

conversation O'Connor told him that things were "going very well" with the "Indians," and "knocking them out was very important." Neither Fowler nor O'Connor could recall this portion of their conversation, but upon reviewing his own notes Fowler testified that these comments apparently related to knocking the applicant Indian tribes out of the Hudson casino matter. Fowler's notes then indicate that O'Connor could "raise \$50,000." Again, Fowler could not recall this specific comment by O'Connor, but assumes now that it related to the Hudson Indians.

5. DNC Indian Solicitations and Contributions by the Hudson Opponent Tribes in Late Summer and Fall 1995

The first substantial DNC contributions by tribal opponents after the Hudson decision were made in connection with events organized by Crain. In late August 1995, Crain learned that the evening of Sept. 11 had come open on the Vice President's schedule, due to postponement of a DNC environmental conference. As a result, Crain was given responsibility for coordinating a day of Democratic Business Council (DBC) events, featuring meetings with Clinton Administration and Democratic Party officials and culminating in a fund-raising dinner with Vice President Gore. The opening afforded Crain a vehicle for soliciting the tribes, and he promptly began surveying his Indian contacts to identify prospects willing to pay the \$10,000 price required to secure access to all events and the dinner.⁵⁴⁶ As part of that effort, Crain conferred with Berger and his Indian contacts, as well as with Kevin Gover.⁵⁴⁷ Crain also

⁵⁴⁶Crain's fax to DBC prospects describing this "DNC Day" listed a dues price of \$10,000 in the case of a DNC federal (hard money) contribution, and \$15,000 for DNC non-federal (soft money) contributions.

⁵⁴⁷Crain faxed Gover a list of all NIGA members, and on Aug. 31 Gover faxed the list back to Crain, annotated with stars and comments designating a large number of worthwhile DNC finance prospects. While Gover placed stars beside many of the Hudson opponent tribes

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