

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## FOREIGN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS: AN UGLY TALE

### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member is greatly disturbed by recent revelations that substantial sums of Chinese money found its way into the coffers of the Democratic National Committee. It is clear that campaign operative Johnny Chung collected hundreds of thousands of dollars from individuals and organizations with direct links to the top echelons of the People's Liberation Army.

Such activity confirms our worst fears, and is a threat to this nation's collective soul. This Member urges his colleagues to rise above politics and address this problem in the serious manner that the situation demands.

Mr. Speaker, this Member would insert into the record an editorial from the Omaha World-Herald of May 16, 1998, entitled "Johnny Chung's Shocking Tale Puts Focus Back on Donations." This entire body should reflect on the sober lesson expressed in this editorial.

[Omaha World-Herald]

#### JOHNNY CHUNG'S SHOCKING TALE PUTS FOCUS BACK ON DONATIONS

The get-it-any-way-you-can ethic of Democratic National Committee fund raising for the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign has come into more focus. Johnny Chung has reportedly told federal investigators that he channeled money from the government of communist China to the DNC.

This should be a shock to America. It would be if the Clintonites had not apparently been successful in convincing the people that they should be interested more in the Dow Jones Average and federally subsidized day care than in old stories about unproven scandals.

Chung pleaded guilty in March to campaign-related bank and tax fraud and is cooperating with investigators. Most of the \$100,000 he provided the DNC in the summer of 1996 came from the Chinese military, Chung said.

His contact was Liu Chao-ying. She was a lieutenant colonel and a vice president in charge of international trading for China Aerospace International Holdings Ltd. Liu's father was China's top military commander and a Communist Party leader. American companies were prohibited from doing business with China Aerospace in 1991 and 1993 because the company had illegally sold missiles to Pakistan.

The Justice Department reportedly has documents to verify the relationship described by Chung, who arranged for Liu to be photographed with President Clinton when she was in the United States. Chung was able to get Liu and another Chinese national into an exclusive Clinton fund-raiser in July 1996 after sending the DNC a check for \$45,000. That same month, Chung set up a California corporation for Liu and himself. This allegedly was a vehicle through which donations could flow from China to the DNC.

Liu's aerospace company benefited from U.S. policies in 1996 that allowed American

civilian communication satellites to be launched by Chinese rockets—despite China's sale of missiles to Iran and nuclear equipment to Pakistan that year and its perennial threats against Taiwan. The Chinese military also benefited in that it buys missiles from companies like China Aerospace and relies on the health of the industry.

Chung's attorney and officials of the Clinton administration and the DNC deny that Chung-related donations had any effect on U.S. policy toward China. But even if there was no policy quid pro quo, federal law bans campaign contributions from foreign sources.

DNC and White House spokesmen say that there was no way to know the origins of Chung's donations and that suspicious donations were returned. Yes, they were returned—after exposure in the press and intense public pressure.

And what of the documented concerns of White House staffers that Chung was a "hustler" bringing disreputable characters into the inner circle of the presidency? Why was he allowed into the White House 49 times? Why were he and his guests allowed to attend exclusive fund raisers?

Disclosures of the activities of Chung make the efforts of House Democrats to shut down the House portion of the investigation even more alarming. If the House investigation collapses, as it appears about to, the public is left with the Justice Department to investigate the matter. The Justice Department is headed by Attorney General Janet Reno, whose refusal to recommend an independent counsel to investigate these matters has become a national disgrace.

#### A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN P. SACKSTEDER ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT, NEW YORK

### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a truly outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, John P. Sacksteder. John recently accepted his offer of appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

John, who is from Fostoria, Ohio, will soon be graduating from St. Wendelyn High School, and beginning one of the most educational, rewarding, and challenging experiences of his life: his four-year commitment at West Point.

While attending St. Wendelyn High School in Fostoria, John distinguished himself as an outstanding student and a very fine student-athlete. In the classroom, John has attained a 3.88 grade point average, placing him among the tops of his class. John and his family can certainly be proud of his academic achievements.

In addition to his excellent scholastic record, John has proven himself to be a talented stu-

dent-athlete. He was the Captain of the Varsity Football and Varsity Basketball Teams, and earned varsity letters in Track and Field. John has been very active in the National Honor Society, Concert Band, Student Council, Mock Trial, and Drama Club. John was also a delegate to Buckeye Boys' State, and participates in the Big Brother program.

Mr. Speaker, each year, I have the opportunity to nominate young men and women from my district to America's military academies. I am pleased that John has accepted his appointment, and will be joining the West Point Class of 2002. He is a gifted student and a fine young man. I would urge my colleagues to stand and join me in paying special tribute to John Sacksteder, and in wishing him well at West Point and in the future.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MT. CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, NATIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL FINALISTS

### HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to students and teachers of Mt. Carmel High School, in San Diego, California, who recently came to Washington as national finalists in the first annual National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl is an academic competition among teams of high school students designed to increase their awareness and understanding of the oceans and ocean sciences. It provides an opportunity for U.S. oceanographic research laboratories, like the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego, to develop strong connections with their local primary and secondary schools. And it creates a unique national education event in honor of the International Year of the ocean, which is this year, 1998.

I am particularly proud of the team from my congressional district, at Mr. Carmel High School. This past spring, they won well-contested Southern California Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl. The regional competition drew the cooperation of the Birch Aquarium, the San Diego County Office of Education, the San Diego Science Alliance, the San Diego Science Educators Association and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, all of which I want to recognize for their support.

Let the permanent RECORD of the Congress of the United States show that the teachers and students of Mt. Carmel High School have distinguished themselves in the field of oceanographic studies as national finalists in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. In tribute to their hard work, I insert into the RECORD a summary of the Mt. Carmel team provided by the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education, whose President, Adm. James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), has provided extraordinary leadership in this and many other fields.

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