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"Oil People" investment matter.

Although Murtha did not mention any names to [redacted] [redacted] felt that Murtha may have discussed the matter with [redacted] [redacted] Coal Company in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

[redacted] was asked if perhaps Murtha may have implied that the "Oil People" might be interested in purchasing an interest in the NACC. [redacted] however, said that Murtha never made such a statement, nor does he think Murtha implied such an interest. He added that NACC is on the New York Stock Exchange and if any NACC interest was for sale it would be registered there. However, he said that neither NACC, nor any part of it, is for sale. NACC interest expands to include owning six coal mines in Ohio, two in North Dakota, five in Pennsylvania and although it does not own any coal companies in Texas, it does have some reserves there.

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The following is consolidated background data of [redacted]

Name:  
Address:

White  
Male

Race:  
Sex:  
Date of Birth:  
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Height:  
Weight:

Brown  
Blue (wears glasses)

Hair:  
Eyes:  
Social Security:  
Miscellaneous:

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[redacted] North American Coal Corporation (NACC), 12800 Shaker Boulevard. He was interviewed at his place of business for information regarding a discussion he is said to have had with U.S. Representative John P. Murtha involving Arab money. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He has known Murtha since 1974 and he stated that the 1,400 employees and himself worked with and for Murtha's political campaign because Murtha belonged to the Coal Caucus. Apart from being politically acquainted with Murtha, [redacted] has not had any contact with him. Since [redacted] is a member of the Government Coal Committee, he went to Washington, D.C. on January 17, 1980 to discuss the energy issue. While he was there, he went to the office of Murtha at about noon. [redacted] was alone with Murtha during the meeting.

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During the last five minutes of their conversation, Murtha said, "There's some (Arab or Middle East) Oil People who want to get into this country; they've got all kinds of money. What can we build (invest) in my district?"

The amount of money mentioned by Murtha that was available by the "Oil People" was \$40-\$50 million.

[redacted] stated that he did not make any inquiries on Murtha's behalf but told Murtha that he would think about it.

After he returned home from Washington, D.C., he recalled knowing of a small coal company that was for sale. The name of the company was The Oceanic Lighting Co. and it was located in Blairsville, Pennsylvania and employed twelve to fifteen people. [redacted] telephoned Murtha on January 18, 1980 and mentioned the company that was for sale. However, he does not think he mentioned the name of the company to Murtha. Murtha's reply was: "Hell, that's too small; we've got to have something bigger than that." That conversation lasted about a minute and a half. At no time afterwards did Murtha mention the matter, although he saw Murtha twice since then; nor did he telephone or communicate again with Murtha concerning the

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