the charges specified in Paragraph 1 of this Agreement.

#### 10. Rejection of Plea by Court

Should Defendant's guilty plea not be accepted by the Court for whatever reason, or later be withdrawn on motion of Defendant, this Agreement shall be null and void at the option of the U.S. Attorney.

#### 11. Breach of Agreement

If the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement, has violated any condition of her pretrial release, or has committed any crime following her execution of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney may, at her sole option, be released from her commitments under this Agreement in their entirety by notifying Defendant, through counsel or otherwise, in writing. The U.S. Attorney may also pursue all remedies available to her under the law, irrespective of whether she elects to be released from her commitments under this Agreement. Further, the U.S. Attorney may pursue any and all charges which have been, or are to be, dismissed pursuant to this Agreement. Defendant recognizes that no such breach by her of an obligation under this Agreement shall give rise to grounds for withdrawal of her guilty plea.

Defendant understands that, should she breach any provision of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney will have the right to use against Defendant before any grand jury, at any trial or hearing, or for sentencing purposes, any statements which may be made by Defendant, and any information, materials, documents or objects which may be provided by Defendant to the government subsequent to this Agreement, without any limitation. In this regard, Defendant hereby waives any defense to any charges which Defendant might otherwise have based upon any statute of limitations, the constitutional protection against pre-indictment delay, or the Speedy Trial Act.

#### 12. Who Is Bound By Agreement

This Agreement is limited to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and cannot and does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state or local prosecutive authorities.

#### 13. Complete Agreement

This letter contains the complete agreement between the parties. No promises, representations or agreements have been made other than those set forth in this letter and in the letter between the parties dated September 15, 2010. This Agreement supersedes prior understandings, if any, of the parties, whether written or oral with the sole exception of those contained in the letter dated September 15, 2010. This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by the parties or on the record in court.

If this letter accurately reflects the agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred M. Wyshak, Jr.

Very truly yours,

CARMEN M. ORTIZ United States Attorney

By:

JAMES F. LANG, Chief, Criminal Division JOHN T. McNEIL

Deputy Chief, Criminal Division

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter in its entirety and discussed it with my attorney. I hereby acknowledge that it fully sets forth my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. I further state that no additional promises or representations have been made to me by any official of the United States in connection with this matter. I understand the crimes to which I have agreed to plead guilty, the maximum penalties for those offenses and Sentencing Guideline penalties potentially applicable to them. I am satisfied with the legal representation provided to me by my attorney. We have had sufficient time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charges against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Plea Agreement and whether I should go to trial. I am entering into this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly because I am guilty of the offenses to which I am pleading guilty and I believe this Agreement is in my best

Patrice Tierney
Defendant

Date: 10/4/10

I certify that Patrice Tierney has read this Agreement and that we have discussed its meaning. I believe she understands the Agreement and is entering into the Agreement freely, voluntarily and knowingly.

> Donald K. Stern Attorney for Defendant

Date: 10/4/10

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	Crim. No.
v.	į	Violations:
PATRICE TIERNEY	)	18 U.S.C. § 7206(2)
Defendant.	)	

#### INFORMATION

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY charges that:

### COUNTS ONE THROUGH FOUR (Aiding and Abetting the Filing of False Tax Returns)

- 1. At all times relevant to this Information:
- a. Unlicensed and unregulated sports wagering was illegal in all fifty states, and the use of any facility in interstate and foreign commerce to distribute the proceeds of illegal gambling, operating an illegal gambling business, and being a person engaged in the business of betting or wagering using interstate and foreign wire communication facilities to transmit wagers and wagering information violated the laws of the United States, including Title 18, United States Code, §§ 1952(a), 1955, and 1084(a).
- b. Sports Offshore, also known as Sports Off Shore and SOS, was an International Business Corporation doing business in St. John's, Antigua. Sports Offshore was in the business of accepting wagers on sporting events. Sports Offshore was ostensibly licensed to conduct "interactive garning and interactive wagering," however, that license was terminated in July 2009. In truth and fact, Sports Offshore's activities violated the laws of the United States, the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Chapter 271, Sections 5, 5A, 16A, 17, and

17A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), and violated the terms of its Antiguan licer.se. The illegal gambling business which operated as Sports Offshore had its roots in an illegal gambling business that was based in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. In approximately 1996, Robert Eremian and others known and unknown to the U.S. Attorney moved the business office from Lynnfield, Massachusetts to St. John's, Antigua; however, the U.S. based network of agents and customers remained intact.

- c. Robert Eremian was the owner and principal of Sports Offshore. Eremian is a citizen of the United States who resided in the District of Massachusetts until approximately 1996 when he relocated the headquarters for his illegal gambling business to Antigua. Eremian has maintained a residence and other financial and family interests in Massachusetts and elsewhere in the United States while he has resided in Antigua. Eremian managed certain of his U.S. based financial interests and family obligations through bank accounts in Massachusetts funded by the proceeds of his illegal gambling activities.
- d. Robert Eremian and others known and unknown to the U.S. Attorney, acted together to operate the business of Sports Off Shore for the purpose of, among other things:

  (1) to earn money through illegal gambling activities; (2) to launder the proceeds of illegal gambling activities; and (3) to commit various other crimes related to the operation of an illegal gambling business.
- c. The defendant PATRICE TIERNEY is the sister of Robert Eremian.

  TIERNEY managed certain of Robert Eremian's U.S. based financial and family obligations through a Bank of America bank account in the District of Massachusetts that was funded by Robert Eremian with the proceeds of illegal gambling activities. TIERNEY maintained detailed

records of financial transactions involving this account which were used to prepare Robert Eremian's tax returns.

- f. Benevolence Funding, Ltd. was an Antiguan business entity used by Sports Offshore to receive the proceeds of illegal gambling from customers in the United States who opted to pay their gambling debts by check or wire transfer. Agents of Sports Offshore operating in the United States also were instructed to make checks payable to Benevolence Funding, Ltd. for the purpose of transferring funds to Sports Offshore. Benevolence Funding, Ltd. was the source of certain funds deposited in the Bank of America account managed by the defendant PATRICE TIERNEY. From approximately 2003 through 2009, Robert Eremian caused in excess of \$7 million of proceeds of illegal gambling activity obtained by Sports Offshore to be deposited in the bank account at Bank of America managed by the defendant PATRICE TIERNEY.
- g. In an effort to conceal the true nature of his income, Robert Eremian falsely represented himself as a consultant to Sports Offshore rather than the principal of Sports Offshore. The defendant PATRICE TIERNEY engaged in a conscious course of deliberate ignorance regarding the true nature of Eremian's income and Eremian's ownership of Sports Offshore. As a result, TIERNEY mischaracterized the deposits to the Bank of America bank account as "commissions" in documents submitted to Eremian's tax preparer.

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From in or before 2005 and continuing through December 2009, both dates being 2. approximate and inclusive, within the District of Massachusetts and elsewhere, the defendant herein.

PATRICE TIERNEY

did willfully aid and assist in, and procure, counsel, and advise the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Form 1040, of Robert Eremian for the calendar years set forth below. These returns were false and fraudulent as to a material matter, in that IRS Form Schedule C, prepared by Robert Eremian's tax preparer, concealed the fact that Robert Eremian was the owner of a business, that the source of the income reported was derived from illegal activity, and that certain deductions taken by Robert Eremian in his personal capacity were, therefore, inappropriate and should have been reported as business expenses on a corporate tax return for Sports Offshore.

Count One --- 2005

Count Two --- 2006

Count Three - 2007

Count Four - 2008

All in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(2).

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              THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.
              MR. WYSHAK: Good morning, your Honor.
              THE COURT: We are still waiting on one juror, but I
     was told that Mr. Wyshak wanted to see me?
              MR. WYSHAK: Yes. Do you want to do this at sidebar?
              THE COURT: It's fine with me. I don't know what it's
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     about.
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     SIDEBAR CONFERENCE:
             MR. WYSHAK: These exhibits, 239 and 175 and 176, are
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     some of the bank records that we've stipulated to the
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     authenticity.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. WYSHAK: I intend to show her some.
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              THE COURT: Okay.
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              MR. WYSHAK: Now, the entire exhibit will go in
     through Special Agent Lemanski later in the day, but I just
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     want to make sure that we're not going to get slowed down by
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     objections. So I want to show some items --
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              THE COURT: Well, I don't know why you have to do
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     this -- why don't you show it to him.
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              MR. WYSHAK: I did.
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              MR. NURIK: Our attitude is, it's an issue of the rule
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    of completeness. If they're going to put anything into
    evidence, they should put it all into evidence instead of just
    putting in bits and pieces now.
             THE COURT: Well, you can put in the rest, or we could
    do it -- take care of it, but I don't want it slowed down. I
    mean, if it's authentic and it's a business record, I have no
    problem with either the whole thing going in with little yellow
    stickies or part of it.
             By the way, I got your objections -- we'll work
    through those -- to the jury instructions. Thank you. That
    was very helpful. Actually, it's manageable, which is good.
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     It's a tough charge.
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             MR. WYSHAK: And I filed a brief yesterday.
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             THE COURT: Two briefs, three.
             MR. FISHER: I filed one on Friday for Exhibit 61.
             THE COURT: Yes, you're 61. You were Antigua, and
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     then you're about their expert.
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             MR. WYSHAK: Their expert, right.
             THE COURT: I understand that. I'm glad you had such
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     a nice weekend.
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              (Laughter.)
             THE COURT: All right, so I think we shouldn't be
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     coming to sidebar because it doesn't --
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             MR. NURIK: No, I understand.
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             THE COURT: It feels wrong. Is the last juror here?
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Page 7 THE CLERK: I'm going to go check right now. (End of sidebar conference.) THE COURT: Before they walk in, should I introduce Mr. Stern? He's going to sit right next to the witness. MR. WYSHAK: It's fine with me, your Honor. MR. NURIK: No objection. MR. STERN: Your Honor, I wasn't going to sit there. I was just going to sit right here. THE COURT: Wherever you want. MR. STERN: Thank you, your Honor. I'm comfortable 10 11 right here. 12 THE COURT: Do you want to be introduced? 13 MR. STERN: I may voice an objection at some point, so it might make more sense to introduce. 3.4 THE COURT: Yes, yes, yes. 15 16 (Jury enters the courtroom.) 17 THE COURT: Good morning to everybody. 18 THE JURY: Good morning. 19 THE COURT: Why don't you be seated. Did anyone see anything in the press, do any research, or talk to anyone about 2.0 21 this case? 22 THE JURY: No. 23 THE COURT: No? All right, I find the jury has 24 complied. And Maryellen, who's my courtroom deputy, is a woman 25 of very many skills, and so she personally got down and

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Page 8 spritzed the chair with oil, so I'm hoping it is now good for 1 you all. So, all right, we're going to call the government's next witness, please. MR. WYSHAK: The government calls Patrice Tierney. PATRICE TIERNEY having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows: THE CLERK: Could you please state and spell your name 10 for the record. 11 THE WITNESS: Patrice Tierney, P-a-t-r-i-c-e 12 T-i-e-r-n-e-y. 13 THE COURT: Thank you. I just want to also introduce you to -- this gentleman sitting over there is Don Stern, who 14 is her attorney, and if he pops up for something, I just wanted 15 16 you to know who he was. All right, thank you. DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WYSHAK: 17 18 Q. Good morning, Mrs. Tierney. 19 A. Good morning. 2.0 Q. Can you tell us how old you are, ma'am. 21 I'm sixty. 22 Q. And tell us about your educational background. 23 A. I went to high school, and I went to massage therapy 24 school. 25 Q. Okay. And where did you go to high school?

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Page 9 1 A. Masconomet in Topsfield. 2 Q. All right. And how about your employment history? My employment history, I worked for attorneys. I worked for a travel incentive agency. Then I got married, and I'm now employed at a hotel in Salem. Okay, in what capacity? I run banquets and weddings and administrative assistant to the general manager. And at one point you had your own business? Q. Yes, I did. 10 11 And what is that called? ο. 12 It was called Tierney Designs. A. 13 Q. And what kind of business was that? 14 It was a -- I made jewelry of my own design, and I gave Α. that up when my mom became ill. 15 Okay. So you no longer have that business? 16 Q. 17 No, I do not. 18 Q. And you're married, ma'am? 19 Α. Yes. 20 And you're married to John Tierney; is that correct? Q. 21 Α. And he's a Congressman? 22 ο. 23 24 And a lawyer? ο. 25 Α. Yes.

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Page 10 And prior to that, you were previously married; is that 1 2 correct? Yes. And that was to John Chew? Allen Chew. Allen Chew, okay. And your son, you have a son by that marriage, John Chew? Yes. Α. Q. And a daughter? 10 Carlin and another son Justin. Okay. And your maiden name is Eremian; is that fair to 11 0. 12 say? 13 Yes. Α. 14 And Robert Eremian is your brother? 15 16 And Daniel Eremian who's here in court is also your 17 brother; is that correct? 18 Yes, yes. 19 I want to show you what's been marked Government 20 Exhibit 174. Take a look at that. 21 (Witness examining document.) 22 Have you seen a copy of that order? 23 Yes, I have. All right. And do you understand what it provides? 24 Q.

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A.

Yes, I do.

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Page 11 Q. Okay. And can you tell us what you believe it provides. Well, I believe this gives me immunity and that I will not be prosecuted for anything I say in this courtroom. Nothing you say can be used against you? ο. Right. Is that fair to say? Q. Yes. You have been prosecuted, however; is that fair to say? Α. Yes. 10 Okay, and in connection with this case? 11 Yes. Α. 12 Q. And you pled guilty? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. And what did you plead guilty to? 15 I pled guilty to aiding and abetting and willful blindness in filing false taxes information to my brother. 16 17 Q. Aiding and abetting your brother --18 MR. NURIK: Can we just have a clarification which 19 brother. 2.0 THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. My brother Robert. 21 You aided and abetted him in filing false tax returns; is 22 that correct? 23 24 Q. His personal tax returns? 25 A. Yes.

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- 1 Q. And that was related to his operation of Sports Off Shore,
- 2 his business in Antigua?
- 3 A. It was his personal taxes.
- Q. Okay. And what were you sentenced to?
- 5 A. I was sentenced to 30 months in the house of detention and
- 6 five years -- five months, I'm sorry, home confinement, two
- 7 years probation.
- 8 Q. Thirty days, right?
- 9 A. Thirty days.
- 10 Q. Thirty days incarceration and five months home detention?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. With a period of probation to follow?
- 13 A. Uh-huh, yes.
- 14 Q. And you're currently still on probation, correct?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. All right. Now, just to drill down a little bit, you said
- $^{\rm 17}$   $\,$  that you pled guilty that you were willfully blind; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- $^{20}\,$  Q. And can you tell the jury what you were willfully blind
- 21 about?
- 22 A. My understanding is, I was willfully blind to not asking
- 23 enough questions as to information I was putting into my
- 24 bookkeeping system.
- $^{25}$  Q. Okay, you were willfully blind regarding the legality of

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Page 13 your brother's business, Robert Eremian's business? Okay. Well, you recorded or you reported to his tax preparer that his income was commissions? Yes. Q. Is that correct? Yes. And what did you understand those commissions to be from? A. From his consulting SOS. 10 Q. And that was not true, correct? It's my belief that it was true, that he was a consultant. 11 Α. 12 Well, what about that were you willfully blind about? 13 A. Could you repeat that, please. Okay, I withdraw it and rephrase it. At the end of the 14 Q. 15 day --16 Α. Yes. 17 -- you admit that he wasn't a consultant to Sports Off 18 Shore; isn't that true? 19 A. I didn't admit that he was not a consultant. 20 As you sit here today on this witness stand, do you admit 21 that he was not a consultant to Sports Off Shore? 22 A. He was a consultant to Sports Off Shore. 23 Q. So you don't -- was he the owner of Sports Off Shore? 24 A. I don't know who the owner was. He was a consultant. 25 Q. You don't know who the owner is?

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Page 14 1 A. No, I don't. Q. Okay, you understand you're testifying here under oath, ma'am, correct? A. Yes, uh-huh. Q. And that the immunity order does not protect you if you lie; you understand that? A. Yes. You haven't met with the government in this case; is that correct? 10 A. Yes. 11 You've refused to meet with the government attorneys? You 12 and I have never spoken before? A. Not except for my trial. 14 Q. Okay, but we've never --15 16 Q. Until today, we've never had a dialogue? 17 A. No. 18 Q. Okay. So when you stood up before a judge like the Judge here in this courtroom -- do you remember that day? 19 20 With Judge Young? 21 Yes, the judge that you -- Judge Young? Q. 22 Α. Yes. 23 Okay. You remember you raised your right hand? 24 Α. Yes. 25 Okay. And you swore to tell the truth on that date, did Q.

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Page 15 you not? A. I did. Q. Okay. And you admitted that you were willfully blind in not ascertaining the true facts about some of the information that appeared on your brother's tax returns, correct? Isn't that what you pled guilty to? I'm sorry, could you repeat that. I'm a little nervous. THE COURT: You know what, there's a -- do you have a glass of water there? THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. 1.0 11 THE COURT: Sit back, take your time. All right, why 12 don't you ask the question again. 13 Q. When you pled guilty before Judge Young, correct --14 A. Yes. 15 Q. -- you admitted that you were willfully blind regarding 16 the truth of some of the information that was on your brother 17 Robert Eremian's tax returns, correct? 18 A. Correct. 19 Q. And that was for multiple tax years, 2005 through 2009? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. For four years? 22 A. Yes. 23 Okay. So wasn't one of the things that you admitted --24 well, withdrawn. What do you think that you were willfully 25 blind about?

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- A. Questioning the amounts of the commissions that I was
- $^{2}\,\,$  recording. I should have asked more questions as to the
- 3 amounts.
- Q. Okay. Well, you described the amount of money that was
- $^{5}\,\,$  reported on his income taxes as commissions, correct? And is
- it your testimony that you believe that those amounts were
- 7 incorrect?
- 8 A. I did not believe they were incorrect. I trusted they
- 9 were correct as commissions.
- 10 Q. You didn't question the amount of money; is that your
- 11 testimony?
- 12 A. I didn't question the money. I --
- 13 Q. And you didn't question the fact that he reported himself
- as a consultant, a computer specialist, correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- Q. And you didn't question that either?
- 17 A. I did not, correct.
- 18 Q. Okay. And you understood that his tax returns did not
- 19 reflect that his income was from gambling revenue, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. And you admitted that you engaged in a conscious course of
- deliberate ignorance?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. Is that true?
- 25 A. Correct.

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Page 17 Q. Can you explain to the jury what you understand that to mean. That I was not paying attention. Q. And you should have? A. Yes. Q. And that was because there are these things called "red flags," right? Q. Things in life that sort of -- it's like a stoplight? 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. You know when you see that stoplight, you know to stop, 12 correct? And you ignored those kind of signals? 13 A. Yes. Q. Correct? Do you remember being stopped by Immigration in 14 15 December of 2007, Customs? A. Where? 17 Q. Have you been stopped more than once going through 18 Customs? 19 A. Actually, I have. 20 Q. Okay. This was after your trip to Costa Rica? 21 22 Q. You recall that event? 23 A. With my husband, yes. 24 Q. Yes, your husband was with you? 25 A. It was a business trip, yes.

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Page 18 Q. Okay. And you were pulled out of line by Customs, 1 correct? Yes. Q. And was that one of those red flags that you missed? It should have put you on notice that there was something amiss? Well, why did you think that you were stopped by Customs? I had learned from my -- even my nephew, he had been pulled. There had been people pulled aside. They pick them 10 out of -- they pick them randomly. 11 Is that what you believed to be the reason that you were 12 stopped, that it was a random stop? 13 I did, I did, I did. Isn't it true that your husband had an argument with the 14 15 Customs officials and demanded to know if the reason that you 16 were pulled out of line was because your maiden name was 17 Eremian? Do you recall that? 18 MR. HORSTMANN: Objection, your Honor. 19 THE COURT: Overruled. 20 A. No. I'm sorry. 21 Q. You don't recall that? 22 A. I do not. 23 So you don't believe that you were stopped at Customs 24 because your brother at that time was under investigation?

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I do not.

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Page 19 Your brother Robert --MR. NURIK: Objection. 3 THE COURT: Sustained at this point. She doesn't know. Q. All right, I'd like to show you some bank records. Were you a joint accountholder on a Bank of America account with your brother Robert Eremian? Yes, I was. Q. And how many accounts were you jointly on with your 10 brother Robert Eremian? 11 I was jointly on his account, just that one. 12 Q. Just that one? 13 A. Uh-huh, yes. 14 Q. Was there an account that was used to run the Lynnfield 15 home? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. And there was a nanny's name on that account? 18 19 Q. All right. And your name was on that account? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. And Robert's name was on that account? 22 A. I wasn't sure if his was on that account. I believe I 23 opened it for the household. I believe I called it "household 2.4 account" and that Isabella and myself were on the account. It's possible. I mean, they were linked through the bank, but 25

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Page 20 I don't recall if his name was on the statements. Q. And didn't you have an account for your mother in Florida? Yes, I did. Okay. And isn't it true that your brother's name was also on that account? Α. Q. Whose name was on that account? A. My mother's and mine. Q. Did you have an account at Sovereign Bank? 10 A. No, I did not. 11 Did your brother Robert have an account at Sovereign Bank? 12 A. I think initially when he first asked me to take over for 13 the family, I opened one at Sovereign Bank with very little money in it, and then I transferred it to -- I don't even think 14 it was Bank of America at the time. I think it was some other 15 bank. 17 MR. WYSHAK: Your Honor, at this time I'd like to put 18 some documents from Government Exhibit 175 up on the screen. 19 THE COURT: All right. 20 MR. WYSHAK: Can you put the first item up. Let's go 21 to the first item as opposed to the summary. 22 Q. All right, do you see that this account ends, if you look 23 at the deposit slip at the bottom, 0933? 24 Α. 25 Q. And at the time it was a Fleet Bank?

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Page 21 1 A. Yes. Q. And Fleet got purchased by Bank of America ultimately, A. I believe so. Q. And is this the account that you were jointly on with your brother Robert? A. No, because that was a -- no. On the Fleet account? Well, on the account that ultimately was -- at some time Fleet gets bought by Bank of America, correct? A. I agree, and we opened a fresh account when I started 10 doing his personal bookkeeping. This deposit slip is not 12 familiar to me. I don't even remember the -- I don't recognize 13 the address. Q. Okay, can we put up -- do you see that deposit slip? 14 15 I do. Q. Is that your handwriting? 17 A. No. That's my brother's handwriting. 18 Q. Okay, now that says Bank of America, correct? 19 A. It does. 20 Q. All right, and that's that same account number, 0933? 21 Q. And at this period of time, you agree that you were 23 managing this account for him, correct? 24 Α. 25

Q. All right, when did you begin managing the account for

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- 1 him?
- $^{2}$  A. 2003, maybe end of 2002.
- 3 Q. Okay. And how did that come about?
- A. It came about when he, uhm, he needed someone who he could
- trust to pay his bills, to get them to the post office and pay
- 6 them timely. His children were not responsible enough to go to
- 7 the post office and get bills. His wife was in rehabilitation
- 9 in Florida at the time. He knew he would be traveling back and
- 9 forth with the permission from Judge Tauro to Antigua, Florida
- to see his wife, and be back and forth to see his children,
- whoever remained in Lynnfield. So there was not one place he
- 12 could get his mail, so I was in charge of paying his personal
- bills and the household bills.
- 14 Q. Okay. And where did those bills go to?
- 15 A. His personal bills went to a post office box in Beverly
- because that's what his probation residence was, Beverly.
- 17 Q. Okay, but he was not residing in the United States at the
- 18 time?
- 19 A. At the time of probation?
- $^{20}$  Q. Yes. In 2003 when you began managing this account --
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. -- was he residing in the United States?
- 23 A. Part-time.
- Q. Okay. Well, what was his residence?
- 25 A. His residence was -- he was required to stay with my mom

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- in Lynnfield -- I mean, in, I'm sorry, Beverly during his
- 2 probation time, and he was traveling back and forth to Antigua
- for business and Florida to check on his wife and one of the
- 4 children that moved down there.
- 5 Q. Okay, so when you say he was required to stay with his
- 6 mom, where was that?
- 7 A. Where was it?
- 8 O. Yes
- 9 A. It was at Beverly Commons in Beverly. It's a condo.
- 10 Q. Okay. He wasn't living in the house in Lynnfield?
- 11 A. If one of his children were here, he might go over there,
- but he was residing with my mom.
- 13 Q. Okay. And he had his mail delivered to a post office box;
- 14 is that correct?
- $^{15}$  A. The family bills went to a post office box so I could keep
- 16 them separate. His own ---
- $^{17}$  Q. Did the checking account information go to his post office
- 18 box?
- 19 A. Yes.
- $^{20}$  Q. And who would go to the post office box to pick the mail
- 21 up?
- 22 A. I would.
- 23 Q. I'm going to ask you a question about, if you look at this
- 24 particular check, which is for \$20,000, do you see that
- notation in the memo section that says "B/O Benevolence"?

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Page 24 I do now, yes. Α. Okay. Are you familiar with that entity, Benevolence? No? I was first asked about it by my attorney when --THE COURT: You don't need to tell us what your attorney --THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. Well, in fact you deposited checks that came from 10 Benevolence Funding, didn't you? 11 I don't recall the checks being called from the 12 Benevolence fund. 13 Q. And you in fact drafted a check to Benevolence Funding, 14 didn't you? 15 I don't recall. 16 MR. WYSHAK: Can we put 249 up on the screen. 17 Do you see that? 18 I do. 19 Okay, so this is a bank check, correct? 0. 20 Yes. 21 And do you see at the top it's got your name on it? 22 I do see that. Α. 23 And it's dated August 9 of 2004, correct? 24 Correct. Α. 25 And that's a check for \$250,000, correct? Q.

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- 1 A. Correct.
- Q. Made payable to Benevolence Funding?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. So you went to the bank and bought that check, right?
- 5 A. I don't know that I bought it. Maybe there were funds in
- 6 the account that --
- 7 Q. Well, you --
- 8 A. It's not a bank check, obviously.
- $^{9}$  Q. You purchased this check -- you used funds from the 0933
- 10 account, correct --
- 11 A. Correct.
- $^{12}$  Q. -- which when it was still Fleet? Now do you acknowledge
- that you were managing the account when it was at Fleet Bank?
- 14 A. Yes.
- $^{15}$  Q. Okay. And you took \$250,000 from the account and bought
- 16 this check, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. All right. And you're the one who made it payable to
- Benevolence Funding, correct?
- $^{20}\,$   $\,$  A.  $\,$  Well, the bank did, but I must have given them the order.
- Q. All right, you gave the bank instructions?
- 22 A. I don't recall this check, but, yes.
- $^{23}$  Q. Okay. Well, what did you understand Benevolence Funding
- $^{24}$  to be?
- $^{25}\,$  A. I didn't understand it to be anything. I was sending a

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- 1 check to my brother.
- 2 Q. Okay, where did you get the name Benevolence Funding from?
- 3 A. He must have given it to me. It wasn't a frequent name.
- Q. Did you have any understanding at all what his connection
- 5 to Benevolence Funding was?
- 6 A. I did not.
- Q. What did you think it was at the time?
- 8 A. I didn't think much of it.
- 9 Q. Well, your brother says, "Send me \$250,000." That's a lot
- of money, right?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And make the check payable not to Robert Eremian, correct,
- but to this entity Benevolence Funding?
- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. Correct? And you don't question that?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. It sounds like some kind of charitable organization?
- 18 A. It does,
- 19 Q. Isn't this one of those red flags that you were talking
- about when you pled guilty, Mrs. Tierney?
- 21 A. It's possible a red flag. I should have asked what
- 22 Benevolence fund was.
- $^{23}$  Q. Right, because you knew that your brother had a criminal
- 24 record, correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

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- 1 Q. And that he was running an illegal gambling business in
- 2 Massachusetts before he went to Antigua, correct?
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. And you knew that he was running a gambling business in
- 5 Antigua, correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- Q. And he wants money now, \$250,000, and he doesn't want the
- 8 check made out to him, correct?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. And you don't question that?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Is it because you didn't want to know?
- 13 A. No, it's not that I didn't want to know. I just wrote the
- 14 checks that he asked me to write --
- 15 Q. Okay.
- $^{16}$  A. -- whether it be for charity or school or anything.
- 17 Q. Is that what you thought it was, for charity, \$250,000?
- 18 A. Well, Benevolence is not something I would expect my
- $^{19}\,$   $\,$  brother to use for a name of something. I didn't know what it
- 20 was.
- Q. You didn't think he was donating \$250,000 to charity, did
- 22 you?
- 23 A. Uhm, it's possible.
- 24 Q. It's possible?
- 25 A. Yes.

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Page 28 Q. That's your testimony? A. Yes. He's made large donations to a lot of charities. \$250,000 at a time? A. Uhm, \$100,000 at a time. Q. And what charity did he donate \$100,000 to at one time? A. I believe at one time there was the tsunami fund. I don't recall the name of the fund, and at another time to the Bill Clinton Foundation for -- I believe that was the earthquake -no, the hurricane victims. Q. Did you draft those checks? 11 A. I did. 12 Q. Out of what account? 13 A. Out of my -- out of his personal account. 14 Q. Out of this 0933 account? A. Yes. There were two checks, I believe, for \$100,000 each 16 to the Clinton Foundation. 17 Can we put up -- is that your handwriting on that deposit 18 slip? 19 A. Yes. 20 Q. Okay. So now this is August of 2003, correct? 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. And this is a \$100,000 check, and it's clear that this is 23 coming from Antigua? 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Correct? And this is some of the income that you would

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Page 29 report to the tax preparer that was commission, correct? It was either commission or money to pay taxes. Quarterly I would get an amount from the tax attorney that --Try to answer the question. I'm sorry. MR. NURIK: Objection. She's answering the question. THE COURT: What's the question again? The money that you were receiving from your brother from Antigua --10 Yes. 11 -- you were reporting as income, correct? 12 A. Yes, correct. 13 Q. To his tax preparer? 14 A. Correct. 15 Q. Correct? And you described this income to his tax 1.6 preparer as commissions, correct? 17 Α. 18 Q. And that was related to Sports Off Shore, correct? 19 A. His consulting. 20 Q. His consulting for Sports Off Shore? 21 22 Q. So you knew that this money was related to the gambling 23 business in Antigua, correct? 24 A. For his consulting the gambling business, yes. 25 Q. Okay, do you still believe he's a consultant -- as you sit

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Page 30 here today on this witness stand, are you telling this jury under oath that your brother is a consultant to Sports Off Shore? A. Yes. Q. Okay. How many times have you been to Antigua? A. Maybe five. Q. Five? Okay. And have you stayed at the place where the business is operated? Yes. 10 Q. All right. And it's clear when you're there what's going 11 on, isn't it? 12 A. No. 13 Q. No? Okay. When you walk in the front door to this 14 building, isn't there a glass wall, behind which are numerous 1.5 people and computers and television monitors? 16 A. No. 17 O. No? 18 A. No. 19 Q. What do you think you see when you walk in this building? 20 A. Well, number one, there's no front door. You walk in 21 through the garage and you enter a large enclosed patio, which

you can go off either -- there's no doors on it. And there's a

room to the front, a kitchen in the back, and a bedroom above

Q. Okay, did you ever see people working there at computer

the garage and another bedroom in the back.

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Page 31 monitors? I saw people working at computers. Describe where in the building you think that was. That was between the patio where we would socialize and the kitchen. Q. Okay. Is that a room? Is it a room? Yeah. A. Yes. 10 Okay. Isn't that the main room when you enter the 11 building? 12 A. No. The main room is an outdoor room. It's an outdoor 13 reception area where we sat. 14 That's a room, an outdoor patio? 15 A. Yes. It had furniture and tables and chairs and --16 Q. Did it have a roof? 17 A. Yes. 18 At some point do you enter a real building with walls and 19 ceilings off that patio? 20 Yes. I considered this a real building, an enclosed patio 21 in someone's home. 22 Q. Mrs. Tierney, can you please describe the area where you

It was a room with people with computers and televisions.

Q. And how many people? How many people have you seen there

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saw people on computer monitors.

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Page 32 1 on the occasions you've been? 2 A. Maybe four to six. Q. Four to six? A. Uh-huh, yes. No more than that? How many computers did you see? A. They each had a computer. Were there other computer stations that weren't occupied? A few. Q. Were there TV monitors? A. There were TVs. 10 11 Is this where Sports Off Shore, the business, was 12 operating from? 13 A. Excuse me? 1.4 Is this where your brother Robert Eremian's business was 15 operating from? 16 A. That's -- I believe so. 17 Okay. Was he in charge? 18 A. I never saw him in charge. 19 Q. What did you think his role was? 20 A. He helped with the computers and the software. 21 The computers? Did he reside in the home? Q. 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. In that building? 24 A. Yes, he did. 25 Q. Okay, so that was his personal residence?

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Page 33 Yes. Α. Okay. And the business is operated out of that personal Ο. residence, correct? Correct. Α. But he's not the owner of the business according to you? A. I never knew who the owner of the business was. Well, who did you think it was? I didn't think too much about it. ο. Did he ever introduce you to his boss? 10 11 Did you ever see anybody who was giving him instructions ο. 12 on what to do? 13 A. No. 14 Q. Wouldn't that be a sign that he was not the owner, if 15 somebody else was telling him what to do? 16 A. I thought a consultant could be self-employed. He's -- he 17 didn't have a boss. Q. All right, well, let's talk about that. He's 19 self-employed as a consultant to a business that he runs out of 20 his private home, correct? 21 That is in his private home. Α. 22 Q. That is in his private home, but he's not --23 A. I didn't say that he runs it. You said that. 24 Q. Okay. Well, he's self-employed as a consultant to a

business which is operated out of his private home?

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Page 34 Correct. And you didn't think he owned that business? ο. Q. But you don't know who did? A. No. Q. And this is your brother, right? A. Yes. Q. Somebody you've known all your life? A. Yes. 10 Q. And you never talked to him about, "Isn't this your business?" 12 A. He said that he owns the software for the business, which I believed. He's very good with software. 14 Q. Did you ever have a conversation with your brother Robert about who owned the business? 16 A. I believe I did at one time ask, and he said, "I don't own 17 the business." Q. Did he tell you who did? 19 A. No. 20 Q. Was there any indication that somebody else owned the 21 business that you could observe? 22 A. No. 23 Q. There's a lot of money going into this 0933 account, 24 correct? 25 A. Yes.

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Page 35 Q. Would it surprise you that over the years that you managed the account, there's almost \$5 million deposited in this A. Would it surprise me, is that what you said? Yes, \$5 million? A. That's about correct probably. Q. Okay. And is it your testimony that you believe that he earned that money as a software consultant? Yes. It's a lot of money for a software consultant, isn't it? 10 11 Yes, it is. Α. 12 Q. All right. I'm going to show you --13 MR. WYSHAK: Can we put the monitor on, your Honor, 14 the ELMO. 15 Can you see that check, Ms. Tierney? 16 Α. Yes. 17 Is that your writing on the face of the check? 18 No, it's not. 19 Is that your endorsement on the back? ٥. 20 It looks like my brother's signature. 21 You think that's your brother's endorsement? Q. 22 A. Well, similar. 23 When these checks would get deposited in the bank --24 Α. Yes. 25 -- how did that occur? Q.

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Page 36 A. I'd make a deposit slip out and bring them to the bank. 2 Okay, so how would you get the check? Α. It would be sent in an envelope to my house. To your home? Q. Yes. Q. Not to the post office box? No, because it had to be signed for. All right, so he would send you a check in the mail from Antigua? 10 Yes. Q. Already endorsed like this? 11 12 No, not always. 13 Q. Okay, sometimes you'd endorse it? 14 A. Uh-huh. 15 THE COURT: Is that "yes"? 16 THE WITNESS: Yes. I'm sorry. And you would take the check, fill out a deposit slip, and 17 18 deposit it in the account? 19 Yes. 20 Q. And this is another one of those checks with that 21 Benevolence in the memo section, correct? 22 A. I see it now, yes. 23 MR. WYSHAK: Can we put up the summary exhibit. 24 Q. Okay, so this is a summary of the deposits that went into 25 this account that came from Antigua, and I assume that you --

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- if you take a look at those transactions, you don't dispute --
- 2 if we can go to the second page -- that these were funds that
- were going into the account that you managed?
- 4 A. I don't recognize all the dates, but it appears that they
- all went into that account.
- 6 Q. Okay. And at some point you can see that the checks from
- Benevolence Funding seem to stop around 2006?
- <sup>8</sup> A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And Mr. Eremian, Robert Eremian, starts using wire
- 10 transfers?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Right? And they're coming from Deutsche Bank?
- 13 A. I believe they were several banks.
- Q. Okay. Do you know why in 2006 he stopped sending you
- $^{15}\,$  checks to be deposited and started transferring money through
- 16 Europe?
- 17 A. I have no idea.
- 18 Q. Did you ever discuss that with him?
- 19 A. No
- $^{20}\,$  Q. Did he ever tell you, "I'm not going to send you these
- 21 checks anymore"?
- $^{22}$  A. No. I thought he was making it easier for me just wiring
- 23 it in.
- Q. Your husband had accompanied you to Antigua?
- 25 A. Pardon me?

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Page 38 Q. Your husband had accompanied you to Antigua? 2 Α. Yes. How many times? Twice. Α. And he was present and observed the operation at SOS? MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I object as to relevancy of this. THE COURT: Overruled. Q. Yes? 9 10 A. He dined there. 11 Okay, can you try to answer the question. I asked you, was he present --12 13 THE COURT: So based only on what you saw. 14 A. What I saw, he sat down and we had dinner. I couldn't see 15 through a wall. 16 Q. Isn't it a glass wall? 17 A. I don't think it's a glass wall. I haven't been there in 18 many years. Maybe it is a glass wall now. I'm sorry, I don't 19 recall. 20 Q. Would it refresh your recollection if I told you that 21 numerous witnesses have testified it's a glass wall? 22 A. If that's their observance. It just wasn't my focus. I'm 23 sorry. 24 Q. Visible from the dining area, correct? 25 (The witness nodded affirmatively.)

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Page 39 Q. You have to answer orally. A. Yes. I'm sorry. Q. It was visible from the dining area? The wall, yes. The glass wall? I'm saying I don't recall it being a glass wall. I'm sorry. Is it your testimony that your husband did not observe people operating computers? 10 MR. NURIK: Objection as to relevance. THE COURT: Sustained. Sustained at this point. 11 12 Q. Did your husband when he was with you in Antigua observe 13 people working for SOS? 14 MR. NURIK: Objection. 15 THE COURT: Sustained. Q. Were you present with him at a location where you observed 17 people working for SOS? 18 MR. NURIK: Objection. It's the same thing. 19 THE COURT: Overruled. 20 A. Could you rephrase that, please. 21 Sure. You told us you and he dined there? 22 A. Yes. Q. At the time you dined at your brother's house, were there 23 24 people there working for SOS? 25 A. Not that I observed.

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Page 40 Q. Not that you observed. I was dining. There was a wall. I was dining. While you were there, did you ever observe people working for SOS? I observed people sitting at computers. Okay. Was your husband with you when you made that observation? Q. In terms of proximity to the dining area, where were those 10 people sitting at computers? 11 Probably the distance from me to you. 12 Okay, it's not like it's --Q. 13 A. Maybe further. 14 So it's fairly close proximity, correct? Q. 15 I guess it was -- it didn't seem close to me. Q. Okay. And what time do you dine in Antigua? 17 We dine at a very early hour because we all go to bed 18 early, probably 6:00, 6:30. 19 And those are prime gambling hours, aren't they? 20 I don't know. I don't gamble. 21 You don't know. You do know, Ms. Tierney. 22 A. I don't. 23 MR. NURIK: Objection. 24 THE COURT: Sustained, sustained. I strike the --25 Q. Your brother has been involved in illegal gambling

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Page 41 business for how long? I don't know how many years. I'm sorry. Take a guess. MR. NURIK: Objection. Can we just have a clarification, brother. Q. Robert Eremian, correct? A. I don't know how many years. I can't give you the number of years. I'm sorry. Q. About how long do you think? 10 A. Fifteen, twenty years. 11 Q. Your father was involved in that business with your 12 brother before your father passed away? 13 A. I don't believe my father worked with my brother. He gave 14 my father a place to sit. I never observed my dad working. 15 Q. Do you think your mother knew whether or not your father 16 worked? 17 MR. NURIK: Objection. 18 THE COURT: Sustained. 19 Q. Well, did you ever have a conversation with your mother 20 about whether or not your father started this business at a 21 bowling alley in Peabody? 22 MR. NURIK: Objection. 23 A. Never. 24 THE COURT: Sustained. 25 Q. You never had that conversation?

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1	A. Never.
2	MR. NURIK: Objection.
3	THE COURT: Sustained.
4	Q. How about your son, did he work for your brother Robert
5	Eremian?
6	A. Yes, he did, my son John.
7	Q. Okay. And how about your brother Dan, did he work for
8	your brother Robert Eremian?
9	A. Not to my knowledge.
10	Q. Not to your knowledge. Never?
11	A. Not to my knowledge. He had a restaurant he ran.
12	Q. Would it surprise you if your son knew that your brother
13	worked
14	MR. NURIK: Objection.
15	THE COURT: Sustained.
16	MR. WYSHAK: Well, I think I can
17	Q. Are you aware of the fact that your son knows that your
18	brother works for Robert Eremian?
19	MR. NURIK: Objection.
20	THE COURT: Sustained.
21	MR. WYSHAK: I can ask her if she has
22	THE COURT: Sustained.
23	Q. Are you aware of the fact that your daughter Carlin knows
24	that your brother works for Robert Eremian?
25	MR. NURIK: Objection.
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THE COURT: Sustained to this line of questioning. But you don't know, right? Q. No. No, you don't know. And you don't know that the prime hours for a gambling office are in the early evening? I do not know. Before basketball games began or baseball --THE COURT: She said she doesn't know. Q. Does the house in Lynnfield have a pool? 10 Yes, it does. Α. 11 Okay. And do you recall being present at that pool on 12 many occasions with your mother and a woman named Linda 13 Richardson? No, I don't. 15 Q. You don't know Linda Richardson either, I guess, huh? 16 A. I know of Linda Richardson. 17 Okay. Is it your testimony that you never were at your 18 house in Lynnfield when she was present? 19 I don't remember. I'm sorry, I can't recall that. 20 Q. You don't remember her being present? A. She wasn't a -- she wasn't a close friend. I met her on 21 22 two or three occasions. Q. Do you remember sitting around the pool while the men were 23 24 up in the garage?

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No, I do not.

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Page 44 Q. You don't remember any of that either? A. No. It could have been my sister. It wasn't me. Q. Excuse me? A. It could have been my sister she remembered, but I don't recall. I was raising my family. Q. It's your parents' house, correct? Pardon me? It was your parents'? Α. No. 10 In Lynnfield? 11 A. No. 12 Were your parents there on numerous occasions? Q. 13 Α. Visiting. 14 You said you didn't frequent the house in Salem Street? Q. 15 16 During the '90s? Q. 17 No. 18 Q. You did not? 19 A. No. 20 Q. All right. 21 A. My mother lived in Beverly. 22 Q. I want to show you some documents from Government 23 Exhibit 239. 24 MR. WYSHAK: Can we put the first one up on the 25 screen.

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Page 45 Q. All right, now, that's a check on this joint account; is that correct? Α. Correct. This 0933 account? A. Correct. See the number at the bottom? Is that your handwriting on that check? Correct. Q. And that's a check payable to you for \$1,000, correct? 10 Yes. Α. 11 And what was that for? 12 A. A gift from my brother. Q. And who wrote "gift" in there? 13 14 I did. Α. 15 So you're managing this account with all this money in it, Q. and you're drafting checks to yourself? 16 17 Yes. Α. 18 Q. How often? 19 Once a month. 20 Once a month? ٥. 21 Yes. Α. 22 Q. Twice a month? 23 A. Once a month. 24 Is that your testimony, it's just once a month? ο. 25 Unless there were something I was being repaid for, some A.

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Page 46 expenditures for the children for reimbursement, but a check to Well, you had an account with the nanny, right? Yes. Α. Q. And you had an account with your mother, correct? A. Yes. Q. And you funded both of those accounts with money from this 0933 account, correct? A. Correct. 10 Q. And you used that money coming out of that account to pay all the children's expenses, Mr. Eremian's children's expenses, 11 12 right? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. His mother's expenses, correct? 15 A. Some expenses. 16 Q. His household expenses at Lynnfield? 17 A. Correct. 18 Q. All the normal kinds of things that people pay for when 19 they are supporting a family, correct? 20 A. Correct. 21 You used that account to pay taxes for Mr. Eremian, 22 correct? 23 A. Correct. 24 Q. Mr. Robert Eremian, correct?

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A. Correct.

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Page 47 MR. WYSHAK: Can we put the next check up. 1 All right, now, this is a check drawn to Mary Eremian; is that correct? Correct. Q. And signed by you, correct? Correct. Q. And where does this check get deposited? A. That was signed over to me by my mom, so that would be put into my probably, uhm -- it's now called Beverly Cooperative 10 Bank, but I don't know what it was called then -- my account, 11 one of my accounts. 12 Q. Okay. So you're cutting a check to your mother, correct? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. And then she endorses it back to you? 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. And this is a way for you to draw out more than a thousand 17 a month? 18 Α. No. 19 No? Q. It was a way for her to compensate me for all that I did 20 Α. 21 for her. 22 Q. Your mother has to pay you to help her out? 23 A. No, she doesn't have to pay me. 24 She's not paying you; your brother is paying you, isn't 0. 25 he?

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- A. My mother endorsed this check over to me.
- 2 Q. The money is coming from your brother from Antigua,
- 3 correct:
- 4 A. To my mother and my mother to me.
- Q. In fact you have written hundreds of these checks to
- yourself and to your mother over the years, haven't you?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 O. No.
- 9 A. Hundreds of checks?
- 10 Q. Well, let's talk about it.
- MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I object to the relevancy of
- this thing to our case.
- 13 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 14 Q. You managed this account from approximately 2003 through
- 15 2010?
- 16 A. 2009, yes.
- Q. Okay. That's six to seven years?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And you admit that at least once a month you drew
- out a check to yourself, correct?
- 21 A. The first few years -- the first year I was helping my
- 22 brother I don't believe I was drawing a check as a gift.
- Q. Okay. Well, you would admit that if it's five or six
- years once a month, it's got to be over a hundred checks?
- 25 A. Well, you said "hundreds."

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1	Q. Well, there's also the same amount of checks to your
2	mother, correct?
3	A. Correct.
4	Q. So that would number in the hundreds?
5	A. Twelve checks a year.
6	Q. Yes, okay. So this was a common occurrence, for you to
7	draw money out of this account for yourself?
8	A. As a gift, yes.
9	Q. As a gift.
10	MR. WYSHAK: Can we put the summary chart up.
11	MR. NURIK: Your Honor
12	MR. WYSHAK: Can we blow that up a little bit.
13	THE COURT: Excuse me. Have you not seen this?
14	MR. NURIK: Oh, I've seen it, but it's not in evidence
15	and she didn't prepare it.
16	THE COURT: Well, what is it? It's a
17	MR. WYSHAK: A summary of the deposits into her
18	personal account. I mean, I can take the time
19	THE COURT: Excuse me. Did you offer it? Are you
20	going to offer it?
21	MR. WYSHAK: Yes.
22	THE COURT: What number is this?
23	MR. WYSHAK: This is Exhibit 239.
24	THE COURT: Is there an objection?
25	MR. NURIK: Well, there's no authentication by any

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Page 50 witness at this point. THE COURT: So at this point I'm not admitting it. So see if she can authenticate it. If not, it gets taken down. MR. WYSHAK: Okay. Well, we've taken the witness out of turn, your Honor. I could have put the witness on to authenticate this document. THE COURT: I understand. That's why I'm letting you do this, but if she can't identify it, then you have to do it the other way. MR. WYSHAK: Okay. 10 11 Q. Well, take a look at this, Mrs. Tierney. Would it 12 surprise you if these are the amount of checks that you wrote 13 to yourself out of this 0933 account for the years represented 14 on the left-hand side? 15 A. I've never seen this piece of paper. 16 Q. Okay, try to listen to my question. Let's go year by year. 2004, would you agree that you drew \$5,000 out to 17 18 yourself? Does that sound about right? 19 A. I don't recall. Q. Okay. And in 2005, \$18,000? 20 A. I don't recall. 21 22 THE COURT: Well, before we do this all, do any of 23 those numbers ring a bell? 24 THE WITNESS: None ring a bell. 25 Q. Okay, you don't know the exact amounts, correct?

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Page 51 A. Correct. 1 But you don't dispute that you were taking sufficient Q. money out of this account for yourself, significant sums? Never the sums that I see in front of me. Never \$27,000, \$37,000, \$40,000? ٥. Α. You dispute that, correct? ο. I don't recall taking checks in those amounts. What amounts do you recall? ο. THE COURT: Why don't you take it off the screen then. 10 11 Well, how about the checks to your mother? 12 The checks to my mother are a thousand dollars a month. Α. 13 Okay. And you got that money, right? 14 My mother endorsed it over to me. 15 MR. WYSHAK: We can take it off. 16 Q. So it's fair to say that you profited from managing this 17 account to a great degree, did you not? 18 I received gifts from my brother for helping him. 19 It's a lot of money, correct? 20 Yes. I did a lot of work. Well, okay. Did you do work? Were you compensated as an 21 22 employee? 23 No. 24 Q. People normally help out their family without 25 compensation, wouldn't you say?

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- A. Not to the degree that I was helping his family. I'm
- 2 sorry.
- 3 Q. So were you in fact earning a living by doing this work?
- 4 A. No. I was being appreciated. I wasn't just doing
- 5 bookkeeping.
- 6 Q. What else were you doing?
- A. I was taking care of his children that were left behind,
- 9 paying his household bills, his personal bills, and taking care
- 9 of our mother who had cancer. I had many balls in the air
- besides writing checks for his personal business.
- 11 Q. It sounds like the kinds of stuff we all do for our
- 12 children and our parents.
- 13 A. Not really. These were not my children. I had my own
- 14 family as well.
- 15 Q. Okay. Well, either it's a job or it's something you're
- doing because you're a member of the family, correct?
- $^{17}$  A. I was a trusted member of the family to do a good job with
- 18 his children who had no mother.
- 19 Q. You didn't report any of this money as income, did you?
- 20 A. No, I did not.
- MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I have to object at this
- 22 point. It's getting far afield from what we're on trial for.
- THE COURT: Overruled, overruled.
- Q. And in fact were you aware, since you were assisting your
- 25 brother's tax preparer, that your brother never filed gift tax

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Page 53 returns for any of these funds? I was not aware. I didn't see the tax returns. Did you have a conversation with Mr. Flowers, the tax preparer, about these gifts? Yes. Okay. And he was aware of the gifts? Yes. And did he file gift tax returns on behalf of your brother Robert? A. I don't know. I didn't see the tax return. 10 11 Isn't it true that the reason that you started writing 12 checks to your mother was to come under the threshold of the 13 gift tax return? Α. No. Do you know what the threshold was? 15 Q. A. Yes. 17 Q. Did you discuss that with Mr. Flowers? 18 I asked him a question, yes. 19 Q. Okay. So this was a way for you to get more money and 20 avoid the filing of a gift tax return to your mother, correct? MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I would object and ask for a 21 22 sidebar on that. 23 THE COURT: Sustained on that one. 24 MR. NURIK: I'd ask for a sidebar. 25 THE COURT: Yes. A good time to stand and stretch.

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     SIDEBAR CONFERENCE:
              MR. NURIK: I would ask for a limiting instruction at
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     this point. Anything that she may have pled to and Mr. Wyshak
     is bringing up concerning any alleged or proposed or suggested
     tax improprieties the jury should not consider as to my client.
     It is not part of the charged --
              THE COURT: That's fine as far as tax improprieties,
     but in terms of her being paid to be a member of this
     conspiracy in Massachusetts, it's right on the mark.
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              MR. NURIK: I'm not talking about that. I'm talking
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     about all these questions that are dealing with tax issues
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     right now.
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             THE COURT: That's fair, that's fair. But can I
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     just -- at some level -- I mean, obviously I've allowed leading
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     at this point. I do think that she's been a hostile witness,
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     but let me also say this: I don't know why you're trying to
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     pull in her husband so much at this point. I mean, to the
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     extent he's present, that's fine, but, I mean, it's just, you
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     know, where it's relevant it's relevant, where it's not it's
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     not.
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              MR. WYSHAK: It goes to her credibility, number one.
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              THE COURT: Maybe, but I'm just simply saying, if it's
     relevant when he's present, I allowed it in, but it crossed the
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     line at some point, so --
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              MR. WYSHAK: I would also note that defense counsel
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Page 55 has asked almost every government witness about their taxes and their tax obligations and their avoidance of tax obligations. THE COURT: I'm not saying you can't ask the question, but it's pretty clear it's not -- how long do you have with 5 her? MR. WYSHAK: Maybe another twenty minutes. THE COURT: How long will you both be? MR. NURIK: Well, if he goes twenty minutes, I'm going to at least take us up to the break at 11:00, maybe longer. 10 THE COURT: That's fine, that's fine, that's fine. 11 (End of sidebar conference.) 12 THE COURT: Let me just make it clear that there are 13 no charges of tax improprieties against Mr. Daniel Eremian, so this discussion only has to do with Mrs. Tierney; and to the 14 15 extent that there's an allegation of tax improprieties against 16 Mr. Lyons, this line of questioning has nothing to do with it. 17 So I think that captures what we talked about. 18 MR. HORSTMANN: Thank you, your Honor. 19 BY MR. WYSHAK: 20 Was your husband aware that you were managing this bank account for your brother Robert Eremian? 21 22 A. Yes, he was. Q. Were you aware that in 2006 a legislation was passed by 23 24 Congress making the kinds of transactions that you were 25 involved in illegal?

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Page 56 A. No, I was not aware. Q. Were you aware that your husband voted on that legislation twice? MR. NURIK: Objection. THE COURT: Sustained, sustained. Q. Well, did you ever have a conversation with your husband about the legality of what your brother Robert Eremian was doing? MR. NURIK: Objection. THE COURT: Sustained. Well, actually, actually, 10 11 overruled from you. 12 MR. STERN: I object, your Honor, on behalf of the 13 witness. 14 THE COURT: Sustained. MR. WYSHAK: I can ask the witness whether the 15 16 conversation existed. 17 THE COURT: Excuse me. Sustained. It's marital privilege. You cannot --18 19 MR. WYSHAK: I'm not going into the substance. I'm 20 just asking whether such a conversation occurred. THE COURT: Sustained on the basis of marital 21 22 privilege. 23 MR. WYSHAK: Your Honor, may we have a sidebar on this 24 because --25 THE COURT: No. I think I know what the argument is.

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     If there's something different from what I know -- well, let me
     ask you this. Well, unless you have any knowledge that a
     conversation happened in the presence of a third party where
     the privilege wouldn't apply.
              MR. WYSHAK: Well, the law in Massachusetts allows --
              THE COURT: Excuse me. Let me see you.
     SIDEBAR CONFERENCE:
             MR. WYSHAK: We actually did some homework on this,
     your Honor.
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              THE COURT: So did I.
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             MR. WYSHAK: Okay, and this Gallagher against
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     Goldstein case, which is a 1988 case, clearly says that the
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     statute does not bar evidence as to the fact that a
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     conversation took place. I can inquire as to whether or not
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     there was a conversation. I may not be able to go into the
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     substance, but I do think it's relevant to her credibility as a
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     witness whether or not she ever sought advice or counsel from
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     her husband, who's a lawyer.
             THE COURT: That's exactly -- you're trying to get
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     into the substance of the conversation. Excuse me. The
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     objection is sustained. Now, here's the issue here: It's
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     relevant, so you can't make the objection.
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              MR. NURIK: I understand, I understand.
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              THE COURT: And to the extent that there's an
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     objection, that's why I'm looking to Mr. Stern here, I mean, so
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     I don't know who's doing what but --
              MR. NURIK: Except that, and I understand --
              THE COURT: It's a hundred percent relevant.
              MR. NURIK: The problem is that typically a Mr. Stern
     is not here, so I'm kind of preconditioned to object to the
     spousal privilege.
              MR. STERN: The other thing, your Honor, as long as
     we're here, some of his question, and I think the objection was
     properly sustained, but, I mean, if Mr. Wyshak is going to keep
     banging away trying to insert any kind of, you know, evidence
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     about her husband and --
              THE COURT: Well, at some level I'm assuming he will
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     act as an officer of the court and try and not do it on
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     irrelevant grounds. And to the extent I think it is, I've
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     sustained it. To the extent I think it's relevant, I haven't.
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     This is relevant; it's just privileged.
              MR. STERN: The other thing I want to say, your Honor,
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     your Honor made a curative instruction to the jury in terms of
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     the tax. You might want to say there is no tax consequences to
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     a recipient, a donee of a gift that exceeds the limits.
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              THE COURT: If you believe it's a gift. I mean, I'm
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     not getting into that one.
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              (End of sidebar conference.)
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     BY MR. WYSHAK:
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Page 59 Q. I'd like to talk a little bit more about this 0933 account. Were some of the funds that were going into this account, did they come from people who purchased Red Sox tickets? A. On very slim occasion, yes. Q. Okay. And your brother held season tickets to the Red Sox? Correct. Q. Four seats? 10 MR. NURIK: Clarification. 11 O. Robert Eremian? A. Yes. 12 13 Q. And you, like everything else, managed those Red Sox 14 tickets for him? 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. And you would sell the Red Sox tickets; is that fair to 17 18 A. I didn't sell them. I sold games that he didn't allocate 19 to people. 20 Q. Okay. So if somebody wanted to buy some tickets, they'd 21 contact you and send you a check, and you'd send them the 22 tickets; is that fair to say? 23 A. Most of the instructions came from my brother as to where 24 the tickets would go to, or he would have somebody call me and 25 say, "Bob gave me --"

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Q. Okay. Do you know a man named William Means?

- 2 A. I met him at my niece's funeral.
- 3 Q. Okay. And had you sent him Red Sox tickets in the past?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And had he sent you money in payment of those Red Sox
- 6 tickets?
- 7 A. I believe he talked directly to my brother about payment.
- 8 I don't recall receiving a check from Mr. Means.
- 9 Q. How about a Richard Ducharme?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Do you know him?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. Was he a person who also you sent Red Sox tickets to?
- 14 A. Yes, a few.
- 15 Q. Did he send you money?
- 16 A. On occasion.
- 17 Q. Andrew Pomper, he is a person you sent Red Sox tickets to?
- 18 A. I did.
- 19 Q. Did he send you money?
- 20 A. At one point he did. At other times he sent to my brother
- or they had some arrangement. I only took -- I believe I took
- 22 one check from him.
- 23 Q. All right, all these men had arrangements with your
- 24 brother because they all worked for him; isn't that true?
- 25 A. I have no idea who worked for my brother.

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- 1 Q. You have no idea that these men worked for your brother?
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. And sometimes they didn't have to pay you because this
- 4 money went on their SOS account; isn't that true?
- 5 A. I have no knowledge of that.
- 6 Q. They didn't tell you that? You didn't have that
- 7 conversation with them?
- 8 A. Never
- 9 Q. Lindsey Perry, wasn't he another one of these people you
- sent Red Sox tickets to?
- 11 A. Maybe one or two. No, he was not --
- 12 Q. Let's talk a little bit more about Lindsey Perry. Who was
- 13 he?
- 14 A. Lindsey Perry was a schoolmate of my family's in
- 15 Masconomet. Lindsey Perry ran a property in Nantucket. I
- don't know what his job description was.
- 17 Q. Okay. He was a property manager, correct?
- 18 A. I guess so, yeah.
- 19 Q. He managed a timeshare that you used?
- 20 A. I didn't use it.
- 21 Q. All right. What did you do with it? Did you manage it?
- 22 A. I paid the bills that would come from -- it's a timeshare
- 23 complex, so it would be annual fees that everybody in the
- complex paid. He would send the bill to my brother's P.O. box,
- 25 and that's what I would pay.

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- Q. Okay. And sometimes you didn't have to pay it; isn't that
- 2 true
- 3 A. I don't recall when I didn't have to pay it.
- Q. You don't recall that sometimes you didn't have to pay
- 5 because he owed SOS money?
- 6 A. I don't recall.
- 7 Q. You don't recall --
- 8 A. It was only a once or a twice year bill. I don't --
- 9 Nantucket wasn't one of my focuses.
- 10 Q. So all these people, Mr. Means, Mr. Ducharme, Mr. Pomper,
- Mr. Perry, would sometimes set off what they owed either for
- 12 their Red Sox tickets or what you owed Mr. Perry for your condo
- 13 fees against debts that they had to SOS, and you don't know
- 14 anything about that?
- 15 A. I do not. I don't know anything about that.
- 16 Q. You don't know anything about that. You don't know why
- you didn't have to pay the condo fees one year to Mr. Perry?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. Did you know Mr. Perry was gambling with your brother
- 20 Robert Eremian?
- 21 A. No.
- $_{\rm 22}$   $_{\rm Q}.$  You didn't know that either, right? This is a school chum
- of yours who went to Masconomet with you?
- 24 A. I knew of him. He wasn't a chum.
- 25 Q. You told us just a minute ago he's a friend of your

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- 1 family.
- <sup>2</sup> A. He went to school with some of my brothers.
- $^{\rm 3}$   $\,$  Q. And you didn't know that he was betting with your brother
- 4 Robert Eremian?
- 5 A. No. He lives on Nantucket.
- 6 Q. I didn't ask you where he lived. I asked you if you knew
- 7 he was betting with your brother Robert Eremian?
- 8 A. I did not know.
- 9 Q. And you didn't know Andrew Pomper was betting with your
- 10 brother Robert Eremian?
- 11 A. I gave Andrew Pomper Red Sox tickets.
- $^{12}$  Q. Try to answer the question.
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Did you know Andrew Pomper --
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. -- was betting with Robert Eremian?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Did you know he worked as an agent for Robert Eremian?
- 19 A. No.
- 20 Q. And Mr. Ducharme, did you know that he worked as an agent
- 21 for your brother Robert Eremian?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Or William Means, you didn't know he worked as an agent
- 24 for Robert Eremian?
- 25 A. No.

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Page 64 Q. Now, the timeshare in Nantucket, is it your testimony you never used it? Correct. Who used it? His family, my brother's family. His kids? His kids, his wife, his relatives. You never used it? A. I never used his timeshare. 10 Well, he had eight weeks, right? Did you have some other 11 timeshare we're not aware of? 12 No. I rented a week from Mr. Perry. 13 Was that one of your brother's weeks? A. No. It was a smaller condo place. 14 15 In fact, didn't you sell that timeshare? Didn't you? A. I didn't sell it. 17 Okay. You didn't participate in the sale in 2009 of the Nantucket timeshare? 18 19 A. No. 20 Q. No? 21 I knew he sold it. 22 Q. Who did you think owned the time-share? 23 A. I'm sorry? 24 Who owned the time-share? Q. 25 I believe my brother owned the time-share.

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1		MR. WYSHAK: Can we put the monitor on.
2	Q.	Can you see that check?
3	Α.	Yes.
4	Q.	That's a check in September of 2009, correct?
5	A.	Correct.
6	Q.	To you?
7	A.	Correct.
8	Q.	For \$73,000?
9	A.	Correct.
10	Q.	Okay. And who is Islandwide Realty?
11	A.	That is Ken Lindsay.
12	Q.	Okay, you know Ken Lindsay, right?
13	Α.	I went to school with him.
14	Q.	Did you know he gambled with your brother Robert?
15	Α.	No.
16	Q.	Okay. So how long were you managing this time-share on
17	Nant	ucket?
18	Α.	I didn't manage it initially. Uhm, probably for maybe
19	four	years, four or five years.
20	Q.	Just four or five years?
21	A.	Yes.
22	Q.	Between what period of time?
23	A.	Probably 2004 to 2009.
24	Q.	Okay, about five years?
25	Α.	Yeah, yes.

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Q. And there were eight weeks, right? Yes. Α. And if people wanted to use those weeks, you'd call Mr. Perry and make arrangements? Α. No. Q. A. I wasn't involved in that.

- You didn't send him money for the ferry to get from the
- mainland, Mass. Cape Cod to Nantucket?
- 10 A. Send money?
- Money, didn't you send him checks to pay for ferry tickets 11
- 12 for people who were going over to use the timeshare?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. You don't remember any of this, Mrs. Tierney?
- I don't know who stayed at my brother's timeshare. It was 15
- separate from where I stayed. It was a big development. 16
- 17 When you say it's your brother's timeshare, is it your
- 18 testimony you thought he owned it?
- 19 I thought he owned it.
- 20 Okay. Were you surprised in 2009 to find out that he did
- 21 not own it?
- 22 I wasn't surprised. I think he was trying to sell it.
- 23 Q. Well, did he own it?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Was title in his name? ο.

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Page 67 A. I don't recall. His or his wife's. I never saw a title. Q. You don't recall that there was a problem that title had never been put in his name? I had nothing to do with the title. Okay. Well, the check to pay for this comes from Islandwide Realty; is that correct? Correct. That's Mr. Lindsay, correct? A. It's --He's sending you a check for this, correct? 10 Q. 11 Α. 12 Did you go to a closing for the sale of this timeshare? Q. 13 A. No. Q. Do you know if your brother Robert Eremian went to --14 15 16 Q. No. You're getting a lot of money, but you don't know a 17 lot about any of this; is that fair to say? 18 This wasn't my money. 19 Q. It's coming to you, correct? 20 It's being deposited into my brother's checkbook. A. 21 Okay, it's coming to you? Q. 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. The check isn't written out to Bob Eremian? 24 A. No. 25 Q. It's written out to Patrice Tierney?

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. Who told Mr. Lindsay to make the check out to Patrice
- 3 Tierney
- 4 A. Probably my brother.
- Q. And you endorsed the check and deposited it, right?
- 6 That's your endorsement?
- 7 A. Yes, into his Bank of America account.
- 8 Q. Did you know that your brother obtained this timeshare as
- 9 payment of a gambling debt from Mr. Lindsay?
- 10 A. No, I did not.
- 11 Q. You don't know anything about that?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. And you don't know that the timeshare was never in your
- brother's name during that entire period that you managed it?
- 15 A. I never saw documents. I'm sorry. The bills came to his
- 16 name.
- 17 Q. And that when it was sold, Mr. Lindsay was the one who had
- to sell it because title was still in his name? You don't know
- 19 anything about that?
- 20 A. This is a different -- this is Ken Lindsay, not Lindsey
- 21 Perry. Two different people.
- 22 Q. I'm aware of that.
- 23 A. Okav
- Q. That's what I asked you, that Mr. Lindsay had to sell it
- because title was still in his name?

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- 1 A. I didn't know that.
- 2 Q. Were you surprised when you saw that he was the purchaser,
- 3 that he's sending you the check here?
- 4 A. Who was the purchaser?
- $^{5}\,$  Q. Well, that he's sending you the check? He sold it.
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. He sold it to the purchaser.
- 8 A. So he sent me the proceeds to put in Bob's account.
- 9 Q. Correct, correct. Were you surprised by that?
- 10 A. No. My brother said he was trying to get rid of it.
- 11 Q. Okay. Have you participated in the sale of any real
- 12 estate in your life?
- 13 A. In my life?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And generally when somebody buys a piece of real
- estate, you go to a closing?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. The buyer pays with his own checks, correct?
- 20 A. Uh-huh, yes.
- 21 Q. You weren't surprised that Mr. Lindsay was sending you
- 22 this check?
- 23 A. No. He wanted to put it in my brother's account.
- 24 Q. All right, now, you dealt with Mr. Flowers concerning your
- brother's tax returns; is that correct?

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Page 70 Did you assist him in filing a tax return for Sports Off ٥. Shore? No. Α. Were you aware that no tax returns were filed for Sports Off Shore? No. Α. You weren't aware of that? A. No. I only handled my brother's personal. Well, you handled more than his personal. You handled his 10 11 business, correct? Many of the bills that you were paying --12 THE COURT: You need to wait for an answer. 13 MR. WYSHAK: Well, withdrawn. You handled some of his business expenses, didn't you? 14 I don't believe I did. They were personal credit cards, 15 16 not business credit cards. 17 Okay, did you use a program called QuickBooks? 18 Yes, I did. 19 Q. As a matter of fact, you got trained on how to use 20 QuickBooks? A. I did. 21 22 Q. And some of the expenses that you were entering into the 23 QuickBooks were expenses that you coded as business expenses, 24 weren't they? 25 A. Correct.

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Page 71 Purchase of computers, computer hardware? Q. Uh-huh, correct. Α. Software, travel, correct? Correct. Α. Q. Okay, so those are business expenses, correct? A. Correct. Q. In connection with the operation of Sports Off Shore, were they not? With his consulting business, correct. 10 His consulting. You still believe he's a consultant, 11 right? 12 A. Yes, sir. 13 Q. Okay. You knew that if he were the principal of Sports 14 Off Shore, he'd have to file a corporate tax return or a 15 business tax return? 16 MR. NURIK: Objection. It assumes facts not in evidence, also is a mischaracterization of the law. 17 THE COURT: Sustained. 18 19 Q. So, Ms. Tierney, even though you've pled guilty to being willfully blind to aiding and abetting him in the filing of 20 false tax returns, you still sit there and tell us you do not 21 22 think he's the principal of SOS? 23 A. Yes. 24 Q. Correct? 25 Yes.

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Page 72 Q. Okay. Did you understand that SOS was doing business in the United States? At what period? At any period of time. Q. In the earlier years. What are the earlier years? Q. A. The late '90s. And how did you have that understanding? A. He was working out of his garage. Okay. I'm talking about Sports Off Shore, the business in 10 11 Antigua. 12 Oh, I'm sorry. It wasn't called that. 13 Did you understand that Sports Off Shore, that your 14 brother when he was in Antigua was doing business in the United 15 States? 16 No. Α. 17 Q. You didn't understand that? 18 19 Q. Do you recall that he was interviewed by the 20 New York Times in 1998? 21 No, I don't. Q. Did you see that interview? 22 23 A. I never did. 24 Q. You never saw that either? 25 No.

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- 1 Q. Your brother gets interviewed by the biggest newspaper in
- the country, and you don't know anything about that?
- 3 A. No. I don't see half of my husband's interviews.
- 4 Q. When did you first become aware that your brother was
- being investigated, your brother Robert was being investigated
- 6 by the Federal Grand Jury?
- 7 A. It was -- I believe it was -- I don't remember the date.
- 8 I was contacted by an attorney. I don't remember the exact
- 9 date
- 10 Q. Okay, sometime in 2009?
- 11 A. Yes, probably.
- 12 Q. And isn't that one of those red flags that you should have
- 13 been aware of when you knew that the government was
- investigating your brother's illegal activity?
- 15 A. Yes
- 16 Q. But you continued to take money from Antigua, correct,
- 17 manage his account, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- $^{19}\,$  Q. And continued to use the money coming in from this account
- 20 to pay yourself money, correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And to cover all of Mr. Eremian's personal and business
- 23 expenses, correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. Including his family's expenses?

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And at some point your son John Chew in the fall of 2009
- 3 is subpoenaed to the Federal Grand Jury; isn't that true?
- 4 A. Correct.
- $^{5}$  Q. Okay. And you cut a check to his lawyer out of this 0933
- 6 account, correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. Why did you do that?
- 9 A. He had to pay his lawyer, and his uncle offered to pay for
- 10 it.
- 11 Q. Did you understand that he was being subpoenaed to the
- 12 Federal Grand Jury in connection with an investigation into
- 13 Robert Eremian?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. And is that why you had Robert Eremian pay for your
- son's lawyer?
- 17 A. My brother Robert offered to pay for the lawyer. My son
- didn't have the money to pay for a lawyer.
- 19 Q. And at that time you must have been extremely aware that
- there was something wrong in Denmark, so to speak, correct?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And you still continued to manage this account; you still
- 23 continued to take money out of it, didn't you?
- 24 A. I did.
- 25 Q. And you still continued to pay Mr. Eremian's expenses,

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Page 75 correct? A. Correct. Until February of 2010? Correct. Α. Correct? And can you explain to the jury why, despite having knowledge that your brother was under criminal investigation for his activities in Antigua, you continued to participate in this activity? I was advised by my brother's attorney, who was the one who informed me of this case, to continue to pay. 10 11 Your brother's --12 MR. HORSTMANN: Objection. 13 THE COURT: Overruled. 14 Your brother's attorney? Yes. I asked him if I should stop, and he said, "Continue 15 what you're doing." 16 17 How about your husband? 18 MR. NURIK: Objection. 19 MR. STERN: Objection, your Honor. 20 THE COURT: Sustained. 21 He's a lawyer, right? 22 He was. Α. 23 Well, is he no longer a member of the Bar --24 No, he's a member of the Bar. Α. 25 -- of Massachusetts?

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1	A. He's not a practicing lawyer.	
2	Q. He's certainly somebody who's available for you to consult	
3	with concerning legal matters, correct?	
4	A. Correct.	
5	Q. Yet you choose to talk to your brother's lawyer, correct?	
6	A. Correct.	
7	Q. Somebody who's got your brother's interests in mind,	
8	correct?	
9	MR. NURIK: Objection.	
10	THE COURT: Overruled.	
11	MR. NURIK: Can we have clarification of which	
12	brother.	
13	THE COURT: Oh, I keep forgetting that, but I think	
14	the context is always Robert Eremian unless you say otherwise	
15	at this point.	
16	THE WITNESS: Correct, yes.	
17	THE COURT: All right.	
18	Q. And would that lawyer be Jim Merberg?	
19	A. Yes.	
20	Q. So Jim Merberg told you to continue managing this account?	
21	MR. STERN: Objection. Your Honor, may we approach	
22	briefly at sidebar?	
23	THE COURT: Let me just ask this: Was he providing	
24	legal services to you?	
25	THE WITNESS: No. He was just making the suggestion	

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that I continue what I'm doing as if nothing was wrong, and I just did it, until I was told by Mr. Wyshak to discontinue. And you needed me to tell you that, right? Yes. Α. Q. You couldn't figure it out on your own? MR. NURIK: Objection. THE COURT: Sustained. Do you feel that your brother Robert Eremian deceived you? No. Α. 10 Q. No. 11 12 Q. So I guess you disagree with your husband's statements to 13 the media that you were deceived by your brother? 14 I don't believe either of my brothers would put me in harm's way. I don't believe he deceived me. 15 16 Q. Try and answer the question. Do you agree with your 17 husband's statement on the courthouse steps --18 MR. NURIK: Objection, assumes facts not in evidence, 19 your Honor. 20 THE COURT: I'll allow the question to be asked. 21 Q. Do you agree with your husband's statement on the 22 courthouse steps that you were a victim of your brother's 23 deception? 24 No. Α. 25 You don't agree with his statement. So you think your

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- brother has been fair and square with you?
- 2 A. I thought he was.
- 3 Q. If in fact he is the owner of SOS, he would have lied to
- 4 you, correct?
- 5 A. Correct.
- 6 Q. If in fact the conduct in which he was engaged in was
- 7 illegal, he would have lied to you, correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. Do you know Todd Lyons?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. Okay. And how do you know Todd Lyons?
- 12 A. He went to school with both of my boys. I know him from
- 13 Marblehead.
- 14 Q. Did you know that Todd Lyons worked for your brother
- 15 Robert Eremian?
- 16 A. In the early years when my son did, yes.
- Q. Again, when you're talking about the early years --
- 18 A. I'm sorry. In the late '90s.
- THE COURT: Well, just differentiate. So are you
- 20 talking about the business in the garage?
- 21 THE WITNESS: In the garage.
- 22 Q. Okay. After your brother Robert went to Antigua, did you
- 23 know that Todd Lyons worked for him?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. And what's been the nature of your relationship with

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Page 79 Mr. Lyons since your brother went to Antigua?

A. I haven't had a relationship with Mr. Lyons.

- 3 Q. Nothing.
- 4 A. His cousin dated my daughter, and they opened a food
- business. I saw him there once or twice, but other than that,
- I might have seen him at a Red Sox game once.
- 7 Q. Isn't it true that your daughter Carlin told you that Todd
- 8 worked for your brother Bob?
- 9 MR. NURIK: Objection.
- THE COURT: Sustained.
- 11 Q. Have you ever received anything from Mr. Lyons to send to
- 12 Antigua?
- 13 A. Never.
- 14 Q. You sent items to Antigua; is that fair to say?
- 15 A. I believe I sent items to my brother to send to Antigua,
- 16 my brother Dan.
- 0. Okay. Why not send them yourself?
- 18 A. Because he was filling a large container of sorts. It was
- 19 very expensive to send things to Antigua.
- 20 Q. Well, from time to time, though, you did ship items to
- 21 Antigua via FedEx; is that correct?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. And what were those items?
- 24 A. I sent some jewelry items that I had made.
- 25 Q. Anything else?

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- 1 A. Olive oil.
- Q. Documents, did you ever send documents there?
- 3 A. I don't recall documents. There might have been some bank
- 4 statements that came or a credit card bill that I didn't
- 5 understand, and I sent it to him.
- 6 Q. And how would you describe your relationship with your
- 7 brother Dan?
- A. My brother Dan and I have always been very friendly.
- 9 Q. And what did you understand he did for a living?
- 10 A. At what time?
- 11 Q. The last ten years.
- 12 A. He owned a restaurant in Florida, which burned to the
- ground, and it's in litigation.
- 14 Q. That was a long time ago, right?
- 15 A. I believe it's still in litigation. I don't know how many
- years it's been in litigation.
- 17 Q. The restaurant burnt down in 2003 or thereabouts?
- 18 A. Possibly.
- 19 Q. Okay, so since then, what do you understand that he does
- 20 for a living?
- 21 A. He's a professional gambler. He files his taxes as a
- 22 professional gambler.
- Q. Okay, but you didn't know he had any connection with SOS;
- 24 is that your testimony?
- A. No, except to ship supplies to my brother.

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Page 81 Q. Okay. And you have constant communication with him, don't you? A. With Dan? Q. With your brother Daniel? A. Constant? No. Q. Well, if I told you there was over a hundred telephone calls between your brother and yourself in 2009, would that surprise you? THE COURT: Your brother Daniel. 10 A. My brother Dan? No, it wouldn't surprise me. My mother 11 was very ill. 12 Q. Did you ever directly ask your brother Robert Eremian 13 regarding the legality of his activities in Antigua? 14 A. No. 15 Q. No? You're sure about that, Ms. Tierney? 16 A. I'm sure. 17 Q. You didn't tell your lawyer that you asked your brother --18 THE COURT: You can't ask about what she told her 19 lawyer. 20 MR. WYSHAK: I think it's a waiver because it was 21 communicated to me. 22 THE COURT: All right, you can make that proffer. 23 Q. Did you tell your lawyer that you asked your brother about 24 the legality of what he was doing, and he told you you didn't 25 want to know?

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Page 82 A. I don't recall that. Q. You deny that you said those words to Mr. Stern? A. I don't recall I said those words. Q. Well, you would recall if you had a conversation with your brother about, "Is this legal?" and he told you, "You don't want to know." That would be one of those red flags, right? It would be, but I don't recall. Okay, you don't recall having the conversation with your brother, or you don't recall telling Mr. Stern that? 10 MR. NURIK: Clarification. 11 THE COURT: Daniel Eremian? 12 MR. WYSHAK: I'm sorry. 13 Do you recall --14 I don't recall --Α. 15 MR. NURIK: Which brother? 16 -- having that conversation with Robert Eremian? Is that 17 what you don't recall? 18 I do not recall. 19 You don't recall? 20 Α. No. 21 And you don't recall telling your lawyer that? 22 MR. STERN: Objection, your Honor. 23 THE COURT: Sustained, asked and answered. 24 MR. WYSHAK: I have nothing further, your Honor. 25

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Page 83 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. NURIK: Good morning. Good morning. We met outside for the first time just before court today? Correct. We've never spoken before? Never. Α. May I call you Patrice? You may. Α. 10 Q. Patrice, with respect to the bank account that Mr. Wyshak asked you numerous questions, I want to focus on my client who 11 12 is on trial, Dan Eremian. Did you ever pay him any money out 13 of that account? 14 No, never. Q. Did he have anything to do with that account? 15 16 No, nothing. 17 Did he have any records of that account, to your 18 knowledge? 19 Α. No. Did you ever send him anything regarding that account? 20 Q. 21 22 Q. As far as you know, did he even know of the existence of 23 that account? 24 I believe he knew of the existence because I would have to

pay a kid's bill, or, you know, we'd talk about that.

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- 1 Q. In fact you took care of a lot of the children in the
- 2 family -- specifically, Bob Eremian's children --
- 3 A. Correct.
- Q. -- as a result of some difficult family circumstances,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A. Correct.
- Q. And Dan was aware of that, correct?
- 8 A Correct.
- 9 Q. And he knew that as a result, you were making payments for
- all sorts of things for Bob's kids, correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. In fact this was necessitated as a result of Bob's
- estranged wife Lauren developing a substance abuse problem,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. She went into rehab?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And as a result, Bob now didn't have anybody to take care
- of the problems that the family had, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. For that matter, there were all sorts of payments that
- needed to be made of family bills?
- 23 A. Correct.
- Q. There were all sorts of things that needed to be taken
- 25 care of for the children?

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Page 85 Correct. Q. And Bob had four children, correct --Correct. -- at the time? He had a daughter Amy? ο. A. Correct. Who has since passed away from a drug overdose? THE COURT: You know, do we have to disclose this personal stuff? MR. NURIK: I think it is necessary, your Honor. I'm not going to spend much time, but I'd like the opportunity. 10 11 THE COURT: I don't know what other personal things 12 are coming out about the children, so please don't mention 13 names. At some level --Well, needless to say, a number of the children themselves 14 15 had substance abuse problems, correct? 16 A. Correct. 17 Okay. And Bob was going back and forth between Antigua and the United States? 18 19 A. Correct. 2.0 Q. And he needed help with his family? 21 Q. And you were the one that he could trust the most to help? 22 23 A. Correct. 24 Q. And in that regard, he put you in charge of the bank 25 account that was in Massachusetts?

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A. Correct. Q. And as a result, you kept very detailed records of that bank account, correct? Yes. Α. In fact, you said that you learned QuickBooks? A. Q. And you kept detailed QuickBooks records, correct? A. Yes. Q. And as a result, you were familiar generally, even as you sit here now, the types of things that you paid out of that 10 11 account? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Now, Mr. Wyshak brought out that close to \$5 million 14 actually went into that account in deposits. Do you recall 15 16 A. Into my brother's account. 17 Q. Yes.

- $^{21}\,$   $\,$  A.  $\,$  My brother Bob. Not the household account.
- 22 Q. Right. Now, actually, the time that you managed the
- 23 account and that you kept QuickBook records of that account --

Q. Okay, and brother for purposes of this, we'll talk about

- 24 that is, the main account -- actually \$4,828,000 went into that
- 25 account? Does that sound about right?

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Yes.

Bob Eremian.

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Page 87 A. About right. Okay, just to aid you, I'm going to show you your QuickBook records. Take a look at that to refresh your recollection. (Witness examining documents.) Q. Okay? Uh-huh, yes. Α. Q. Now, there was several sources of money that came into that account, correct? You got checks, correct? 10 Right. Α. 11 You also got wires? 12 A. Correct. 13 Q. And these came from Antigua? 14 A. Correct. 15 Q. And the checks came from Antigua? 16 A. Correct. 17 There were also hundreds of thousands of dollars that came in as a result of a settlement because one of Bob Eremian's 18 lawyers, prior lawyers, had stolen money from him, correct? 19 20 Correct, yes. Had stolen about a half a million dollars, correct? 21 Q. 22 23 Q. And that money was repatriated into the account, correct? 24 A. Q. Now, what the government asked you about was the money 25

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Page 88 that went in. Let's talk about some of the money that went out. Isn't it a fact that in actuality over \$3 million was paid for taxes to the United States Treasury out of that account? A. Correct. Q. In fact, there were payments made every year by you. You signed the checks to the United States Treasury, which represented payments you were directed to make to pay taxes on the income that Bob Eremian made from his activities in Antigua, correct? 10 11 A. Correct. 12 Q. And you alone paid \$2.4 million in those checks to the 13 IRS, correct? 14 THE COURT: That's unclear, that question. 15 When I say "you alone," meaning --16 THE COURT: Her personal taxes? 17 MR. NURIK: No. I apologize, your Honor. 18 You signed checks on behalf of Bob Eremian to pay his taxes to the Internal Revenue Service? 19 20 A. Correct. 21 Q. And the checks that you signed that you recall during the 22 years that you were involved was \$2.4 million; actually, 23 specifically \$2,403,552.76, correct? 24 I don't remember the amount, but --25 Okay, let me show you this and see if this refreshes your

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Page 89 recollection. They were quarterly payments, so I --(Witness examining document.) 3 Correct. Α. Q. And in addition, you're aware that in 2009, other payments were made, bringing the total amount to \$3.5 million, correct? I don't remember the amounts. This is my brother's tax payments? It would be four payments? I don't remember the exact amount. Q. But there were additional amounts? 10 11 12 Q. So there were amounts over the \$2.4 million that were 13 paid? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Now, in addition to money paid for the Internal Revenue 16 Service out of that account on behalf of Bob Eremian, I believe <u>3</u> 7 you told Mr. Wyshak that money was paid to charities. 18 Yes. 19 In that regard, you said that money was sent to a Bill 20 Clinton charity? 21 A. Correct. 22 Q. You recall money being paid also for Haitian relief fund? 23 A. Correct. 24 Q. Do you recall money also being paid, over \$60,000 to rehab 25 centers to keep rehab centers open?

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Page 90 A. Correct. Q. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were paid to charities? A. Correct. I need more room up here. Cancer research, Dan Farber Foundation? A. Correct. THE COURT: Dana. MR. NURIK: I'm sorry, Dana. Q. 911 Fund? A. Correct. 10 11 Do you remember that? St. Margaret's Church, do you 12 remember that? 13 A. Correct. 14 Q. Santa's Little Helper donations? 15 A. Correct. 16 Q. Autism Research Foundation? 17 A. Correct. 18 Q. In addition, were you aware that Bob Eremian was making 19 donations to schools in Antigua? 20 A. Yes, I was. 21 That he was helping building up the infrastructure there? 22 A. Yes. 23 Q. Now, initially when you became involved with this account, 24 you spoke to Mr. Flowers, the accountant? 25 A. Correct.

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Page 91 Q. And you were aware of a number of things that had been developing which gave you a sense of comfort in getting involved in managing this money? A. Correct.  ${\tt Q.}\,$  One of those things that I think you told us on direct was that you had learned that your brother Robert Eremian had gotten permission from the Court to go work for SOS, correct? A. Yes. I saw the memorandum. MR. WYSHAK: I object to that characterization. 10 THE COURT: Sustained. 11 Didn't you testify to that on direct examination? 12 Yes. 13 MR. WYSHAK: I object. It's hearsay. THE COURT: Sustained. 15 MR. NURIK: Judge, she testified in response to his 16 question. THE COURT: Sustained as to the way that was asked. 18 MR. NURIK: All right. May I have this marked as my 19 next exhibit. 20 THE COURT: Have you shown it to the government? Do 21 you know what it is? 22 MR. WYSHAK: Can we have a sidebar, your Honor? 23 THE COURT: How much longer do you have? 24 MR. NURIK: Oh, I have a while. 25 THE COURT: Good, so why don't we pass this by, and

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     we'll do this at the break. Or do you need to do it right now?
              MR. NURIK: I was going to do it right now.
              THE COURT: All right, well, let me see you.
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     SIDEBAR CONFERENCE:
              THE COURT: You can ask her if she's seen it.
              MR. WYSHAK: Without identifying what it is, your
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     Honor --
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              THE COURT: Right.
              MR. WYSHAK: -- because I don't believe there's --
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              THE COURT: It's clearly admissible as a court
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     document, but it's an impermissible inference that that shows
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     that SOS was doing what it was doing here in Massachusetts.
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              MR. WYSHAK: Exactly. Mr. Eremian's representation to
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     Judge Tauro and to the U.S. Attorney's office was, again, that
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     he was just a computer consultant, not the owner, not the
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     operator. He lied to Probation about what he was doing, and
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     they should not be able to profit --
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              THE COURT: Excuse me, excuse me. I'm going to allow
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     him to ask whether she's ever seen this before without your
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     saying what it is. I will deal at another point whether it's
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     admissible for another purpose.
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              MR. NURIK: She did testify on direct examination --
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              THE COURT: I don't know exactly how it's worded, but
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     the way you've asked the question, it was as if Judge Tauro
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     allowed him to do this kind of gambling the way you worded it.
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     I don't remember how it came out, but I'm not going to allow
     that impermissible inference that a judge of this court
     permitted the kinds of activities that went on.
              MR. NURIK: Well, wait. All I am saying is and all
     this document says, that based upon the representations of what
     Mr. Eremian and his counsel said he was doing, he was given
     permission to go. The government obviously has argued and will
     continue to argue --
              THE COURT: Excuse me. You're not doing it through
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     this witness unless she's seen it.
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              MR. NURIK: Well, she has seen it.
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              THE COURT: Well, I don't know that.
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              MR. NURIK: Well, that's what I didn't have a chance
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     to --
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              MR. WYSHAK: No. When did she see it? Not at the
     time it was created. What, did you show it to her?
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              MR. NURIK: No. Wait till you hear the testimony.
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              THE COURT: Well, I will hear what the testimony is
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     and then make certain judgments, but the one thing you are not
     doing is making an inference to this jury that Judge Tauro or
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     Pamela Lombardini expressly permitted him to do the kind of
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     gambling activities that it is undisputed were happening in
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     this Commonwealth.
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              MR. HORSTMANN: What about willful blindness?
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              MR. NURIK: Hold on. I'm not saying anything other
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1	than what is in this document.
2	THE COURT: The way you asked it was misleading.
3	(End of sidebar conference.)
4	MR. NURIK: May I continue?
5	THE COURT: Yes, without just show it to her.
6	MR. NURIK: Well, let me have it marked first.
7	THE COURT: For identification.
8	MR. NURIK: Yes.
9	(Document marked for identification.)
10	BY MR. NURIK:
11	Q. Let me show you a document marked for identification and
12	ask you if you have ever seen this document before.
13	(Witness examining document.)
14	A. Yes, I have.
15	Q. When have you seen the document?
16	A. I saw it in 2002 after my brother received it.
17	Q. How did you come to see it?
18	A. He showed it to me.
19	Q. Okay, your brother meaning
20	A. My brother Bob.
21	Q. Bob Eremian, okay. And you read it back then?
22	A. I did.
23	Q. Okay, do you recall from looking at it now that it is in
24	fact the same document you read back then?
25	A. Correct.

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MR. NURIK: I'd like to offer it into evidence at this point. THE COURT: All right, I'll take that under 3 advisement. Q. Well, let me ask you this: At the time, were you made aware through your brother that he had been permitted --MR. WYSHAK: Objection. THE COURT: Let me hear the question. Q. -- to return to Antigua to work for SOS as a software 1.0 consultant? 11 A. Correct. 12 MR. WYSHAK: Objection. 13 THE COURT: Sustained. 14 Q. As a result of receiving this document, did it give you the comfort that you wanted or you needed in order to continue 15 16 to do the things you did for the account? 17 MR. WYSHAK: I object. It assumes facts in evidence 18 that she needed comfort. 19 THE COURT: Overruled. I'll allow this as to her 20 understanding at the time she was engaging in this banking activity for her brother. 21 22 A. Yes, it did. Q. Was your understanding that your brother had permission to 23 return to Antigua to operate as a software consultant for 24 25 Sports Off Shore?

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Page 96 A. Yes, it was. THE COURT: Now, remember, that's not for the truth of it. It's as to what her thought process was at the time. Now, you also were aware, were you not, that Sports Off Shore in Antigua was licensed? Yes. Q. Okay. And at the time you were led to believe that as a result of being licensed, that the activity that the company was engaging in was legal? 10 A. Yes. 11 And the handling of the account that you were involved in 12 that received money from the activities of Sports Off Shore, 13 you took and kept very accurate records? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Q. Other than the issue that you pled guilty to, which was 16 mischaracterizing moneys earned as commissions, was everything 17 else that was put into your records absolutely accurate? 18 I tried my best, yes. 19 There was no attempt to hide anything? 20 Δ. No. 21 Everything was transparent? Q. 22 Very transparent. Α. 23 Okay. The checks that were made out to certain places 24 were all properly identified? 25 A. Yes.

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Page 97 The money that was received was properly identified? Yes. Okay. Was there any attempt to hide the names on the account? No. Q. Okay. In fact, the account was opened in the name of Patrice Tierney and Robert Eremian? Q. Okay. Now, you told the ladies and gentlemen of the jury that you were involved in shipping some things to Antigua? 10 11 Yes. Α. 12 Q. You had been to Antigua how many times? 13 A. I believe five. 14 Q. And from what you learned from being there and from your conversations with your brother, is it fair to say that in 15 16 Antiqua --17 THE COURT: Which brother? 18 MR, NURIK: Very good. 19 Q. Robert Eremian. It's fair to say that just about 20 everything needs to be brought in or imported into Antigua? 21 Yes. Α. 22 Okay. Any goods, any appliances, anything you need to 23 live a normal life, you've got to import it in or pay 24 exorbitant prices in Antigua, correct? 25 A. Correct.

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1	THE COURT: Just I'm trying to get a sense of
2	scheduling. How much longer do you have?
3	MR. NURIK: Oh, I think we should break now, your
4	Honor.
5	THE COURT: Yes, enough is enough. She's been on for
6	two hours. We'll take our break, 11:00 to 11:30 we'll be back.
7	(Jury excused.)
8	THE COURT: Can I see counsel just on scheduling and
9	that one evidentiary matter.
10	SIDEBAR CONFERENCE:
11	THE COURT: Let me start with the easy part first.
12	How much longer do you have?
13	MR. NURIK: Well, I'd like to be accurate. Twenty
14	minutes.
15	THE COURT: It doesn't have to be precise. And do you
16	have much?
17	MR. HORSTMANN: Not very much.
18	THE COURT: All right. And will you have some
19	redirect?
20	MR. WYSHAK: Very little, but, you know, it's unclear.
21	THE COURT: So say we're done in the vicinity of 12:00
22	to 12:15.
23	MR. WYSHAK: I'm going to have Mr. Olsen.
24	THE COURT: Olsen again is the
25	MR. WYSHAK: He's a Florida agent who dealt with Dan.

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              THE COURT: I see. So don't forget, we're going to
    like in the vicinity of 4:00. So who else would you have?
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              MR. WYSHAK: We're going to finish with Mr. Craffey.
              MR. FISHER: He's the accountant.
              THE COURT: The accountant, okay.
              MR. WYSHAK: And then we have Sandra Lemanski. She'll
     be our last witness.
              THE COURT: Oh, she's going to be your last witness.
              MR. WYSHAK: Yes. So we'll probably rest tomorrow.
              THE COURT: You need some witnesses.
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              MR. NURIK: I don't have anybody till Monday.
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              THE COURT: See what you can get.
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              MR. NURIK: I can't get a soul. They're all from out
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     of town.
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              THE COURT: How about yours?
              MR. HORSTMANN: My investigator is down in Florida
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     now. She flies back on Saturday.
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              MR. NURIK: Well, we do have a charge conference.
              THE COURT: Yes, maybe we'll just do the charge
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     conference if we have to.
              MR. HORSTMANN: And Rule 29.
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             THE COURT: Huh?
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              MR. HORSTMANN: Rule 29. There's a lot to discuss.
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              THE COURT: Let me just put it this way: There's no
    way on earth I am ruling on the complexity of the issues here
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     on a Rule 29 before the close of all the evidence. You can
     make the argument, but it's different than my ruling on it. I
     haven't seen a brief. I just for the first time -- please,
     I've been begging for your theory of the case. Other than good
     faith, which is a fact question, I haven't heard it. So if
     there are legal nitpicks here, I don't know it, and I'm not
     going to sort of rule off the cuff. That's not going to
     happen. So, ideally, when can I have a brief on it?
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              MR. HORSTMANN: I will get you something tonight. I
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     was planning on tomorrow, but I'll get it to you tonight.
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              THE COURT: I have little hints for a couple of things
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     on your objections to the jury instructions, but, I mean, even
     those are fact-based like the safety valve issue, you know,
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     whether or not it was legal in one place and illegal in
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     another.
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             MR. HORSTMANN: I think the big issue is the Internet
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     portion of the gambling and that the government hasn't
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     differentiated between the two as to any count or any better.
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              THE COURT: Can I saying something? Every single time
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     you throw up the SOS card with the big 800 number on it, I'm
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     not sure that helped you, so let me just --
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              MR. HORSTMANN: But I don't have the burden.
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              THE COURT: I'm just -- so we think we're going to be
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     done, Mr. Stern, this morning with her.
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              MR. STERN: Okay, good.
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Page 101 THE COURT: Maybe 12:15 or something. But on the document, here's my concern about it: It's an official record of the court. I mean, it's relevant and it's authentic and would normally come in. The concern that I have -- and it sort of places timing and when he went. It's relevant as a business record or a public record. My concern is, any implication that Judge Tauro blessed this by letting him go is inappropriate, and that is essentially the inference you're seeking to leave. So I'm inclined to let it in but with some sort of curative 10 instruction. 11 MR. WYSHAK: Well, your Honor, the bottom line with 12 this is, if that goes in, we're going to have a mini-trial here 13 because Pam Lombardini --14 THE COURT: Fine, bring her in. I know Pam. I knew her in Essex County, and I knew her here, so --15 16 MR. WYSHAK: The members of the U.S. Attorney's office 17 specifically talked to Mr. Merberg. They brought the case that 18 I gave to your Honor last night, the Cohen case, to Mr. Merberg's attention, told Mr. Merberg this SOS business has 19 20 customers in the United States. 21 THE COURT: You may have to --22 MR. WYSHAK: So we're going to have a whole trial 23 about this. 24 THE COURT: You may have to. You may have to. But 25 it's good you warned them because then that's going to be their

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Page 102 call. But what I'm not going to let happen, especially with the entire press corps out there, is for you to make the argument that Judge Tauro of this court said it was okay or the Probation Office of this court, and that was the implication that was left in how you asked it. MR. WYSHAK: And to the extent that it's relevant for her state of mind --THE COURT: Well, you asked about state of mind. I'll 9 let him ask about state of mind. 10 MR. WYSHAK: Right, but he wants to offer this 11 document, obviously, for the truth of its contents, and part of 12 what's missing in this document is the representations made by 13 Mr. Merberg and Robert Eremian to Judge Tauro and to the U.S. 14 Attorney's office. It's not contained in there, and --15 THE COURT: That's right. I'm glad you were on that. 16 So you think about whether you really want this in because  ${\tt I}$ 17 will let them put on Ms. Lombardini and I will let them put 18 on -- who's the prosecutor? 19 MR. WYSHAK: Mr. Auerhahn. 20 THE COURT: I think you -- I read that. You gave it 21 to me before trial, and I'm very glad I had it in advance 22 because I thought about it. And I would give some sort of 23 cautionary instruction that that is not evidence as to what was 24 told to Judge Tauro or that he had any knowledge at all about 25 what we've heard because what I've heard here, some of it is

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Page 103 plainly illegal, and the notion that Judge Tauro permitted this 2 would be incorrect. 3 MR. NURIK: Well, I would --THE COURT: Some of it. I'm not saying -- I understand you have some technical arguments about the Internet, but a lot of it was over the phone. MR. NURIK: It would not be my intention in any way, shape, or form to disparage the court or misrepresent what the court knew. The document is very specific. The government has 10 its opportunity to argue what it wishes to argue regarding the 11 document, but it is in fact an official court document; and 12 whether we opened the door or not, with every witness that has 13 come into this courtroom that they have called, they have asked 14 about their state of mind and their own belief regarding whether it was legal or not. This document bears on the state 15 16 of mind and is relevant to that issue. Now, at the end of the day, you should know that the 17 18 U.S. Attorney's office was fully aware by a memo that was issued by an IRS agent back in the late '90s, actually, back 19 around the time of 2000, in which he identified all of the 20 21 issues that are of concern to the government in this case; in 22 other words, that the activities were an on-the-ground 23 operation. I have a copy of that memo. I can show it to you. 24 It's Agent Howe's memo. 25 THE COURT: Do you have it?

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              MR. WYSHAK: Yes, and what Mr. Eremian told Agent Howe
     was, "In 1997 I went down to Antigua and started this business
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     and went bankrupt in the first year. And since that time I'm a
     computer consultant, and there are other people who I don't
     know their names who are running this business," and clearly
     separated himself from the ownership and operation of this
     business, except to the extent that he had sold them a software
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     package and was maintaining the computer software.
              THE COURT: I am simply saying this: This is
     relevant. It is a business record. I will allow this in, but
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     I would do this with a curative instruction that there is no
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     evidence that Judge Tauro understood the full scope of what was
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     happening that you've heard about in this trial, because the
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     one thing that's undisputed is all these hundreds of thousands
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     of dollars of cash collections in paper bags and people placing
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     calls. There is no idea, nothing that I think either Pam
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     Lombardini or Judge Tauro would have known about that based on
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     what you've just told me.
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              MR. NURIK: And I don't have any evidence to the
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     contrary. I will say, however, I do have evidence to the
     contrary that the U.S. Attorney's office knew about it.
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              THE COURT: I'll leave that for where it is, and we
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     may have to get into a mini-trial.
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              MR. NURIK: And they did not object.
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              THE COURT: But I'm going to tell them that this is
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     not in any way to be construed as Judge Tauro approving the
     activities that they heard about at this trial. So if you want
     that curative instruction --
              MR. NURIK: So we have to decide, if we want to offer
     it in, you're going to give that curative instruction?
              THE COURT: Yes, that's exactly right, so --
              MR. STERN: I have a different question I want to
     raise.
              THE COURT: All right, go ahead.
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              MR. STERN: Are you finished with this?
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              MR. HORSTMANN: Yes. Thank you.
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              MR. STERN: This just has to do with the question that
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     Mr. Wyshak asked Mrs. Tierney about conversations with me.
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     Remember that towards the end?
              THE COURT: Yes, yes.
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              MR. STERN: We have a disagreement as to what
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     representations, if anything, I said.
              THE COURT: The "You don't want to know"?
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              MR. STERN: Right, right.
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              THE COURT: "You don't want to know."
              MR. STERN: And I told Mr. Wyshak this morning when we
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    talked about that, that was not my memory of our conversation.
     It was a different conversation. So I just want to make it
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     clear --
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              THE COURT: So what do I do with that?
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              MR. NURIK: I may have to call Mr. Stern as a witness.
             MR. WYSHAK: Actually, you know, your Honor, it was
     very clear to me. When we were discussing whether there was a
     factual basis for Ms. Tierney to plead to aiding and abetting
     the filing of false tax returns, I had a very clear
     conversation with Mr. Stern that he was comfortable with the
     plea because she had admitted to him she asked her brother
     about the legality of what he was doing, and she was told, "You
     don't want to know," and Mr. Stern felt that that amounted to
     willful blindness. Now, the other day when I told him I was
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     going to ask her about that conversation, he had no
     recollection of it. This morning he calls me and says, "Yeah,
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     now I recollect, but it had to do with her making payments."
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              MR. STERN: Well, I recollect after talking with my
     client that there was a discussion about something similar but
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     not that. I have no --
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              THE COURT: Well, do you remember what it --
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              MR. STERN: Yes.
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              MR. WYSHAK: It may have been something similar.
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              THE COURT: Let me just ask, without disclosing an
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     attorney-client privilege, is --
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              MR. STERN: What I said to Mr. Wyshak this morning was
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     that I now recall that we likely had a discussion that she had
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     questioned her brother Bob about certain payments for the kids,
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     whether she should make these payments, and he on several
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     occasions in a very testy way said, "Those are fine. It's none
     of your business. It has to do with payments for the
     children."
             MR. WYSHAK: And that doesn't even make sense.
             THE COURT: Well, this is the way this can be handled:
    Either someone asks her to go into greater length as to the
     context of it -- he's not a lawyer in the case so he can't do
     it -- or possibly, I don't know if that injects you into the
     trial.
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             MR. NURIK: Which is the problem in allowing the
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     testimony to begin with.
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              MR. HORSTMANN: Judge, aren't these inadmissible
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     settlement discussions?
              THE COURT: Well, it's not a civil case. I don't
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     know --
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              MR. HORSTMANN: I don't think the rule is limited.
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              MR. WYSHAK: She's not a defendant in this case.
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              THE COURT: I don't know.
             MR. WYSHAK: She's a witness being called by the
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     government.
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              THE COURT: I don't know, but the truth is, it came in
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     without objection.
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              MR. NURIK: I request that the Court to strike it and
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     admonish the jury to disregard it.
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              THE COURT: No. At this point I have no basis for any
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     of that. It came in without objection.
              MR. NURIK: I thought I objected to it.
              THE COURT: Maybe you did.
              MR. WYSHAK: And she hasn't even denied it.
              THE COURT: I don't remember that.
              MR. WYSHAK: She just said, "I don't remember," like
     she doesn't remember ninety percent of whatever else went on,
              THE COURT: That goes to the credibility of the
     witness. I don't remember whether you objected. We could find
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     out. I don't know. That will be for the record.
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              MR. WYSHAK: But I am very concerned about --
              THE COURT: Mr. Horstmann is quick. He's looking this
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     up.
              MR. HORSTMANN: It bothered me at the time.
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              THE COURT: Settlement discussions are civil, but I
     don't know anything about the plea colloquy discussions.
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              MR. WYSHAK: Clearly if during the course of plea
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     discussions with the defendant, if the defendant makes
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     admissions to his lawyer --
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              THE COURT: Is there a proffer letter or something?
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              MR. WYSHAK: I couldn't use it against her if we were
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     prosecuting her and she got up on the witness stand, but this
     is an entirely different matter where she's a witness in
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     another case. She's not a party.
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              THE COURT: I don't know. Just like that Exhibit 61
     where I have gained a huge amount of insight after doing legal
     research and thinking about it and hearing subsequent
     testimony, I'm not going to shoot from the hip on this one.
     I've already ruled. I'm leaving it alone. How we deal with it
     subsequently, I don't know. Maybe you think about that too. I
     don't know what I do. I mean --
              MR. STERN: Well, I think it should be -- I certainly
     don't want to get into a mini-trial. I don't want to be a
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     witness in this case.
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              THE COURT: She said she didn't remember it, right?
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              MR. STERN: Right.
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              THE COURT: So I'll just remind them that questions in
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     a -- what I would propose is just say, "With respect to
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     anything having to do with her attorney, she didn't remember
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    it, and, remember, any information in a question is not
     evidence in the case and you cannot consider it." That is my
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     proposal. Think about it, take a break, and let's hope we
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     finish this soon.
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              (End of sidebar conference.)
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              (A recess was taken, 11:15 a.m.)
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              (Resumed, 11:44 a.m.)
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             MR. HORSTMANN: Judge, may I be heard briefly at
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     sidebar?
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              THE COURT: Well, can't you just say it so we don't
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Page 110 take the -- what's the issue? MR. HORSTMANN: Rule 410, your Honor, precludes the 3 introduction of any plea discussions, and at the time that the --THE COURT: Rule 410? I'll look at it. Thank you. MR. HORSTMANN: I'd move to strike. THE COURT: Well, there's nothing to strike. It was just a question. MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I'd request that you give that curative instruction concerning that. 10 11 THE COURT: I'm not doing anything until I read it, 12 okay, so let's just get them in here, and then I'll --13 (Jury enters the courtroom.) 14 THE COURT: Okay, Mr. Nurik. 15 MR. NURIK: Thank you, your Honor. 16 THE COURT: Thank you. 17 BY MR. NURIK: 18 Q. Patrice, when we left off, I believe I was asking you 19 about products in Antigua and the difficulty of getting things 20 and buying things in Antigua. Do you remember that? 21 Yes. 22 Q. Okay. And with respect to your job of taking care of that 23 account, did you from time to time see that there were purchases being made by credit cards for things, goods that 24 25 ultimately had to get shipped to Antigua?

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Page 111 Α. Yes. 2 And some of these things were tools, correct? Q. Α. Some of these things were equipment, correct? ο. Televisions, appliances? Q. Yes. Okay, the types of things that people use when they are living ordinary lives, even here? 10 Yes. 11 You also saw that there were times that equipment was being shipped in large containers? 12 13 A. I didn't see it. 14 Q. But you knew about it? 15 16 You also knew there were times things were being shipped ο. 17 by FedEx's and other means, correct? 18 Yes. 19 Q. And from time to time you would actually look at these expenditures, the credit card expenditures, and question your 20 21 brother Bob about them, correct? 22 Yes. 23 O. Correct? 24 Yes. 25 And the reason was, because you really wanted to keep an ο.

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Page 112 accurate reflection of what was going on? Yes. Q. And you wanted to make sure that if something was being bought, you knew that it was a legitimate expense that Bob had authorized? A. Yes. Q. And you wanted to know what it was for so you could pigeonhole it in your QuickBooks, correct? Yes. Q. Now, you knew that your brother Dan was receiving some of 10 11 these things directly when they were purchased to be shipped on 12 to Antigua, correct? A. Correct. 14 Q. You also knew that your brother Bob had two other 15 businesses in Antigua besides being involved with SOS, correct? 16 A. Correct. Q. Let's talk about those. First of all --17 18 MR. WYSHAK: Objection. Can we ask the basis of the 19 knowledge? 20 MR. NURIK: Well, I'm going to ask her that. 21 THE COURT: He can ask. 22 Were you aware, for example, when you were in Antigua that 23 your brother Bob was setting up a helicopter charter service? 24 MR. WYSHAK: Objection. How? It calls for a --25 THE COURT: Excuse me. Overruled. Yes or no, and

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Page 113 then you will ask how, all right? Are you aware of that one 2 way or another? THE WITNESS: Yes. Q. How were you aware of it? A. I saw the helicopter. I rode in the helicopter with my mom. Q. And you learned from doing that and from your conversations with Bob that Bob had purchased that helicopter, correct? 10 A. Correct. Q. And that that helicopter was going to be used for a 11 12 business he was setting up to transport people around the 13 island sightseeing? 14 A. Correct. 15 Q. And in fact you went on one of those sightseeing tours yourself? 17 A. Correct. 18 Were you aware of how that helicopter was registered, by 19 the way? 20 A. No. Q. You know for a fact, though, that Bob was the one that 21 22 purchased that, right? 23 MR. WYSHAK: I object, the basis of knowledge. 24 THE COURT: Sustained, sustained. 25 Q. Were you aware of whether or not that helicopter --

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Page 114 THE COURT: Do you know who purchased it? THE WITNESS: No, I don't. Okay. Were you also aware of an individual when you were 3 learning about the helicopter service by the name of Peter Hallam? Q. And Peter Hallam was a pilot? Q. He was going to be involved with that? 10 A. Correct. 11 In addition, were you aware that Mr. Hallam was involved 12 with another business with your brother? 13 Α. And what was that other business? 14 ο. 15 Uhm, large construction vehicles, uhm, equipment. 16 Q. Heavy machinery? 17 Heavy machinery, yeah. Α. 18 Okay. And how did you learn that? 19 A. I saw the pieces of equipment. 20 Q. You asked your brother about it? 21 Uh-huh. Α. 22 MR. WYSHAK: Objection, calls for hearsay. 23 THE COURT: Sustained, sustained. 24 Q. Well, were you aware, for example, that that equipment was 25 being used in Montserrat as a result of the volcano?

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Page 115 MR. WYSHAK: Objection. It calls for a hearsay 2 answer. 3 THE COURT: Sustained. I will allow what she saw, not what her brother told her. Well, you saw activity, correct? I did see activity. You saw that a business was being geared up for the purpose of providing heavy machinery for construction, correct? Correct. 10 Q. And you knew that in fact some of that equipment was being 11 ordered in the United States and being shipped over by Danny? 12 13 MR. NURIK: May I approach the witness? 14 THE COURT: Yes. 15 Q. Let me show you what we have marked as Defendant's Exhibit 317. Take a look at those photographs. 16 17 (Witness examining photographs.) 18 Q. And based upon your visits to Antigua, can you say whether 19 or not those photographs fairly and accurately represent the 20 general appearance of SOS's offices or that house where the 21 office were? 22 A. Generally. 23 THE COURT: What about them is different? THE WITNESS: I don't recognize this wall, this clear 24 25 glass. That looks like it -- that's not familiar to me.

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     Everything else, the garage and the entrance, everything else
     is but not that.
              MR. NURIK: Okay, I will offer into evidence all but
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     that one photograph.
              MR. WYSHAK: No.
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              THE COURT: Excuse me. Go one by one, what it is that
     you recognize.
              THE WITNESS: I recognize --
              THE COURT: First of all, did you take these pictures?
              THE WITNESS: No.
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              MR. WYSHAK: All right, I'm --
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              THE COURT: Excuse me. Let me just go through them
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     one by one. What exhibit? We are at 317.
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             MR. NURIK: They're all a composite. If you want to
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     mark them A, B, and C, we can do that.
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              THE COURT: Yes, but she doesn't recognize one of
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     them.
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             MR. NURIK: That's right.
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             THE WITNESS: I recognize this as the dining area and
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     the garage that we would enter the house through.
              THE COURT: Who took these pictures?
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             MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I don't know who took these
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     pictures. I have these pictures, and I believe they to be fair
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     and accurate representations. However --
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              THE COURT: Excuse me. Were they taken back then, or
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Page 117 were they taken recently? 1 2 MR. NURIK: I don't know when they were taken, and I'm 3 asking her to identify whether or not they're fair and accurate representations, and she says there's one she doesn't, so if we separate that, we can offer all the others. MR. WYSHAK: Well, I object to not offering the critical photo. If he wants to put the package in --THE COURT: Excuse me. Overruled. If you have 9 somebody else who was there, you can ask about it, or you can 10 cross-examine based on it. So go ahead. 11 THE WITNESS: Okay, I recognize this as the -- this is 12 a patio that would have been extended, but you entered through 13 the garage to get to the patio. This is the garage that you 14 would enter into the patio. It's a very full garage. Again, 15 this is the garage with another angle of the patio where 16 furniture and dining areas were. This is the outside, the 17 exterior of the house with a gate and the garage. There's not 18 much else you can see there. And this is a fuller view of the 19 different dining areas in the enclosed patio. Q. If you would please separate the one from that pile, the 20 21 one that you don't recognize. 2.2 A. Okay. 23 MR. NURIK: And I would offer the other photographs as 24 composite Exhibit --25 THE COURT: 317, and the one -- what is it called?

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Page 118 THE CLERK: It's five photos. THE COURT: Five photos. And the one that isn't make 3 it 317-A for Identification because there may be other people who -- so make the other one 317-A. All right. (Defendant Exhibit 317 received in evidence.) (Defendant Exhibit 317-A marked for identification.) MR. NURIK: May I publish them, your Honor? Let's go through the first photograph. Is this what the outside of the house where the offices are looked like? 10 Yes. 11 So you would go through a gate? ο. 12 Yes. Α. 13 Q. And then through a garage? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Okay. So the garage entrance is here? 16 A. Correct. 17 Q. And this is a view of what? 18 Α. The garage. 19 Q. Okay. 20 And the patio. So as you enter the garage, you would see this. You would 21 Q. then see an inside patio here? 22 23 A. Correct. Q. And then you see sliding glass doors there? 24 25 A. I see them.

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- 1 Q. Okay. And is that where behind that some of the office
- 2 activity was?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. Okay. This is another view of what?
- <sup>5</sup> A. The garage.
- 6 Q. Okay. And when you were there, there was always things
- going on like this in the garage?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Equipment?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And this view is still from the garage?
- 12 A. Yes
- 13 Q. But this gives you a clearer view of the dining area?
- 14 A. Part of the dining area.
- $^{15}\,$  Q. Now, that dining area is covered but it's open air. In
- other words, it's not under air conditioning, correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And that's the dining room table right there?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay, is that where you had dinner?
- 21 A. Yes.
- $^{22}$  Q. Okay. And then this is another view of the dining room
- $^{23}\,$  table, and then you can see the sliding doors there?
- 24 A. Correct.
- Q. Where the office activity took place?

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Page 120 A. Correct. Q. Now, the government had shown you a summary chart and asked you questions concerning a large amount of money that they suggested you received from the account. Do you remember that testimony? A. I remember the chart, yes. Q. Okay. Now, in that amount of money that they showed you, is it fair to say that you were paid for things other than gifts? For example, you were reimbursed for expenditures you 10 had made? 11 Yes. 12 Q. Now, you were serving essentially as the rock of the 13 family, correct? 14 Correct. 15 Q. You were taking care of Bob's kids? 16 A. Correct. 17 Q. Taking care of the household? 18 Correct. 19 Q. Trying to help Bob with paying for all of the rehabs that kids were in? 20 21 22 Taking care of problems with the estranged wife? ο. 23 A. Correct. Q. Okay. And at the same time you were waiting hand and foot 24 on your mother who was ill, correct?

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Page 121 A. Correct. Q. You heard questions from Mr. Wyshak regarding phone calls you had in 2009 with my client, Danny? Yes. Α. Q. And it was suggested that in a period of twelve months, you may have spoken to him ten or more times a month? A. Correct. Q. Over a hundred times, correct? A. Correct. Q. And I believe you responded to him by saying that at that 10 11 time your mother was seriously ill, correct? 12 A. Correct. 13 Q. Did she ultimately pass away? 14 A. Yes. Were you keeping Danny informed of what was going on with 15 your mom? 17 A. Daily almost. I tried to. 18 MR. NURIK: May I have one moment, your Honor? 19 (Pause.) Q. One final thing. When you testified earlier that your 20 brother Bob had pled guilty initially sometime after the raid 21 22 in Massachusetts, were you aware that he pled guilty to tax 23 charges? 24 A. Yes. 25 So originally he was charged with illegal gambling?

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Page 122 MR. WYSHAK: I object to this. MR. NURIK: If she knows. THE COURT: Well, I --MR. WYSHAK: Misleading cross-examination, and there's no basis she knows about plea negotiations. THE COURT: I need the question. What's the question? Was he originally charged --THE COURT: No. I'll allow as to what her understanding was. Q. Your understanding, was he originally charged with 10 11 gambling charges? 12 THE COURT: Do you know? 13 A. Originally, yes. 14 And do you know that ultimately he was allowed to plead 15 guilty to tax evasion? 16 Α. Yes. Okay. And you know that ultimately he paid his tax on 17 18 that? 19 Α. Yes. 20 Q. And ultimately paid his restitution on that? 21 22 MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I would finally offer that 23 last exhibit, the order, into evidence, acknowledging your 24 instructions. 25 THE COURT: All right, I allow it in. But let me just

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Page 123 say this: You're about to see a document that comes from this court having to do with Mr. Eremian's probation, and it speaks for itself, but the bottom line is that he was permitted to go to Antiqua to work during the course of his probation. However, there is no evidence that this court or the Probation Office was ever told the nature of what the business was in Antigua or what was happening in Massachusetts. So this will establish timing of certain activities that are relevant to this case, but it should in no way be viewed as the court 10 permitting anything that happened in this case. 11 (Defendant Exhibit X received in evidence.) 12 Q. With respect to this document which you said you saw back 13 when it was generated in 2002, correct --14 Yes, yes. 15 -- in particular, I'd like you to focus on the fact that 16 "Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey Auerhahn is aware of Mr. Eremian's employment at Sports Off Shore and has no 17 objection to his traveling to Antigua for work purposes." 19 Yes. 20 Q. You saw that back then, correct? 21 I did. Α. Okay. Now, as a result of reading this document, did that 22 23 make you feel more comfortable about being involved with the 24 account? 25

Α. Yes.

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Page 124 Q. Okay. And is it fair to say that Bob Eremian was, from what you saw, providing this information to others? A. Yes. MR. NURIK: Okay, I have no further questions. Thank you. CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HORSTMANN: Q. Good afternoon, Mrs. Tierney. My name is Pete Horstmann, and I represent Todd Lyons. We've never met before, have we? A. No, we have not. Q. Prior to the time that you appeared here in Federal Court 10 11 for purposes of entering a plea in front of Judge Young, you 12 signed a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's office, 13 correct? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. Okay. And you reviewed that plea agreement before you 16 signed it, right? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. Okay. And you reviewed it with your attorney, correct? 19 A. Correct. 20 MR. HORSTMANN: May I approach the witness, your 21 Honor? 22 THE COURT: You may. 23 Q. Mrs. Tierney, showing you what's marked for identification 24 as Exhibit 318, I'd ask if you recognize that document?

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Yes.

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Page 125 And directing your attention to the second-to-last page, is that your signature on the second-to-last page? Yes. Okay. And is that your attorney's signature? Ο. Yes. And is it signed by the United States Attorney's office for the District of Massachusetts? Yes. Q. Okay. And is that the plea agreement that you entered into before agreeing to plead guilty in front of Judge Young? 10 11 Α. Yes. 12 MR. HORSTMANN: I'd offer that as Exhibit 318. 13 MR. WYSHAK: May I see it? (Document shown to Mr. Wyshak.) 14 15 THE COURT: Well, maybe it would make it subject to any sanitization. Is that what you're saying? 16 17 MR. WYSHAK: Well, it makes reference to the 18 information which is attached as part of this document, which is not attached, so I would just ask that the information be 19 20 attached, and then I have no objection. 21 MR. HORSTMANN: The information needs to be redacted in one area, but other than that, I have no objection to that. 22 23 THE COURT: All right, fine. We'll work on it. 24 (Defendant Exhibit 318 received in evidence.) Mrs. Tierney, you were shown an exhibit on direct 25

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Page 126 examination that related to -- it was a check that was made payable to you by Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, correct? A. Correct. Q. And those were the proceeds from the sale of a timeshare, correct? A. Correct. Q. All right. And what wasn't shown to you, I believe, is the deposit slip that accompanied that. Do you remember the amount of that check? A. Yes. 1.0 Q. All right. And is that the deposit slip that shows that 11 12 check going into the account that you managed for Mr. Eremian? 13 A. Yes. Q. All right, you didn't deposit that into your own account, 14 15 did you? 16 A. No. Q. And that went in on September 17, correct? 17 18 A. Yes. 19 MR. HORSTMANN: I would offer this as the next 20 exhibit, if it's not in already as part of the government's 21 exhibit. 22 THE CLERK: I don't know if it's in. MR. WYSHAK: No objection. 23 24 THE CLERK: 319. 25 MR. HORSTMANN: Thank you.

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Page 127 1 (Defendant Exhibit 319 received in evidence.) Q. Now, with respect to the plea agreement that you entered into with the United States Attorney's office, you were not charged with any racketeering offenses, correct? A. No. MR. WYSHAK: Objection. THE COURT: Overruled. You were not charged with any money laundering offenses, correct? 10 A. No. 11 And you were not charged with any violations of the 12 Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act, correct? 13 14 Q. And during this period of time that you were assisting Robert Eremian and the family, you testified that Robert 15 Eremian paid over \$3 million in taxes to the federal 16 17 government, correct? 18 A. Correct. 19 MR. HORSTMANN: No further questions, your Honor. 20 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WYSHAK: 21 Q. Ms. Eremian -- sorry. Ms. Tierney, do you remember when I 22 asked you on direct examination about the glass and the people 23 sitting behind the glass on computers? 24 A. Yes, I do. 25 Q. You denied that, right?

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Page 128 A. I denied knowing that the glass was there. Well, okay. You were just shown a photo, at least two photos. Showing you this one here which you said you recognized --Uh-huh. -- okay, that's glass, is it not? A. Correct. Okay. And here's a closer one again showing by the dining table, correct, the glass? 10 Correct. 11 Correct? And isn't what's depicted in both of those 12 photos the same thing that's depicted in Defendants' 13 Exhibit 317-A, that this is a close-up of those glass doors? 14 (Witness examining photograph.) 15 A. It appears to be. 16 MR. WYSHAK: I offer it, your Honor. 17 THE COURT: All right. 18 (Defendant Exhibit 317-A received in evidence.) 19 All right, so, now, showing you this photo which is 20 Defendants' 317-A, that's what you see if you look through that 21 glass, right? 22 A. That's what I see, yes. Q. And that's what you did see when you were there, correct? 23 24 I saw computers and telephones. Α. Q. Okay. So that's the glass -- pardon me if I described it 25

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Page 129 as a wall previously, but they're sliding doors, correct? I don't remember if they slide. Okay. A. It looks like a slider. Whether they slide or not, they appear to be glass visible from the dining area through which you can see people on computers. It appears to be an office area, correct? Correct. Q. And that was visible to you when you dined, as is apparent 10 from this photo, at SOS? 11 THE COURT: That's a question. 12 THE WITNESS: Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't --13 THE COURT: Is that a question? 14 MR. WYSHAK: Yes. Your question was? 15 It's visible to you when you dine from the dining room, 16 17 right? 18 Q. And just so the record is clear, you were there in 1999, 19 20 correct? 21 I don't remember the date, but --22 Okay. Well, I'll show you this document and see if this 23 refreshes your recollection. 24 Okay. Α. You can tell us the years that you visited Antigua. 25

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Page 130 (Witness examining document.) A. For the 2008 where there are two, that must have been me and my mom, correct? I don't know, Ms. Tierney. You would know better than I. Okay. Well --Q. So you were there in 2008? 2008. I don't have my passport. I would have to check my passport. Okay, well, that's a Customs printout of your travel. Q. 10 Okay. 11 You can see that, correct? 12 A. Yes. 13 Q. Okay, so does that refresh your recollection as to the 14 years that you went to Antigua? 15 Yes. 16 Q. Okay, so what years were they? 17 A. 1999, 2000, 2008, 2009. 18 Okay. And do you remember on which of those trips your 19 husband was present with you? 20 A. In 1999. Q. Okay. And the other one? 21 22 A. Probably 2008. 23 I want to show you this document and ask you if it 24 refreshes your recollection. 25 (Witness examining document.)

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Page 131 A. Okay. Q. Does it? Yes, so I was off a year. It was 2009, not 2008. All right, so he was there --A. Twice. Q. -- twice, once in '99 and the second time in 2009, correct? A. Correct. Q. And I assume on both occasions you and he dined in that 10 dining area? 11 Yes. 12 Q. All right, now, you were asked questions about your plea 13 agreement with the government by Mr. Horstmann, correct? 14 Q. And that plea agreement was a result of negotiation between your lawyer and the United States Attorney's office, 16 17 correct? 18 A. Correct. 19 Q. To achieve a result that everybody thought was fair? 20 A. Correct. 21 Q. Correct? You understood that you could have been charged with more serious charges, did you not? 22 23 MR. HORSTMANN: Objection. 24 THE COURT: Overruled. 25 A. Correct.

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- 1 Q. Okay, but the United States didn't do that and resolved
- the case by way of a tax plea; fair to say?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 Q. All right, now, this letter from Probation, Defendants'
- Exhibit 315, it's your testimony that your brother actually
- 6 showed you this document?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. And I believe that Mr. Nurik asked you if that alleved
- 9 some of your apprehension. Were you apprehensive about -- do
- you recall him asking you that?
- 11 A. Yeah. I didn't recall him saying "apprehension." It made
- me feel like I felt I could do the work for him.
- 13 Q. Well, did you have some concerns prior to that that you
- shouldn't be involved in what he was involved in?
- 15 A. Yeah, yes.
- 16 Q. And then he showed you this document, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And you have no idea what he told Judge Tauro about what
- 19 he was doing in Antigua, do you?
- $^{20}$  A. No, except for what I read here.
- Q. Well, were you present at any court --
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. -- sessions?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. No? Do you know what his lawyer, Mr. Merberg, told

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Page 133 Judge Tauro? A. No. Do you know what Mr. Merberg represented to Pam Lombardini from the Department of Probation? No. Or what Mr. Eremian, your brother Robert Eremian, represented to the Department of Probation? No. No. So, so far as you know, he told them that he was some Q. 10 kind of computer consultant, correct? 11 Correct. 12 Q. Which is what he told you? 13 A. Correct. 14 Right. So you would agree, if in fact he was the owner 15 and operator of an illegal gambling business, that he would 16 have lied to the court? 17 Yes. Α. 18 Q. Okay. As he lied to you, correct? 19 A. According to this document, he lied to the court, I guess. 20 Okay. So the fact that he was allowed to go back to 21 Antigua was because he lied? 22 MR. NURIK: Objection. THE COURT: Overruled. 23 24 Correct? Ο. A. I can't say that he lied. I wasn't there. I wasn't 25

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Page 134 present. Q. Okay. But if he did, this would not be something that the court or the Department of Probation or the U.S. Attorney's office could rely upon if they were lied to, correct? A. Correct. MR. NURIK: Objection, calls for speculation. THE COURT: Yes, sustained, sustained. Q. Did you have a conversation with your brother about this document? 10 A. Yes, when he had the document. 11 Okay. Did he tell you that he employed people in 12 Massachusetts --13 A. No. 14 -- who solicited customers for his business in SOS? ο. 15 A. No. 16 Did he tell you that they collected money from gamblers 17 here in Massachusetts? 18 19 Did he tell you that those people who collected that money packed it in FedEx boxes and shipped it overseas to Antigua? 20 21 22 Q. He didn't tell you any of that, right? 23 A. No. 24 Q. And if those were in fact the facts, he lied to you? 25 MR. NURIK: Objection.

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Page 135 THE COURT: Overruled. Q. Correct? Yes. All right, now, the amount of money that was drawn out of that Bank of America 0933 account by you --Q. -- you were asked on cross-examination whether or not some of that money was to reimburse you for expenses; is that fair to say? 10 A. Yes. 11 All right. Now, clearly you had access to the money in 12 the 0933 account, correct? 13 A. Yes. Q. You had access to money in the nanny account, for a better 14 term, the account that you were using to pay the expenses for 15 16 the children? 17 A. Correct. 18 Q. And the household in Lynnfield, correct? 19 A. Correct. 20 Q. You had access to an account that was paying some of your 21 mother's expenses, correct? 22 A. Correct. 23 Q. And all those three accounts were funded by your brother 24 Bob Eremian? 25 A. Correct.

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- Q. Correct? So you have access to three accounts that have
- $^{2}$  tons of money in them, correct?
- $^{3}$  A. The three accounts did not have tons of money in them. I
- would draw from his account for what the family and what the
- other account needed.
- 6 Q. You would fund the other two accounts from the 0933
- 7 account?
- 8 A. Yes. I would do an internal transfer.
- 9 Q. Okay. But you kept all those accounts funded?
- 10 A. Minimally, yes.
- 11 Q. Minimally?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Not sufficient to pay the required expenses for the
- 14 children or for your mother?
- 15 A. They were varied. I tried to keep it right to the penny,
- 16 but there were odd expenses.
- Q. Odd expenses here and there?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Not significant amounts of money, correct?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Okay. So to the extent that you may have been reimbursed,
- 22 it was for small change?
- 23 A. A couple thousand dollars.
- Q. And the reason that you had this obligation to care for
- 25 Robert Eremian's children, his family, he had a sick wife?

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Page 137 Yes. Α. Q. And he had children with problems? Correct? And he left them; isn't that fair to say? ο. He tried -- I don't think that's fair to say that he left them. Q. He chose not to be with them? A. He chose --Q. He chose not to be a parent? A. He chose to first take care of his wife so that she could 10 11 be better to take care of the children; and the children, they would also have their own problems to deal with. I didn't -- I 12 13 don't --14 Q. For the period from 1996 to today, he's been in Antigua, 15 correct? 16 A. Not solely, but, yes. 17 Q. Pretty much, right? 18 Back and forth. 19 Q. Pretty much. He decided to live and stay in Antigua, 20 correct? 21 He came back to live in Massachusetts when the children were in the Massachusetts home for weeks at a time. 22 23 Q. For a few weeks? 24 A. Weeks at a time. 25 Okay, all right. It's not the same as being a full-time

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Page 138 hands-on parent, is it? MR. NURIK: Objection, your Honor. THE COURT: Sustained. Okay. And just so the record is clear, you were asked on cross-examination about this helicopter business and this heavy machinery business, correct? Yes. Α. It's not your claim, is it, that the money that went into the 0933 account came from those businesses? 10 No. 11 No, okay. So the record is clear, the money that went 12 into the 0933 account, which you characterize as commissions --13 A. Correct. 14 Q. -- came from SOS, correct? 15 A. SOS commissions for consulting, yes. 16 Q. Now, when I asked you questions about some of the details involving account activity, such as selling Red Sox tickets to 17 18 people and, you know, sometimes getting paid and sometimes not 19 getting paid, you seemed somewhat oblivious. Do you recall 20 that? 21 MR. NURIK: Objection. 22 THE COURT: Sustained. 23 Well, you weren't able to recall with any accuracy? MR. NURIK: Objection, leading. 24 25 THE COURT: Well, not because it's leading, but I'll

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Page 139 overrule that one. Could you remember them one way or another? A. Could you repeat the question? MR. NURIK: Argumentative, your Honor. When I asked you questions on direct about the details of some of these transactions involving the Red Sox tickets, Yes. Α. -- you seemed unable to provide any specific information. MR. NURIK: Objection, leading and argumentative. THE COURT: Overruled. 10 Do you agree with that, that you were not very clear about 11 12 the nature of those transactions? 13 A. I was not clear about large packets of tickets, how they 14 were paid for. I told you that there were some that were paid for, and I would put that money in the bank. I didn't --15 16 Q. Some that were paid for and some that weren't? They were -- I don't know how they were paid for. 17 18 I agree, that's what you said, and I'm just asking you 19 because on redirect you seemed to respond to Mr. Nurik's 20 questions --21 MR. NURIK: Objection. 22 THE COURT: Excuse me. You mean on cross? 23 MR. WYSHAK: I'm sorry. 24 -- on cross-examination you seemed to respond to 25 Mr. Nurik's questions that you were very concerned that all the

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Page 140 expenses coming out of the 0933 account were accurately reflected, and it was your concern that you knew exactly what was going on. So which is it? I knew what the deposits and the payments were. Well, if you send tickets to somebody --Q. -- and you didn't get paid for it, right --Yes. Q. -- you must have had at some point a question, "Where's 10 the money?" 11 They had prior arrangements to pay my brother for his 12 tickets. 13 Q. Okay. The same thing with the paying for the expenses of 14 the timeshare, right? You were sent a bill. Sometimes you didn't have to pay the bill, right? 15 16 A. No. I paid the bill when I was sent the bill. There 17 might have been a time --18 Q. Is it your testimony that every time --19 THE COURT: No, no, don't interrupt. There may have 20 been a time. . . 21 A. There may have been a time when there was an extra bill 22 for an extra charge, but it was not a -- I'm not -- I'm saying 23 that the bookkeeping might have been lax on their end, but I 24 paid what came for his particular six-week unit.

Q. Do you recall that sometimes you didn't get billed or

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Page 141 sometimes you didn't have to pay because Mr. Perry owed your brother money? A. I do not recall that. You don't recall that. A. I did not know he was owing my brother money. Q. So it's your testimony, if we look in this 0933 account, by the way --Q. -- and we compare them with Mr. Perry's billings to you, there will be a check there for every single bill that 10 11 Mr. Perry sent to you? 12 A. That he sent to me, yes. 13 Q. Okay. Now, you also testified that your brother Bob told 14 you that SOS was licensed and legal. Do you recall Mr. Nurik 15 asking you about that? A. I don't recall him asking, but I -- I do recall the 17 question. 18 Well, I asked you on my direct examination if you ever had 19 a conversation with your brother about the legality of SOS. 20 In Antigua. Α. 21 Yes. 22 A. Yes. 23 Well, you told me "no" before. Now it's "yes," you did 24 have a conversation with him about the legality --

A. Oh, no, I'm sorry, I misunderstood your question. I

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- didn't have a conversation with my brother.
  - Q. I thought you told Mr. Nurik on cross that you had a
- 3 conversation with him about SOS, and he told you it was
- 4 licensed and legal.
- 5 A. I don't recall that question. I'm sorry.
- 6 Q. All right. And, again, you paid your brother's taxes out
- 7 of this 0933 account?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And they were substantial, correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. But you have no idea regarding the true amount of his
- 12 income, correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. As a matter of fact, what you were reporting to
- Mr. Flowers as his income was based upon all the money
- deposited into the various accounts that you managed for him?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. That you described as commission?
- 19 A. Correct.
- $^{20}$  Q. So it didn't account for any money that he may have kept
- in Antigua, correct?
- $^{22}\,$  A. I never saw the tax that was filed.
- $^{23}\,$  Q. Okay. Well, I think you said on direct, part of what you
- 24 were willfully blind about was the amount of money he was
- earning, correct?

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- 1 A. What I observed, yes.
- 2 Q. So the taxes that he paid, you don't know if those were
- 3 accurate or not, correct?
- A. I took it from the accountant as to what he owed.
- Q. And, as a matter of fact, some of that money that was
- 6 being paid over the years was being paid because when he pled
- quilty, he owed a lot of money in interest and penalties, about
- 8 \$300,000 over and above the tax liability. Were you aware of
- 9 that?
- 10 A. I was aware he owed past taxes.
- MR. WYSHAK: Nothing further, your Honor.
- 12 RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. NURIK:
- 13 Q. With respect to the taxes, you actually reported to
- Mr. Flowers how much money was received in that account that
- you've been talking about, correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. You have no idea what additional information Mr. Flowers
- got regarding other earnings in determining what the tax amount
- should be, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And in fact what happened is, Mr. Flowers would then tell
- 22 you how much you need to pay out of the account for the taxes,
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And we do know that it's well over \$3 million that you

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- 1 paid over that period of time?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. And you told Mr. Wyshak that there may have been
- approximately \$300,000 owed from earlier years?
- A. I don't remember the figure, but I knew there were past
- 6 taxes and penalties.
- 7 Q. But it wasn't the bulk of what you paid. It was just a
- 8 small amount, correct?
- 9 A. Well, Mr. Flowers, again, would give me an amount with a
- payment stub to pay it off. It wasn't paid off all at once.
- 11 Q. Right. Now, with respect to the order that you saw,
- 12 Mr. Wyshak asked you questions about whether or not your
- 13 brother Robert lied to you. You have no idea, do you, what the
- United States Attorney's office knew at the time about Sports
- Off Shore and its activities, correct?
- 16 A. Correct.
- 17 Q. You have no idea what they knew about Sports Off Shore's
- activities here in the United States at the time, correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. But you do see, you were aware that it was represented to
- you that the United States Attorney's office had no objection
- 22 to your brother's travel?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And working at Sports Off Shore, correct?
- 25 A. Correct.

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Page 145 Q. The actual company's name is mentioned, correct? A. Correct. Q. Okay. You didn't ask your brother at the time about the details concerning how payments were being made by the betters, did you? A. No. Q. So when Mr. Wyshak asked you whether or not your brother lied to you about the activities in the United States, it was never even brought up? 10 A. Correct. 11 Q. So in fact what you did know is that it was a sports book operating in Antigua, correct? 13 A. Correct. 14 Okay. Now, just so we are clear here, did you know at the 15 time that it was licensed? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. Okay. And how did you know that? 18 A. My brother told me it was licensed and legal. 19 Q. Okay. All right, so that we're clear, he did in fact tell 20 you that? 21 Uh-huh. A. 22 0. Okay. 23 MR. NURIK: May I have the photographs. One moment, 24 your Honor. 25 I have nothing further. Thank you.

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Page 146 MR. HORSTMANN: Very briefly. RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HORSTMANN: Q. Mrs. Tierney, one of your nieces lives down in Antigua, correct? Q. Which is one of Bob's children? And she's been down there for fifteen years, right? A. Pretty much. 10 MR. HORSTMANN: No further questions. 11 MR. NURIK: Your Honor, I did have one thing. I 12 apologize, I forgot. 13 FURTHER RECROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. NURIK: Q. Bob's wife at the time was in rehab in Antigua when he was 14 15 in Antigua, correct? A. She was in Antigua rehab, Florida rehab, then back in 16 17 Antigua rehab. 18 Q. In fact, Bob had moved his family? 19 A. Yes. 20 MR. NURIK: Thank you. 21 THE COURT: Thank you. Good-bye. 22 THE WITNESS: I'm done? 23 THE COURT: You're done. 24 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 25 (Witness excused.)

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Page 147 MR. FISHER: The government calls John Olsen. THE COURT: I'm going to stand and stretch, so you 3 might as well too. How long do you think you have on direct? MR. FISHER: Direct, I may not be done by lunch on direct. I'm hoping to, but I may not be. THE COURT: I'd like to finish the direct by lunch. 8 Then we'll take lunch and cross afterwards, if we can. JOHN OLSEN 10 having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as 11 follows: 12 THE CLERK: Could you please state and spell your name 13 for the record. 14 THE WITNESS: John Olsen, O-l-s-e-n. 1.5 MR. FISHER: May I proceed, your Honor? 16 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. FISHER: 17 Good afternoon, Mr. Olsen. How old are you? 18 A. Fifty-one. 19 Q. And where do you currently reside? 20 Boca Raton, Florida. Α. What do you do for a living? 21 22 A. I'm a fitness trainer and consultant. 23 Q. And how long have you been doing that? 24 1989, '90. Α. 25 And where are you originally from?

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## **EXHIBIT 3**



### MEMORANDUM

To: U.S. District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro

From: Pamela J. Lombardini, U.S.P.O. 70V

Re: US v Robert H. Eremian (98-10223-01)

Date: November 19, 2002

On October 8, 2002, Robert H. Eremian, appeared before Your Honor for sentencing. At that time he was sentenced, for Tax Evasion, as follows: 2 years probation, restitution of \$58,422 paid in full the date of sentencing to the IRS, and a \$100 special assessment after pleading guilty to Tax Evasion. That same date he paid his total restitution of \$58,422 to the U.S. District Court Clerks Office.

Mr. Eremian has requested that he be allowed to return to his work in Antigua, which is located in the Caribbean. There, he is employed as a software consultant for "SOS" (Sport Off Shore). On June 20, 2002, after pleading guilty to the counts involved in this indictment, Your Honor granted him permission to travel outside of the country for work purposes, but ordered him to return prior to sentencing.

On July 16, 2004, from Lt. Col. Clyde Walker, Chief Immigration Officer for the Government of Antigua and Bermuda, it is stated that they have "no objections to Mr. Robert Eremian, citizen of the United States, formally a residence of Crosbies Point, Antigua, to return to Antigua and Bermuda."

The U.S. Probation Office contacted Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Auerhahn regarding subject's request to travel and he reported that the U.S. Attorney's Office is aware of Mr. Eremian's employment at Sport Off Shore and has no objection to his traveling to Antigua for work purposes.

In addition to his request to travel outside of the United States, he has requested that U.S. Probation allow him to travel during the first sixty days of his supervision. The U.S. Probation Policy is that no travel will be granted during the first sixty days unless it is considered to an emergency or extenuating circumstances. U.S. Probation will review this request if the Court allows Mr. Eremian to travel to Antigua. Mr. Eremian is proposing that he spend every other month in Antigua. While in the United States he will reside with his mother in Beverly, MA. Mr. Eremian reportedly spends time with his children, who reside in Lynnfield, MA with his wife. Mr. Eremian is currently separated from his wife.

Reviewed and Approved,

Effié S. Stewart Supervising U.S. Probation Officer

Agree\_\_\_\_\_ Denied

DEFENDANT'S EXHIBIT 315

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District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro

## **EXHIBIT 4**

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24	Boston, Massachusetts
25	January 13, 2011

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1	THE CLERK: All rise. Court is in session, please
2	be seated.
3	Calling Criminal Action 10-10315, the United States
4	v. Patrice Tierney.
5	THE COURT: Good afternoon. Would counsel identify
6	themselves.
7	MR. WYSHAK: Good afternoon, your Honor. Fred
8	Wyshak and Rob Fisher for the United States.
9	MR. STERN: Good afternoon, your Honor. Donald K.
10	Stern for the defendant, Patrice Tierney.
11	THE COURT: Who is present in the courtroom, and if
12	I could address her directly.
13	MR. STERN: Yes, your Honor.
14	THE COURT: Ms. Tierney, have you read the
15	presentence report that's been prepared in your case?
16	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir, I have.
17	THE COURT: Have you talked it all over with Mr.
18	Stern?
19	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have.
20	THE COURT: Do you think you understand it?
21	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do.
22	THE COURT: Please be seated.
23	Nothing's been withheld from the presentence report
24	under the Rules of Criminal Procedure?
25	THE PROBATION OFFICER: No, your Honor.

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THE COURT: Now, this is a sentencing under 18
United States Code, Section 3553(a). In this session of the
Court sentencing proceeds in four steps. The first step is
to calculate the highest constitutionally permissible
sentence. And I calculate that in our quasi-determinant
sentencing system based upon the advisory sentencing
quidelines without regard to any mitigating factors at all
and I go to the highest sentence prescribed under those
sentencing guidelines, and in the view of this Court that is
the highest sentence that under the constitution this Court
could impose.

Second, I set forth all the average sentences I have from whatever source. And I hasten to say, I don't in any way sentence from any average. Every sentence must be individual to the specific crime and specific offender. But I look at those averages to tell me what weight to give to the advisory sentencing guidelines.

Third, I calculate the advisory sentencing guidelines accurately as I am required to do under the law, and in that regard I take into account any mitigating factors.

Now, these first three steps are somewhat arithmetic. And counsel, I ask you, would you please interrupt me if you think any of the calculations I'm making are in any way in error, and I'll address it and I'll try to

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correct it. Once that's set and we know what the advisory 1 2 sentencing guidelines are, we come to the most important step and that is to fashion a fair and a just sentence in this particular case. And to do that I'll hear first from 4 the government and second from defense counsel, and third, if Ms. Tierney wishes to be heard, she doesn't have to, but 6 if she wishes to be heard, I'll hear from her, and then impose sentence. 8 All right, step one. Now, in this case the 9 adjusted offense level without any mitigating factors is 10 six. The criminal history category is I. And so, the 11 highest offense level -- the highest sentence permitted 12 under the constitution is six months in custody. 13 Looking at --14 MR. WYSHAK: Your Honor? 1.5 THE COURT: Yes. 16 MR. WYSHAK: You asked us to interrupt if we 17 18 disagree? THE COURT: I have asked you to do that, yes. 19 20 MR. WYSHAK: And although I think it doesn't matter in this case, and I understand what the Court's theory is on 21 this matter, it is the government's position that the 22 highest sentence that could be applied in this case is three 2.3 years' incarceration. 24 THE COURT: Well, that --25

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MR. WYSHAK: Pursuant to the statute. THE COURT: -- theoretically may be correct if you make mention of the actual statute. But as I have explained at length in United States v. Kandirakis, if you're going to give real effect to constitutional Booker, based on these facts and the advisory sentencing guidelines, it would simply be unprincipled, as I see it, and Justice Alito has spoken to this in a more recent sentencing case, to go higher than six months. And you're right, I know the government's position. But it doesn't make any difference. There's no way I'm going higher than six months. Six months is what we're talking about. That's what we talked about when she pleaded; that's what we're talking about now. MR. WYSHAK: Correct. THE COURT: The government may make mention of the statutory maximum, but it doesn't apply to her. She didn't admit to facts that would warrant constitutionally a six month sentence. But I hear you. MR. WYSHAK: Okay. THE COURT: All right. The average sentence for

THE COURT: All right. The average sentence for these offenses, if you look at the publicly available database maintained by the United States Sentencing Commission, is 22 months. That has the problem of grouping all tax offenses together, but that gives you a lot of sentences and the average is 22 months.

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If you look at the First Circuit average it's 13 1 months. If you look at the confidential database maintained 2 3 by the Department of Probation, which is the District of Massachusetts, but again it has all tax offenses, the 4 average is 54 months. There is a publicly available database maintained 6 7 by Mr. Womack, the court reporter in this session, and it has all the sentences imposed by this Court. It has the 8 great advantage of not grouping but looking at the specific g offense, which is, here, aiding and abetting, but not only 10 is there not an average, post-Booker I have not had occasion 11 to impose any sentence, so there's nothing there. 12 13 Now --MR. STERN: Your Honor, may I add something to 14 1.5 that? THE COURT: You may. 16 MR. STERN: I've taken a look, and I don't portend 17 that this is exhaustive, but just having in mind what your 18 19 Honor just said, what I think is the 2009 U.S. Sentencing 20 statistics --THE COURT: I have them. 21 MR. STERN: -- posted on their website. 22 23 THE COURT: Yes. MR. STERN: And if you look at 7206(2) alone, which 24 is the offense that Mrs. Tierney has pled guilty to, there 25

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are none in sentencing zone A, which is what she is in. All 1 of the offenses that are in this report in -- now, these are 2 3 national statistics. THE COURT: No, I understand they are. MR. STERN: So, all of the ones -- and I mention this because the national statistics that your Honor 6 referred to is a little, by necessity, because it lumps together a lot of things --8 THE COURT: Actually your point is very well taken, 9 Mr. Stern. Have you got the screenshot of that page? 10 11 MR. STERN: I do. And I happen to have -- I do, although I have some scribblings on it, but I'm happy to 12 hand it up. 13 THE COURT: I would be pleased to see it because 14 I'm looking for the most discrete data. 15 MR. STERN: I think that's accurate. And along 1.6 those lines, and then I ask myself the question, well, are 17 there any, again, this is national, are there any in 7206 in 18 zone A at all in 2009. And the answer is there are, there 19 are, without regard to which subsection it is, 1, 2 and the 20 21 others, if you just said 7206, there were eight. Of those, 22 six were probation, one of the eight was one day, and then 23 one of the eight, the sentence imposed was a year, but that apparently was, the defendant was also either convicted or 24

pled guilty of an immigration offense. So it was not a

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standalone 7206. And I couldn't find any, any whatsoever 1 along the lines of what your Honor is saying in this Court. 2 Your Honor is not alone. Apparently there were none in, 3 that I could find, in 2009 under 7206(2), which is the offense the defendant pled guilty, I couldn't find any 6 sentences imposed in zone A around the country. THE COURT: That's very helpful, Mr. Stern. MR. STERN: I'm happy to, again, with my 8 scribblings on it, I'm happy to give your Honor the document 9 10 I just referred to. THE COURT: I'm happy to receive it. And since 11 we're simply talking about averages and not this offender, I 12 accept it and I thank you. 1.3 All right. Now let's turn to the sentencing 14 15 guidelines and what they require in this case. The base offense level is six. I do deduct by two levels because Ms. 16 17 Tierney has spared the government the burden and expense of 18 a trial. That takes us to an adjusted level four. The criminal history is I. That gives us a guideline range of 19 zero to six months, a period of supervised release of one 20 year, if probation was decreed, a period of probation of not 21 22 less than one nor more than three years, a fine of between 250 and \$5,000, and there must be a mandatory special 23 assessment of \$100 per count, or \$400. 24 25 Mr. Wyshak, are the guidelines accurately

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1	calculated?
2	MR. WYSHAK: Yes, sir.
3	THE COURT: Mr. Stern?
4	MR. STERN: Yes, your Honor.
5	THE COURT: All right. Now let's turn to this
6	particular offense, and Mr. Wyshak, I'll hear you.
7	And to guide you, I'll start off by saying that the
8	manner in which the government has proceeded here given the
9	specific facts of this case all make sense and commends
10	itself to the Court. The range of the offense to which she
11	has pleaded guilty, that makes sense to this Court.
12	What I find problematic, and I'll be asking Mr.
13	Stern about that, is that usually in tax offenses the
14	government wants some jail time as a deterrence, as a
15	general deterrence, because our tax system is largely
16	voluntary. But in this case you're not seeking any jail
17	time.
18	So I think that's the explanation that I'm
19	searching for. Why is that so in this case?
20	MR. WYSHAK: Well, I think there are several
21	reasons, your Honor. It is obviously the defendant's first
22	offense. And she is, I believe in her late 50's. She has
23	no prior criminal record.
24	THE COURT: That, of course, is true of most tax
25	offenders.

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MR. WYSHAK: Okay. This case --1 2 THE COURT: Not, not her specific age. But most are first offense, no prior convictions. 3 MR. WYSHAK: Right. This case also presents 4 certain evidentiary problems for the government, 5 particularly because the business which is the subject of --6 THE COURT: I interrupt only to say I am satisfied, fully satisfied with the propriety of the government's 8 position here. I recognize that. She's pleaded guilty to 9 only aiding and abetting and only on the theory of willful 10 blindness. But she has pleaded guilty to that. My question 11 is just a simple one. Usually tax offenders get some jail 12 13 time. You're not recommending that. MR. WYSHAK: No, your Honor. 14 THE COURT: Why? What's unique about this case? 15 MR. WYSHAK: Well, I think that it's the 16 government's position that this particular defendant in this 17 particular case and looking at the 3553 factors that, I 18 believe that because of the position of this particular 19 defendant being the wife of a congressman that --20 THE COURT: Well, what difference does that make? 21 MR. WYSHAK: Well, I think if you're talking about 22 general deterrence, for example, that this case does have 23 that impact of providing general deterrence despite the fact 24 25 that there is no, or at least the government is not

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recommending a sentence of jail just because of her, you 1 know, although she is not herself a public figure, she is 2 3 certainly linked to a prominent public figure and that obviously there has been some media generated that the 4 government believes will satisfy that particular factor of 6 general deterrence. THE COURT: Let me, let me say it back to you, 7 because I'm not sure I understand it. 8 You're saying that because she's married to a 9 congressman, who is not implicated in this in any way, shape 10 or form, but simply because of that marriage, not 11 surprisingly this generates some media interest, and because 12 of that you're saying sort of the shame and the general 13 public awareness that this individual has pleaded guilty and 14 owned up to a crime that warrants probation where someone 15 not in the news at all would get some jail time? That can't 16 be the argument. 17 MR. WYSHAK: Well, I'm talking about general 18 19 deterrence, your Honor. THE COURT: Yes, general deterrence. 20 MR. WYSHAK: And I think that in this particular 21 case, yes, that, that is general deterrence. 23 If you're talking about specific deterrence regarding this particular individual, again, it's the 24 government's position that based upon the facts as the 25

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government understands them this defendant will not violate 1 2 again. THE COURT: Well, I have to say it seems very 3 likely to me that that's absolutely the case. But that is, 4 of course, frequently the case with tax evaders. And she's 5 not a tax evader. This is only willful blindness, aiding and abetting. MR. WYSHAK: And the government is --THE COURT: But that's usually the case. The whole 10 trauma of having criminal charges brought and having to be involved in the criminal process, people who are guilty of 11 12 tax crimes are frequently otherwise believed to be upstanding members of the community and the like, and yet 13 14 the government seeks some jail time, usually. MR. WYSHAK: That is the case, your Honor. 15 THE COURT: It is. 16 17 MR. WYSHAK: And again, more often than not in tax cases what is behind the government's recommendations and 18 drives those recommendations and supports a basis for the 19 20 Court to sentence a defendant to a period of incarceration 21 is the amount of loss in these kind of cases. In this case, again, as I started to explain to the 22 Court, because this business is an overseas business and 2.3 24 happens to be in Antigua where, quite frankly, the United

States has been in some complicated litigation with the

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World Trade Organization with Antigua, Antigua will not cooperate with the United States.

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THE COURT: But hasn't she gotten the benefit of that by the admissions she's made which lead conceivably, I'm not saying this is where I'm going, to a maximum sentence of six months in custody. That's the benefit. You can't prove in this case a specific loss. A specific loss would drive the sentencing guidelines. I agree with all of that. And again, I don't fault the government. I'm just saying if we're talking zero to six months, I don't see what takes her out of -- and I will say, she should not in any way, not in any aspect have visited upon her a more severe sanction because she is married to a public official. And the reverse is also true. She should not get any less sentence than one who does not have that relationship. She should get the sentence that anyone else would get. And that's why I ask these questions.

 $\label{eq:local_angle_energy} \mbox{All right, anything else that the government wants}$  to say?

MR. WYSHAK: Yes. I mean, I would like to note that we are recommending 90 days of house arrest in this case. We do believe that some punishment is due beyond a sentence of probation which the plea agreement calls for.

The government's recommending a sentence of two years' probation, and of course we're also recommending a \$2,500

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fine. And we urge the Court to provide some punishment beyond a sentence of straight probation, and I would just like to set forth the reasons for that and briefly, and I mean briefly, sort of discuss some of the defendant's objections to the presentence report, which were sort of, in my view, a sentencing memo, so to speak, although in the form of an objection.

THE COURT: All right, I'll hear you briefly. But we're all in agreement as to what the sentencing guidelines provide, and they're advisory.

MR. WYSHAK: Well, the reason we believe, the reason we believe a sentence of house arrest is appropriate in this case is basically the theme, and I expect Mr. Stern to say this, the theme that she committed the offense out of some benevolent belief that she was doing this to help her elderly mother and her brother's children who he somewhat abandoned when he went to Antiqua.

I would also note for the Court that in addition to doing that, she also acted as sort of his, as his personal business secretary. A large portion of the expenses that came out of this checking account that she managed would have paid her brother's business expenses, his travel expenses, his credit card bills, expenses related to the operation of this gambling business.

Additionally, while I suggest to the Court it's

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24 25 commendable that she assisted her brother in helping her brother care for her mother and her children, I also note that it would be more commendable if she reached into her own pocket to do this. She didn't do that. She was reaching into her brother's pocket. And I suggest to the Court that that's why she looked the other way. She didn't ask the questions she should have asked. This was easy. I think we all in this life have to care for relatives, especially parents, and most of us have to reach into our own pocket to pay for that. She didn't have to do that. Furthermore, she profited from this. She took an amount of money, whether you want to describe it as a salary, I think she has described it as gifts from her brother, of approximately 20 to \$30,000 a year. She also used money in this account to subsidize her use of a personal automobile, use of personal cell phones. So, we do believe that some punishment beyond a sentence of probation is appropriate in this case, and we urge the Court to sentence, sentence the defendant to 90 days' home detention. THE COURT: Thank you. Mr. Stern. MR. STERN: Thank you, your Honor. I'm going to go over some of the ground that

Mr. Wyshak went over, but again let me just start with

the point your Honor made.

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THE COURT: Well, let me ask you a question, and I 1 do want you to address that point, but I have a 2 3 previous point here. On the day that Ms. Tierney pleaded guilty she sat 4 there and she said, after I asked her what I thought was 5 thorough questions about the elements of the offense, and I 6 have very much in mind what it is, to what she pleaded quilty, she pleaded guilty to being willfully blind, aiding and abetting tax evasion, and she said I take total responsibility for my actions. And then later that same 10 day, I don't assert this, I just heard it, it was reported 11 that she said on that same day I was duped by my brother. 12 Now, did she say that? is my first question. And 13 if she did that's inconsistent with a plea of guilty. If 14 one is duped they are not guilty of this crime. So start 15 there and --16 17 MR. STERN: Okay. THE COURT: -- then go to the other. 18 MR. STERN: Okay. Can I just make one point, 19 because I'm going to forget to say this. 20 THE COURT: Please. 21 22 MR. STERN: I agree with the Court that Mrs. Tierney should get no benefit or no harm because she 23 24 happened to be married to a congressman. THE COURT: That is the Court's view. 25

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MR. STERN: And as your Honor has indicated it is 1 an irrelevant fact for purposes of sentencing. 2 3 THE COURT: It is. MR. STERN: And again, I would note that, and this 4 gets a little bit, I'm going to get to your Honor's question 5 in a moment, but this gets to a little bit as to the 6 uniqueness of this proceeding because there really doesn't 7 seem to be anybody in zone A charged with the aiding and 8 9 abetting portion of 7206, at least in the last calendar year that we have statistics for in 2009. I didn't go back 10 historically. Maybe, maybe it's happened. 11 So the answer to your question, Mrs. Tierney pled 12 quilty. She pled guilty to aiding and abetting the filing 13 of false tax returns which were not her tax returns or her 14 15 husband's tax returns but her brother's tax returns. And 16 that was done because her brother falsely represented to her, and as I'll say in a moment to a federal court and to 17 18 the probation department following on the heels of his earlier conviction in federal court, that he was going back 19 to Antiqua to be a consultant for an offshore Internet 20 gambling operation, Sports Offshore, and that he wasn't a 21 principal, he was a consultant. She believed that. 22 Now, how do you get from that, and that is what the 23 duping is, if you will. She recognizes what she's pled 24 25 guilty to. Between the early request on his part, will you

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take care of the children, will you help out mom, will you pay the bills, will you handle all the affairs, will you check on the house in Lynnfield, when the kids are in rehab would you make sure that they're okay, between that initial request and stepping foot into federal court there were red flags. There were questions that could have been asked. A more probing inquiry by her part should have been undertaken.

So, she started with believing her brother and in the face of what she would say, certainly red flags that should have prompted her to ask more questions, do a more thorough investigation, and that's how we get to the willful blindness.

THE COURT: But she wasn't duped.

 $\ensuremath{{\bf MR}}.$   $\ensuremath{{\bf STERN}}\colon$  Not, not duped when she stood, when she pled guilty in this court.

 $\ensuremath{{\bf THE}}$   $\ensuremath{{\bf COURT}}$  : Because a reasonable person would have taken action.

MR. STERN: But, again your Honor, you know, there's a chronology, there's an evolution here. She was certainly -- when her brother went back to Antigua, he obviously had a criminal record. He told others, not just her, that he was going back to work as a consultant, he was going to work on Internet gambling, and he was permitted, you know, to do so. There were facts obviously that came to

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her attention, including the fact that she was paying some bills and whatnot, which on their face didn't seem inappropriate. She was not duped. She should have -- she was willfully blind at a certain point, and that's how we ended up in this Court, in a very unusual situation. She accepts responsibility. But, again, I'm not trying to argue against the acceptance of responsibility, your Honor. The reason why this case is different and why I would say emphatically not only is no prison time called for here, but I'm going to, when I get to the end urge that your Honor impose a straight probationary sentence. The government's recommendation is probation with some period of home confinement. Because many of these cases, and this may be getting to what your Honor was thinking of in terms of the tax offense, you know, she's not charged with money laundering. She's not charged with being part of the business. Some of these cases involve somebody who is, if you will, an active part of the business. It might be a gambling operation. It might be a drug operation. She's not charged with being part of it. She's not charged with --

THE COURT: Were any of those -- I have that in mind. Were any of those things the case this would not be a guideline zero to six months case.

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MR. STERN: No. I understand. Nor as a factual matter did she hide her activities. I think as the presentence report indicates this was a bank account in her brother's name. And if you will, and I'm not defending, believe me, her brother in his activities, of which I don't have personal knowledge as to what he was really doing in Antigua. But the point is that often these cases involve some level of, sort of hiding the ball, if you will, the bank account. Her brother was on the account. She had check writing authority and wrote checks over the course of some eight years. But there was nothing that was being hidden in terms of whose account it was. And most of the --THE COURT: She provided the information to the tax preparer. MR. STERN: Exactly. Exactly. And the key problem, and the reason we're here, is that when she provided that information to the tax accountant, she, as part of the Quick Book kind of computer-based breakdown, she described the money coming into the account as commissions and was willfully blind to the fact that these apparently according to the government's evidence, which says that it intends to prove in the other case, these were not commissions, he was a principal, and these were the proceeds of illegal gambling.

But I think it's important, your Honor,

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Mrs. Tierney provided the raw information to the tax preparer. She neither prepared the tax return. She didn't see the tax return before it was submitted. There's no allegation here in this case that there was a tax loss as a result of that. In fact, many, you know, the lion's share of the checks that she wrote were to pay her brother's estimated taxes to Uncle Sam, to the IRS. So there was a substantial amount of money. I'm not, I'm not saying that, I'm not trying to minimize the conduct. I just think it's important for purposes of your Honor, since you do have a range of zero to six, with a lot of bells and whistles and possibilities in between there, I would urge the fact that this was a, if you will, a transparent activity makes some difference.

I think, your Honor, the overriding motivation, if I can call it that, was to care for her nieces and nephews. I know your Honor is aware from the presentence report that each of them, their father moved to Antigua, left them, left the three of them up here in Massachusetts really in the care of a nanny. The estranged mother, their mother, Mr. Eremian's estranged wife, lives in Florida with very serious, historically, drug and alcohol problems. She's been in and out of rehab. There was nobody who was caring for them.

So, she was, if you will, the surrogate mother.

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You know, checking on them, buying them their clothes, paying the credit card bills, taking care of the house in Lynnfield. In the course of that she was also taking care of her ailing elderly mother who I now think is 86 years old. It is true that her brother gave some, gave her some gifts, including paying, I think it was \$250 a month for her WV Beetle car auto lease. That's the auto lease. Not a Cadillac or a Mercedes, it's a VW Beetle. And did pay, if you will, for the cell phone which was part of a family plan that she had with the nieces and nephews. So, these were, these were gifts from her brother. Her brother was by and large paying the bills for the, for the nieces and nephews, and this was part of his, part of the gifts that he was giving not only to Mrs. Tierney but to his mother.

So, you know, where does that leave us? You know, I know your Honor wants and will tailor a sentence that deals not only with the underlying conduct but with the context. I don't think that any kind of, quote, deterrence message here for these unique circumstances calls out for any sentence other than probation.

She's very sorry that she's in this situation.

She's very sorry for what's happened here. She's very sorry for what she's done. It is a deep embarrassment to her.

She's never been in trouble before. And frankly, your

Honor, when you look at some of the family history, it's

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remarkable the life that she's lived, I would humbly submit. I mean, she's had, you know, a father and brothers -- two of her brothers are under indictment in this courthouse. And one brother died of a suicide. It is remarkable that she has lived the law abiding, and certainly until this day, until she pled guilty, life that she's had. She is a deeply caring person who kind of leads with her heart and sometimes that is her downfall, leads with her heart.

I've been impressed by, if you will, not the big things that Mrs. Tierney has done, not because she's the wife of a congressman, not because, you know, she knows some important people. That's irrelevant. It's some of the small things, your Honor, that Mrs. Tierney has done. You know, visiting the friend in the hospital, the bringing of the meals, the volunteering and the charitable events.

Again, not because she's doing it because, as a wife of a congressman, but she cares deeply about some of the things that she cares about in her community.

So, I would urge the Court to impose straight probation here. I think the facts of this case are very unique. The prosecution in this case, I'm not saying this critically of the government, but the particular circumstances here, it makes sense why the government arrived at its recommendation in these particular facts for this particular, this particular defendant.

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I think if your Honor is at all inclined to impose any period of home confinement, for example, I would urge that it be tailored so that she could continue to care for her mother, 86. She's on the Lifeline. She makes meals for her. She puts her in the car and takes her out shopping. She visits her. If there was some way, if your Honor is inclined, I'm hoping your Honor will just impose perhaps a one year or two year straight probationary period, but if your Honor is at all inclined to include in that any period of home confinement, I would ask that it be more really in the nature of a curfew, that she be permitted during sort of regular hours to be visiting her mother and to go about her business. And then in addition, if there was an emergency, at any time of the day or night, that she could be permitted to respond at least to her mother without having to notify the probation department in advance.

I know your Honor works hard and successfully to, again to tailor sentences which take account of the guidelines, but at the end of the day it's Mrs. Tierney, Patrice Tierney, who's lived a good life, who is a good person, and has made this mistake and for that she is forever embarrassed and sorry. But I would urge your Honor to impose one year of probation.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Ms. Tierney, you have the right to talk directly to

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me. You're not required to, but if you want to, I will hear 1 2 you now. THE DEFENDANT: No, thank you, your Honor. 3 THE COURT: Very well. 4 Ms. Patrice Tierney, in consideration of the offenses of which you stand convicted, the principles of 18 United States Code, Section 3553(a), the information from the United States Attorney, your attorney, and the probation 8 9 office, this Court sentences you to 30 days in the custody 10 of the United States Attorney General, to be followed by two years of probation. The first five months of that probation 11 will be spent in house arrest. You will be permitted to 12 13 leave to work. You'll be permitted to leave for religious services, for medical appointments. You'll be permitted to 14 care for your mother at any time throughout the 24 hours. 15 There won't be any electronic monitoring. And should your 16 17 mother find some emergency you'll be permitted to respond. You may visit her and stay with her outside the home. You 18 may take her shopping for necessities. You may respond to 19 medical emergencies for others in your immediate family, 20 husband and children. Beyond that, for five months you're 21 to be in house arrest. 2.2 There will be a \$2,500 fine, no restitution, and a 23 24 special assessment of \$400. 25 The special conditions of your period of supervised

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release -- I said probation, it's technically supervised release -- you're prohibited from possessing a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon. Within six months of your release from the 30 days in custody, you will cooperate with the Examination and Collection Divisions of the Internal Revenue Service in all respects. You shall provide that division all financial information necessary to determine the prior tax liabilities of Robert Eremian. You will provide the Collection Division of the IRS all financial information necessary to determine Robert Eremian's ability to pay.

You're to participate in a mental health treatment program as directed by the probation office, and the costs of the services for such treatment program you will bear based upon your ability to pay.

You are prohibited during the period of your supervised release from disparaging the facts of your conviction. Now, I'm not infringing on your right to free speech. You can say anything you want about the sentence, and I'm going to say that you have the right to appeal, and you do have. But this you may not do and it's a condition of your supervised release. You pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the filing of false tax returns through your own willful blindness. Willful blindness is a high standard. It's not being duped by someone else. You are

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 not to disparage the admissions you made in open court. If

Let me explain the sentence to you. This isn't a mistake. You should have known that the information you were providing was false and it enabled your brother to file false income tax returns. You should have known that. You were willfully blind to it. That means you didn't care whether it was accurate or not. You didn't take those minimal steps to make it accurate. People aren't guilty of tax crimes because they make mistake. They're not guilty of tax crimes because they're negligent. And our tax law is largely voluntary. And the reason, and I don't fault the government, though the sentence of this Court is somewhat different, and I take full responsibility for that, the

Having said that, it's no mistake. I have read all of these letters. Every single one of them. I don't downplay for a moment the truly humane and wonderful things you've done, out of love, not only for those who are closest to you but also for others in the community. And I am satisfied that that comes not from any position or public notoriety. I am satisfied that comes from the heart. But that said, it cannot excuse the violation of the law of this severity. It simply cannot.

government has been both sensitive and thorough here and you

have been ably represented by skilled counsel.

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But I want to make it clear, as your able counsel 1 has argued and the government agrees. I think it 2 extraordinarily unlikely that you would ever be back here 3 and reoffend in this or in some other respect. But it is 4 the careful judgment of this Court that an offense of this 5 sort requires some jail time. In this case it's minimal. But some actual jail time. Because it must be apparent in a largely voluntary system such as we have in the United 8 9 States that people must obey the tax laws, and if criminally 10 they do not there must be an actual sanction. You do have the right to appeal from any findings 11 or rulings the Court has made against you. Should you 12 13 appeal and should your appeal be successful in whole or in 14 part and the case remanded you'll be resentenced before 15 another judge. Mr. Stern, if an appeal is decided on, I direct you 16 17 to ask for transcript from this session because I'll turn it around right away. 18 Do you understand? 19 MR. STERN: I do, your Honor. 20 21 THE COURT: Now, since there is a period of confinement you have no objection, given your 2.2 recommendations, to self-reporting? 23 24 MR. WYSHAK: No, your Honor. 25 THE COURT: She'll report to the place of

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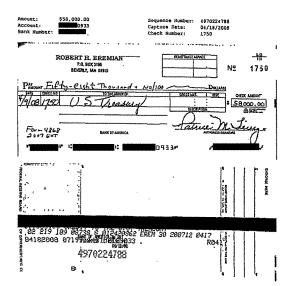
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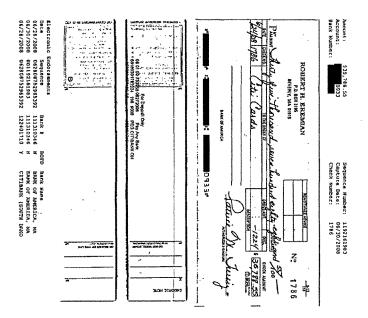
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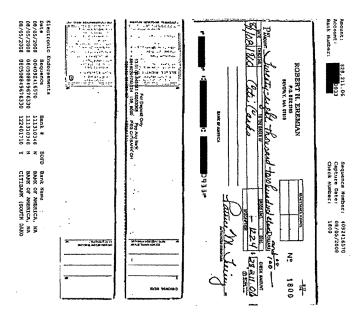
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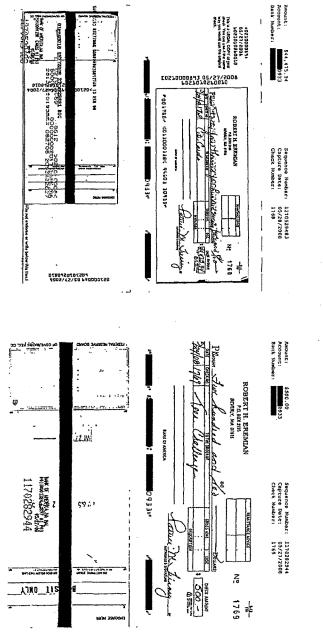
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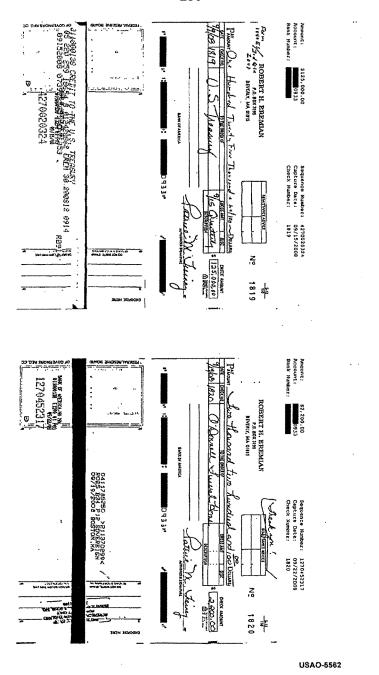
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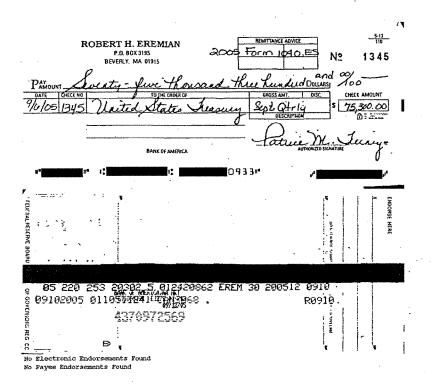
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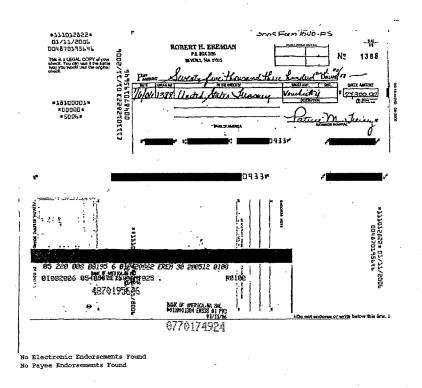
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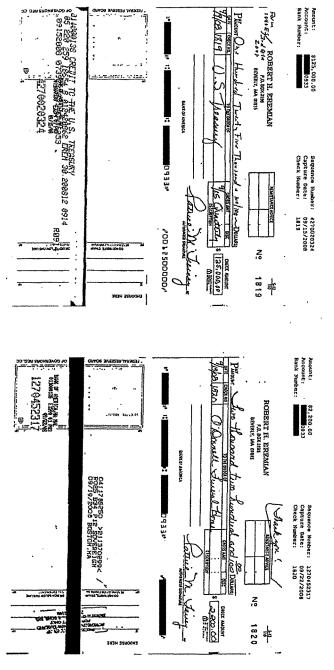
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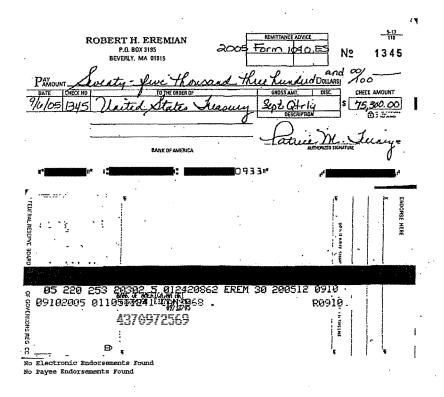
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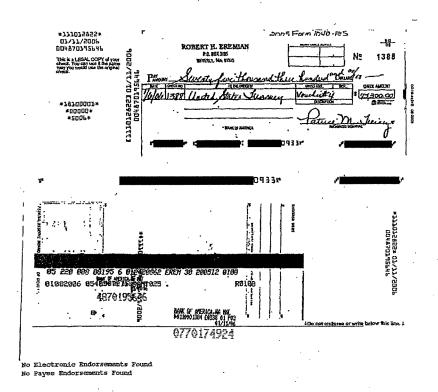
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# **EXHIBIT 7**

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## MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEW

IN RE:

Robert Eremian's Tax Attorney

REVIEW No.:

13-1064

DATE: LOCATION: April 24, 2013 15 Court Square

Boston, MA 02108

TIME:

10:54 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. (approximately)

PARTICIPANTS:

Kedric L. Payne Paul J. Solis

Jennifer E. Manning

<u>SUMMARY</u>: The OCE requested an interview with the witness and he consented to an interview. The witness made the following statements in response to our questioning:

- The witness was given an 18 U.S.C. § 1001 warning and consented to an interview. The
  witness signed a written acknowledgement of the warning, which will be placed in the case file
  in this review.
- 2. The witness is an attorney and a partner of the law firm of Flowers and Maming, LLP. He has been a partner with the firm since approximately 2000. The firm has two partners and a part time employee who is a law school student. Prior to working at the firm he was a partner with Flowers and Leichtman from approximately 1984 to 2000.
- 3. The professional services that the witness provides include tax law advice, tax return, preparation, estate planning, representation of clients before Internal Revenue Service and Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and appeals of IRS matters. He advises on both federal and state tax laws.
- 4. His clients are primarily individuals, but he also a few small corporate clients. It is a broad range. The individual clients range from low income to those with high net worth.
- 5. The witness stated that he has more than thirty years of tax law experience.
- 6. The witness told the OCE that he knows Robert Eremian. He first met Mr. Eremian in 2001, when Mr. Eremian was referred to him concerning tax issues. The witness believed that Representative John Tierney recommended to Mr. Eremian's defense lawyer, Jim Merberg, that

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Mr. Eremian work with the witness. The witness did not recall if Representative Tierney asked him to assist Mr. Eremian.

- 7. The witness had a 100% business relationship with Mr. Eremian but was cordial with him.
- 8. Initially, the witness assisted Mr. Eremian with preparing late personal tax returns from the late 1990s to 2001. He then prepared Mr. Eremian's tax returns until August or September of 2010. The witness ended the client relationship with Mr. Eremian in 2010 around the time that he testified in a grand jury proceeding. He was not sure whether the grand jury was relevant to case against Mr. Eremian or Patrice Tierney. However, on the advice of counsel, he believed that there was a potential conflict in testifying in a matter involving his client.
- 9. In preparing Mr. Eremian's tax returns, the witness met with Mr. Eremian occasionally and spoke with Mr. Eremian over the phone. There was a time when Mr. Eremian was in Antigua and the witness helped him with taxes over the phone. The witness never met with anyone on Mr. Eremian's behalf.
- 10. The witness stated that Mrs. Tierney provided him with a summary of Mr. Eremian's bank account to assist with the preparation of the tax returns. The summary was in a QuickBooks document that she would send to him. She began providing this information at some time between 2002 and 2004.
- 11. The witness told the OCE his last communication with Mr. Eremian was an email that he received in late 2011 or 2012 where Mr. Eremian asked him to testify in the trial of Daniel Eremian. The witness did not testify in the trial.
- 12. The witness recalls first meeting Mrs. Tierney in the late 1990 or early 2000s. He believed that he met her at a fundraiser for Representative Tierney and they were married at the time. He had a cordial relationship with Mrs. Tierney, one that was personal but distant. The witness did not provide Mrs. Tierney with any professional services such as advice on tax compliance or on tax issues.
- 13. The witness' last communication with Mrs. Tierney was in late 2010 or January 2011, when she asked that he write a character letter to the judge in the criminal case against her. He told the OCE that he did not write the requested letter based on the advice of counsel.
- 14. The witness has known Representative Tierney since they were in high school together and they have a friendly and personal relationship. They also attended the same college. Although they attended the same law school, the witness stated that they did not overlap because he attended the law school's evening program a few years after Representative Tierney attended the school.
- 15. The witness did not provide Representative Tierney with any tax advice or other professional services.

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- 16. The witness described his relationship with Representative Tierney as a friendly, but they have not been in contact since 2010. The witness stated that they have not communicated because their paths have not crossed. When asked whether his grand jury testimony affected the relationship, he said that it did not.
- 17. He recalled that he received a campaign contribution request from Representative Tierney's campaign committee in October 2012 and he made a contribution.
- 18. The witness was asked about Mrs. Tierney's transcribed testimony concerning her conversations with the witness in the trial of U.S. v. Lyons. He stated told the OCE that he does not recall "in depth" conversations about the payments that Mrs. Tierney received from Mr. Eremian. He stated that she asked him on the telephone whether the payments from her brother were taxable. He believed that this telephone call happened around 2003.
- 19. The witness stated that in response to Mrs. Tierney's question, he "probably responded, if they were gifts, no." The witness stated that he did not go into any detail with Mrs. Tierney on whether they were properly considered gifts.
- 20. The witness stated that the payments that Mrs. Tierney received were listed on the QuickBooks records as a line item "gifts for Patrice."
- 21. When asked whether he had any conversations with Mr. Eremian about the payments, the witness stated that he talked to him about the gift tax rules in 2003. He stated that Mr. Eremian told him that he wanted to give a gift to Mrs. Tierney for taking care of his children and handling his checking account.
- 22. The witness explained to Mr. Eremian that the gift tax threshold at the time was \$12,000. He did not advise Mr. Eremian on whether the payments to his sister were gifts. The witness stated that he left it up to Mr. Eremian to determine whether the payments were gifts. He did not discuss the frequency of the payments with Mr. Eremian.
- 23. The witness had no recollection of gifts being made to Mr. Eremian's mother. He does not recall any conversation with Mrs. Tierney about gifts from Mr. Eremian to his mother.
- 24. When asked whether he believes the payments from Mr. Eremian to Mrs. Tierney were gifts or income, the witness stated that he believes that they were gifts because, based on the trial transcript and what he has read in newspapers, Mrs. Tierney took care of Mr. Eremian's children. He sees this arrangement as a familial obligation. The witness stated that determining whether something is a gift is based on what is in the mind of the donor and he thinks that Mr. Eremian thought of it as gifts.
- 25. The witness stated he had no direct knowledge to inform his legal opinion, only newspaper reports and the transcripts.

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- 26. When asked about the legal basis of his opinion that the payments were gifts, the witness stated that it was based on his years of experience. When asked whether he was familiar with the case of Commissioner of Internal Revenue v. Duberstein and the standard of detached and disinterested generosity, the witness said no. He was shown a copy of the opinion and he stated that he did not consider this standard when he provided his opinion.
- 27. The witness told the OCE that he never had any conversations with Representative Tierney about the payments from Mr. Eremian to Mrs Tierney or about Mr. Eremian tax return preparation.

This memorandum was prepared on April 29, 2013 after the interview was conducted on April 24, 2013. I certify that this memorandum contains all pertinent matter discussed with the witness on April 24, 2013.

Kedric L. Payne Deputy Chief Counsel

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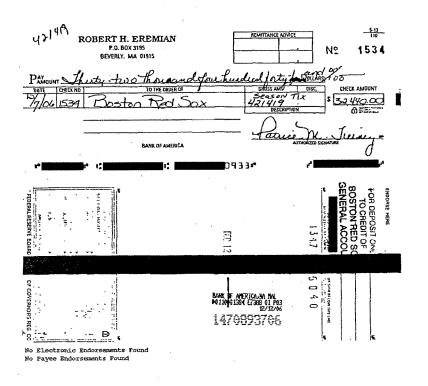
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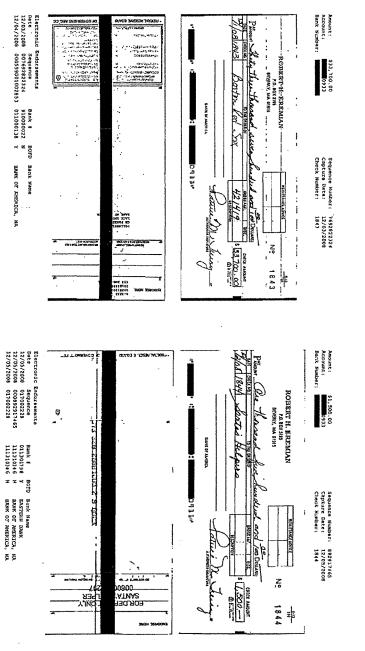
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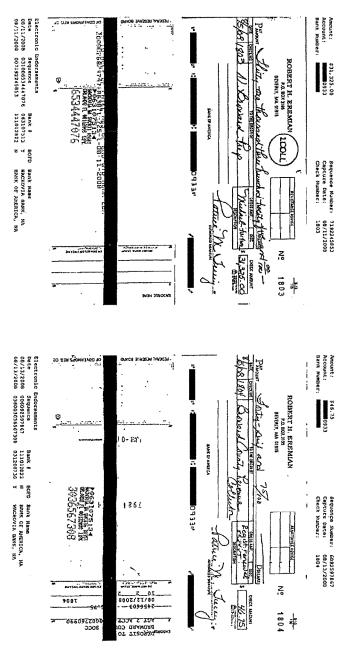
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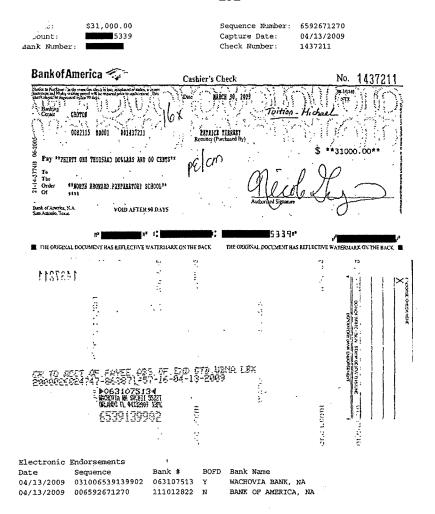
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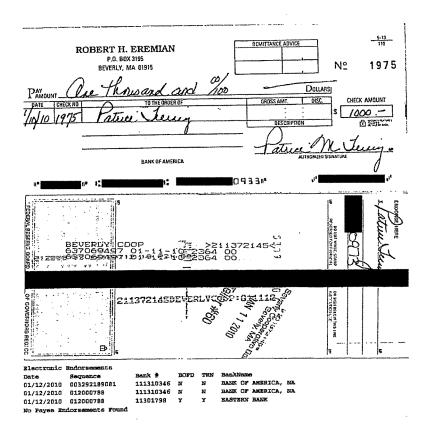
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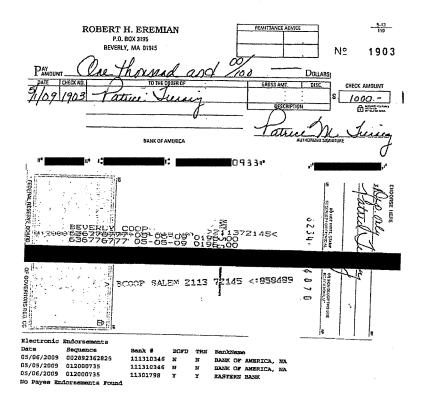
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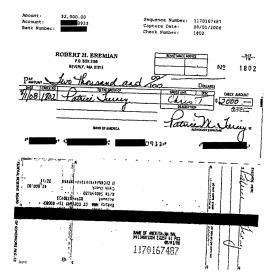
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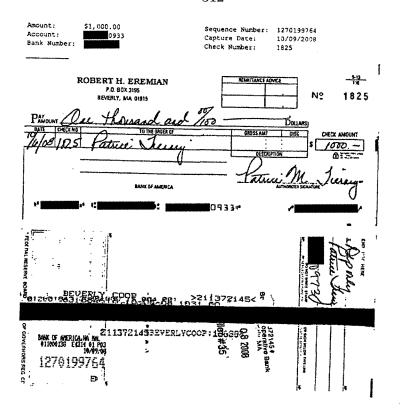
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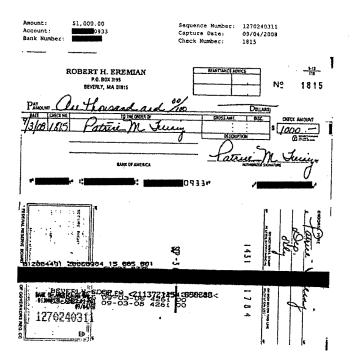


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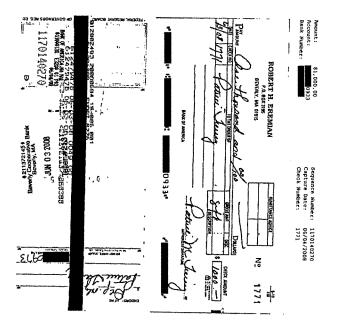




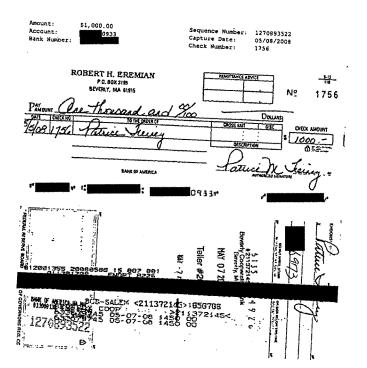
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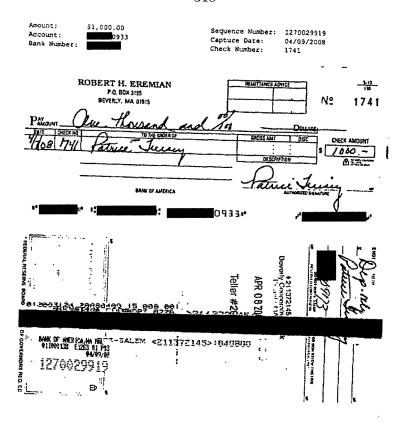
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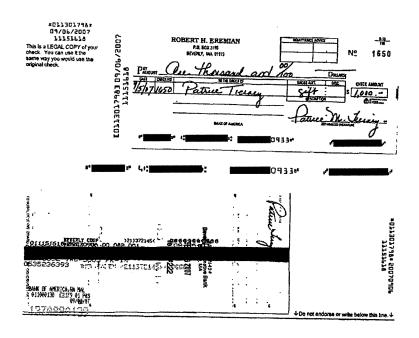
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# **EXHIBIT 11**

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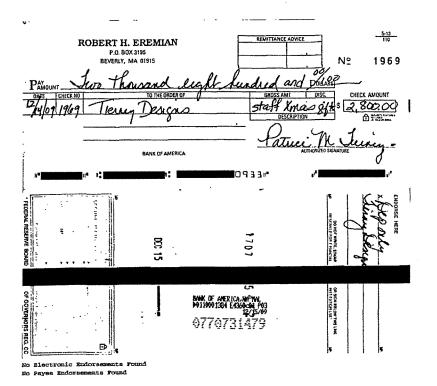
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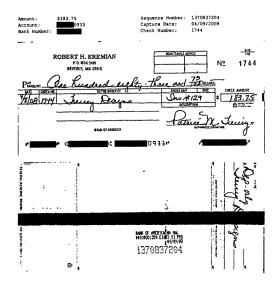
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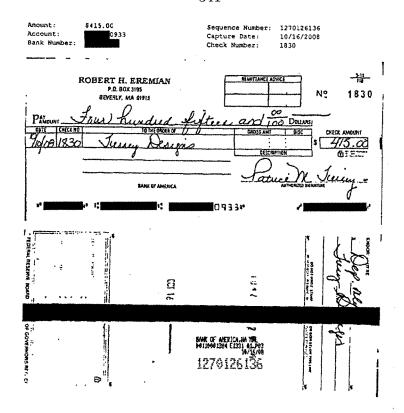
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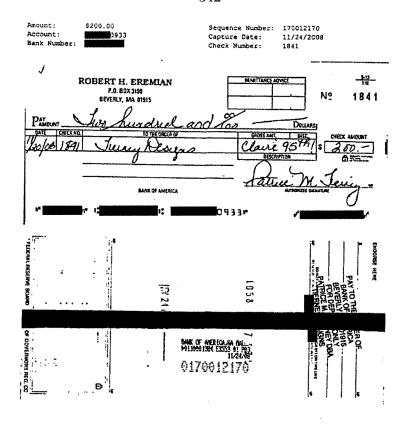


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# **EXHIBIT 13**

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III. more than \$200 in t more than \$1,000 a	se, or a dependent child receive "unearmed" income of the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth t the end of the period? and attach Schedule III.	Yes 🗹 No 🗌	Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the de 'III. current calendar year? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VIII.	te of filling in the Yes No 🗹
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### SCHEDULE I - EARNED INCOME

Name John F. Tierney

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List the source, type, and amount of earned income from any source (other than the filer's current employment by the U.S. Government) totaling \$200 or more during the preceding calendar year. For a spouse, list the source and amount of any honoraria; list only the source for other spouse earned income exceeding \$1,000.

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SCHED	ULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOM	Name	e John F. Ti	erney	; 3	3066
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JT	•	\$15,001 \$50,000	-	None	NONE	
	Citibank NA-Bank Deposit Program	\$15,001-	\$50,000	Interest	\$201 - \$1,000	-,   
JT	Disney Co., Walt	\$1,001 -	\$15,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Federated Capital Reserves (formerly known as Prime Fund Daily Money)	\$250,000 \$500,000	1 -	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	E
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SCHEDULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME			Name John F. T	Name John F. Tierney		
JT	MA St Cons Lns		5,001 - 0,000	INTEREST	\$1,001 - \$2,500	1
jt -	MA St. GO Bonds		5,001 - 0,000	INTEREST	\$1,001 - \$2,500	
JT	MA State Water Pollution	No	ne	INTEREST	\$1,001 - \$2,500	S
JT	Nike Inc. Class B		5,001 - 0,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
JT	Parametric Tech Corp	\$1,	001 - \$15,000	None	NONE	
JT	Prime Fund Daily Money (now known as Federated Capital Reserves)	No	ne	INTEREST	; \$5,001 - \$15,000	E
SP	Resolution Trust	No	ne	None	NONE	ı
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JT	Time Warner Inc.	\$1,	001 - \$15,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT -	Verizon Communications		5,001 - 0,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
	Wright Patman F.C.U.		5,001 - 0.000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	!

Report any purchase, sale or exchange by you, your spouse, or dependent child during the reporting year of any real property, stocks, bonds, commodities futures, or other securities when the amount of the transaction or series of transactions exceeded \$1,000. include transactions that resulted in a loss. Do not report a transaction between you, your spouse, or your dependent child, or the purchase or sale of your personal residence, unless it is rented out. Provide a brief

SP, DC, JT	Asset	Type of Transaction	Date	Amount of Transaction
JT	MA St. Water Pollution	S	2/1/07	\$15,001 - \$50,000
JΤ	Federated Capital Reserves (formerly known as Prime Fund Daily Money)	E	12/7/07	\$250,001 - \$500,000
JT	Prime Fund Daily Money (now known as Federated Capital Reserves)	E	12/7/07	\$250,001 - \$500,000

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Identify the source and list travel itinerary, dates, and nature of expenses provided for travel and travel-related expenses totaling more than \$305 received by you, your spouse, or a dependent child during the reporting period. Indicate whether a family member accompanied the traveler at the sponsor's expense, and the amount of time, if any, that was not at the sponsor's expense. Disclosure is required regardless of whether the expenses were reimbursed or paid directly by the sponsor. Exclude: Travel-related expenses provided by federal, state, and local governments, or by a foreign government required to be separately reported under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (5 U.S.C § 7342); political travel that is required to be reported under the Federal Election Campaign Act; travel provided to a spouse or dependent child that is totally independent of his or her relationship to you.

Source	Date(s)	Point of Departure— Destination—Point of Return	Lodging? (Y/N)	Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Days not at sponsor's expense
The Congressional Program of the Aspen Institute	Feb 20-25	Boston-San Juan, Puerto Rico-Boston	, <b>Y</b>	' <b>Y</b>	Y	, None
The Congressional Program of the Aspen Institute	May 28- June 3	Boston-Ljubljana, Slovenia- Boston	; <b>Y</b>	Y	Y	None
The Congressional Program of the Aspen	Nov. 27- Dec. 2	Boston-Liberia, Costa Rica- Boston	Y	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	None

	STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  FORM A  Page 1 of 6  YEAR 2008 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  For use by Members, officers, and employees	HAND DEFTARED					
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if yes, com  If yes, com  Did any indi  II. Did you, you more than \$ in yes, com  Did you, you more than \$ if yes, com  IV. popurable a period? If yes, com	ur spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries or fees) of \$200 any source in the reporting period?  Yes No Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportal reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$335 and not othe seempt;? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportal reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$335 and not othe seempt;? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportal relimbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth more t from one source?) If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of f Oil the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth Oil at the end of the period? No Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of f Oil you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportal relimbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth more t from one source?) If yes, complete and attach Schedule VIII. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of f Oil you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportat reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$335 and not othe seempt;? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.  Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of f Oil you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportat reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportat reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportat reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportation reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportation reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportation reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportation reporting period (you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any reportation reporting period (you, your spouse, or a depe	ible travel or than \$335 Yes  No					
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Туре	Amount
Spouse Salary	N/A

SCHEDU	ILE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOM	IE	Name John F. Ti	ierney	1	Page 3 of 6
Asset and/or income Source Identify (a) each asset held for investment or production of income with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000 at the end of the reporting period, and (b) any other assets or sources of income which generated more than \$200 in "unearned" income during the year. For rental property or land, provide a complete address. Provide full names of stocks and mutual funds (do not use ticker symbols). For all IRAs and other retirement plans (such as 401(k) plans) that are self directed (i.e., plans in which you have the power, even if not exercised, to select the specific investments), provide the value and income information on each asset in the account that exceeds the reporting threshold. For retirement plans that are not esti-directed, name the institution holding the account and its value at the end of the reporting period. For an active business that is not publicly traded, state the name of the business, the nature of its activities, and its geographic location in Block A. For additional information, see the instruction booklet.  Exclude: Your personal residence(s) (unless there is rental income); any debt owed to you by your spouse, or by your or your spouse's child, parent or sibling; any deposits totaling \$5,000 or less in personal savings accounts; any financial interest in or income derived from U.S. Government retirement programs.  If you so choose, you may indicate that an asset or income source is that of your spouse (SP) or dependent child (DC) or is jointly held (JT), in the optional column on the far left.		BLOCK B Year-End Value of Asset at close of reporting year. If you use a valuation method other than fair market value, please specify the method used. If an asset was sold and is included only because it is generated income, the value should be "None."		BLOCK C  Type of Income Check all columns that apply. For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write "NA". For all other assets including all lifax, inclicats the type of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check "None" if asset did not generate any income during the calendar year.	Amount of Income For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write "NA" for income. For all other assets, including all IRAs, indicate the category of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check "None" if no income was earned or generated.	BLOCK E Transaction Indicate if asset had purchases (P), sales (S), or exchanges (E) exceeding \$1,000 in reporting year.
JT	Cisco Systems Inc.  Citibank NA-Bank Deposit Program (this account was terminated and balance deposited into Western Asset Government Money Market Fund Class A)	\$1, No	001 - \$15,000 ne	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	E
JT	Disney Co., Walt	\$1,	001 - \$15,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Federated Capital Reserves		50,001 - 00,000	INTEREST	\$5,001 - \$15,000	P
JT	Hewlett Packard	\$1,	001 - \$15,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	

	Legg Mason Partners All Cap Fund Class A	\$1,001 - \$15,000	None	NONE	
JT	MA State Cons Lns	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$1,001 - \$2,500	
JT	MA State GO Bonds	None	INTEREST	\$1,001 - \$2,500	S
JT	Nike Class B	\$15,001 - \$50,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
JΤ	Parametric Tech Corp	\$1 - \$1,000	None	NONE	
SP	Resolution Trust	None	None	NONE	
	Strips-Tint-US Treasury	\$1,001 - \$15,000	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	
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IT	Time Warner Inc.	\$1,001 - \$15,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Verizon Communications	\$15,001 - \$50,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
	Western Asset Government Money Market Fund Class A (funds from terminated Citibank NA-Bank Deposit Program account were deposited into this account)	\$50,001 - \$100,000	INTEREST	\$2,501 - \$5,000	P
	Wright Patman F.C.U.	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	

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SP, DC, JT	Asset	Type of Transaction	Date	Amount of Transaction
	Citibank NA-Bank Deposit Program (this account was terminated and balance deposited into Western Asset Government Money Market	E	05-08	\$15,001 - \$50,000

Fund Class A)
Federated Capital Reserves

P Monthly \$15,001 - \$50,000

JT MA State GO Bonds S 08-01-08 \$15,001 - \$50,000

Western Asset Government Money Market Fund Class A (funds from terminated Citibank NA-Bank Deposit Program account were deposited into this account)

#### SCHEDULE VII - TRAVEL PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

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Source	Date(s)	Point of Departure DestinationPoint of Return		Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Days not at sponsor's expense
Aspen Institute Congressional Program	February 18 - 20	Boston-Charleston, SC- Boston	Y	Y	N	None
Aspen Institute Congressional Program	August 15 - 23	Boston-Paris-Boston	<b>Y</b>	Υ	Y	2 days

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Filer Status	Member of the U.S. State: MAHOUSE of Representatives  District: 06	. L	Officer Or Employing Office: Employee	A \$200 penalty shall be assessed against
Report Type	Annual (May 15)	☐ Termi	Termination Date: nation	anyone who files more than 30 days late.
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or more fro	your spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries or fees) of \$2 om any source in the reporting period? Implete and attach Schedule i.	00 Yes ☑ No	VI. reporting period (i.e., aggregating more than \$33 exempt)?  If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI.	
Did any inc you for a s	dividual or organization make a donation to charity in lieu of pay speech, appearance, or article in the reporting period?	ying Yes ☐ No ☑	Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child rece	
Did you, yo more than more than	implete and attach Schedule II.  our spouse, or a dependent child receive "uneamed" income of \$200 in the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth \$1,000 at the end of the period? miplete and attach Schedule III.		Did you hold any reportable positions on or befo VIII. current calendar year? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VIII.	Yes No
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#### SCHEDULE I - EARNED INCOME

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Source	Туре	Amount
Tierney Designs	Spouse Salary	N/A

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Governm if you so that of yo	eent retirement programs. choose, you may indicate that an asset or income source is our spouse (SP) or dependent child (DC) or is jointly held (JT), in nal column on the far left.				
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SCHED	ULE III - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" IN	I - ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME Name U.S. Rep. John F. Tierney			Page 4 of 6
JT	MA State Cons Lns	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$1,001 - \$2,500	
JT	Nike Class B	\$15,001 - \$50,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	i
	Resolution Trust	None	None	NONE	
	Strips-Tint-US Treasury	\$1,001 - \$15,	000 INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	
	Talk Realty Trust (1/4 interest) 13 Washington St., Salem, MA	\$100,001 - \$250,000	RENT	\$5,001 - \$15,000	a managarana harr
JT	Time Warner Inc	\$1,001 - \$15,	000 DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Verizon Communications	\$15,001 - \$50,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	E
	Western Asset Government Money Market Fund Class A	\$50,001 <i>-</i> \$100,000	INTEREST	\$2,501 - \$5,000	· companies
	Wright Patman F.C.U.	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	

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SP, DC, JT	Asset	Type of Transaction	Capital Gain in Excess of \$200?	Date	Amount of Transaction
	Bank Deposit Program - Smith Barney	Р	N/A	6/11/09	\$1,001 - \$15,000
JT	Federated Capital Reserves	s	N/A	monthly	\$15,001 - \$50,000
-	Legg Mason Partners All Cap Fund Class A (converted to Bank Deposit Program)	8	N/A	6/11/09	\$1,001 - \$15,000

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Source	Date(s)	Point of Departure DestinationPoint of Return	Lodging? (Y/N)	Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member Included? (Y/N)	Days not at sponsor's expense
Aspen Institute Congressional Program	Feb. 14-20	Boston - Amman, Jordon - Boston	Υ	Y	Υ	None

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House of Representatives

July 14, 2010

Dear Ms, Miller:

I write to advise you of an inadvertent error made on my 2009 financial disclosure statement. On schedule III, under assets and "unearned" income, Verizon Communications should not have been marked with an "E" as no transactions involving this asset occurred during calendar year 2009.

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II. you for a speech,	al or organization make a donation to charity in lieu of paying , appearance, or article in the reporting period? to and attach Schedule II.	Yes No	<b>⊘</b> VII	Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive any repor- relmbursements for travel in the reporting period (worth mor- from one source)? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VII.	rtable travel or re than \$335 Yes 🗹 No 🗌
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IV. reportable asset period?	ouse, or dependent child purchase, sell, or exchange any in a transaction exceeding \$1,000 during the reporting e and attach Schedule IV.	Yes 📝 No	□ IX.	Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with entity?  If yes, complete and attach Schedule IX.	an outside Yes No 🗹
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Source	Туре	Amount
Tierney Designs	Spouse salary	N/A

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JT	Cisco Systems		5,001 - 0,000	None	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Disney Co. Walt		,001 - 5,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Federated Capital Reserves		00,001 - 50,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	S(part)
JT	Hewlett Packard		,001 - 5,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Nike Class B		5,001 - 0,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
JT	Time Warner Inc		,001 <i>-</i> 5,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	

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JT	Time Warner Cable	\$1	- \$1,000	DIVIDENDS	\$1 - \$200	E
JT	Verizon Communications		5,001 - 0,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
JT	Parametric Technology		,001 - 5,000	None	NONE	
JT	MA State Cons Lns	No	ne	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	S
	Bank deposit Prog Smith Barney		,001 - 5,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
	Eastern Savings Bank		5,001 - 0,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
	Resolution Trust	No	ne	None	NONE	
	Western Asset Government Money Market Fund Class A		0,001 - 00,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	And the second second
	Wright Patman F.C.U.		5,001 - 0,000	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	
	Strips-Tint-US Treasury	1 -	,001 - 5,000	INTEREST	\$201 - \$1,000	
	Talk Realty Trust (1/4 interest) 133 Washington St., Salem, MA		00,001 - 50,000	RENT	\$5,001 - \$15,000	

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JT	Federated Capital Reserves	S(part)	N/A	01-19-10 12-10-10	\$100,001 - \$250,000
JT	MA State Cons Lns	S	N/A	02-01-10	\$15,001 - \$50,000
JT	Time Warner Cable	E	N/A	03-15-10	\$1,001 - \$15,000

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Source	Date(s)	Point of Departure— Destination—Point of Return	Lodging? (Y/N)	Food? (Y/N)	Was a Family Member included? (Y/N)	Days no <u>t at</u> sponsor's expense
Aspen Institute Congressional Program	May 31 - June 6	Boston-Tunis, Tunisia - Boston	Y	Y	Y	None

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Source	Туре	Amount
ADP Inc.	Spouse's Salary	<\$8,000.00

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JT	1025 First St.SE #414 , Washington, DC	\$250,001 - \$500,000	None	NONE	
JT	21 Settlers Way, Salem, MA	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	None	NONE	
	Bank Deposit Program - MS Citi-Bank NA	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
JT	Cisco Systems	\$1,001 - \$15,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
JT	Disney Co. Walt	None	DIVIDENDS/CAPI TAL GAINS	\$1,001 - \$2,500	s
	Eastern Savings Bank	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	

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JT	Nike Class B	\$15,001 - \$50,000	DIVIDENDS/CAPI TAL GAINS	\$5,001 - \$15,000	S(part)
JT	Schwab One	\$50,001 - \$100,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	E
***************************************	Talk Realty Trust (1/4 interest) 133 Washington Street, Salem, MA	\$100,001 - \$250,000	RENT	\$5,001 - \$15,000	
JT	Verizon Communications	\$15,001 - \$50,000	DIVIDENDS	\$201 - \$1,000	
	Western Asset Gov't Money Market Fund Class A	\$50,001 - \$100,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	
	Wright Patman F.C.U.	\$15,001 - \$50,000	INTEREST	\$1 - \$200	

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SP, DC, JT	Asset	Type of Transaction	Capital Gain in Excess of \$200?	Date	Amount of Transaction
JT	Disney Co. Walt	S	Yes	12-28-11	\$1,001 - \$15,000
JT	Federated Capital Reserves	E	N/A	6-22-11	\$100,001 - \$250,000
JT	Hewlett Packard	S	No	12-28-11	\$1,001 - \$15,000
JT	Nike Class B	S(part)	Yes	12-28-11	\$1,001 - \$15,000
JT	Parametric Technology	S	No	12-28-11	\$1,001 - \$15,000
JT	Time Warner Cable	S	No	12-28-11	\$1,001 - \$15,000
JT	Time Warner Inc	s	No	12-28-11	\$1,001 - \$15,000

## SCHEDULE V - LIABILITIES

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Report liabilities of over \$10,000 owed to any one creditor at any time during the reporting period by you, your spouse, or dependent child. Mark the highest amount owed during the year. Exclude: Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless all or part of it is rented out); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; and liabilities owed to a spouse, or the child, parent, or sibling of you or your spouse. Report "revolving charge accounts" (i.e., credit cards) only if the balance at the close of the preceding calendar year exceeded \$10,000. NOTE: Pending legislation may require Members to report mortgates on personal residences.

SP, DC, JT	Creditor	Date Liability Incurred	Type of Liability	Amount of Liability
JT	National Grand Bank of Marblehead, MA	Sept 1997	Mortgage on 21 Settlers Way, Salem, MA	\$100,001 - \$250,000
JT	Met Life Home Loans	Jan 2010	Mortgage in #414, 1025 First St.SE, Washington, DC	\$100,001 - \$250,000

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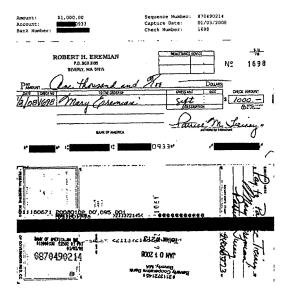
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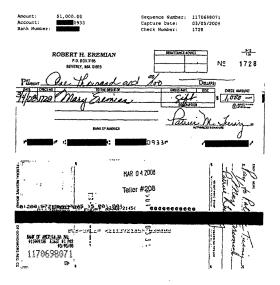
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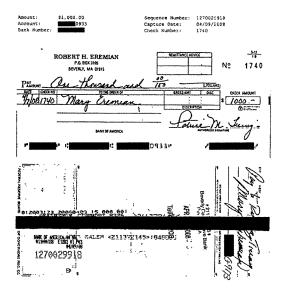
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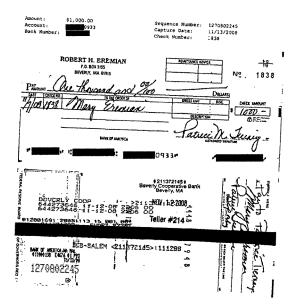
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Dear Mr. Schwager:

We write on behalf of our client, Representative John Tierney. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the report and findings transmitted by the Office of Congressional Ethics ("OCE"). The Committee on Ethics should dismiss the matter.

#### INTRODUCTION

In this case, a process that was intended "to increase transparency and accountability within the ethics process" has instead resulted in a referral that misstates the relevant law, omits essential facts, and disregards its governing rules. It sheds no new light on a matter that has thoroughly been reviewed in other proceedings.

On the core question of whether Mrs. Tierney properly regarded the funds from her family as gifts—on which this matter entirely hinges—OCE plunges recklessly into federal tax law, a subject which regularly confounds even the most seasoned of practitioners. OCE had several opportunities to avoid its erroneous conclusion. It interviewed the experienced tax attorney who counseled Mrs. Tierney's brother, who had engaged in discussions and seen records evidencing her brother's intention to make gifts, and who voiced his opinion that Mrs. Tierney received gifts, not income. Representative Tierney also presented OCE with a memorandum from a former senior attorney of the Internal Revenue Service that reached the same conclusion.

Yet OCE disregarded this expert authority and relied on its own reading of the law. Its entire legal analysis is set forth in a lone footnote citing two cases, one of which reaches the opposite

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Report of the Members of the Special Task Force on Ethics Enforcement at 4 (Dec. 2007).

outcome on remarkably similar facts. OCE's analysis of central tax issues is no more credible than the "diagnosis" of a layperson who rejects the opinion of a renowned specialist and uses Google to conclude that he has a rare, incurable disease.

On the facts, OCE's "investigation" consisted almost entirely of reviewing court records that have been in the public domain for nearly two years. Yet OCE's findings consistently omit testimony and statements that support Representative Tierney's position. These omissions are so frequent, and often so close in proximity to the passages in the records cited, so as to raise serious questions about the review's care and impartiality.

Over the past four years, the Committee has repeatedly reviewed and dismissed referrals from OCE that were legally flawed and factually inaccurate. This referral is no exception. Besides clearly misunderstanding the tax laws and selectively presenting the facts, OCE never told Representative Tierney that it was considering any allegation about his taxes, nor about his 2010 personal financial disclosure statement. He received his first notice of these new allegations when OCE sent its report on June 13.

At bottom is the simple question of whether a Member of Congress must identify a spouse's family member as a source of spousal income when that family member gives money to the spouse. The law is clear: it presumes that the family member is not a reportable source of income. OCE's careless treatment of the facts, law and its own rules provides no reason to question the correctness of Representative Tierney's filings or tax returns.

#### DISCUSSION

## I. With a Clear Lack of Understanding of Federal Tax Law, OCE Blunders Into an Erroneous Conclusion of Unreported Income

This matter must be dismissed unless the Ethics Committee can confidently conclude that OCE's understanding of the underlying tax law is correct. No one practicing tax law and familiar with the facts of this case could reach that conclusion. In a seventeen-page report, with nearly 400 pages of exhibits, the referral discusses the entire governing law in a lone footnote, citing two cases and no other authority.<sup>2</sup>

To understand the flimsy legal foundation upon which OCE's referral is constructed, one can start with *Lane v. United States*, one of the two cases on which OCE relies. Lane supports Representative Tierney's position. It found that funds paid to a personal business secretary were gifts, not income. In *Lane*, the executor of a deceased taxpayer's estate sought a refund of gift

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  OCE Findings  $\P$  23 n. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 286 F.3d 723 (4th Cir. 2002).

taxes that, he said, were erroneously paid on compensation for services to the taxpayer's secretary over a period of five years. The secretary had handled the deceased taxpayer's personal financial affairs, and received special training to do so. There was no document establishing an employment or contractual relationship between them, and no other evidence of negotiation or exchange. She had paid no taxes on nearly \$800,000 in payments spanning five years. However, there was evidence that the deceased taxpayer had regarded them as subject to the gift tax, "to his own financial detriment."

The court in *Lane* upheld the secretary's treatment of the payments as gifts. The court noted the executor's attempts to get the secretary "to defend the payments by showing what she had done to deserve them, thereby twisting her words into an admission that she had 'earned' them." But the court noted the circumstances supporting gift treatment: the family-like affection between the taxpayer and secretary, his longstanding practice of making substantial gifts to her and his family members, and the expressions of his intention to treat the payments as gifts, including his treatment of them as such for gift tax purposes. The court noted: "Not every human interaction is animated by a desire to secure an advantage, obtain compensation for services or receive a quid pro quo." Lane flatly supports Representative Tierney's position, as do other authorities, not cited by OCE, in which payments made out of affection were treated as gifts even when services were provided. 12

To reach its conclusion, OCE not only had to ignore the clear impact of the very case it cited, but also the fact that the IRS presumes intra-family transfers to be gifts. <sup>13</sup> The reason for this presumption is not simply to avoid interjecting the IRS into family matters, but also to deter income shifting. <sup>14</sup> If Mrs. Tierney's brother had indeed been compensating her for business services, he would have had a strong incentive to treat the money as wages: he could have deducted them as business expenses and reduced his tax burden. <sup>15</sup> Yet he chose not to do so.

OCE's referral does not acknowledge or even try to overcome the normal presumption of gift treatment when family members provide funds to one another. Instead, it relies simply on

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<sup>4</sup> See id. at 725.
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<sup>11</sup> Id. at 733.
<sup>12</sup> See, e.g., Kavoosi v. Commissioner., T.C. Memo. 1986-190 (U.S. Tax Ct.).
<sup>13</sup> Harwood v. Commissioner, 82 T.C. 239, 257-258 (1984).
<sup>14</sup> Hendrickson v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo. 1999-357 (U.S. Tax Ct.).
<sup>15</sup> See Caledonian Record Publishing Co. v. U.S., 579 F. Supp. 449 (1983) (expenses recharacterized as gifts).
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Duberstein v. United States, <sup>16</sup> without discussing how the case relates to the presumption. Duberstein stands for the proposition that the donor's intention is a critical consideration in determining whether a payment is a gift. <sup>17</sup> The record is replete with evidence of Mrs. Tierney's brother's intention to make a gift. For reasons unexplained in the report, OCE treats his intention as irrelevant but nevertheless cites Duberstein as settling the legal question. This disregard for the principal holding of Duberstein is simply inexplicable. The weight given to the donor's intention and the presumption that intra-family transfers are gifts continue to be guiding principles of IRS review but are ignored in the OCE referral.

Finally, the *Internal Revenue Manual* shows that OCE's citation of the general tax evasion statute, 26 U.S.C. § 7201, is not "relevant law" in this matter. <sup>18</sup> As the manual shows, the U.S. income tax system is one of taxpayer self-assessment. The taxpayer's duty is to employ ordinary business care in preparing a return and to pay the tax which the taxpayer determines is due. Only after a highly specified and procedurally detailed examination process may the IRS determine and notify a taxpayer of a tax deficiency. <sup>19</sup> The taxpayer can then challenge the determination both administratively and judicially. If the taxpayer is unsuccessful in sustaining his or her position, he is required to pay the tax owed and any accrued interest: he is not found to have "violated federal law." The question of tax evasion is raised only in extraordinary cases of deceit, subterfuge, camouflage, concealment, or some other effort to color or obscure events, or make things seem other than as they are. <sup>20</sup> But by OCE's logic, whenever a Member of Congress or a spouse takes a tax position that a political opponent disputes later, they face the potential charge that they "violated House rules and federal law" and may have willfully attempted to engage in tax evasion. This is not how the tax laws work. It is not how the rules of the House work.

OCE's referral presents several warning signs that should have directed it away from these clear errors:

First was the paucity of authority OCE cited, and what that authority actually said. The close parallels between the story of Jane Young, the deceased taxpayer's actual secretary in Lane, and Patrice Tierney, whom OCE described as her brother's "personal business secretary," should have been enough to deter altogether OCE's frivolous suggestion of tax evasion.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Yang v Commissioner, T.C. Summ. Op. 2008-156 (U.S. Tax Ct.) (holding that donor's intention was the most critical consideration and relying on *Duberstein*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See H. Res. 895, 110th Cong. § 1(c)(2)(C)(i)(II)(dd).

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Second was the testimony provided by the tax attorney consulted by Mrs. Tierney's brother.<sup>21</sup> He gave evidence that Mrs. Tierney's brother intended to make gifts to her: that the brother said "he wanted to give a gift to Mrs. Tierney," that they specifically discussed the gift tax rules, 23 and that his QuickBooks records identified the funds provided as "gifts for Patrice." The attorney said that he believed the funds were gifts, only then to be challenged by OCE on the extent of his direct knowledge and his recollection of the Duberstein case.

Third was a memorandum provided by Representative Tierney to OCE that was prepared by D. Sean McMahon, a former Senior Attorney in the IRS's Office of Chief Counsel and former Special Assistant United States Attorney who handled tax cases on behalf of the IRS. Written to respond to identical charges that were advanced during Representative Tierney's 2012 reelection campaign, the memorandum outlined the presumption that intra-family transfers are gifts, carefully distinguished the Duberstein case, and concluded from a review of the law and the same court records available to OCE that "the transfers made to Mrs. Tierney by her family are clearly gifts."26 OCE neither acknowledged nor engaged Mr. McMahon's legal arguments. In an apparent reference to Duberstein, the findings say simply: "The Board notes that the legal opinion of the counsel for the campaign committee conflicts with U.S. Supreme Court precedent."27

Thus, OCE's referral hinges exclusively on an erroneous legal judgment that Mrs. Tierney unreasonably and wrongly treated money received from her brother as a gift while she was caring for their mother and her nieces and nephews, and assisting her absent brother in managing his personal banking account. Not only was it reasonable for her to take that tax position; it was consistent with the advice received from tax professionals, with the expert advice provided to the OCE in this matter, and even with the cases OCE itself cited. To commence a review based on OCE's inexpert, snap judgment would make the Committee on Ethics a de facto tax court, exposing Representative Tierney and future Members to unfounded, scurrilous charges. The Committee should summarily reject OCE's unfounded conclusion regarding the tax laws.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See OCE Exh. 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See id. ¶ 21.
<sup>23</sup> See id. ¶¶ 21-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See id. ¶ 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See id. ¶ 24-26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> To assist the Committee, we have provided a copy of Mr. McMahon's memorandum with this response. See Exhibit A.

27 See OCE Findings ¶ 79 n.92.

## II. OCE Consistently Omits Mention of the Facts That Support Representative Tierney's Reports and Returns

Only a selective and erroneous use of the facts permits OCE to claim that Mrs. Tierney should have treated the money received from her family as income. All of the facts have been in the public domain for years. They were a source of dispute most recently in Representative Tierney's 2012 campaign. Mrs. Tierney's interactions with her family were fully explored in separate legal proceedings involving Mrs. Tierney and her other brother, Danny Eremian. OCE draws almost entirely from these proceedings in its review. Except for two witness interviews, two news articles, and documents voluntarily produced or publicly filed by Representative Tierney, the court documents, transcripts and exhibits from these proceedings were all that OCE relied upon.

The court records show that Mrs. Tierney received gifts, not income. First, the judge in the case involving Mrs. Tierney said flatly: "she's not a tax evader." He said further that Representative Tierney "is not implicated in this in any way, shape or form..." And, far from contending that she received taxable income from her brother, the government asserted the opposite at the trial in which she testified, saying that her brother had structured the payments to avoid gift tax liability.

None of this is even mentioned in OCE's seventeen pages of written findings. Moreover, a careful review of the findings shows a consistent pattern: OCE quotes a selected passage from a court document to advance its conclusion, only to have it undercut by other passages that OCE never mentions, which occur in the same document. This happens often enough, with the exculpatory language close enough to the quoted passage, so as to raise serious questions about the findings' care and impartiality.

For example, OCE cites "a statement by the government during the sentencing proceeding of Mrs. Tierney's trial [sic]" that "she acted as her brother's personal business secretary." But OCE fails to mention what the judge said in that same proceeding: "I don't downplay for a moment the truly humane and wonderful things you've done, out of love, not only for those who are closest to you but also for others in the community. And I am satisfied that that comes not from any position or public notoriety. I am satisfied that comes from the heart."

In that same vein, OCE cites trial testimony and exhibits to suggest that Mrs. Tierney "received between \$39,800 to \$122,497 in direct payments from her brother" that should have been treated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> OCE Exh. 4, at 13-1064 0175.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Id. at 13-1064\_0174.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> OCE Findings ¶ 32. The reference to "Mrs. Tierney's trial" is yet another mistake in OCE's referral. As the exhibits to the findings show, there was no trial in Mrs. Tierney's case; she instead waived indictment and accepted responsibility in a plea agreement with the government. See OCE Exh. 1, at 13-1064\_0002, 0012.
<sup>31</sup> OCE Exh. 4, at 13-1064\_0190.

as income.<sup>32</sup> But OCE fails to mention that, on the ensuing pages of that very same transcript, the government repeatedly referred to those amounts as "gifts," and tried to establish that her brother arranged the payments to "come under the threshold of the gift tax return" and "avoid the filing of a gift tax return..." It was after this line of questioning that the judge said, "If you believe it's a gift. I mean, I'm not getting into that one," which OCE cites in paragraph 58 of its findings.<sup>34</sup>

From Mrs. Tierney's sentencing hearing, OCE cites a statement by her attorney that "her brother's bank account paid for her monthly car lease and her mobile phone." But here is what the attorney actually said:

In the course of that she was also taking care of her ailing elderly mother who I now think is 80 years old. It is true that her brother gave some, gave her some gifts, including paying, I think it was \$250 a month for her VW Beetle car auto lease. That's the auto lease. And did pay, if you will, for the cell phone which was part of a family plan that she had with the nieces and nephews. So these were, these were gifts from her brother. Her brother was by and large paying the bills for the, for the nieces and nephews, and this was part of his, part of the gifts that he was giving not only to Mrs. Tierney but to his mother. 36

OCE then cites Mrs. Tierney herself as saying that she received checks from her mother as "a way to compensate me for all that I did for her." But OCE omits the next two sentences: "Q. Your mother has to pay you to help her out? A. No, she doesn't have to pay me." And it omits another exchange four pages later: "Q. Well, okay. Did you do work? Were you compensated as an employee? A. No." No." You work?

There is one especially critical omission from OCE's findings. In the judicial proceedings involving Mrs. Tierney and her brothers, the government would have had every incentive to determine that Mrs. Tierney received income, if indeed that had been the case. But, with access to the same records that OCE had, it never suggested that the general federal tax evasion statute at 26 U.S.C. § 1701 pertained to Mrs. Tierney at all, let alone Representative Tierney. OCE cites this statute once and then abandons it, its prejudicial effect accomplished. But the judge in Mrs.

<sup>32</sup> OCE Findings ¶ 49 (citing OCE Exh. 2, at 13-1064\_0062-63).

<sup>33</sup> OCE Exh. 2, at 13-1064\_0066.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id.* at 13-1064\_0071.

<sup>35</sup> OCE Findings ¶ 50 (citing OCE Exh. 4, at 13-1064\_0185).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> OCE Exh. 4, at 13-1064\_0185 (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> OCE Findings ¶53 (citing OCE Exh. 2, at 13-1064\_0060).

<sup>38</sup> OCE Exh. 2, at 13-1064\_0060.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> OCE Exh. 2, at 13-1064\_0064.

Tierney's case was more straightforward than that. Of Mrs. Tierney, he said: "she's not a tax evader." <sup>40</sup> Of Representative Tierney, the judge said he "is not implicated in this in any way, shape or form." <sup>41</sup>

#### III. OCE's Review Is Marred By Repeated Violations of Its Governing Resolution

#### A. OCE withheld the true scope of its review

Under the OCE Resolution, Members have the right to know and confront the allegations against them. To commence a preliminary review, OCE must find a reasonable basis to believe an "allegation" against a Member, and must disclose that allegation to the Member in writing. <sup>42</sup> It may only authorize a second-phase review if it finds probable cause that the alleged violation occurred, and it may then only refer the matter to the Ethics Committee if there is substantial reason to believe that same allegation. While OCE's rules claim the authority to "address any potential violations within its jurisdiction that are discovered in the course of a review," the OCE Resolution contains no such provision. <sup>43</sup> In any event, neither the OCE Resolution nor the OCE rules can properly be read to allow OCE to reframe an initial, defective allegation in a way that deprives the subject of an opportunity to respond to new and more serious allegations.

Yet this is exactly what OCE has done here. The allegation that OCE presented to the Committee on Ethics is not the same one that it presented to Representative Tierney. When OCE first informed Representative Tierney of its review on January 29, it told him it was reviewing the following allegation:

From 2007 to 2009, Representative John F. Tierney's wife allegedly received monthly payments from her brother for various services that she provided to him, including managing his bank account. The payments may have been earned income, which were not included in Representative Tierney's financial disclosure statements.

If Representative Tierney failed to disclose earned income that his spouse received, he may have violated House Rule 26 and the Ethics in Government Act.

This was the allegation to which Representative Tierney responded. There was no allegation that he violated federal tax law and certainly no claim that his conduct implicated the tax laws. No facts have ever been introduced in this matter that would support such a finding, and he certainly was never given the opportunity to respond to any such claim. He produced all of the documents OCE requested of him, and he voluntarily produced his tax returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009—the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> OCE Exh. 4, at 13-1064\_0174.

<sup>41</sup> Id. at 13-1064\_0175.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> H. Res. 895, 110th Cong. § 1(c)(1)(A); Office of Cong. Ethics R. 7(A).

years covered by the allegation. 44 Yet it soon became clear that OCE was straying well beyond what it informed Representative Tierney it was investigating. First, OCE asked Mrs. Tierney to submit to the equivalent of an IRS audit, seeking copies of her and her family's bank statements for a time period beyond the scope of the allegation. She was also asked to submit to an interview, even though she was unable to do so because of a recent head trauma she had sustained in an automobile accident. She continues to be treated for these injuries. She recently underwent an MRI, and receives regular neurological therapy and physical therapy.

Second, even after Representative Tierney timely provided OCE with a comprehensive legal analysis, showing why the allegation was baseless, OCE proceeded to second-phase review without explanation. His counsel informed OCE that the Representative would not agree to an interview only after OCE refused to explain the discrepancy between the allegation as presented and the information sought, would not explain how the underlying law supported the allegation, rejected an invitation to provide further legal analysis, and declined to consider less burdensome means of seeking any genuinely needed information. 45

Representative Tierney appeared personally before the OCE Board to present his position on the matter, and to explain his concerns about the review, only to be rebuffed. 46 On June 13, OCE gave him its report, telling him for the first time that it had considered allegations not simply about his 2007, 2008 and 2009 financial disclosure statements, but about his 2010 statements also, and about his personal tax returns as well.

OCE can no more claim that it "discovered" new information in the course of its review, than a latter-day Columbus can claim that he discovered America. For years now, the matters involving Mrs. Tierney and her family have been the subject of partisan political attacks, court proceedings and media discussions. OCE was well aware of this when it began the review. There is no reason whatsoever why OCE could not have disclosed the review's true scope to the Representative from the beginning, as it was required to do. That it chose to do otherwise not only runs afoul of its governing resolution but manifests a desire to reach a conclusion based not on the law and facts but on a predetermined outcome.

<sup>46</sup> See OCE Findings ¶ 79.

<sup>44</sup> OCE says that "Representative Tierney did not provide the OCE with his Calendar Year 2010 tax return." OCE Findings ¶ 74 n.90. While OCE sought a wide swath of personal financial information from Mrs. Tierney, it never sought tax returns from Representative Tierney, and never told him his filings covering 2010 were at issue in its review.

45 See, e.g., OCE R. 4(D) (authorizing the use of interrogatories).

#### B. The OCE findings are replete with prohibited and false conclusions about the validity of the allegations

OCE's authorizing resolution states that OCE Findings shall not include "any conclusions" regarding the validity of the allegations upon which it is based or the guilt or innocence of the individual who is the subject of the review ... "47 Despite this prohibition, OCE reached a clear, if erroneous legal conclusion about the nature of payments Mrs. Tierney received from her brother—a conclusion upon which OCE entirely, and improperly, based its referral.

The Ethics Committee has previously admonished OCE for injecting similar conclusions into its findings. In the Graves matter, the Committee noted that "OCE's findings improperly make conclusions regarding the truth of statements made by cooperating witnesses."48 The Committee further noted that OCE exacerbated this error by "extrapolating" its prohibited conclusion into a conclusion regarding Representative Graves' guilt.<sup>49</sup> Here, as in the Graves matter, OCE has used its prohibited conclusion to form the basis of its referral. The referral depends entirely upon its unsupported legal conclusion regarding the appropriate application of tax law to the money Mrs. Tierney received from her brother.

OCE cannot avoid a prohibited conclusion simply by saying that Representative Tierney "may have" violated the law. It could have simply set forth the facts as the OCE Resolution requires, and let this Committee reach its own conclusions.<sup>50</sup> Instead, lacking any support for its referral in law, it chose instead to justify it through a one-sided document that repeatedly goes out of its way to place the Representative in the worst light possible.

#### OCE ignored its deadlines and kept this review open for almost half of 2013

Finally, under the authorizing resolution, OCE must transmit a written report to the Committee "upon the completion" of a second-phase review. 51 The legislative history makes clear that this must occur promptly. The Capuano Report characterized these timeline requirements as "critical," and noted that matters should spend "at most three months under consideration by the board of the OCE before being referred to the Standards Committee for resolution."52

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> H. Res. 895, 110th Cong. § 1(c)(2)(C)(ii)(II).

<sup>48</sup> In the Matter of Representative Sam Graves, Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, at 35 (Oct. 2009) (hereinafter "Graves Report").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See H. Res. 895, 110th Cong. § 1(c)(2)(C)(i)(II)(aa).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> H. Res. 895, 110th Cong. § 1(c)(2)(C).

<sup>52</sup> Report of the Members of the Special Task Force on Ethics Enforcement at 17 (Dec. 2007).

This matter has been before OCE for nearly five months, and it is not the first time OCE has failed to comply with these requirements.<sup>53</sup> In the Stark matter, OCE did not transmit its report until more than two months after the second-phase review ended.<sup>54</sup> The Committee noted that OCE's actions were in "contravention of [the resolution's] directive," and raised "continuing concerns with OCE's adherence to its authorizing resolution." Similarly, in the Graves matter, the Committee found that OCE's second-phase review was scheduled to conclude on June 9.56 Without voting to extend the deadline beforehand, OCE did not issue its report and findings until July 24. Accordingly, the Committee found that OCE's activities beyond the June termination date of the second-phase review were impermissible and ultra vires.

Having opened this matter on January 28, OCE adopted its report on May 31, 2013, and referred this matter to the Committee on June 13, 2013. It cannot have been investigative demands that required OCE to take the additional time. It had five months to consider the testimony of its two witnesses, to review the court documents that had already long been on the public record, and to find the two cases on federal income tax law that it misread to reach its flawed legal conclusion. OCE took the time it wanted, regardless of what the task force or resolution says, and regardless of Representative Tierney's rights.

#### CONCLUSION

By displaying a basic misunderstanding of an area of law in which OCE has no expertise, by omitting facts from the written findings that undermine its conclusion, and by disregarding its own rules and those of the House, OCE's referral is so devoid of merit that it warrants summary dismissal by the Committee. We respectfully request that the Committee close this matter as soon as possible, thereby sparing the public, Representative Tierney and his wife the prejudicial effects of a deeply flawed review.

Very truly yours,

Brian G. Svoboda Karl J. Sandstrom

Enclosure

<sup>53</sup> See Graves Report, at 32-33; In the Matter of Representative Fortney "Pete" Stark, Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, at 2 and n. 8 (Jan. 29, 2010) (hereinafter "Stark Report").

54 Stark Report at n. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Graves Report, at 32-33.

#### Declaration

I, Representative John F. Tierney, declare under penalty of perjury that the response and factual assertions contained in the attached letter dated July 10, 2013, relating to my response to the June 14, 2013, Committee on Ethics letter, are true and correct

Signature:

Name:

spresentative John F. Tierney

Date:

July 10, 2013

# Exhibit A

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Re: Boston Globe Allegations Concerning Gifts

Dear Mr. Rezendes:

I have been asked by the John Tierney for Congress campaign to examine the allegation you are threatening to publish in the Boston Globe that Congressman Tierney's wife, Patrice, should have included payments made to her by her brother, Robert, and mother as income on her federal income tax returns filed jointly with her husband. Such an allegation is clearly very serious as it would suggest publicly both civil and criminal wrongoing. For the reasons discussed below, such an allegation is without merit based upon the facts and the publication of such a claim would be highly reckless.

By way of background, I am a former Senior Attorney with the Internal Revenue Service, Office of Chief Counsel. I am also a former Special Assistant United States Attorney for Massachusetts and New Hampshire where I was responsible for handling tax cases on behalf of the IRS. I have more than fifteen years of experience investigating, bringing and defending IRS tax matters for both the IRS and taxpayers. I hold an LLM. in taxation. Due to the nature of my position with the IRS Office of Chief Counsel, I routinely brought and litigated cases and provided legal advice for the IRS concerning disputed tax issues.

To familiarize myself with this matter, I have reviewed the transcripts of Mrs. Tierney's sentencing hearing and her testimony at the trial of Todd Lyons and her brother Daniel Etemian. I have also read emails from you concerning your allegation that such transfers were not gifts and your claim that your position is supported by unidentified tax experts.

Your assertion that the payments to Patrice from family members were not gifts is incorrect. The test for determining the characterization of a transfer is highly fact-specific and focuses in material part on the transferor's intent. One of

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the most significant facts considered in making that determination is whether the transfers were made between family members. Although the Duberstein and Robertson cases you reference correctly state the analysis involved in generally determining whether a transfer should be characterized as a gift, significantly neither case involved a transfer between family members.

As a matter of common sense and in recognition of IRS practice, legal treatises in the area have recognized that the *Duberstein* analysis is not applied literally to family transfer situations.

Office intrafamily transfers are also regularly treated as tax-free even though their excludability under the Duberstein criteria is arguable. A promise to pay a student's collège tuition and living expenses on condition that the recipient maintain a specified scholastic average or refrain from drinking or smoking may be stimulated by affection, but it also exacts a quid pro quo and imposes a moral—in some situations a legal—duty to make the payment if the condition is satisfied. Amounts paid by breadwinners to support their spouses and minor children are routinely excluded from the beneficiaries-gross income, but to the extent paid pursuant to legal compulsion, these amounts would not qualify as gifts if the Duberstein criteria were pushed to their logical extreme. Despite this, intrafamily transfers of this type can be properly viewed as excludable by a higher authority than the language of [Internal Revenue Code] § 102(a)—a supposition, so obvious that it does not require explicit mention in the Internal Revenue Code, that Congress never intended to tax them.

(emphasis added) Boris Bittker & Lawrence Lokken, Federal Taxation of Income, Estates & Gifts, par. 10.2.6 (2012).

Transfers between family members are legally presumed to be gifts. The presumption has been acknowledged by the United States Tax Court as well as tax treatises. "Intrafamily transfers are presumed to be gifts." Dallas v. Commissioner, T.C. Memo 2006-212. This presumption can be overcome by a showing that the family members involved conducted arms-length negotiations, which would indicate that the transfers were not gifts. See Harwood v. Commissioner, 82 TC 239 (1984) in which a family transaction structured by the family accountant with no arm's-length bargaining did not overcome the presumption that the transfers were gifts. In Estate of Stone v. Commissioner, TC Memo 2003-309 the transfers at issue were determined not to be gifts where each member of the family negotiated the transaction through his or her own independent counsel. No such evidence of arms-length negotiations exists here. Mrs. Tierney has been quite clear that her activities were done out of love and caring for her family members and appreciated as such, and this testimony is uncontradicted. There appears to be little or no evidence to overcome the

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presumption that the intrafamily transfers to Mrs. Tierney were anything other than gifts.

In regard to your claim that unidentified tax experts support your allegation that the transfers to Mrs. Tierney from her family were not gifts, I note that any such opinion is only as good as the information you gave to such persons, and their experience as to how the IRS handles these matters. This is not an ivory tower exercise as to what case law might say in a vacuum. Because the determination of whether a transfer should be characterized as a gift is fact intensive, an opinion is not worth anything if it is not fully informed, Indeed, I fully recognize that the IRS agents and the prosecutors involved in the investigation of Mrs. Tierney and her brothers were far better situated them me to have made a determination as to whether the transfers to Mrs. Tierney violated the law given their unique power to investigate, learn the facts and make allegations, if there is a proper basis to do so. Here, those with the facts never made the allegation you seek to publish. In my opinion, ignoring this reality would be reckless on your part no matter what an unnamed lawyer or law professor might have told you.

I hope the analysis above helps you understand that for tax purposes the transfers made to Mrs. Tierney by her family are clearly gifts.

Sincerely,

D. Sean McMahon