

Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados and their neighbors as playgrounds, destinations where the sea, sand and sun are attractive magnets only in times of relaxation. But a mix of their small economic size and their invisibility in the global financial community ensures they don't register on the economic radar screen.

The sessions on Wall Street and with the U.S. Special Trade Representative, Ambassador Susan Schwab are but an important first step. As New York City's Comptroller, William "Bill" Thompson, recommended at last year's Caribbean Multi-National Business Conference in Antigua, Caricom member-states must mount a vigorous marketing campaign to get their stories told along the hallways of big-finance.

That story is one of economic stability, commitment to law and order, respect for people's property rights and a determination to allow market forces to propel economic and social development. They are all marketable qualities. Singapore, the Cayman Islands and Bermuda are also small countries but they have earned for themselves a loud voice in international financial circles. They have demonstrated that they have a high degree of economic discipline, a factor which has propelled them to levels which few could have imagined 30 years ago.

Another thing. The doors to the world's best known financial market which Con-

gressman Rangel is opening for the countries in the Caribbean would have cost the region several millions of dollars in lobbying and consultancy fees, if Caribbean states had gone on their own to get the job done. The Black elected official from Harlem doesn't want any favor in return for his assistance and he doesn't expect any.

"I simply wish to see the countries move forward and that their people reap the benefits. That's my reward," was the way he put it.

No one could have said it better.
That's the true mark of friendship.

EARMARK DECLARATION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 13, 2008

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, in compliance with Republican Conference earmark disclosure requirements, I would like to submit the following statement for the RECORD.

Bill Number: H.R. 2645.

Account: Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army Line 179, 0708045A.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United Technologies Corporation (UTC).

Address of Requesting Entity: 411 Silver Lane; M/S 129—88, East Hartford, CT 06108.

Description of Request: I received an earmark of \$3 million to develop a vehicle wide scaled armor protection system for cargo and troop transport helicopters to reduce their vulnerability to small arms fire. With the funding, UTC will accelerate a statistical design system based on battlefield experience that can be used to guide the placement and scaling of new armor systems. Light weight ballistic material systems, based on novel ceramic materials, can be appropriately and selectively scaled and integrated into the helicopter to significantly decrease the vulnerability while minimizing the impact on payload and mission. The solution needs to include sensitivity to direction, stand off distance, obliquity and type of threat. The armor could then be customized and integrated to provide effective ballistic protection. This solution would limit the weight impact of reduced vulnerability while maintaining the mission capability of the vehicle.

As this is a research and development project, which is not yet under contract, a detailed budget breakdown is not yet available. Nearly all of the funding would be dedicated to engineering work.