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Subject: Re: suggestions?
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It would appear that this is mostly focused on VI. I would suggest a response come through the Governor's press office. It should be kept as brief and as general as possible. I will call you later.

On Aug 19, 2011, at 5:21 AM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

From: Barrett, Wayne
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 6:15 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Request to speak with you, from Wayne Barrett / Questions from Newsweek

Governor,

I have been working for a few weeks now on a story about Jeffrey Epstein and using him as a bit of a window in the EDC program in the VI. I hope to be able to interview you on both topics. I am listing here a few of the question areas I would like to get into during that interview. I don't mean this as a comprehensive list. If you prefer to respond to these issues by email, I will send some additional ones, though I certainly would prefer to actually talk (and would certainly allow you to go off the record on some issues, if you prefer). I am not going to send a complete list of questions because I don't want to waste my time or yours if you have no intention of responding. I have refrained from calling your wife so far on this story out of respect for you, though my assistants have called others who work for FTC in the VI. I am assuming that you would prefer to answer questions through your office for both of you, so I hope you will consider this an inquiry for you and Cecile De Jongh. I am going to assume that's the case and not bother your wife, but it is my duty to call her unless you make it clear that whatever response you offer is on behalf of both of you. Here are some of the key questions:

- 1.) You signed an approval letter for a five-year extension of EDC benefits for FTC, which is solely owned by Mr. Epstein. The statute requires the EDC director to examine "the character" of applicants for benefits, and requires that beneficiaries comply with federal and local laws. It also has disqualification language that appears to focus exclusively on crimes related to business activities. Is it fair to presume that your approval of this extension indicates that you believe Mr. Epstein is of the requisite character to receive these benefits? Are you aware of the two felony counts he pled guilty to, including one that involves underage girls and requires him to be listed on the VI sexual offender list? Do you believe a registered sexual offender, guilty of such violations, should be receiving these benefits?
- 2.) Your wife certified a stockholder affidavit on file with the lieutenant governor's office re FTC. That document indicates that Mr. Epstein is a bona fide resident of the VI and is signed by him. It is dated June 30, 2009, when he was incarcerated in the state of Florida. In fact, Mr. Epstein did not spend one day in the VI in 2009, a fact verified by Florida correction records. That is the year your administration granted his extension, though you did not sign your approval document until 2010. Mr. Epstein did visit the VI in January 2010, while still under house arrest in Florida. Correction records show that he visited your wife's office at that time. Did the subject of your approval of this extension come up at the time of those trips in January 2010, shortly before you signed the extension. Since this extension directly relates to your wife's salary, health benefits, IRA and even a life insurance that presumably carries you as a beneficiary, why wouldn't you recuse yourself on this matter? If you and your wife file disclosure statements, I am requesting copies of them for the most recent and five prior years.
- 3.) You accurately stated in response to news inquiries that Mr. Epstein has not contributed to your campaigns.

We can find no direct contributions from him, but we do find tens of thousands of dollars in contributions from people who work for him in New York and elsewhere, and others who have been associated with him in other ways. Has Mr. Epstein acted a fundraiser for you and solicited contributions? Your largest single contributor in the 2010 campaign, as best as I can determine, are companies associated with AYH/Yacht Haven and Andrew Farkas. As you may know, Mr. Epstein is a substantial investor in AYH. You recently signed an extension of EDC benefits to AYH, and Mr. Epstein is listed as a 50 percent shareholder in one of its ownership entities. So, as recently as mid 2011, you approved a second grant of EDC benefits to a company significantly connected to Mr. Epstein. I reiterate my questions about the character and residency tests. Did Mr. Epstein have anything to do with the Farkas contributions? In addition to 2009, Mr. Epstein was in jail for half of 2008 and under house arrest for half of 2010 (he visited VI a total of 11 days). Indeed, a review of court records and Mr. Epstein's flight records since the granting of his EDC benefits in 1999 reveals that he is an occasional visitor to the island and has rarely, if ever, met the residency requirements. Since your wife has run his company here since 1999, are you aware of his infrequent residence in the VI over these years?

4.) Please describe your own relationship with Mr. Epstein over the years, your wife's, your friend Paul Hoffman's, as well as your ties to other attorneys who have represented him in the VI, including Erika Kellerhals, Marjorie Rawls Roberts, Maria Hodge and any others that come to mind. Please also describe any ties you have with Farkas and AYH. I know that Mr. Hoffman became Mr. Epstein's lawyer as a result of representing the prior owner of Little St James. How did Mr. Epstein come to hire Cecile De Jongh? I believe there is a legitimate public interest in these otherwise intrusive questions because of the benefits you have extended to him re FTC and AYH.

5.) In 2009, Mr. Epstein made concerted efforts to transfer the location of his house arrest from Florida to the VI. Two VI officials approved that transfer in writing. Florida officials eventually rejected it and he withdrew it. Were you consulted about this transfer application and did you authorize it?

6.) Do you have any information about what personal tax benefits Mr. Epstein has or is claiming through either FTC or AYH? Do you know what tax benefits he has claimed for 2009 or 2010? Do you have any information about what he claimed since his initial arrest in 7/06? I realize these are ordinarily confidential tax matters, but I am asking anyway, just to see if you have disclosable information about these questions.

I also have questions unrelated to AYH and FTC but I will save them until after you've made it clear how you intend to deal with these issues. Thank you for your time,

Wayne Barrett

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