

# Westmoreland County



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## Office of the District Attorney

GREENSBURG, PENNA. 15601

May 5, 1974

The State Select Committee  
on State Contract Procedures  
House of Representatives  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Harrisburg, PA

Attention: Mr. John Michael Willmann, Mr. Steven F. Freind

Gentlemen:

This morning I received a hand-delivered envelope from your office with a letter dated May 31, 1974.

In response, thereto, please be advised that the District Attorney's Office of Westmoreland County is ready and willing to cooperate in the investigation which you are conducting in Westmoreland County concerning the State Contract practices involving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, contracts, etc.

This office will make available the pertinent files and information which it is legally permitted to furnish your committee within the scope of your investigation which has been set forth in House Resolution Number 98, Session of 1973. In addition, thereto, we will make available an opportunity for you to confer with personnel who are responsible for the investigation.

Please give this office some advance notice as to a date for an interview with the personnel involved. I am requesting some advance notice from you because personnel involved are engaged in performing duties for this office, and scheduling arrangements will have to be made which will make them available for your investigation.

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Mr. Albert M. Nichols, District Attorney, is presently recovering from recent surgery. I will keep you appraised of Mr. Nichols condition in future conversations with you.

I am looking forward to cooperating with you in this matter.  
I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert C. Gaudio".

Albert C. Gaudio  
Assistant District Attorney

ACG/kb

cc Mr. John Michael Willmann  
Mr. Steven F. Freind





## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

May 2, 1974

Mr. John J. Connelly, Jr. Esquire  
Minority Counsel, House Select Committee  
on State Contract Practices  
127 State Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear John:

I have attempted to contact you personally several days ago, but was advised by your office that you were on vacation for the entire week.

As I advised you several weeks ago, we have obtained a copy of the entire investigative report from the office of the Attorney General concerning the investigation by that office of numerous alleged irregularities by employees of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in Westmoreland County. This file is presently located in our office, Room 288. I repeat my prior invitation for you or any minority member of the Committee to examine this file in our office at your convenience. If you wish to obtain copies of selected portions of this file, our administrative assistant, Miss Beverley Batchelder, will be glad to provide you with such copies. Should you desire to obtain a copy of the entire file, we feel it would be appropriate for you to provide personnel to accomplish this task. If you decide to take this latter course of action, our only request will be that some supervisory authority provided by the majority staff be present while the copying is undertaken so that we may be assured of the continuing integrity of the file.

In addition, majority counsel for the Committee are traveling to Westmoreland County on Monday, May 6, 1974, for the purpose of conducting interviews concerning the above mentioned irregularities. Although our inquiries into the PennDOT operations in Westmoreland County by no means comprise the extent of our Committee's investigations, we do envision being in that County on a frequent basis for a substantial period of time.

Your presence during our stay in Westmoreland County would be welcome. We intend to travel there by personal automobile on May 6th and will gladly afford you transportation with us.

We will, of course, be in frequent contact with you and the entire Committee to apprise you of the progress of our investigations.

John J. Connelly, Jr. Esquire  
May 2, 1974  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

If you have any questions concerning this or any other related matters, please do not  
hesitate to contact us as you have in the past.

HARRISBURG

Sincerely,

Stephen F. Freind  
Special Counsel

SFF:bb

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PATRICK A. GLEASON  
CHAIRMAN



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE CONTRACT PRACTICES

August 16, 1974

Mr. Albert C. Gaudio  
Assistant District Attorney  
Office of the District Attorney  
Westmoreland County  
Westmoreland County Courthouse  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Dear Mr. Gaudio:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 5, 1974. I also formally acknowledge receiving, pursuant to the subpoena, investigative files concerning the investigation by your office of alleged criminal activities within PennDOT. These original files were brought to our office on August 7, 1974, by County Detective George H. Rue. On that date, pursuant to your request, copies were made of these materials and the originals were returned to your office by Detective Rue.

I must confess that your previous letter leaves me somewhat puzzled. As you no doubt recall, it was explicitly by the request of your office that your investigative files were subpoenaed. You will also note that the subpoena requested the production of the original or copies of the investigative files. Thus, had you chosen to provide the original file, it would have been returned to your office when its use was no longer required. Copying would have been unnecessary. In addition, you were specifically advised by Mr. William R. Powell, Special Assistant to this Committee, that an employee of this Committee would be willing to travel to your office, take the original documents to Harrisburg, copy the documents, and return the originals to you. Had this offer, which you refused, been accepted by you, there would have been absolutely no inconvenience to your office, nor would there have been any expense incurred by the taxpayers of Westmoreland County.

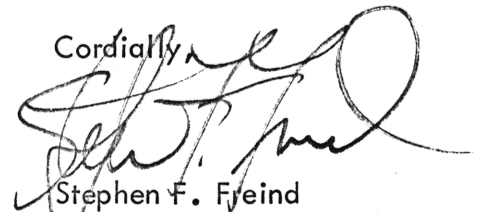
The above notwithstanding, the Committee is pleased to have the materials in its possession. I must inform you, however, that the materials provided to us are incomplete. You will note that the subpoena addressed to your office commanded the production of all data, including notes, pertaining to the PennDOT investigation. On July 9, 1974, I personally reviewed your investigative file which revealed a number of handwritten notes concerning the investigation. These notes, which I believe were in the handwriting of A.D.A.

John Driscoll, were for the most part on legal pads. Some of these notes made specific reference to lessors Albert Tokarcik, Floyd Overly, and Thomas Altman. These notes revealed that the above lessors were forced to make political contributions. The check numbers, dates, and amounts of their contributions were also listed.

The Committee considers these notes to be of great importance. I thus request that you or John Driscoll again review your file and forward to us, at your earliest convenience, the original or copy of all notes made pursuant to that investigation.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Cordially,



Stephen F. Freind  
Special Counsel

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## Office of the District Attorney

GREENSBURG, PENNA. 15601

August 5, 1974

Mr. Steven Freind  
Select Committee on Contract Practices  
House of Representatives  
Harrisburg, PA

In Re: Subpoena Duces Tecum

Dear Sir:

On Thursday, August 1, 1974, I received a call from Mr. Bill Powell from your office concerning compliance with the Subpoena Duces Tecum which was served upon this office. Mr. Powell informed me that you wanted our office to make copies of our entire file and furnish the same to you, or in the alternative to deliver the original file to Harrisburg so that you could copy the same.

As you are well aware, it would involve enormous cost and inconvenience to the tax payers of Westmoreland County to copy the entire file here in Greensburg and mail the same to you. It would also involve enormous cost and inconvenience to send one of our employees to Harrisburg to have the file copied by you.

I find your demand upsetting considering all of the past circumstances involving your investigation. Whenever both you and Mr. Willman were at our office, we extended you full cooperation concerning this investigation including furnishing you access, to the entire file, the Assistant District Attorney that worked on the case along with County Detectives that also worked on the case. At the time you were in Westmoreland County you indicated that you only wanted to have a few items copied because there were only a few items that you considered pertinent to your investigation. Your subpoena is contrary to your initial request and your request accompanying the subpoena is one which will involve unnecessary cost to the tax payers of Westmoreland County.

August 5, 1974

Our office requested that you issue a subpoena for the purpose of protecting our office from potential civil liability and to comply with the canons of legal ethics. We did not request that you issue a subpoena to our office because we were unwilling to cooperate; but to the contrary, our office has always been willing to cooperate with you within the bounds of legal authority.

We are sending one of our County Detectives down to your office with our entire file so that you may copy the same. I feel that the least your committee can do in the spirit of cooperation is to fully reimburse this office for the cost in furnishing you this employee, along with the cost of traveling, to deliver this file to you.

I remain,

Very truly yours,



Albert C. Gaudio  
Assistant District Attorney

ACG/krb

cc: Mr. J. Michael Willman

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE CONTRACT PRACTICES

May 31, 1974

Mr. Albert Gaudio  
Assistant District Attorney  
Westmoreland County Court House  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Dear Mr. Gaudio:

Enclosed please find the following:

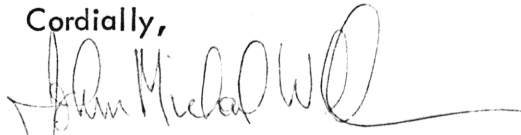
- (a) a copy of House Resolution No. 98, Printer's Number 1381 of June 11, 1973.
- (b) a copy of House of Representatives Rule No. 51.
- (c) a copy of the Rules of Procedure for the House Select Committee on State Contract Practices as originally adopted.
- (d) an amendment to Rule No. 1 of the Rules of Procedure for the House Select Committee on State Contract Practices as adopted by the Committee.
- (e) copies of the letters of introduction for special counsel to the Committee from Senator Richard A. Tilghman, Chairman of the Senate Minority Appropriations Committee and Representative Patrick A. Gleason, Chairman of the House Select Committee on State Contract Practices.

We trust that upon receipt of these materials you will be in a position to extend to us the cooperation in our investigation which you promised during our meetings with you on May 8th and May 18th. Specifically, we wish to review your office's response to the allegations concerning PennDot kickbacks. In this regard, an interview with the Assistant District Attorney responsible for the investigation, an interview with the District Attorney himself and a review of the pertinent files would seem in order.

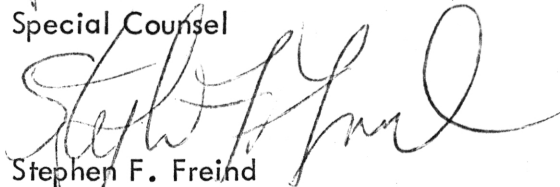
Mr. Albert Gaudio  
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May 31, 1974

We look forward to working with you throughout the course of the Committee's investigation.

Cordially,



John Michael Willmann  
Special Counsel



Stephen F. Freind  
Special Counsel

• JMW:SFF:bb  
• Enclosures



PATRICK A. GLEASON  
CHAIRMAN



OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE CONTRACT PRACTICES

August 7, 1974

TO: The File  
FROM: Stephen Freind  
SUBJECT: Westrest

Re: File Review of Investigation of  
Westmoreland County District Attorney

On July 9, 1974, the above was given access to the entire investigative file concerning the investigation conducted by the office of the District Attorney of Westmoreland County dealing with alleged corruption within the Westmoreland County PennDot District. A review of that file reveals the following individuals were interviewed:

<u>Interview E</u>	<u>Interviewers</u>	<u>Date</u>
Floyd Overly	D.A.D. Link D.A.D. Perry	1/25/74
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Altman	"	1/24/74
Ralph Buffone	ADA Driscoll D.A.D. Link	1/28/74
Joseph Solsky	ADA Driscoll D.A.D. Link D.A.D. Perry	12/29/73 12/31/73
Mel Yackovich	ADA Driscoll D.A.D. Link D.A.D. Perry	1/21/74
Egidio Cerilli	ADA Driscoll D.A.D. Link D.A.D. Perry	1/18/74

<u>Interview E</u>	<u>Interviewers</u>	<u>Date</u>
James Neatby	D.A.D. Link D.A.D. Perry	1/16/74
John Aujay	"	1/16/74
Nick Malarbi	"	1/16/74
Michael Beljan	ADA Driscoll D.A.D. Link D.A.D. Perry	1/7/74
Vincent Taddeo	"	12/20/73
Steve Javor	"	"
Russell Wilson	"	"
Andrew Motchar	"	"
Connie Rosyak	ADA Driscoll D.A.D. Perry	1/3/74

In addition a time was made to interview James Brown. Brown's attorney, Dominic Ciaramboli, advised that Brown would not consent to an interview.

On legal pads, handwritten notes indicated that lessor Albert Tokarcik had, in three checks, made political donations totaling \$555. The check numbers, dates of the checks, and payees are listed on these notes.

Notes on legal pads also indicate Floyd Overly, on three occasions, made political contributions totaling \$310. The dates of these contributions are listed along with the notation "Assistant Superintendent Mario Bidese told me I had to make contributions."

Concerning Tokarcik, there is a notation "rented equipment twelve years; started experiencing difficulties 1972 and 1973 with Mario Bidese.....  
.....we had to pay a price to get contracts."

In addition, there are notes indicating that Thomas Altman on three occasions was forced to make political contributions totaling \$500. Notes indicate that Mel Yakovich ordered Altman to pay \$200 within a month. The notes also revealed that Ralph Buffone showed Altman a book which contained the amounts paid by lessors of political contributions.

In addition, the file contained two reports of the Attorney General of Pennsylvania and excerpts of the report of the Auditor General of Pennsylvania.

## OUTLINE ON GLEASON HEARINGS

### WESTMORELAND COUNTY

(AUGUST 20, 1974 - SEPTEMBER 5, 1974)

#### A. PAULISICK, PETER, JR. - equipment contractor

1. Stated he give a \$730.00 check in 1973 to Cerilli.
2. Paulisick was told on the telephone by either Cerilli or Buffone to bring check to maintenance office by April 7, 1972 or lose his contract.
3. Joseph Morgan, who accompanied Paulisick to office, later stated on the phone to minority members, that the check was given to Ralph Buffone - not Cerilli.
4. Two committee investigators (Payne - Jenkins) supported Morgan's statement.
5. Paulisick is an example of several small contractors who testified they were threatened with the loss of work if they didn't make pay-offs; which ranged from 3 to 5% of the state rental fees.

#### B. POOLE, JAMES C. - contractor

1. Testified he gave \$3,000 in cash for the Democratic Party to Gene Cerilli.
  - a. \$2,000 in cash on April 14, 1974 was delivered to Cerilli at his home
  - b. \$1,000 in cash in November 21, 1972 in Cerilli's PennDot office
2. Poole said Sam Tantello accompanied him to Cerilli's home and Yakovitch was present also. Tantello denies seeing the exchange of money. Cerilli at this time was PennDot district superintendent for Westmoreland County.
3. Poole testified Cerilli never threatened him - "I just knew if I didn't pay off, I'd be fired."
4. Poole under went a polygraph test which implicated Cerilli and supports Poole's story.
5. The state has sued Poole for \$3,400 which PennDot allegedly overpaid him. Poole earned \$23,640 in 1971 and \$81,645 in 1972.
6. Poole no longer works for the state and admitted to Republican contributions of \$360 during 1964-1971.
7. Poole's testimony which occurred on August 26, 1974, was leaked to Pittsburgh Press on August 25, 1974.
8. On September 10, 1974, Norman K. Sheridan, a foreman at I. T. E. Co., where Poole works testified that James Poole told him: "Freind... told me I would go to jail up to seven years if I didn't go along with them." Freind said he was "explaining the law, not making a threat."

C. CERILLI, GENE - Turnpike Commission Designate

1. He denied... "categorically and without qualification, any and all allegation of wrong doings" as PennDot superintendent of Westmoreland County.
2. Admitted that he distributed tickets to his 32 foremen in 1971 to 1973 who were effective in selling tickets for fund-raisers. He instructed his foremen not to force any employee or lessor to buy tickets. He told them to take checks and shy away from cash. "I instructed him (president of employees union) that if he recieved any complaints from his members...I would see that the guilty party was dismissed."
3. He never sold a ticket; never requested a contribution and denied asking James Poole for cash of \$2,000 and \$1,000 each.
4. Admits to being a fund-raiser for Shapp.
5. Refused to take a lie-detector test because "they are not considered reliable and are not admissible into evidence." He did agree to give the committee a sample of his handwriting. Cerilli appeared voluntarily before the committee.
6. Gleason judges Cerilli in Philadelphia Inquirer, September 8, 1974. (attached):

"The weight of the evidence is against Mr. Cerilli," the chairman said. "you've got to contrast his aggressiveness in raising money to his total passivity in trying to get to the bottom of this." In the same article, a Republican member stated, "Frankly, I think Cerilli was trying."

7. UPI article of September 8, by Thomas Ferrick votes Cerilli "not guilty" (attached).

D. DR. ROLAND KEDDIE, ESQ.

DOROTHY SHOPE - WESTMORELAND DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1. Testified Gerald New, formerly Executive Secretary of State Democratic Committee, met with both of them and offered Keddie the Democratic support in the 1973 D.A. primary if they dropped the PennDot investigation and allegations concerning Cerilli. Keddie refused.
2. Keddie identified New as a representative from Governor Shapp's Office or the State Democratic Party.
3. New denied allegations; he was not affiliated with either the Governor or the State Committee, nor did he offer an enticement to drop the PennDot investigation.
4. New testified he met with Shope and Keddie concerning the teacher's strike at Westmoreland County Community College. New met Mrs. Shope in John Scales office regarding her need for help in the strike.

E. BUFFONE, RALPH - Former assistant highway superintendent

1. Buffone refused to answer any of the 63 questions under the 5th amendment.

F. YAKOVITCH, MAYLAN - former assistant highway superintendent

1. Refused to answer 100 questions on 5th Amendment grounds.
2. Irving Green, Esq., his attorney stated. "I think a witness is at a disadvantage when he appears before a committee such as this...when they have a rule that his lawyer can't raise objection to questions."
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3. August 30 Yakovitch requested an indefinite leave of absence from The State Lottery.
- G. BIDESE, MARIO - assistant superintendent in Westmoreland County
1. Testified he had solicited political contributors for the Democratic Party, but denied allegations that he had forced contractors to make kickbacks.
- H. HALL, C.C. (DOC) - assistant highway superintendent in Westmoreland County
1. Took the fifth amendment seven times on questions concerning his role in forcing political contributors from contractors.
- I. CALETRI, ANTHONY - contractor
1. "Cerilli discussed the situation and reduced the amount to \$75.00" Caletri stated concerning a request for \$125.00 to Democratic Party from Cerilli.
  2. Caletri's testimony is an example of those contractors who purchased tickets from both parties, but objected to implied kickbacks.
- J. SOSKO, JOSEPH - Contractor
1. Cerilli told him to pay 7% of gross income from leasing trucks, back to Democratic Party in April 1971 and to pay 3% of his previous year's earnings.
  2. Testimony was shattered when Sosko omitted it could have been Ralph Buffone with whom he had this discussion or perhaps even a third party.
- K. NICHOLS, ALBERT M. - Westmoreland County District Attorney
1. Testified that his staff found two instances "in the minor area of macing," involving alleged Democratic shakedowns of highway contractors, but that the allegations were replete with political overturns.
  2. Nichols stated the investigation was hampered by his inadequate staff, who already were overwhelmed by some 2,000 cases.
  3. Nichols, who was subpoenaed, expressed his displeasure that the investigation has been turned over to him by Attorney General Packel.
- L. NEDLEY, THOMAS - (Pres. of Local 2210-AFSCME)
1. June 7, 1974, Nedley ordered Gleason investigators to stay away from PennDot employees. Orders approved by Gerry McEntee.
  2. Letter of May 14, 1974 from Robert Kirschner, Esq. to Ray S. Wise "our members should simply refuse to cooperate on the bases they have been so instructed upon advise of of counsel."
  3. Gleason asked ruling of Attorney General Packel on the issue of State employees refusing to cooperate. Ben Lerner, Deputy Attorney General, did not dispute counsel's advice.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>DAY OF WEEK:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>WITNESS:</u>
8/21/74	Wednesday	✓ 10 a.m.	Peter Paulisick
8/21/74	Wednesday	✓ 10 a.m.	Walter Seigfried
8/21/74	Wednesday	✓ 2 p.m.	Larry ,Rupnick
8/21/74	Wednesday	✓ 2 p.m.	William Ramaley
8/22/74	Thursday	✓ 10 a.m.	Earl Keibler
8/22/74	Thursday	✓ 10 a.m.	Anthony Calettri
8/22/74	Thursday	<i>No show</i> 2 p.m.	Don Pfeifer
8/22/74	Thursday	✓ 2 p.m.	Thomas & Wilemma Altman
8/23/74	Friday	✓ 10 a.m.	Floyd A. Overly
8/23/74	Friday	✓ 10 a.m.	Albert Tokarcik
8/23/74	Friday	✓ 2 p.m.	Joseph Sosko
8/26/74	Monday	✓ 10 a.m.	James C. Poole
8/26/74	Monday	✓ 10 a.m.	Theresa O. Robaly

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>DAY OF WEEK:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>WITNESS:</u>
8/26/74	Monday	✓ 2 p.m.	Judith Turrizianni
8/26/74	Monday	✓ 2 p.m.	Adam N. Arentz, esq.
8/26/74	Monday	✓ 2 p.m.	Sam Tantillo
8/27/74	Tuesday	✓ 10 a.m.	Richard Berard
8/27/74	Tuesday	✓ 10 a.m.	James L. Brown
8/27/74	Tuesday	✓ 2 p.m.	C. C. Hall
8/27/74	Tuesday	✓ 2 p.m.	Mario Bidese
8/28/74	Wednesday	<del>No show</del> 10 a.m.	Albert Nichols
8/28/74	Wednesday	✓ 10 a.m.	John Driscoll
8/28/74	Wednesday	✓ 2 p.m.	Frank Link
8/28/74	Wednesday	✓ 2 p.m.	John Perry
8/29/74	Thursday	✓ 2 p.m.	Maylan Yakovich
8/29/74	Thursday	✓ 2 p.m.	Ralph Buffone
8/30/74	Friday	<del>G. New</del> 10 a.m.	Dorothy Shope

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>DAY OF WEEK:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>WITNESS:</u>
8/30/74	Friday	10 a.m.	Roland Keddie
9/3/74	Tuesday	10 a.m.	Gerald New
9/3/74	Tuesday	10 a.m.	Robert Casey
9/3/74	Tuesday	2 p.m.	Frank Lawley
9/3/74	Tuesday	2 p.m.	Dean Sheaffer
9/4/74	Wednesday	10 am	Gene Ceilli



List of Subpoenaed Witnesses

Order of Appearance

- (1) Paulisick
- (2) Seigfried
- (3) Rupnic
- (4) Ramaley
- (5) Keibler
- (6) Caletri
- (7) Pfeifer
- (8) Tokarcik
- (9) Overly
- (10) Altman T. and W.
- (11) Sosko, Joseph
- (12) Poole, James
- (13) Roholy, Teresa -- Assistant Manager
- (14) Tariziani, Judith -- daughter of Poole
- (15) Aretz, Adam -- Attorney
- (16) Tantillo, Simon -- employee of Poole
- (17) Berard, Robert -- Auditor
- (18) Brown, James \*
- (19) Hall, C.C. \*
- (20) Bedese, Mario \*
- (21) Yackovich \*
- (22) Buffone \*
- (23) Nichols, A.
- (24) Driscoll, J.
- (25) Link
- (26) Perry, J.
- (27) Cecilli \*
- (28) Shopp, Dorothy
- (29) Keddie, Roland
- (30) New, Gerald \*
- (31) Casey, Robert
- (32) Lawley, Frank
- (33) Schaeffer, Dean -- Dept. of Justice

\* Notified by telegram in accordance with Rule 51.

John Scales was mentioned but not subpoenaed

TIME USED IN QUESTIONING WITNESSES THRU 8/30/74	SPECIAL COUNSEL	MINORITY COUNSEL	CHAIRMAN GLEASON	VICE-CHAIRMAN COMER	REPRESENTATIVE DININNI	REPRESENTATIVE ENGLEHART	REPRESENTATIVE ISTYNSKI	REPRESENTATIVE ANDERINO	REPRESENTATIVE ALSON	MAJORITY	TOTAL TIME	MINORITY
Seigfried	64	46	3:11	10:04	3:17	17:03	7:25	15:07	1:45			
Paulisick	40	35	3:00	4:09	3:02	10:00	5:10	17:15	0			
Ramaley	20	19	1:30	1:20	2:10	0	2:54	2:15	1:33			
Rupnik	27	15	1:03	0	0	0	3:30	4:08	0			
Caletri	72	66	6:52	7:15	0	10:00	3:27	10:00	7:30			
Keibler	29	26	0	0	0:25	0	1:01	7:55	NP			
The Altmans	44	39	0	0	3:45	0	0	10:00	NP			
Tokarcik	9	22	2:00	2:02	1:56	0	5:38	5:45	NP			
Overly	18	18	1:15	8:03	3:13	12:38	5:01	8:55	NP			
Sosko	133	57	2:53	3:00	7:17	8:02	5:44	11:00	8:20			
Poole	161	73	10:28	8:15	6:48	8:30	6:53	31:30	4:30			
Turizianni	15	2	0	2:00	0	0	0	6:33	0			
Rohaly	13	2	1:58	6:21	0	4:27	NP	5:33	3:03			
Aretz	57	6	4:15	0:50	6:22	6:18	NP	3:53	4:00			
Tantillo	65	7	0	11:16	11:02	3:34	NP	2:16	5:51			
Berard	63	0	11:17	2:15	3:32	4:33	3:07	1:30	NP			
Brown	135	3	8:00	1:00	8:45	1:56	3:40	0	2:00			
Hall	Witness took his Fifth Admendment Right Total time 8 Mins.											
Bidese	42	1	12:15	2:07	8:15	3:40	11:36	4:45	17:11			
Driscoll	79	0	0	1:24	0	NP	0	6:37	NP			
Link	17	7	3:54	1:48	1:30	0	0	4:50	NP			
Perry	40	7	0	6:00	3:00	NP	1:00	4:00	NP			
Buffone	Witness took his Fifth Admendment Right Total time 26 Mins.											
Yackovich	Witness took his Fifth Admendment Right Total time 17 Mins.											
Keddie	35	50	0	15:00	3:10	0	NP	44:30	0			
Shope	56	20	0	NP	NP	21:02	NP	34:16	NP			
New	47	5	4:00	NP	NP	0	NP	12:30	NP			
TOTAL 27 WITNESSES:	1281	526	77:51	94:09	77.3	113:43	66:06	255:03	55:43	1558	2816	988
AVERAGES	47.4	19.5	2.9	3.5	2.9	4.2	2.4	9.6	2.0	57.7	94.3	36.6
PER MAN AVERAGES										11.3	10.5	9.2

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## LIST AND SCHEDULE OF WITNESSES

PETER PAULISICK	AUGUST 21	10 A.M.
WALTER SEIGFRIED	AUGUST 21	10 A.M.
LARRY RUPNICK	AUGUST 21	2 P.M.
WILLIAM RAMALEY	AUGUST 21	2 P.M.
EARL KEIBLER	AUGUST 22	10 A.M.
ANTHONY CALETRI	AUGUST 22	10 A.M.
DONALD PFEIFER	AUGUST 22	2 P.M.
THOMAS ALTMAN	AUGUST 22	2 P.M.
WILEMMA ALTMAN	AUGUST 22	2 P.M.
ALBERT TOKARCIK	AUGUST 23	10 A.M.
FLOYD A. OVERLY	AUGUST 23	10 A.M.
JOSEPH SOSKO	AUGUST 23	2 P.M.
JAMES C. POOLE	AUGUST 26	10 A.M.
THERESA O. ROHALY	AUGUST 26	10 A.M.
JUDITH TURRIZIANNI	AUGUST 26	2 P.M.
ADAM N. ARETZ, ESQ.	AUGUST 26	2 P.M.
SIMONE TANTILLO	AUGUST 26	2 P.M.
RICHARD BERARD	AUGUST 27	10 A.M.
JAMES L. BROWN	AUGUST 27	10 A.M.
C.C. HALL	AUGUST 27	2 P.M.
MARIO BIDESE	AUGUST 27	2 P.M.
MAYLAN YAKOVICH	AUGUST 29	2 P.M.

RALPH BUFFONE	AUGUST 29 2 P.M.
HONORABLE ALBERT NICHOLS	AUGUST 28 10 A.M.
JOHN DRISCOLL	AUGUST 28 10 A.M.
FRANK LINK	AUGUST 28 2 P.M.
JOHN PERRY	AUGUST 28 2 P.M.
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HONORABLE DOROTHY SHOPE	AUGUST 30 10 A.M.
ROLAND KEDDIE	AUGUST 30 10 A.M.
GERALD NEW	SEPTEMBER 3 10 A.M.
HONORABLE ROBERT CASEY	SEPTEMBER 3 10 A.M.
FRANK LAWLEY	SEPTEMBER 3 2 P.M.
DEAN SHEAFFER	SEPTEMBER 3 2 P.M.

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June 17, 1974

John Michael Willmann, Esq., Special Counsel  
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288 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Willmann:


I have been retained by Mr. Lawrence Arch of Herminie Auto Parts, Herminie, Pennsylvania, in regard to the investigation being conducted by the House Select Committee on State Contract Practices.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1974 I met with Messers Burfete and Jordanoff, investigators for the Committee. Present also was my client. As a result of that interview and subsequent consultation with Mr. Arch, I must inform you that we will no longer be able to cooperate with the Committee in its investigation.

I also respectfully request that your staff return to Mr. Arch the materials supplied to them. These include invoices and purchase authorizations between PennDOT and Herminie Auto Parts; also several checks indicating campaign contributions, and the Partnership Income Tax Return for Herminie Motor Co.

If you have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

  
W. J. Helzlsouer

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