

**William G. Myers III**

**Boise, Idaho**

**March 9, 2005**

**The Honorable Arlen Specter**  
Chairman, **Committee on the Judiciary**  
**United States Senate**  
**224 Dirksen Senate Office Building**  
**Washington, D.C. 20510**

**Dear Chairman Specter:**

**Please find attached to this letter my *answers* to written questions from Senators Leahy, Feinstein, and Feingold following my nomination hearing on March 1, 2005.**

Sincerely,



**William G. Myers III**

**cc: Honorable Patrick J. Leahy**

**Attachments**

June 2001							July 2001							August 2001						
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# July 23 - January 4, 2002

☛ 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM CREA dinner @ Julie Finley 6257110 Jared  
Location: 3221 Woodland Drive, NW

## September 25, 2001

☛ 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM Solicitor's Staff meeting  
Location: SOL

☛ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM OMB BUDGET HEARING FOR SOL  
Location: 8116 OEOB

☛ 01:00 PM - 01:30 PM Ann Klee re: Glamis w/PeterS/Karen H/  
Location: 6130

☛ 02:00 PM - 03:00 PM sol staff mtg

☛ 03:00 PM - 03:00 PM litigation issues mtg  
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☛ 05:00 PM - 06:00 PM Cali 4.4 legislation (hunter)w/Bennett/Klee w/Matt  
Location: 6658 Matt for Bill

## September 26, 2001

☛ 09:00 AM - 09:30 AM Craig Manson meet and greet

☛ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mr. Kehoe 813-286-4100 w/Mike Rossetti  
Location: here

☛ 02:30 PM - 03:30 PM Hoover Dam w/Griles  
Location: 6119

☛ 03:00 PM - 03:30 PM mtg w/subproject mgrs re: cert.  
Location: sol

☛ 03:45 PM - 04:00 PM Secy Norton

## September 27, 2001

☛ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM mtg w/Griles/LynnS/Rossetti/McCaleb re: certification process

☛ 12:00 PM - 01:30 PM Ex. 6

☛ 02:00 PM - 02:30 PM San Carlos/Phelps Dodge issue

☛ 03:30 PM - 04:00 PM Pam Williams premtg

☛ 04:00 PM - 04:30 PM Indian Water Rights office w/Secy Norton  
Location: Secy

☛ 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM Chair: BILL MYERS

## September 28, 2001

☛ 09:00 AM - 10:00 AM 4 certifications  
Location: 6119

☛ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

☛ 01:30 PM - 03:00 PM indian trust w/Jim Cason/Griles

☛ 03:00 PM - 03:30 PM cuba lake ny land claims  
Location: here

☛ 03:15 PM - 06:00 PM HOLD  
Chair: BILL MYERS

☛ 03:30 PM - 04:30 PM Pyramid Lake w/Bennett/McCaleb  
Location: 6640

## September 29, 2001

## September 30, 2001

## October 1, 2001

☛ 09:30 AM - 10:30 AM security video w/griles/bennett  
Location: 7348

☛ 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Political Appointees Meeting w/Brian W  
Location: 5160

**Response of William Myers  
Nominee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
to Written Follow-Up Questions to William Myers from Senator Patrick Leahy**

**1. In answer to question 11 of my written follow-up questions, you said you do "not recall having any contact," with Sack Abramoff. I would like you to search your memory and consult any necessary records and files and give me a full and complete answer to my question.**

Response; I have searched my memory and files. To the best of my recollection, I have never had any contact with Mr. Abramoff. I do not recall ever meeting him, speaking to him by phone, corresponding with him at any time, or otherwise having any contact with Mr. Abramoff.

**William G. Myers III**

**Boise, Idaho**

**March 14, 2005**

**The Honorable Arlen Specter .  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary  
United States Senate  
224 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510**

**Dear Chairman Specter:**

**Please find attached to this letter my answer to a written follow-up question from Senator Leahy.**

**Sincerely,**



**William G. Myers III**

**cc: Honorable Patrick J. Leahy**

**Attachment**

**7. When did you first learn that the Interior Inspector General was investigating the Robbins settlement? What actions, if any, did you take when you learned of this investigation?**

**Response:** I do not remember when I first learned about the August 14, 2003, commencement of the Inspector General's investigation. I did not want to take any action that would interfere with the investigation and he did not ask my assistance in ME investigation other than to interview me, I left office before his investigation was complete,

**8. When did you first learn about the objections to the Robbins agreement expressed by the Wyoming U.S. Attorney's office? What did you do upon learning these concerns?**

**Response:** I remember press reports in early July 2003, at least regarding the RICO claims. I asked Mr. Comer to explain why those claims had not been dismissed as part of the settlement. Later, I assigned a senior attorney in my office to assist Assistant Secretary Watson's efforts to look into the situation. The senior attorney had not been involved in the settlement negotiations.

**9. Did you ever recommend or take administrative or disciplinary action against Mr. Comer for his role in the Robbins settlement?**

**Response:** When I left office, the Inspector General had not yet released his report I did not discipline anyone prior to the time I left office because I thought the investigation should conclude before assessing blame,

**10. Based on what you know now about Mr. Comer's conduct in negotiating the Robbins settlement, do you agree with the inspector general that Mr. Comer's conduct cries out for administrative action?**

**Response:** I was very disconcerted by the information contained in the redacted report. I must assume that the Inspector General's recommendation is well-founded based on his access to the full investigation and report.

**11. While serving as Solicitor at the Department of the Interior, what contact did you and your office have with Jack Abramoff?**

**Response:** I do not recall having any contact with Mr. Abramoff. I do not know if, any employee of the Solicitor's Office had contact with Mr. Abramoff.

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Republicans for  
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To: Mr. Jeff Jarrett  
Fax:  
From: Italia Federici  
Date: August 22, 2001  
Re: CREA Dinner

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The Council of Republicans for Environmental **Advocacy (CREA)** hosts occasional dinners with our friends and supporters from both the private and public sectors. **The** dinners are intimate and are hosted by **Mrs. Julie Finley**, a longtime advocate of **common sense** conservation policies and communication. Julie's home is in **Ex. 6** a short distance from **Ex. 6** and is a **wonderful** setting for relaxed conversation and dining.

**CREA's** dinners are designed to be informative and give all participants the opportunity to discuss **common** environmental and conservation **goals** and build relationships that are beneficial in communicating this message to a larger audience.

**CREA invites Mr. Jarrett to join us for dinner on the evening of September 24, 2001 starting at 6:30pm at the borne of Julie Finley – Ex. 6**  
..... **RSVP to Jared at 202-625-7110.**

CREA's supporters will benefit greatly **from** the expertise and **insights of those who are** on the **frontlines** in what is shaping up to be an intense debate about the **future of our nation's** resources, **parks**, forests and other national treasures. It is our hope and expectation that CREA's supporters will also be able to provide valuable insights and offer support in helping to fulfill the Interior Department's crucial mission.

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**Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy**  
Contact information for guests of September 24, 2001 dinner party

**Julie Finley**  
CREA Advisory Committee Member and our Hostess

**EX. 6**

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Schedule of  
**THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR**  
Monday, September 24, 2001

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Staff</u>
9:15am-10:00am	Meet: Steve & Brian Location: Secretary's Office	
10:00am-10:30am	Meet: Admin Time Location: 7348	
11:00am-11:30pm	Meet: DOI Politicals Meeting Location: <del>7348</del> North Penthouse	
12:00pm-1:00pm	Meet: Location:	
1:30pm-2:00pm	Meet: Dave Bernhardt - Congressional Update Location: Secretary's Office	
2:00pm-2:30pm	Meet: Assistant Secretary Raley Location: Secretary's Office	
4:00pm-6:00pm	Event: DOI Museum Exhibit Opening "Land America Leaves Wild" Reception Location: DOI Museum	
6:30pm-9:30pm	Event: CREA Dinner Location: 3221 Woodland Dr, NW	

Reminder: 1000-1400 word essay  
what should Easterners +  
Westerners know about the West

Prepared 9/20/2001 at 5:15 PM

**ACCEPTANCE OF FREE ATTENDANCE AT WIDELY-ATTENDED EVENTS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

This form is used to document approval for an employee to accept free attendance from a Prohibited Source at a widely-attended event. See back of this form for instructions.

**Part A: To Be Completed By Employee**

Name (please print) <u>G Norton</u>	Position Title <u>Secy of DOI</u>
Name or Description of Event <u>Dinner at Mrs. Julie Finley's home</u>	Location of Event <u>Georgetown Washington DC</u>
Purpose of Event <u>dinner gathering of supporters</u>	Are you scheduled to be a speaker, panelist or exhibitor at this event? <u>NO</u>
Sponsor(s) of Event <u>Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy (CREA)</u>	Source of free attendance (if other than the sponsor) <u>CREA</u>
Estimate value of your free attendance <u>\$ 24.00</u>	Date(s) of Event <u>9/24/01</u>

The information stated above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby request approval to attend the above stated event.

Employee's Signature: *Julie A. Norton* Date: SEP 24 2001  
Bureau/Office: OS

**Part B: To Be Completed by the Agency Designee (See back of form for instructions)**

I have approved this employee's request. I have **determined that** (check only one):

The event will be a widely attended gathering and the source of the employee's free attendance is the sponsor of the event. I have also determined that the above named employee will participate as a speaker\*, panelist or exhibitor at the event and will present information on behalf of the Department at the event.

The event will be a widely attended gathering and the source of the employee's free attendance is the sponsor of the event. I have also determined that the attendance of the above named employee at this event will be in the interest of the Department because it will further the Department's programs and operations.

The event will be a widely attended gathering and the source of the employee's free attendance is NOT the sponsor of the event. I have determined that the employee's free attendance is valued at \$250 or less, and more than 100 persons are expected to attend the gathering. I have also determined that the Department's interest in the employee's participation in the event outweighs the concern that acceptance of the gift of free attendance may or may appear to improperly influence the employee in the performance of his or her official duties.

Signature of Agency Designee: *Quida T. Sullivan* Date: 9/24/01 *prior verbal approval*