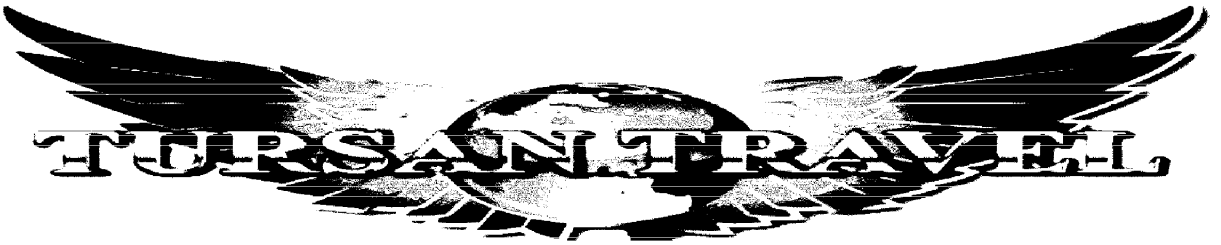
# EXHIBIT 36




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan/AFAZ**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24850 to 24856

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Randy | P | Boyd | | $ 3,184.00 |
| Christopher | R | Brown | | $ 3,184.00 |
| Hanry | B | Zuber | | $ 3,184.00 |
| Jeffrey | S | Guice | | $ 3,184.00 |
| Belinda | E | Gryder | | $ 2,390.00 |
| Fatih | | Ozcan | | $ 2,898.00 |
| Orhan | | Kucukosman | | $ 2,898.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$20,922.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $20,922.00

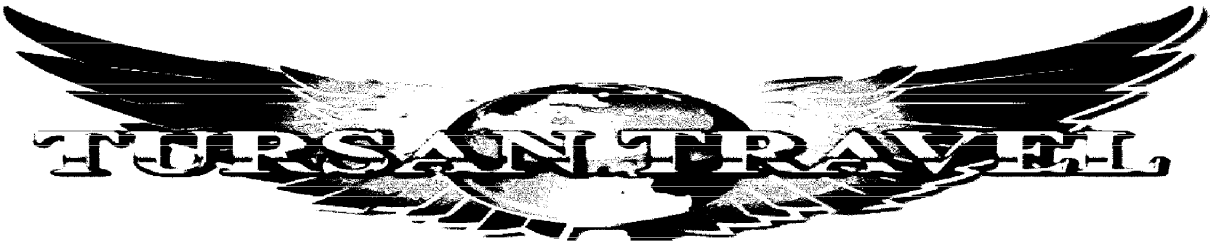
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan/AFAZ**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24500 to 24525

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harry | | Gee | | $ 1,981.00 |
| Edward | | Gonzales | | $ 2,940.00 |
| Gerardo | J | Peruchini | | $ 2,940.00 |
| Neil | Robert | Brown | | $ 10,490.00 |
| Mevlut | | Kirazli | | $ 2,505.00 |
| Mary | K | Kuper Papen | | $ 3,960.00 |
| Lenette | | Peterson | | $ 1,331.00 |
| Margaret | A | Kuper-Smith | | $ 2,817.00 |
| Steve | L | Neville | | $ 3,965.00 |
| Tammy | P | Neville | | $ 3,965.00 |
| William | H | Payne | | $ 3,965.00 |
| Deborah | N | Payne | | $ 3,965.00 |
| Nora | | Espinoza | | $ 2,817.00 |
| Amado | | Espinoza | | $ 2,817.00 |
| Debbie | | Rodella | | $ 3,051.00 |
| Thomas | R | Rodella | | $ 3,051.00 |
| Richard | S | Miera | | $ 2,881.00 |
| Bernadette | M | Miera | | $ 2,881.00 |
| Alfred | A | Park | | $ 2,889.00 |
| Jessica | A | Perez | | $ 2,889.00 |
| Matthew | A | Kennicott | | $ 2,983.00 |
| William | R | Rehm | | $ 2,889.00 |
| Necip | | Orhan | | $ 2,739.00 |
| Tom | J | Moxley | | $ 3,015.00 |
| Carolyn | L | Bridges | | $ 3,069.00 |
| Selahattin | | Aydin | | $ 3,153.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$85,948.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $85,948.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

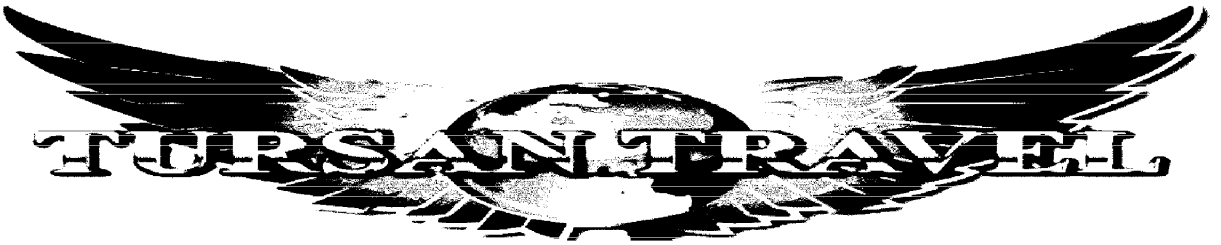
Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier

or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan/AFAZ**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24857 to 24868

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles | B | Henry | | $ 13,730.00 |
| Kimberley | D | Henry | | $ 13,730.00 |
| Baylee | B | Henry | | $ 6,460.00 |
| Gerald | G | Adams | | $ 3,950.00 |
| Leesa, | B | Adams | | $ 3,950.00 |
| Katherine | E | Adams | | $ 3,950.00 |
| John | A | Sullivan | | $ 9,937.00 |
| John | | Rouse | | $ 13,470.00 |
| Pamela | | Roach | | $ 2,926.00 |
| Valeria | Biden | Owens | | $ 12,973.00 |
| Aryeh | | Mittleman | | $ 3,878.00 |
| Matthew | | Byrza | | $ 5,105.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$94,059.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $94,059.00

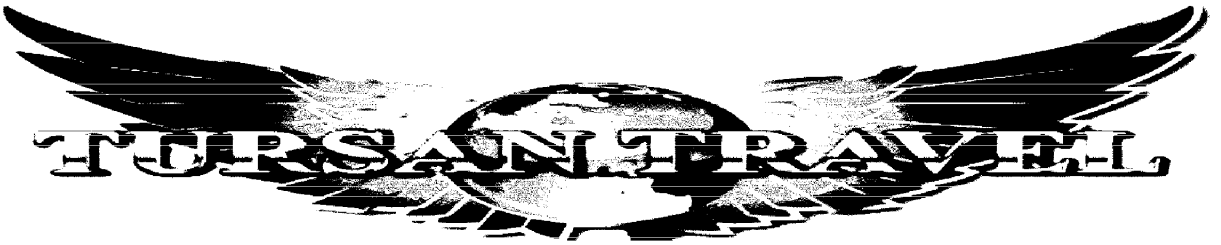
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel: [redacted] Fax: [redacted]**
**e-mail: [redacted]@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan/AFAZ**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24869 to 24897

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mustafa | Gokhan | Sahin | | $ 3,972.00 |
| Ummuhan | | Sahin | | $ 3,972.00 |
| Edward | Hal | Baker | | $ 2,980.00 |
| Craig | Steven | Lesser | | $ 3,866.00 |
| Joseph | Rendleman | Bankoff | | $ 3,699.00 |
| Kenneth | Lee | Bernhardt | | $ 3,291.00 |
| John | Embry | Parkerson, Jr. | | $ 3,799.00 |
| James | R | Stephens | | $ 3,225.00 |
| William | Douglas | Stoner | | $ 3,299.00 |
| Ufuk | | Levent | | $ 3,940.00 |
| Asena | | Levent | | $ 3,940.00 |
| William | | Gibbons | | $ 3,259.00 |
| David | Wayne | Purkey | | $ 3,890.00 |
| Brian | Kirk | Kelsey | | $ 3,281.00 |
| Stacey | Trevor | Campfield | | $ 3,040.00 |
| Vance | Walker | DENNIS | | $ 3,259.00 |
| Tilman | Earl | Goins Jr. | | $ 3,040.00 |
| Johnnie Rodgers | | Turner | | $ 2,981.00 |
| Charles | Antonio | Parkinson | | $ 3,259.00 |
| Goffery | A | Hardaway | | $ 3,259.00 |
| Natig | | Aliyev | | $ 3,860.00 |
| James | M | Patterson, Jr. | | $ 3,285.00 |
| Garland | Blaine | Galliher | | $ 3,097.00 |
| Fatih | | Beyhan | | $ 3,897.00 |
| Selcuk | | Buyuksarac | | $ 3,958.00 |
| Arthenia | | Joyner | | $ 3,184.00 |
| Marcos | | Regalado | | $ 3,144.00 |
| Sharon | | Pritchett | | $ 3,113.00 |
| James | Wayland | Davis | | $ 3,158.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$ 99,947.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL

**AMOUNT APPROVED** $99,947.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.

TURSAN TRAVEL

2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223
Tel: [redacted] Fax: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]@tursantravel.com
face: Tursan Travel-International

TO: **Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan/AFAZ**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
25001 to 25044

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBER | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bulent | | SENGUN | | $ 3,973.00 |
| Helen | | Miller | | $ 3,171.00 |
| Douglas | J | Lafollette | | $ 13,097.00 |
| Gary | A | Hebl | | $ 3,309.00 |
| Peter | | Barca | | $ 3,073.00 |
| David | J | Murphy | | $ 2,649.00 |
| Lance | | Russell | | $ 4,112.00 |
| Tamer | | Copuroglu | | $ 3,340.00 |
| Benjamin | W | Hanson | | $ 2,903.00 |
| Lawrence | R | Klemin | | $ 2,718.00 |
| Raymon | E | Holmberg | | $ 2,833.00 |
| Corey | R | Mock | | $ 2,592.00 |
| David | P | O'Connell | | $ 2,858.00 |
| Lois | M | Delmore | | $ 3,003.00 |
| Philip | M | Murphy | | $ 2,813.00 |
| Ismail | H | Ozcan | | $ 3,233.00 |
| Brandt | | Hershman | | $ 2,795.00 |
| Lisa | W | Hershman | | $ 2,795.00 |
| Scott | | Pelath | | $ 2,462.00 |
| Charles | W | Burton | | $ 2,692.00 |
| Linda | C | Lawson | | $ 2,462.00 |
| Michael Ray | | Speedy | | $ 2,961.00 |
| Christina | E | Hale | | $ 2,698.00 |
| Terri | J | Austin | | $ 2,692.00 |
| Sue | E | Errington | | $ 2,796.00 |
| Rochelle | L | VanDenBurgh | | $ 2,698.00 |
| Bilal | | Eksili | | $ 2,697.00 |
| Raymond | | Dehn | | $ 3,205.00 |
| Gerald | F | Newton | | $ 3,495.00 |
| Alice | | Johnson | | $ 3,205.00 |
| Mustafa | | Igdelioglu | | $ 3,353.00 |
| Anne | F | Zerr | | $ 3,297.00 |
| Jolie | L | Justus | | $ 3,297.00 |
| Luciana | P | Bardwell | | $ 3,297.00 |
| Joseph | P | Keaveny | | $ 3,297.00 |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Genise | | Montecillo | | $ | 3,297.00 |
| Randy | D | Dunn | | $ | 3,297.00 |
| Ali | | Durhan | | $ | 3,997.00 |
| Fethullah | | Yalcin | | $ | 1,518.00 |
| Michael | J | Colona | | $ | 3,297.00 |
| John | Russell | Carnahan | | $ | 12,847.00 |
| Debra | Ann | Carnahan | | $ | 12,847.00 |
| Brenda | | Lawrence | | $ | 2,701.00 |
| Salih | | Ozdemir | | $ | 3,852.00 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | $ | 163,524.00 |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $163,524.00

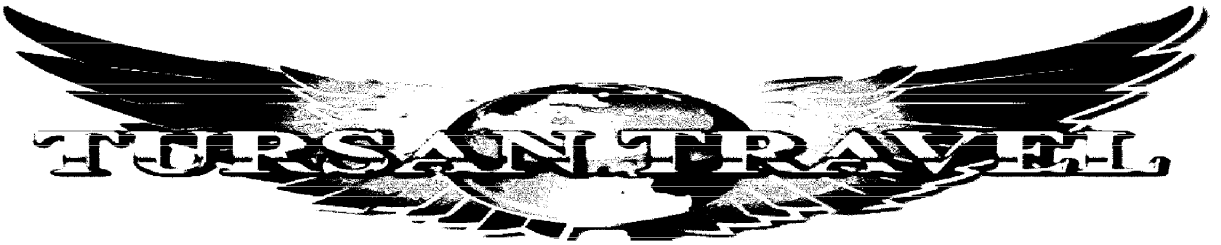
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24759 to 24792

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mark | | Martin | | $ 2,997.00 |
| Jonathan | | Barnett | | $ 2,996.00 |
| Stephanie | | Malone | | $ 2,997.00 |
| David | | Burnett | | $ 2,997.00 |
| Sonja | | Burnett | | $ 2,997.00 |
| Mehmet | | Ulupinar | | $ 687.00 |
| Abdulrasit | | Avsar | | $ 2,997.00 |
| James | B | Lewis | | $ 3,058.00 |
| Hector | | Balderas | | $ 2,883.00 |
| Mahmut | | Gok | | $ 724.00 |
| Arleen | | Loyd | | $ 3,296.00 |
| Atilla | | Hafizoglu | | $ 3,296.00 |
| Muhammet | Alp | Yaradanakul | | $ 1,516.00 |
| Resul | | Aksoy | | $ 3,193.00 |
| Manuel | | Cordova | | $ 5,730.00 |
| Michelle | | Grisham | | $ 7,050.90 |
| Deborah | | Armstrong | | $ 5,290 |
| Ruben | | Hinojosa | | $ 10,530.90 |
| Martha | | Hinojosa | | $ 9,430.90 |
| Sheila | | Jackson Lee | | $ 12,033.90 |
| Ted | | Poe | | $ 13,376.60 |
| James | | Bridenstine | | $ 13,997.70 |
| Stephen | | Stockman | | $ 13,430.60 |
| Amy | A | Travieso | | $ 5,290.00 |
| Muhammet | Alp | Yaradanakul | EXCHANGE | $ 923.00 |
| Sheila | | Jackson Lee | EXCHANGE | $ 1,189.00 |
| Lance | | Gooden | | $ 3,824.00 |
| Matthew | | Bryza | | $ 736.00 |
| Myron | L | Lowery | | $ 3,362.00 |
| Mary | R | Lowery | | $ 2,875.00 |
| Mickell | K | Lowery | | $ 3,362.00 |
| Chonisa | | Lowery | | $ 3,362.00 |
| Numan | | Aksoy | | $ 2,364.50 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$154,793.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL

**AMOUNT APPROVED** $154,973.00

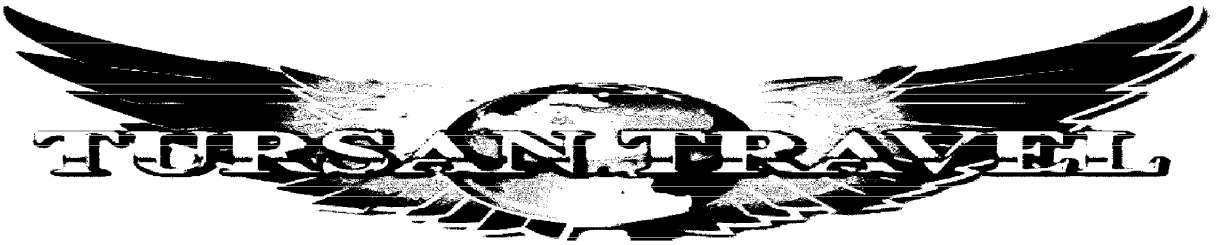
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24813 to 24823

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| EMRE | | CELIK | | **$468** |
| DONALD | CHARLES FELIX | DANIEL | | **$2,698** |
| ANNA | MARIA | GAWEL | | **$2,698** |
| LAWRENCE | DAVID | LUXNER | | **$2,698** |
| CAREY | EDWARD | CAVANAUGH | | **$2,698** |
| DAVID | - | KORANYI | | **$1,685** |
| L | STEPHEN | LARRABEE | | **$1,787** |
| RALPH | EDWIN | WINNIE JR | | **$2,698** |
| OLGA | | OLIKER | | **$2,817** |
| LAWRENCE | IRA | SPERLING | | **$2,490** |
| KEVIN | CHRISTOPHER | COWL | | **$2,817** |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$25,554.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $25,554.00

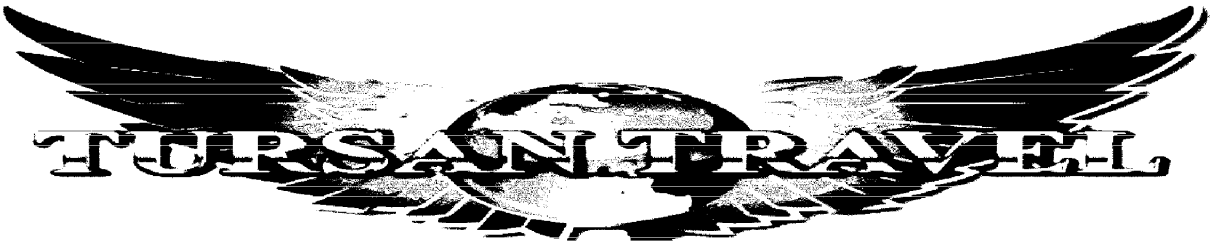
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24825 to 24829

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rida | | Cabanilla | | $10,724 |
| Michael | A | Sweet | | $3,706 |
| Debra | | Bowen | | $10,119 |
| Nancy | J | Selfridge | | $3,092 |
| Kyle | Mark | Takai | | $2,782 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$30,423.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $30,423.00

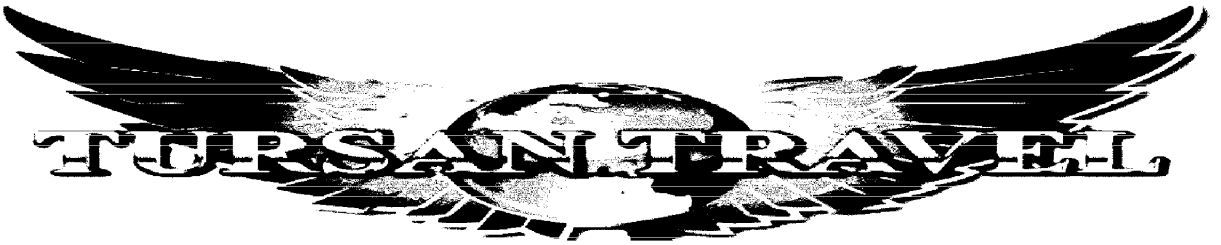
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24830 to 24844

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Branden | John | Durst | | $ 2,956.00 |
| Mathew | William | Erpelding | | $ 2,956.00 |
| William | Gene | Davis | | $ 3,094.00 |
| Lynn | Norman | Hemingway | | $ 3,094.00 |
| David | Daniel | Eddick JR | | $ 2,603.00 |
| David | Russel | Miller | | $ 2,998.00 |
| Catherine | Rose | Connoly | | $ 2,998.00 |
| David | Lee | Zwonitzer | | $ 2,998.00 |
| Daniel | Kent | Zwonitzer | | $ 2,998.00 |
| Leland | Grant | Christensen | | $ 2,998.00 |
| Susan | Gail | Hauser | | $ 2,888.00 |
| Lisa | Suzanne | Loving | | $ 2,888.00 |
| Coskun | | Kariparduc | | $ 2,984.00 |
| Ozkur | | Yildiz | | $ 2,790.00 |
| Necati | | Kartal | | $ 2,669.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$43,912.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $43,912.00

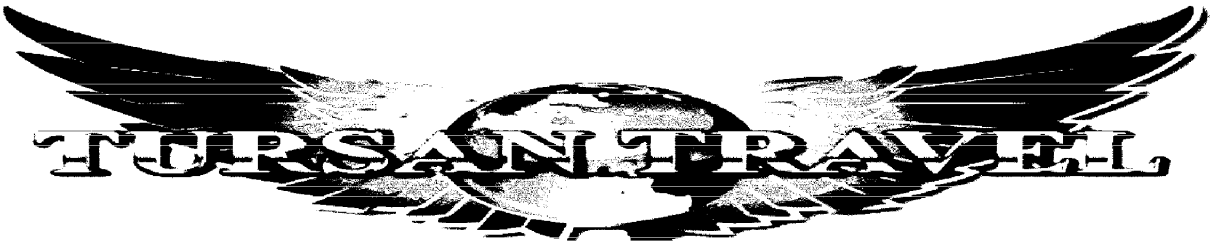
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24724 to 24751

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pamela | Z | Tucker | | $ 2,696.00 |
| Lenette | Marie | Peterson | | $ 2,696.00 |
| Peter | Russell | Leishman | | $ 2,696.00 |
| Mario | Francesco | Ratzki | | $ 2,696.00 |
| Alfred | | Baldasaro | | $ 2,696.00 |
| Marjorie | Kester | Smith | | $ 2,696.00 |
| James | Robert | Roy | | $ 2,696.00 |
| Mark | CW | Montigny | | $ 2,654.00 |
| Michael | Anthony | Costello | | $ 2,492.00 |
| John | Walter | Scibak | | $ 2,492.00 |
| Aaron | Marshall | Michlewitz | | $ 2,492.00 |
| Joseph | Gerard | Murphy | | $ 2,654.00 |
| Michael | Joseph | Moran | | $ 2,492.00 |
| Vincent | Arthur | Pedone | | $ 2,492.00 |
| Angelo | Joseph | Puppolo | | $ 2,694.00 |
| Kevin | Gerard | Honan | | $ 2,694.00 |
| Yusuf | | Demir | | $ 2,854.00 |
| Eyup | | Sener | | $ 2,854.00 |
| Burhan | | Kaya | | $ 2,854.00 |
| Curtis | Allan | McCormack | | $ 2,346.00 |
| Jean | Diane | O'Sullivan | | $ 2,390.00 |
| Christopher | Austin | Bray | | $ 2,390.00 |
| Matthew | A | Trieber | | $ 2,346.00 |
| John | Thomas | Moran | | $ 2,190.00 |
| Saim | | Cagirici | | $ 2,190.00 |
| Adem | G | Aydin | | $ 2,220.00 |
| Upendra | J | Chivukula | | $ 2,654.00 |
| Furkan | | Kosar | | $ 2,624.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$ 71,940.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL

**AMOUNT APPROVED** $71,940.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.

**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24703 to 24723

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | E-TICKET NUMBER | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1-DUNCAN | J | MC NABB | | $10,465 |
| 2-DANIEL | D | STEIN | | $12,970 |
| 3-GEOFFREY | F | GRESH | | $9,965 |
| 4-JOSHUA | W | WALKER | | $13,599 |
| 5-RICHARD | G | LUGAR | | $10,708 |
| 6-NEIL | R | BROWN | | $10,708 |
| 7-DAVID | A | MERKEL | | $5,958 |
| 8-MICHAEL | A | RUBIN | | $6,285 |
| 9-MICHAEL | J | CAIN | | $10,493 |
| 10-JEFFREY | A | MANKOFF | | $6,285 |
| 11-WILLIAM | H | WHITE | | $11,900 |
| 12-MEHMET | | OGUTCU | | $3,367 |
| 13-MICHAEL | E | MC MAHON | | $6,743 |
| 14-STEPHEN | E | HANSON | | $10,490 |
| 15-JENNIFER | S | STEVENSON | | $10,490 |
| 16-BERNARD | L | WEINSTEIN | | $11,820 |
| 17-DANNY | L | BURTON | | $9,945 |
| 18-SAMIA | E | BURTON | | $9,945 |
| 19-FEVZI | | BILGIN | | $547 |
| 20-JENNIFER | S | WISTRAND | | $2,075 |
| 21-JERROLD | D | GREEN | | $13,855 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$188,613.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $188,613.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

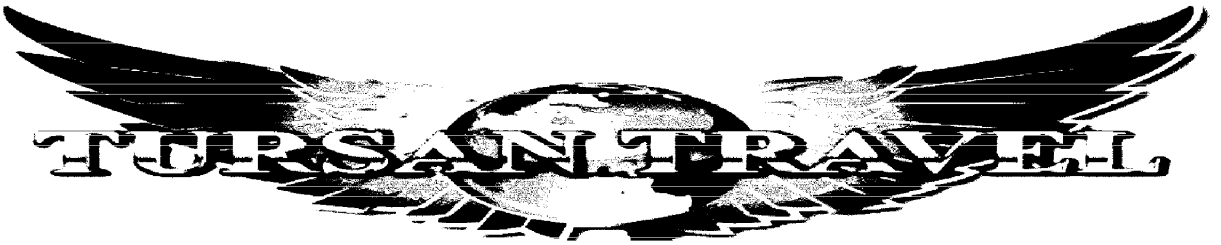
Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers

which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24956 to 24969

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ryan | M | Stenger | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Melissa | A | Stenger | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Corry | W | Marshall | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Stephanie | E | Marshall | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Vincent | F | Erfe | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Danny | K | Davis | REIMBURSMENT | $ 16,972.00 |
| John | P | Marshall | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Lavell | P | Brown | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Yul | | Edwards | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Steven | L | Reeves | | $ 3,247.00 |
| Mark | James | Cusock | | $ 3,270.00 |
| Larry | L | Earvin | | $ 2,720.00 |
| Suleyman | | Turhanogullari | | $ 2,280.00 |
| Akiko | | Turhanogullari | | $ 2,280.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$56,745.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $56,745.00

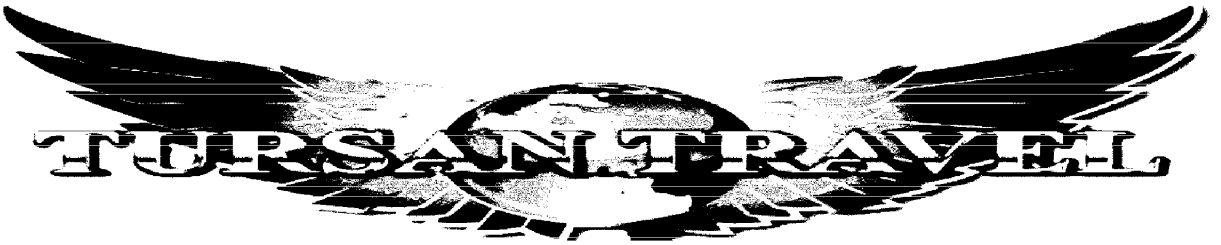
**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24979 to 24998

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Justin | Allen | Wein | | $ 3,003.00 |
| Corilyn | | Duggins | | $ 3,003.00 |
| Glen | Alan | Downs | | $ 3,003.00 |
| Lee | Jackson | Tufts | | $ 2,603.00 |
| Serdar | | Tonbul | | $ 2,510.00 |
| Ronald | Neal | Walters | | $ 3,470.00 |
| Debra | Lynn | Walters | | $ 3,470.00 |
| Richard | J | Iaquinta | | $ 3,591.00 |
| Helene | Mary | Keeley | | $ 2,990.00 |
| James | Wayland | Davis | | $ 3,196.00 |
| Guy | Joseph | Guzzone | | $ 686.00 |
| Rudolph | C | Cane | | $ 686.00 |
| John | Philip | Donoghue | | $ 3,194.00 |
| Doyle | Larry | Niemann | | $ 3,194.00 |
| Tawanna | Phyllis | Gaines | | $ 3,194.00 |
| Ronald | Nelson | Young | | $ 2,611.00 |
| Mehmet | Ozhan | Cicek | | $ 2,329.00 |
| David | Bruce | McBride | | $ 2,990.00 |
| Mahmut | | Yeter | | $ 2,561.00 |
| Suleyman | | Aydogan | | $ 2,926.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$55,210.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $55,210.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.

2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223
Tel: [redacted] Fax: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]@tursantravel.com
face: Tursan Travel-International

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24941 to 24954

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Murat | | Akkus | | $2,924 |
| Mandy | Lynn | Bowers | | $2,924 |
| Shannon | Marie | Brown | | $2,924 |
| Austin | Zachariah | Butterworth | | $2,924 |
| Jason | Douglas | Knox | | $2,924 |
| Mark | Anthony | Lee II | | $2,924 |
| Justin | Vincent | Lo Franco | | $2,924 |
| Dwight | Barry | Londeree | | $2,924 |
| Brandon | Paul | Mooney | | $3,178 |
| Nadir | | Shafiyev | | $3,178 |
| Lauren | | Vandiver | | $3,178 |
| Stanley | Victor | White | | $3,108 |
| Stephen | Strawn | Ruhlen | | $3,108 |
| Faruk | | Taban | | $2,596 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$41,738.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $41,738.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

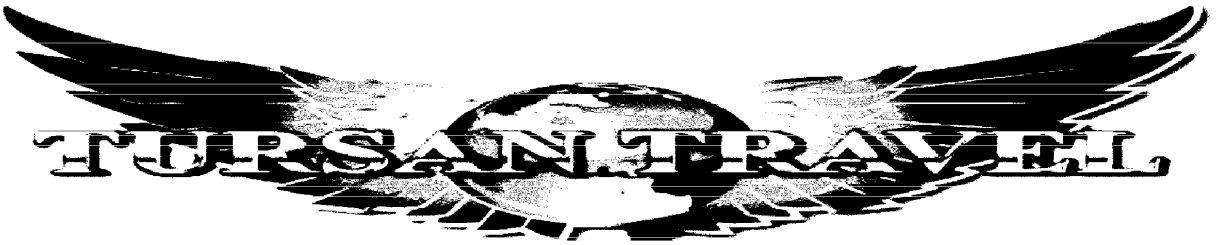
Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is

received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.




**2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223**
**Tel:** [redacted] **Fax:** [redacted]
**e-mail:** [redacted]**@tursantravel.com**
**face: Tursan Travel-International**

TO: **Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians**
Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750
Houston, TX 77056 USA

**INVOICE NUMER**
24930 to 24940

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Julian | | Johnson | | $ 3,010 |
| Glenn | | Miles | | $ 3,010 |
| Matthew | | Hodge | | $ 3,010 |
| Christopher | Roper | Schell | | $ 3,490 |
| Jessica | | Carter | | $ 3,010 |
| Erica | | Striebel | | $ 3,010 |
| Wiley | | Deck | | $ 3,010 |
| Alice | | James | | $ 3,010 |
| David | | Black | | $ 3,010 |
| Andrew | | Newton | | $ 3,010 |
| Cemil | Baytekin | Teber | | $ 844.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | **TOTAL** | **$31,424.00** |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $31,424.00

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.} This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is

received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.

# EXHIBIT 37

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 1:03 PM
**To:** Sevda Seyidova <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Cc:** Fuad Ahmadov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject:** FW: All Guests
**Attach:** ALL GUESTS.xlsx

---

Salam, Sevda xanım.

Əlavədə qonaqların son siyahılarını gödərirəm.

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel 1: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 7:52 PM
**To:** usazconvention
**Cc:** aes; [redacted]@gmail.com
**Subject:** All Guests

Dear All,

Almost 7 days are left for the BIG Day! I do not know whether or not you are counting the days; but I am.

I have attached another version of ALL GUESTS' Lists.

Look forward to seeing and meeting with many of you very soon.

Yours, Kemal Oksuz

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mark | CW | Montigny | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Michael | Anthony | Costello | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| John | Walter | Scibak | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Aaron | Marshall | Michlewitz | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Joseph | Gerard | Murphy | Comissioner | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Michael | Joseph | Moran | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Vincent | Arthur | Pedone | President | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Angelo | Joseph | Puppolo | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Kevin | Gerard | Honan | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Pamela | Z | Tucker | Representative | NH | | | | | |
| John | | Tucker | Spouse | NH | | | | | |
| Lenette | Marie | Peterson | Representative | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Peter | Russell | Leishman | Representative | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Mario | Francesco | Ratzki | Representative | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | KING |
| Caroline | M | Ratzki | Spouse | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | |
| Alfred | | Baldasaro | Representative | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Judith | A | Seppala | Spouse | NH | | | | | |
| Marjorie | Kester | Smith | Representative | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | KING |
| Peter | Sheridan | Smith | Spouse | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | |
| Valerie | A | Stuart | Representative | VT | | | | | |
| John | Carl | Mabie | Spouse | VT | | | | | |
| Curtis | Allan | McCormack | Representative | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Jean | Diane | O'Sullivan | Representative | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Christopher | Austin | Bray | Senator | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Matthew | A | Trieber | Representative | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| John | Thomas | Moran | Representative | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | Single |
| Upendra | J | Chivukula | Representative | NJ | 5/26 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Yvette | | Clarke | US Congresswoman | NY | 5/28 | 1.45PM | 5/30 | 8.45pm | Single |
| Gregory | | Meeks | US Congressman | NY | 5/28 | 1.45PM | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Leonard | | Lance | US Congressman | NJ | 5/28 | 1.45PM | 5/30 | 8.45pm | Single |
| Yusuf | | Demir | Guide | NH | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | DOUBLE |
| Eyup | | Sener | Guide | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | |
| Adem | Gokhan | Aydin | Guide | VT | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | DOUBLE |
| Saim | | Cagirici | Guide | NY | 5/25 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | |
| Burhan | | Kaya | Guide | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 4.55am | DOUBLE |
| Numan | | Aksoy | Guide | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Suleyman | | Aydogan | Guide of Clarke | NY | 5/28 | 7.45PM | 5/30 | 8.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Mevlut | | Kirazli | Guide Lance | NJ | 5/28 | 1.45pm | 5/30 | 8.45pm | |
| Furkan | | Kosar | Guide of Meeks | NY | 5/26 | 1.45PM | 5/30 | 8.45pm | Single |
| Mark | James | Cusack | Representative | MA | 5/25 | 3.40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Ayaz | | Aghayev | Guide | MA | | | | | |
| James | Robert | Roy | Representative | VT | | | | | |
| Vaner | | Kaplan | Guide | VT | | | | | |

| | |
|---|---|
| | CANCELED |
| | CHANGED |
| | ADDED |

**RUMI**

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EMRE | | CELIK | PRESIDENT-Rumi Forum | DC | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/29 | 8.45pm | Single |
| DONALD | CHARLES | DANIEL | PROFESSOR | DC | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| ANNA | MARIA | GAWEL | MANAGING EDITOR | DC | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| LAWRENCE | DAVID | LUXNER | NEWS EDITOR | DC | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| CAREY | EDWARD | CAVANAUGH | DIRECTOR | DC | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| DAVID | - | KORANYI | DIRECTOR | DC | 5/25 | 1.40 am | 5/30 | 8.45pm | Single |
| F | STEPHEN | LARRABEE | Distinguished Chair,Europe Security | DC | 5/26 | 1.45pm | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| RALPH | EDWIN | WINNIE JR | DIRECTOR | DC | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| OLGA | | OLIKER | Senior International Policy Analyst | DC | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| LAWRENCE | IRA | SPERLING | Senior Advisor, Global Partnership | DC | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| KEVIN | CHRISTOP | COWL | Vice President, | DC | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6.55 am | Single |

**TAA**

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mandy | Lynn | Bowers | Sinior Professional Staff | MI | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Shannon | Marie | Brown | Legislative Assistant | MA | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Austin | Zachariah | Butterworth | Counsel | LU | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Jason | Douglas | Knox | Councel | OH | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Mark | Anthony | Lee II | Sinior Legislative Assistant | NY | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Justin | Vincent | Lo Franco | Digital Director | CA | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Dwight | Barry | Londeree | Legislative Assistant | VA | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Brandon | Paul | Mooney | Professional Staff | TX | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Stephen | Strawn | Ruhlen | Chief of Staff | TX | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Nadir | | Shafiyev | Deputy Program Director | DC | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | DOUBLE |
| Murat | | Akkus | Program Director | DC | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | |
| Alexander | | Shively | Senior Policy Adviser | GA | | | | | |
| Faruk | | Taban | President | DC | 5/27 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | Single |
| Lauren | | Vandiver | Legislative-Press Assistant | AL | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Stanley | Victor | White | Chief of Staff | PA | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Benjamin | Davis | Widness | Legislative Assistant | OR | 5/28 | 1:45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mark | Russell | Martin | Secretary of State | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Stephanie | Shawn | Malone | Representative | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Karen | Sue | Hopper | Representative | AR | | | | | Single |
| Charles | David | Burnett | State Senator | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Sonja | | Burnett | Spouse | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Jonathan | Dale | Barnett | Representative | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Abdulrasit | | Avsar | Guide | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Mehmet | Arslan | Ulupinar | Guide | AR | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Tom | J. | Moxley | Representative | KS | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Carolyn | L. | Bridges | Representative | KS | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| James | F | Bridestine | Congressman | OK | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| John | A | Sullivan | Former Congressman | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Baylee | Blain | Henry | Daughter | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Katherine | Elizabet | Adams | Daughter | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Charles | Bradfor | Henry | Former OK Gov. | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Kimberley | Diane | Henry | First Lady | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Gerald | Glen | Adams | Chief of Staff | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Leesa | Beth | Adams | Wife | OK | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Randy | Phillip | Boyd | Representative | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Sharry | Kay | Boyd | Mrs | MS | | | | | |
| Christopher | Reeves | Brown | Representative | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Ryksie | Michell | Brown | Spouse | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Hanry | Bernard | Zuber | Representative | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Jeffrey | Sparks | Guice | Representative | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Belinda | Elaine | Gryder | Spouse | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Fatih | | Ozcan | Guide | MS | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Mahmut | | Gok | Guide | MS | 5/26 | 8.50am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Mary | K | Kuper-Papen | President Pro Tem | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Margaret | A | Kuper-Smith | Businesswoman | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Erlinda | L | Campbell | Chief of Staff | NM | | | | | |
| Gerald | P | Ortiz y Pino | Senator | NM | | | | | |
| Donna | | Bruzzese | Businesswoman | NM | | | | | |
| Steve | L | Neville | Senator | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Tamara | P | Neville | Teacher | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| William | H | Payne | Senator | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Deborah | N | Payne | Retired | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Nora | | Espinoza | Representative | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Amado | | Espinoza | Businesman | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Debbie | | Rodella | Representative | NM | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Thomas | R | Rodella | Sheriff | NM | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Richard | S | Miera | Representative | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Bernadette | M | Miera | Cultural Affairs | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Alfred | A | Park | Representative | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Jessica | A | Perez | Ex-President | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Matthew | A | Kennicott | Staff | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| James | B | Lewis | Treasurer | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Hector | | Balderas | Auditor | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Michelle | L | Grisham | Congresswoman | NM | 5/28 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | KING |
| Manuel | E | Cordova | Fiance to Grisham | NM | 5/28 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | |
| Deborah | A | Armstrong | Deputy COS | NM | 5/28 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ben | R | Lujan | | | | | | | |
| William | R | Rehm | Representative | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | KING |
| Ellen | | Joas | Retired | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Necip | | Orhan | Guide | NM | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Atilla | | Hafizoglu | Guide | TX | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Mehmet | | Okumus | President | TX | 5/28 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | DOUBLE |
| Selahattin | | Aydin | Guide | KS | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Lance | | Gooden | Representative | TX | 5/27 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Sheila | J | Lee | Congresswoman | TX | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| Ted | | Poe | Congressman | TX | 5/27 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| Ruben | | Hinojosa | Congressman | TX | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | KING |
| Martha | | Hinojosa | Wife | TX | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | |
| Kaitlin | E | Hinojosa | Daughter | TX | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Stephen | | Stockman | Congressman | TX | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 PM | Single |
| Al | | Green | Congressman | TX | | | | | |
| Michael | | Turner | Congresman | TX | 5/29 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 8.45pm | Single |
| Amy | A | Travieso | Chief of Staff | TX | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Larry | LEE | Earvin | President,Univ. | TX | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Lisa | ANN | Menzies | Guest of Dr. Earvin | TX | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Nancy | A | Loyd | President Chamber | TX | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Orhan | | Kucukosman | President | TX | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Muhammet | Alp | Yaradanakul | Guide | TX | 5/27 | 7.45pm | 5/30 | 2.45pm | |
| Resul | | Aksoy | Vice President | TX | 5/24 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Anar | | Taghiyev | | | | | | | |
| John | D | Steinmetz | President | TX | | | | | |
| Wayne | M | Steinmetz | CEO | TX | | | | | |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Branden | John | Durst | Senator | ID | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | KING |
| Jaime | Lynn | Durst | Teacher | ID | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/29 | 6.55am | |
| Mathew | William | Erpelding | Representative | ID | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| William | Gene | Davis | Senator | UT | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | KING |
| Penny | Lou | Davis | Retired | UT | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | |
| Lynn | Norman | Hemingway | Representative | UT | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | KING |
| Sherma | Jeanetta | Hemingway | Retired | UT | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | |
| Curren | De Mille | Price jr | Senator | CA | | | | | |
| Delbra | Pettice | Richardson- Price | Development Consultant | CA | | | | | |
| Pamela | Norris | Roach | Senator | WA | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 6.55am | Single |
| David | Daniel | Edick Jr | PresidentWorld Affairs | CA | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| Donald | Mark | Benton | Senator | WA | | | | | |
| Mary | Enders | Benton | Spouse | WA | | | | | |
| David | Russel | Miller | Representative | WY | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | KING |
| Wendy | Lee | Miller | David Miller's Spouse | WY | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | |
| Catherine | Rose | Connoly | Representative | WY | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| David | Lee | Zwonitzer | Representative | WY | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| Daniel | Kent | Zwonitzer | Representative | WY | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| Leland | Grant | Christensen | Senator | WY | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| Peter | Klaus | Bechtold | Professor | OR | | | | | |
| Susan | Gail | Hauser | Writer, Freelancer | OR | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| Lisa | Suzanne | Loving | News Editor and Writer | OR | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 4.55am | Single |
| Coskun | | Kariparduc | Pacifica Utah President | UT | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 2.45pm | DOUBLE |
| Ozkur | | Yildiz | WATC President | CA | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 2.45pm | |
| Necati | | Kartal | Acacia Foundation | WA | 5/25 | 7.45pm | 5/31 | 2.45pm | Single |
| Willie | | Brown | Former Mayor | CA | | | | | |
| Rida | | Cabanilla | State Representative | HI | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 4:55 AM | Single |
| Michael | A | Sweet | Chairman | CA | 5/25 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Debra | | Bowen | Secretary of State | CA | 5/24 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | Single |
| Nancy | J | Selfridge | City Councilwoman | CA | 5/24 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | Single |
| Erin | P | Billings | Principal | DC | 5/25 | 7:30 PM | 5/30 | 8:30 PM | Single |
| Joshua | C | Holly | Principal | DC | | | 5/30 | 8:30 PM | Single |
| Jason | | Katz | Strategist | CA | | | | | Single |
| Kyle | Mark | Takai | State Representative | HI | 5/26 | 9:00 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |

| | |
|---|---|
| | Cancelled |
| | Added |
| | To be completed |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cemil | Baytekin | Teber | President,TAFS | GA | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Julian | | Johnson | Scheduler | GA | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Glenn | | Miles | Scheduler | GA | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Matthew | | Hodge | Military Legislative Ast | GA | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Christopher | Roper | Schell | Legislative Director | TX | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Jessica | | Carter | Legislative Assistant | TX | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Erica | | Striebel | Legislative Director | FL | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Wiley | | Deck | Chief of Staff | FL | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Alice | | James | Press Secretary | SC | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| David | | Black | Legislative Director | TN | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Andrew | | Newton | Senior LA | AL | 5/27 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45Pm | Single |
| Mustafa | Gokhan | Sahin | GUIDE | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Ummuhan | | Sahin | GUIDE | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Edward | Hal | Baker | Publisher | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Craig | Steven | Lesser | Partner and Chairman | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Joseph | Rendleman | Bankoff | Chairman, Georgia Tech | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Lisa | Herron | Bankoff | Board of Tr, College | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Kenneth | Lee | Bernhardt | Chairman, Georgia State | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| John | Embry | Parkerson, Jr. | President, Director | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| James | R | Stephens | Representative | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| William | Douglas | Stoner | Senator | GA | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| James | M | Patterson, Jr. | Representative (R) | AL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Susan | Carter | Patterson | Spouse | AL | | | | | |
| James | Donald | Chesteen, Jr. | Representative | AL | | | | | |
| Stephanie | Marion | Chesteen | Spouse | AL | | | | | |
| Garland | Blaine | Galliher | Governor's Legislative | AL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Ufuk | | Levent | Guide | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Asena | | Levent | Guide | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| William | Lockhart | Gibbons | Commissioner | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| David | Wayne | Purkey | Ast. Comm, Home | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Brian | Kirk | Kelsey | Senator | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Stacey | Trevor | Campfield | Senator | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Vance | Walker | Kelsey | Representative | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Tilman | Earl | Goins Jr. | Representative | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Roger | | Kane | Representative | TN | | | | | |
| Johnnie | Rodgers | Turner | Representative | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Charles | Antonio | Parkinson | Representative | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Goffery | | Hardaway | Representative | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Natig | | Aliyev | Guide | AL | 5/26 | 7:30 PM | 5/30 | 4.55am | DOUBLE |
| Fatih | | Beyhan | Guide | FL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Selcuk | | Buyuksarac | Guide | FL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Arthenia | | Joyner | Senator | FL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Marcos | | Regalado | President | FL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Sharon | | Pritchett | Representative | FL | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Myron | L | Lowery | | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Mary | R | Lowery | | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mickell | K | Lowery | | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | KING |
| Chonisa | | Lowery | | TN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6.55am | |
| Joe | | Saunders | Representative | FL | | | | | |
| David | | Richardson | Representative | FL | | | | | |
| Clovis | | Watson | Representative | FL | | | | | |
| Lucie | | Tondreau | Representative | FL | | | | | |
| Charles | | Nadyre | Representative | FL | | | | | |
| Daphne | | Campbell | Representative | FL | | | | | |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bulent | | Sengun | President | IA | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55 AM | DOUBLE |
| Ismail | H | Ozcan | Guide | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| Helen | | Miller | Representative | IA | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Douglas | J | Lafollette | Secretary of State | WI | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Gary | A | Hebl | Representative | WI | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Peter | | Barca | Representative | WI | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 8.30am | Single |
| David | J | Murphy | Representative | WI | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | KING |
| Lynn | M | Murphy | Spouse | WI | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| Lance | | Russell | Representative | SD | 5/26 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Tamer | | Copuroglu | Executive Director | IL | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Benjamin | W | Hanson | Representative | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Lawrence | R | Klemin | Representative | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Raymon | E | Holmberg | Representative | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Corey | R | Mock | Representative | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| David | P | O'Connell | Senator | ND | 5/26 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | KING |
| Ann | J | O'Connell | SPOUSE | ND | 5/26 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| Lois | M | Delmore | Representative | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Scott | G | Kelsh | Representative | ND | | | | | |
| Philip | M | Murphy | Senator | ND | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Brandt | | Hershman | Senator | IN | 5/26 | 7:30PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | KING |
| Lisa | W | Hershman | Spouse | IN | 5/26 | 7:30PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Scott | | Pelath | Senator | IN | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Charles | W | Burton | Senator | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | KING |
| Valborg | ELAINE | Burton | Spouse | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Linda | C | Lawson | Representative | IN | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Michael | R | Speedy | Representative | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Christina | E | Hale | Representative | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | DOUBLE |
| Margot | C | Hale | MOTHER | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Terri | J | Austin | Representative | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Sue | E | Errington | Representative | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Rochelle | L | VanDenBurgh | Representative | IN | 5/26 | 7:45pm | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Bilal | | Eksili | President | IN | 5/24 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Raymond | | Dehn | State Representative | MN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Gerald | F | Newton | Representative | MN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | KING |
| Rita Maria | | newton | Professor | MN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Alice | | Johnson | Senator | MN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | KING |
| Richard | | Jefferson | Representative | MN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Mustafa | | Igdelioglu | President | MN | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Double |
| Anne | Frances | Zerr | Representative | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Jolie | Lynne | Justus | Senator | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Luciana | Perpetua | Bardwell | Director of Security | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Joseph | Peter | Keaveny | Senator | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Genise | | Montecillo | Representative | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Randy | D | Dunn | Representative | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Michael | Joseph | Colona | State Representative | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | Single |
| Fethullah | | Yalcin | Guide | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | DOUBLE |
| Ali | Kemal | Durhan | Guide | MO | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | |
| John | Russell | Carnahan | Former Congressman | MO | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | KING |
| Debra | Ann | Carnahan | Spouse of Russ Carnahan | MO | 5/25 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 8:45 PM | |
| Salih | | Ozdemir | Director | MI | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Double |
| Brenda | | Lawrence | Mayor | MI | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Stephen | | Johnson | Mayor' COS | MI | 5/27 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Ryan | M | Stenger | Chief of Staff | OH | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | KING |
| Melissa | A | Stenger | Manager | OH | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| Corry | W | Marshall | Legislative Director | OH | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | KING |
| Stephanie | E | Marshall | Director | OH | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| Vincent | F | Erfe | Legislative Director | OH | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Suleyman | | Turhanogullari | President | IL | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | KING |
| Akiko | | Turhanogullari | IT Manager | IL | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| Michael | B | Quigley | Congressman | IL | | | | | |
| Danny | K | Davis | Congressman | IL | 5/28 | 8.55pm | 5/30 | 4.15am | Single |
| Vera | G | Davis | spouse | IL | | | | | |
| John | P | Marshall | Senior Advisor-Energy | IL | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Lavell | P | Brown | Energy Legislative Ast | IL | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |
| Yul | | Edwards | Chief of Staff | IL | 5/28 | 3.40am | 5/30 | 6.55am | Single |
| Steven | L | Reeves | Deputy Chief of Staff | IN | 5/28 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | Single |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Justin | Allen | Wein | Staff for Homeland | NC | 5/28 | 1:45PM | 5/30 | 2:45PM | Single |
| Corilyn | | Duggins | Deputy Chief of Staff | MD | 5/28 | 1:45PM | 5/30 | 2:45PM | Single |
| Glen | Alan | Downs | Chief of Staff | NC | 5/28 | 1:45PM | 5/30 | 2:45PM | Single |
| Lee | Jackson | Tufts | Legislative Assistant | NC | 5/28 | 1:45PM | 5/30 | 2:45PM | Single |
| Ronald | Neal | Walters | Delegate | WV | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | KING |
| Debra | Lynn | Walters | Delegate Ron's Wife | WV | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Richard | J | laquinta | Delegate | WV | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Joshua | | Nelson | Delegate | WV | | | | | |
| Helene | Mary | Keeley | State Representative | DE | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| James | Wayland | Davis | State Senator | NC | 5/25 | 8:55PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | |
| Guy | Joseph | Guzzone | Delegate | MD | | | | | Single |
| Rudolph | C | Cane | Delegate | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | DOUBLE |
| Rudolph | Corinthian | Cane JR | Doctor | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | |
| Ronald | Nelson | Young | State Senator | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | Single |
| John | Philip | Donoghue | Delegate | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | Single |
| Doyle | Larry | Niemann | Delegate | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | Single |
| Tawanna | Phyllis | Gaines | Delegate | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | Single |
| Mehmet | Ozhan | Cicek | Guide | MD | 5/27 | 7:45PM | 5/29 | 8:45PM | DOUBLE |
| Serdar | | Tonbul | Guide | MD | 5/28 | 1:45PM | 5/30 | 2:45PM | |
| David | Bruce | McBride | State Senator | DE | 5/26 | 3:40AM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |
| Mahmut | | Yeter | President | DC | 5/25 | 1:45PM | 5/30 | 4:55AM | Single |

| | |
|---|---|
| | CANCELLED |
| | TO BE COMPLETED |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Valerie | Biden | Owens | | PA | 5/27 | 7:30 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| Aryeh | E | Mittleman | | PA | 5/27 | 7:30 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| John | G | Rouse IV | | PA | 5/26 | 9:00pm | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| Edward | | Gonzales | | TX | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| Gerardo | J | Peruchini | | TX | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |
| Harry | | Gee Jr | | TX | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | Single |

| FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | Arrival | | Departure | | Hotel |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES | A | MESSINA | | | 5/28 | 7:30 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | |
| PAUL | D | WOLFOWITZ | | | 5/26 | 9:00 PM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| WILLIAM | B | RICHARDSON | | | 5/27 | 1:45 PM | 5/29 | 2:45 PM | |
| DAVID | P | CONTARINO | | | 5/27 | 2:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| ROBERT | L | GIBBS | | | 5/28 | 7:30 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | |
| DUNCAN | J | MC NABB | | | 5/28 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| DAVID | A | PLOUFFE | | | 5/27 | 7:30 PM | 5/29 | 8:30 PM | |
| MEREDITH | G | KENNEDY | | | 5/26 | 7:30 PM | 5/29 | 8:30 PM | |
| RICHARD | | MORNINGSTAR | | | | | | | |
| DANIEL | D | STEIN | | | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/31 | 4:15 AM | |
| MATTHEW | J | BRYZA | | | 5/28 | 5:05 AM | 6/2 | 2:45 PM | |
| GEOFFREY | F | GRESH | | | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| ROSS | L | WILSON | | | | | | | |
| JOSHUA | W | WALKER | | | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | |
| RICHARD | G | LUGAR | | | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| NEIL | R | BROWN | | | 5/28 | 8:55 PM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| GEORGE | | FRIEDMAN | | | 5/25 | 1:45 PM | 5/31 | 6:55 AM | |
| MEREDITH | R | FRIEDMAN | | | 5/25 | 1:45 PM | 5/31 | 6:55 AM | |
| DAVID | A | MERKEL | | | 5/25 | 11:50 PM | 5/31 | 4:15 AM | |
| MICHAEL | A | RUBIN | | | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 6/5 | 8:00 AM | |
| MICHAEL | J | CAIN | | | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| ALEX | | VATANKA | | | 5/26 | 5:05 PM | 5/31 | 10:05 AM | |
| JEFFREY | A | MANKOFF | | | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| BRENDA | S | SHAFFER | | | 5/24 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| WILLIAM | H | WHITE | | | 5/27 | 2:30 AM | 5/30 | 7:35 AM | |
| MICHAEL | L | RATNER | | | | | | | |
| MEHMET | | OGUTCU | | | 5/27 | 1:45 PM | 5/29 | 8:45 PM | |
| ARIEL | | COHEN | | | 5/25 | 11:50 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| MICHAEL | E | MC MAHON | | | 5/26 | 1:45 PM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| STEPHEN | E | HANSON | | | 5/27 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| JENNIFER | S | STEVENSON | | | 5/27 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| BERNARD | L | WEINSTEIN | | | 5/26 | 9:00 PM | 5/31 | 4:15 AM | |
| DANNY | L | BURTON | | | 5/27 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| SAMIA | E | BURTON | | | 5/27 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 2:45 PM | |
| FEVZI | | BILGIN | | | 5/26 | 7:45 PM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| JENNIFER | S | WISTRAND | | | 5/26 | 3:40 AM | 5/30 | 6:55 AM | |
| JERROLD | D | GREEN | | | 5/26 | 9:00 PM | 5/30 | 4:15 AM | |

# EXHIBIT 38

**From:** Rafig Gurbanzade <[redacted]@socarusa.com>
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2013 1:54 PM
**To:** [redacted]@gmail.com
**Cc:** Rauf Mammadov <[redacted]@socarusa.com>; [redacted]@gmail.com
**Subject:** sister city

---

Selam Kemal Bey,

The idea of sister city between an Azerbaijani city/town and Delaware one is a good idea. The vision to opens doors to establish lasting friendships, partnerships, and connections is meaningful. Even though Delaware is 13 times smaller than Azerbaijan, this state much resembles Azerbaijan in terms of its nature, and economic aspirations.

Now, I would like to go to details to find out both legal and political (policy) dimensions of this initiative. I can obtain some comprehensive information on the legal side, if you want me to do so. We may ask the Embassy to advise on how the MFA/embassies started their sister city initiatives in other countries. As I know, they have such an experience.

As we expect, the Azerbaijani leadership thru TCAE is expected to decide which Azerbaijani city/town is suitable for candidacy of being a sister city. Usually, it is a top-down process, where two senior managers/leaders meet and become friends, then involve the rest of their city. Or, a bottom-up process where a group or individuals take the lead and organize a sister city committee. It is desirable to establish a framework of how the sister city program will start and operate.

Meanwhile, I can work with Ms. Helene Keeley to facilitate this issue, as I know all Delaware cities/towns quite well. In my opinion, several cities such as Dover, Wilmington, Newark and New Castle are among possible candidates. Regarding an Azerbaijani city/town, let us see what Baku proposes.

Please let me know what I can take further actions to realize this idea at this point.

Thanks,

Rafig

On Thu, Jun 20, 2013 at 10:25 AM, Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:

Kemal Oksuz

President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

[redacted]@tcae.org

www.tcae.org

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Keeley, Helene (LegHall)" <[redacted]@state.de.us>
**Date:** June 20, 2013, 8:50:22 AM CDT
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz' <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Subject: RE: Hey**

That would be so wonderful! Do you need an address?

Would a smaller City in Azerbaijan we interested in starting a sister State/City with Delaware?

Helene

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2013 11:25 AM
**To:** Keeley, Helene (LegHall)

**Subject:** Re: Hey

Dear Helene,

Thank you for your great feedback.

We have extra tea cups in DC office. We may give a new set to you as the kind memory of your travel to Azerbaijan.

I hope you stay longer at your next trip to Azerbaijan and perhaps Kazakhstan.

Thanks,

Kemal Oksuz

President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

[redacted]

www.tcae.org

[redacted]@tcae.org

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 18, 2013, at 8:42 AM, "Keeley, Helene (LegHall)" <[redacted]@state.de.us> wrote:

Kemal,

Good morning. Sorry to taking a few days to reply. We are in Legislative Session and each day is getting more busy. Below is the email I sent to Mahmut, last week. If you need additional comments, please let me know.

Helene

**From:** Keeley, Helene (LegHall)
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2013 9:34 AM
**To:** Mahmut YETER
**Subject:** RE: Hey

Mahmut,

I hope you enjoyed the time with your family. It's always nice to relax and enjoy those we love so much.

My impression of Azerbaijan was very positive. I'm not really sure what I had expected, but I was pleasantly surprised. What struck me most was how ever CLEAN the city was. Not once did I see one piece of trash on the streets.

The convention allowed us to visit with some very high profile people from both the US and Azerbaijan governments. This is not something that happens everyday, either here in US or overseas. I was aware, of how helpful both Turkey and Azerbaijan have been to the US in that region, but walked away with more knowledge and details of their involvement. I do not believe the average American understands the sensitivity of the region or in some areas how every fragile it is. That our current relationships need to continue and develop more deeper roots, so that this region will continue to grow in stability.

The minus I have is, I wish we could have spent more time with the regional/State or local/City government officials. I would have liked to have understood, what their challenges are compared to the challenges I face daily here in Delaware. I would like the opportunity to do this and maybe even state a Sister City within Azerbaijan and/or Turkey. I believe when you develop those connections and relationships we allow our local economies to grow and prosper.

One other minus, my tea cups were broken on the return flight home:-( They were so very beautiful! I was upset.

Let me know if you would like more detail, but overall this is my prospective.

Helene

**From:** [redacted]@gmail.com [[redacted]@gmail.com] on behalf of Mahmut YETER [[redacted]@maftaa.org]
**Sent:** Sunday, June 09, 2013 11:32 AM
**To:** Keeley, Helene (LegHall)
**Subject:** Hey

Hey Helene, how are you? Hope you guys had safe trip back home. Tell me how was yout impression about Azerbaijan trip? I need to know pluses and minuses. Thanks

# EXHIBIT 39

ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIJAN

Rovnag Abdullayev
President, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR)
73, Neftchilar Avenue, Baku, AZ1000,
The Republic of Azerbaijan

Subject: SOCAR Sponsorship for the US-Azerbaijan Convention
Date: April 16, 2013

Dear Mr. Abdullayev:

I am writing to kindly ask you, the "State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic" to sponsor the second annual "US-Azerbaijan Convention" to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan on May 28-29, 2013.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention is an annual gathering in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features keynote speeches, panels, roundtable discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including Energy Security, and Peace, Stability and Regional Cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

The Convention also showcases Azerbaijan's rapid transformation from a young country into a regional leader and a reliable actor of the international community, promoting peace and stability, developing the Eurasian energy and transport corridor while integrating into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention which was held in DC the first time in April 2012 hosted Vice President Joe Biden, Governors Bobby Jindal and Haley Barbour, US Senators Kristen Gillibrand, Charles Schumer, Roger Wicker, David Vitter and Scott Brown and many House of Representatives, agents from State Departments, experts from think tanks, legislators from states and government officials and members of the parliament from Azerbaijan and more. More information is at www.usazconvention.org.

Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (AFAZ) together with the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE) will serve as the sole organizers of the Convention.

We kindly ask your Sponsorship for the US-Azerbaijan Convention: we request around $750,000.00 (Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand US Dollars) sponsorship; if agreed, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR)' logo will be used at all printed materials, banners and website. SOCAR will be recognized as the Main Sponsor of the Convention.

Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Kemal Oksuz
President & CEO
Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan
www.afaz.org
[redacted]@afaz.org

# EXHIBIT 40

This Agreement is made and entered into as of May 6, 2013, by and between the following parties:

State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan, 73 Neftchilar Ave., Baku, Azerbaijan AZ1000, duly represented by Rovnaq Abdullayev, President of the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (hereinafter "**the Sponsor**" or "**SOCAR**");

and

Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan, 2700 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 1750, Houston, Texas 77056, duly represented by Kemal Oksuz, President of the Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (hereinafter "**the Beneficiary**" or "**AFAZ**").

The Sponsor and the Beneficiary hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party".

BACKGROUND

(A) The US-Azerbaijan Convention (hereinafter the "Convention") is an annual gathering in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features keynote speeches, panels, roundtable discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including Energy Security, and Peace, Stability and Regional Cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

(B) The Convention was held in Washington, D.C. for the first time in April 2012 hosting key federal government officials, experts from think tanks, legislators from states and government officials and members of the Parliament from Azerbaijan.

(C) The Beneficiary intends to organize the annual Convention in Baku, Azerbaijan on May 28-29, 2013 and the Sponsor agrees to sponsor the named event.

**Article 1. SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT**

1.1 By executing this Agreement, the Sponsor and the Beneficiary express mutual consent and will for the Sponsor to provide financial assistance to the Beneficiary to organize the Convention taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan on May 28-29, 2013.

1.2 Based on the agreed budget (incorporated herein as Attachment 1) for the project by the Parties, the total cost of the Convention is USD 750,000 (hereinafter the "Funding"). The Funding shall cover accommodation, travelling expenses, venue rental and all other related expenses and fees.

## Article 2. VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall commence on the date of signature by the Parties and shall remain in force for two months after the conclusion of the Convention, unless the Sponsor or Beneficiary takes steps to terminate the Agreement pursuant to Article 8.

## Article 3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BENEFICIARY

3.1 Pursuant to this Agreement, the Beneficiary shall, use the Sponsor's logo on all printed materials, banners, website and other materials circulated prior to or during the Conference recognizing the contributions of the Sponsor.

3.2 The Beneficiary shall regularly consult and engage in discussions with the selected representatives of the Sponsor throughout the duration of the Convention.

## Article 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SPONSOR

4.1 After the execution of this Agreement and submission of an invoice, the Sponsor shall deposit within reasonable time the amount of USD 750,000 (seven hundred and fifty thousand US dollars) with the Beneficiary in an account designated for the Convention.

4.2 The Beneficiary shall, upon receiving the Funding paid by the Sponsor, use the funds for the purposes set out in Article 1.1 of this Agreement. The Funding shall only be expended on the work for this Program. The Sponsor shall have the right to audit the accounts and request periodic financial reports from the Beneficiary.

## Article 5. CONFIDENTIALITY

The provisions of this Agreement shall remain confidential, which may not be disclosed without the mutual consent of the parties of this Agreement, in particular with respect to the amount of the Funding under Article 1.2 hereof. The confidentiality obligation shall last during the validity of the Agreement and one year upon expiration of this Agreement.

## Article 6. LIABILITY

Unless otherwise provided for in this Agreement, in the case the Beneficiary fails to perform or unduly performs its undertakings under this Agreement or the representations and warranties given by the Beneficiary hereunder prove to be untrue and/or misleading, the Sponsor reserves the right to seek the compensation of the Funding and/or terminate the Agreement by serving a prior notice on the Beneficiary.

## Article 7. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

7.1 The Beneficiary hereby represents and warrants to the Sponsor as follows:

a) It is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing.

b) It is in good standing and that it has all requisite right, power and authority and full legal and financial capacity to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement, to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby and to carry on its business as currently conducted.

## Article 8. Termination

The Sponsor may terminate this Agreement at any time by submitting a prior written notice expressing their desire to terminate this Agreement in the case the Beneficiary fails to perform or unduly performs its undertakings under this Agreement or the representations and warranties given by the Beneficiary hereunder prove to be untrue and/or misleading.

## Article 9. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AND APPLICABLE LAW

9.1 The Parties shall attempt to solve amicably all possible disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement.

9.2 Subject to Article 9.1, any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination or any interpretation thereof shall be submitted to binding mediation subsequently to be agreed by the Parties.

9.3 This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted by the the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

## Article 10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 The captions and headings in this Agreement have been inserted for convenience only and shall be given no substantive meaning or significance whatsoever in construing the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

10.2 No modification, amendment, waiver, termination, or discharge of this Agreement or any of the provisions hereof, nor any consent to any departure by Sponsor here from, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by both Parties, and then such writing shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

10.3 This Agreement represents the full and entire understanding and final agreement between the Parties and supersedes all other prior understandings, negotiations and prior agreements between the Sponsor and Beneficiary with regard to the subject matter hereof.

10.4 Nothing in this Agreement shall convey any rights upon any person or entity that is not a Party or permitted designee of a Party to this Agreement.

10.5 This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will for all purposes be deemed to be an original, and all of which identical. It shall not be necessary that the signatures of both parties to this Agreement be contained on any one counterpart hereof, and all separately executed counterparts of this Agreement, taken together or collectively, as the case may be, shall constitute one and the same instrument. A telecopy or electronic delivery [i.e., the transmission by either Party of its signature on an original or any copy of this instrument via facsimile or as an attachment delivered by electronic mail (e.g., in an Adobe .pdf format)] shall be deemed to be the delivery by such Party of its original signature hereon.

10.6 All notices and other communications between the parties shall be in writing in the English language and shall be given by personal delivery or by e-mail or facsimile to the above mentioned address of the Parties or to such address as the Party convened may subsequently notify in writing to the other Party.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Beneficiary and Sponsor have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.**

**Agreed and accepted for**
**the Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan**

**Kemal Oksuz, President**

[redacted]

**(May 6, 2013)**

**Agreed and accepted for the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic**

**Rovnaq Abdullayev, President**

**(May 6, 2013)**

## Attachment I

## Proposed Budget for the Convention

| Estimate Proposed Budget for the Convention | |
|---|---|
| SERVICE ITEMS | AMOUNT |
| Convention Organization | $ 50,000.00 |
| Hotel and Accommodations | $ 100,000.00 |
| Marketing and Advertising | $ 25,000.00 |
| Food &Entertainment | $ 75,000.00 |
| International Preparation Fee (structure, employees, transportation) | $1,250,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | N/A |
| TOTAL | $1,500,000.00 |

# EXHIBIT 41

(5)

CHASE

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
P O Box 659754
San Antonio, TX 78265-9754

May 01, 2013 through May 31, 2013
Account Number: [redacted]

[redacted]

TURSAN TRAVEL CORP
2667 CONEY ISLAND AVE
BROOKLYN NY 11223-5520

**CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION**

| | |
|---|---|
| Web site: | **Chase.com** |
| Service Center: | **1-800-242-7338** |
| Deaf and Hard of Hearing: | 1-800-242-7383 |
| Para Espanol: | 1-888-622-4273 |
| International Calls: | 1-713-262-1679 |

[redacted]

## CHECKING SUMMARY

Chase BusinessSelect Checking

| | INSTANCES | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| **Beginning Balance** | | **$11,691.58** |
| Deposits and Additions | 17 | 1,215,730.01 |
| Checks Paid | 25 | - 38,373.45 |
| ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals | 51 | - 48,238.71 |
| Electronic Withdrawals | 6 | - 979,151.49 |
| Fees and Other Withdrawals | 7 | - 837.00 |
| **Ending Balance** | **106** | **$160,820.94** |

## DEPOSITS AND ADDITIONS

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 05/01 | Settlement Plan [redacted] | $396.38 |
| 05/02 | Deposit [redacted] | 17,765.00 |
| 05/06 | Deposit [redacted] | 2,170.00 |
| 05/10 | Fedwire Credit Via: Wells Fargo Bank/[redacted] B/O: Turquoise Council of Americanshouston TX 77071-2005 Ref: Chase Nyc/Ctr/Bnf=Tursan Travel Corp Brooklyn, NY [redacted] Obi=US - AZ Convention Transportation Imad: [redacted] | 515,235.00 |
| 05/10 | Book Transfer Credit B/O: Pnc Bank National Association Akron OH 44308- [redacted] | 11,386.00 |
| 05/16 | Fedwire Credit Via: Wells Fargo Bank/[redacted] B/O: Assembly of The Friends Azerbahouston TX 77056-5715 Ref: Chase Nyc/Ctr/Bnf=Tursan Travel Corp Brooklyn, NY [redacted] Obi=Transportation For US-Azerbaijan Cimad: [redacted] | 378,452.00 |
| 05/20 | Card Purchase Return [redacted] | 955.20 |
| 05/20 | Card Purchase Return | 10.70 |
| 05/21 | Fedwire Credit Via: Wells Fargo Bank/[redacted] B/O: Turquoise Council of Americanshouston TX 77071-2005 Ref: Chase Nyc/Ctr/Bnf=Tursan Travel Corp Brooklyn, NY [redacted] Obi=US-AZ Convention Transportation Bbimad: [redacted] | 153,693.00 |

## DEPOSITS AND ADDITIONS (continued)

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 05/21 | Fedwire Credit Via: Wells Fargo Bank/[redacted] B/O: Assembly of The Friends Azerbahouston TX 77056-5715 Ref: Chase Nyc/Ctr/Bnf=Tursan Travel Corp Brooklyn, NY [redacted] Obi=US-AZ Convention Transportation Bbimad: [redacted] | 85,948.00 |
| 05/21 | Deposit [redacted] | 1,200.00 |
| 05/23 | Fedwire Credit Via: Wells Fargo Bank/[redacted] B/O: Turquoise Council of Americanshouston TX 77071-2005 Ref: Chase Nyc/Ctr/Bnf=Tursan Travel Corp Brooklyn, NY [redacted] Obi=US-AZ Convention Transportation Bbimad: [redacted] | 31,424.00 |
| 05/24 | Deposit [redacted] | 8,201.43 |
| 05/28 | Card Purchase Return [redacted] | 2,367.50 |
| 05/29 | Deposit [redacted] | 3,720.00 |
| 05/29 | Deposit [redacted] | 1,860.00 |
| 05/30 | Deposit [redacted] | 945.80 |
| **Total Deposits and Additions** | | **$1,215,730.01** |

## CHECKS PAID

| CHECK NO. | DESCRIPTION | DATE PAID | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 ^ | | 05/15 | $15.00 |
| 41 * ^ | | 05/07 | 174.00 |
| 42 ^ | | 05/29 | 41.00 |
| 43 ^ | | 05/01 | 3,500.00 |
| 46 * ^ | | 05/02 | 2,496.60 |
| 47 ^ | | 05/06 | 3,000.00 |
| 49 * ^ | | 05/07 | 250.00 |
| 50 ^ | | 05/08 | 313.61 |
| 51 ^ | | 05/20 | 1,499.40 |
| 52 ^ | | 05/16 | 749.62 |
| 53 ^ | | 05/13 | 623.93 |
| 54 ^ | | 05/13 | 623.93 |
| 55 ^ | | 05/13 | 623.93 |
| 56 ^ | | 05/13 | 623.93 |
| 57 ^ | | 05/17 | 1,460.70 |
| 58 ^ | | 05/24 | 40.00 |
| 59 ^ | | 05/15 | 623.93 |
| 60 ^ | | 05/22 | 1,756.60 |
| 61 ^ | | 05/24 | 1,887.00 |

# EXHIBIT 42

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

**From:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Date:** May 11, 2013 at 12:06:44 AM CDT
**To:** <usazconvention@socar.az>
**Subject: Members' Bios and Photos**

Dear All,

Attached are a few US House Members' Bios and Photos!

Best, KO



PSG_OCE-0001
PSG_OCE_0001
**15-5211_00694**

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

**From:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Date:** May 16, 2013 at 2:50:35 PM CDT
**To:** <usazconvention@socar.az>
**Cc:** , 'ilqar.aliyev' <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject: Congressman Jim Bridenstine Itinerary**

Dear All,

Attached is the Itinerary for Congressman Jim Bridenstine from Oklahoma. He received his approval letter from US House Ethics yesterday.

The attached itinerary is the one that is approved.

Please follow the itinerary for meetings, briefings for the Congressman. The dates may change for some meeting and briefings. But we have to execute this. After the trip we will report to the US House Ethics.

Thanks, Kemal Oksuz

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

REDACTED

**From:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Date:** May 16, 2013 at 3:16:35 PM CDT
**To:** <usazconvention@socar.az>, 'ilqar.aliyev' <[redacted]@socar.az>

**Subject: Itinerary for Congressmen Ted Poe, Steve Stockman**

Dear All,

I have attached the ITINERARY for the following Congress People which should be executed on May 29; this is approved by the Ethics!

Congressman Ted Poe,TX
Congressman Sheila Jackson Lee,TX
Congressman Steve Stockman, TX
Congressman Mike Turner, OH

They are arriving directly from US On May 28th in the evening and leaving early in the morning on May 30th.

Thanks, Kemal

# EXHIBIT 43

**From:** Xalik Mammadov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 3:11 AM
**To:** 'usazconvention' <usazconvention@socar.az>
**Cc:** 'Arastu Habibbayli' <[redacted]@pa.gov.az>
**Subject:** RE:
**Attach:** 21 MAY_ PROGRAM_VISION FOR FUTURE.docx; PROGRAM_29 MAY_AZERB 21 mayda.docx; 21 MAY_ PROGRAM_VISION FOR FUTURE.docx; PROGRAM_29 MAY_AZERB 21 mayda.docx

---

Bağışlayın

Khalik R.Mammadov
**SOCAR**
Vice-president
HR,IT and Regulations
Tel: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Xalik Mammadov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 1:05 PM
**To:** usazconvention
**Cc:** 'Arastu Habibbayli'
**Subject:**

Program

Khalik R.Mammadov
**SOCAR**
Vice-president
HR,IT and Regulations
Tel: [redacted]
Fax: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

# EXHIBIT 44

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2013 4:25 AM
**To:** Leyla Mammadli <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Cc:** Ilqar Aliyev <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject:** RE: US Congressmen List

---

Bir daha təşəkkürlər!

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Leyla Mammadli [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2013 1:26 AM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Cc:** Ilqar Aliyev
**Subject:** RE: US Congressmen List

Buyurun, Teymur bəy.

Hörmətlə,
Leyla Mammadli

---

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 9:43 PM
**To:** Leyla Mammadli
**Cc:** Ilqar Aliyev
**Subject:** RE: US Congressmen List

Salam, Leyla xanım.

Siyahıdan Yvette Clarkın CV-sini də azərbaycan dilində hazırlamağa köməklik etməyi xahiş edirəm.

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Leyla Mammadli [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 6:53 AM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Cc:** Ilqar Aliyev
**Subject:** RE: US Congressmen List

Salam, Teymur bəy.

Diqqətinizə Maykl Qviklin və Danni Davisin azərbaycan dilində tərcümeyi hallarını çatdırıram.

Hörmətlə,
Leyla Mammadli

---

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2013 4:36 PM
**To:** Leyla Mammadli
**Cc:** Ilqar Aliyev
**Subject:** FW: US Congressmen List

Salam, Leyla xanım.

Əminəm ki, işləriniz qaydasındadır.

Xalik müəllimin göndərdiyi aşağıdakı adları göstərilən konqresmenlərdən Michael Quiqley və Danny Davisin CV-lərini İngilis dilində hazırlamağa köməklik etməyi xahiş edirəm.

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel 1: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Xalik Mammadov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2013 11:15 PM
**To:** Arastu Habibbayli; Rufat Zamanov; Ilqar Aliyev; Parvin Ahanchi; Teymur Mahmudov; Elin Suleymanov
**Subject:** Fwd: US Congressmen List

Fyi...

Best regards,
Kh.M

Начало переадресованного сообщения:

> **От:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
> **Дата:** 27 Aprel , 2013 09:04:52 GMT+05:00
> **Кому:** Xalik Mammadov <[redacted]@socar.az>
> **Тема: US Congressmen List**
>
> Khalik Abi,
>
> Su Congressman ler Baku deki tedbire gelecekler insallah: Etik Kurulundan izin almak icin basvurularini yaptilar. Insallah problem cikmaz da izin alirlar.

Saygilar, KO

1. Sheila Jackson Lee, TX
2. Ted Poe, TX
3. Steve Stockman, TX
4. Ruben Hinojosa, TX
5. Al Green, TX
6. Jim Bridenstine, OK
7. Michelle Grisham, NM
8. Ben Lujan, NM
9. Mike Turner, OH
10. Gregory Meeks, NY
11. Yvette Clark, NY
12. Leonard Lance, NJ
13. Michael Quigley, IL
14. Danny Davis, IL

# EXHIBIT 45

SOCAR

01/P-428
09 04 13

[redacted]

04 April, 2013

**For the Attention of Mr. Robert Gibbs**

**Subject: Invitation to the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention in May 28-29, 2013**

Dear Mr. Gibbs,

I cordially invite you to Baku, Azerbaijan, not only to learn and explore the pearl of the Caucasus and the Caspian Region, but also to attend the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention as a speaker/panelist on May 28th and 29th, 2013.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention is an annual gathering in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including energy security, and peace, stability and regional cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

The Convention also showcases Azerbaijan's rapid transformation from a young country into a regional leader and a reliable actor of the international community, promoting peace and stability, developing the Eurasian energy and transport corridor while integrating into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention which was held in DC in April 2012 hosted the US Vice President Joe Biden, Governors Bobby Jindal and Haley Barbour, US Senators, Congressmen, State Department officials, Think Tanks members, Legislators from States and government officials and members of the parliament from Azerbaijan and more. You may find more information at www.usazconvention.org.

Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

Rovnag Abdullayev

President [redacted]
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic

SOCAR

01/P-425
09 04 13

[redacted]

04 April, 2013

**For the Attention of Mr. Richard Green Lugar**

**Subject: Invitation to the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention in May 28-29, 2013**

Dear Mr. Lugar,

I cordially invite you to Baku, Azerbaijan, not only to learn and explore the pearl of the Caucasus and the Caspian Region, but also to attend the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention as a speaker/panelist on May 28th and 29th, 2013.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention is an annual gathering in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including energy security, and peace, stability and regional cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

The Convention also showcases Azerbaijan's rapid transformation from a young country into a regional leader and a reliable actor of the international community, promoting peace and stability, developing the Eurasian energy and transport corridor while integrating into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention which was held in DC in April 2012 hosted the US Vice President Joe Biden, Governors Bobby Jindal and Haley Barbour, US Senators, Congressmen, State Department officials, Think Tanks members, Legislators from States and government officials and members of the parliament from Azerbaijan and more. You may find more information at www.usazconvention.org.

Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

Rovnag Abdullayev

President [redacted]
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic

SOCAR

01/P-434
09 04 13

[redacted]

04 April, 2013

**For the Attention of Mr. James Anthony Messina**

**Subject: Invitation to the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention in May 28-29, 2013**

Dear Mr. Messina,

I cordially invite you to Baku, Azerbaijan, not only to learn and explore the pearl of the Caucasus and the Caspian Region, but also to attend the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention as a speaker/panelist on May 28th and 29th, 2013.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention is an annual gathering in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including energy security, and peace, stability and regional cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

The Convention also showcases Azerbaijan's rapid transformation from a young country into a regional leader and a reliable actor of the international community, promoting peace and stability, developing the Eurasian energy and transport corridor while integrating into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention which was held in DC in April 2012 hosted the US Vice President Joe Biden, Governors Bobby Jindal and Haley Barbour, US Senators, Congressmen, State Department officials, Think Tanks members, Legislators from States and government officials and members of the parliament from Azerbaijan and more. You may find more information at www.usazconvention.org.

Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

Rovnag Abdullayev

President [redacted]
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic

SOCAR

01/P-438
09 04 13

[redacted]

04 April, 2013

**For the Attention of Mr. David Plouffe**

**Subject: Invitation to the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention in May 28-29, 2013**

Dear Mr. Plouffe,

I cordially invite you to Baku, Azerbaijan, not only to learn and explore the pearl of the Caucasus and the Caspian Region, but also to attend the Annual US-Azerbaijan Convention as a speaker/panelist on May 28th and 29th, 2013.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention is an annual gathering in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including energy security, and peace, stability and regional cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

The Convention also showcases Azerbaijan's rapid transformation from a young country into a regional leader and a reliable actor of the international community, promoting peace and stability, developing the Eurasian energy and transport corridor while integrating into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention which was held in DC in April 2012 hosted the US Vice President Joe Biden, Governors Bobby Jindal and Haley Barbour, US Senators, Congressmen, State Department officials, Think Tanks members, Legislators from States and government officials and members of the parliament from Azerbaijan and more. You may find more information at www.usazconvention.org.

Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

Rovnag Abdullayev

President [redacted]
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic

# EXHIBIT 46

**From:** Parvin Ahanchi <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 1:58 PM
**To:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Subject:** REQUEST, PLEASE
**Attach:** 21 MAY_ FINAL PROGRAM_ENGLISH.docx

---

=ear Kamal bey,

I appreciate that we are keepi=g our confidential contacts.

As you know time is runn=ng but everyday a couple of times the program is changing by the hig=er structures and etc.

I am tired to edit and t=en reedit the same things! An it goes over over and over!

Please,=I need your help.

=he program is ready, even with the pictures, but still I am thinking may b= there are some misateks i= term of English.

=essions structures are fixed, please do not change

May I ask you, please to=revise the program for any mistakes?

İ =ould appreciate any your help on revising the final version of the program=

=div class="gmail_default" style="color:rgb(0,0,102)"> PLEASE, do not sare :)

Warmest wishes,
Parivn

--

Best regards,<=p>

Parvin

Parvin Ahanchi, PhD=/span>
Fulbright Alumni

Expert on the Archival Collections

of =he Nobel Brothers' Oil producing Company
Leading Researcher

=font color="#666666">Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography
Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences
e-mail: p=[redacted]@gmail.com

cell phone: +[redacted] <=p>

# EXHIBIT 47

**From:** [redacted]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 10:21 AM
**To:** Ari Mittleman <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Cc:** Jay Rouse <[redacted]@gmail.com>; rauf mammadov <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Subject:** Re: Itinerary for OWENS VALERIA.BIDEN.MRS Monday 27 May 2013

---

I look forward to discussing this new topic - what I would like to do is a presentation ( about 1 hour long - it can be shortened ) that has been very well received : The Art and Science of Politics- I show actual TV ads used in various campaigns ,and then take the audience behind the scene as to why, when and how we did each ad. It's about strategy and tactics. It is based on 8 principles of political advertising. I have used this presentation in a wide range of settings , and I always receive rave reviews. More recently :
GW University,
University of PA.,
C&E , (Campaigns and Elections) seminars - Latin American candidates and campaigns
Leadership trainings for Women's Campaign International - i.e. Liberia, Romania, Venezuela and Afghani women ( trained in Italy) ,

Also- my proper name is : Valerie , not Valeria -- my passport and tickets need to reflect the same spelling.

Thank you - I am available to talk at your convenience. Hope you like this plan - it is my area of expertise. . Valerie

On May 15, 2013, at 9:06 AM, Ari Mittleman <[redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Mrs. Biden,
>
> Below you will find the flight details to and from Baku.
>
> Please also know that yesterday Rauf was able to work with conference organizers to create a special session for you. It will be a moderated discussion rather than the panel we had initially discussed. I will let him share greater details, but I know you will provide an important perspective.
>
> We will have a fuller itinerary including proposed off site meetings, private discussions and meals shortly.
>
> All the best,

Ari

**Trip Locator:** 353QGL

VALERIA.BIDEN.MRS OWENS

**Monday 27 May 2013** Air

**Lufthansa - Flight LH 0427**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Depart:** | Philadelphia Int'l Airport<br>Philadelphia, PA, US<br>5:35 PM<br>Terminal A | **Status:**<br>**Airline Ref:**<br>**Seat:**<br>**Class:**<br>**Mileage:** | Confirmed<br>7RJTI8<br><br>C-Business Class<br>3939 |
| **Arrive:** | Frankfurt Int'l Airport<br>Frankfurt, DE<br>Tuesday, May 28, 2013<br>7:35 AM<br>Terminal 1 | **Travel Time:**<br>**Stopovers:**<br><br>**Aircraft:**<br>**Meal**<br>**Service:** | 8:00<br>0<br><br>Airbus A340-300<br>Meal |

**Remarks:**

**Tuesday 28 May 2013** Air

**Lufthansa - Flight LH 0612**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Depart:** | Frankfurt Int'l Airport<br>Frankfurt, DE<br>1:30 PM<br>Terminal 1 | **Status:**<br>**Airline Ref:**<br>**Seat:**<br>**Class:**<br>**Mileage:** | Confirmed<br>7RJTI8<br><br>C-Business Class<br>2091 |
| **Arrive:** | Heydar Aliyev Int'l Airport<br>Baku, AZ<br>8:55 PM | **Travel Time:**<br>**Stopovers:**<br>**Aircraft:**<br>**Meal**<br>**Service:** | 4:25<br>0<br>Airbus A340-300<br>Cold Meal |

**Remarks:**

**Thursday 30 May 2013** Air

**Lufthansa - Flight LH 0613**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Depart:** | Heydar Aliyev Int'l Airport<br>Baku, AZ<br>4:15 AM | **Status:** | Confirmed |
| | | **Airline Ref:** | 7RJTI8 |
| | | **Seat:** | |
| | | **Class:** | C-Business Class |
| | | **Mileage:** | 2091 |
| **Arrive:** | Frankfurt Int'l Airport<br>Frankfurt, DE<br>6:10 AM<br>Terminal 1 | **Travel Time:** | 4:55 |
| | | **Stopovers:** | 0 |
| | | **Aircraft:** | Airbus A330-300 |
| | | **Meal Service:** | Cold Meal |

**Remarks:**

**Thursday 30 May 2013** Air

**Lufthansa - Flight LH 5230**

OPERATED BY US AIRWAYS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Depart:** | Frankfurt Int'l Airport<br>Frankfurt, DE<br>1:05 PM<br>Terminal 1 | **Status:** | Confirmed |
| | | **Airline Ref:** | 7RJTI8 |
| | | **Seat:** | |
| | | **Class:** | C-Business Class |
| | | **Mileage:** | 3939 |
| **Arrive:** | Philadelphia Int'l Airport<br>Philadelphia, PA, US<br>4:05 PM<br>Terminal A | **Travel Time:** | 9:00 |
| | | **Stopovers:** | 0 |
| | | **Aircraft:** | Boeing 767-200/300 |
| | | **Meal Service:** | Lunch |

**Remarks:**

**Agency Remarks**

# EXHIBIT 48

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT OF CTAA

**3/20/2015**

MR. ASHMAWY: This is Chief Counsel, Omar Ashmawy. I am joined by Mr. Nate Wright and President of CTAA. President of CTAA has received a copy of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and signed an acknowledgement that he has in fact received it. Today's date is March 20, 2015. With that, President of CTAA I'll turn it over to Nate to just go through some basic preliminary questions.

WITNESS: Sure.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay, and some of these are some questions that we already know the answer to; we just kind of want to make sure to cover the bases. So, how are you currently employed?

WITNESS: I'm employed in Council of Turkic American Associations, in the capacity of Executive Director/President.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay, and previous employment, where were you?

WITNESS: I worked -- let me start in 20…02. I started at Charter School in Patterson, New Jersey, which is called Patterson Charter School for Scientific Technology. I worked – actually I'm the founder of the school. I started from the scratch; in 2003, we opened our doors and until 20…07, yes, I worked in the Patterson Charter School as a principal. It was a high-school. I started with 100 students and it became 1,200 students when I left. And after that, I worked in Brooklyn Admin School, which is a private high school in Brooklyn, New York for two years. It's an international, private school, mostly founded by Turkish Americans. You know 50% is Turkish, 50% is non-Turkish students. I was principal in that school for two years. After that, I switched back to New Jersey and I was a principal of a Pioneer Academy of Science. It's a high school, too. Again, it's you know, mostly Turkish- Americans populated area. I have a lot of Turkish students, Albanian are a big… So, I stayed two years and in 2010, August, I started to work in CTAA. Let me, you know, shorten the version, CTAA. So, I worked since then, so… They're around 6 months difference because I stayed in Turkey for some reasons and stuck in Turkey for 6 months so in Brooklyn Admin School, it's not exactly two years, so just to be…

MR. WRIGHT: How long has CTAA existed?

WITNESS: It was founded in 2009. So…

MR. WRIGHT: So you started a year in?

WITNESS: Yeah, but actually nobody was working in the Council at the time so that's why they hired me. You know, I was pretty much . . . as extensive of knowledge about Turkish-Americans you know because 90% of Turkish-Americans lives in New York and New Jersey in United States. So, since I was a principal, you know, I know a lot of

people you know, they said, "why don't you run this organization?" I said you know, I'm already enough with the principal shift for 9 or 10 years, so I said why not. That's how it happened.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. How does CTAA receive funding? Is it . . .

WITNESS: Donations, donations. Yeah.

MR. WRIGHT: Are those individual donations, or are those small organizations?

WITNESS: It's like a smaller donations, individuals, not from corporate. Mostly small donations from Turkish-Americans, mostly. Maybe some other national distributors, but I don't look every donations, every month. You know, the accountant tells me you know we got this much donation for this month, I said fine. As long as we cover our, you know salary and some expenses.

MR. WRIGHT: Does it have other employees or directors?

WITNESS: Yes. Saim Cagirici the guy that emailed you, he's my executive assistant/program director. We take care of everything, the two of us. We have lot of volunteers from when I was principal, since it was high-school, now all of them in college, some of them already graduated, I use them a lot in my volunteer.

MR. WRIGHT: Does it have a board of directors?

WITNESS: Yes, we have Guvenc Kulen. He's an immigration lobbyist and the other guy is…Sut…Sutk…I forgot his name. He's a doctor from Boston, but he moved to here. Yeah, I forget his name. Sorry.

MR. ASHMAWY: It's okay.

WITNESS: Yeah, so we take care of Guvenc and Sutka…[inaudible]. Anyhow, I forgot his name.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

WITNESS: And, Guvenc and the doctor, I think and uh, I'm the board member also. I'm board president, actually.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

MR. ASHMAWAY: Before you leave, just because I think it might be difficult if we end up transcribing this, I don't want to misspell their names. If you would be able to get us just the correct spelling?

WITNESS: Who?

MR. ASHMAWY: Of the board of directors' names.

WITNESS: Yes. Guvenc Kulen is G-U-V-E-N-C, last name is Kulen, K-U-L-E-N. Okay? And the uh…

MR. ASHMAWY: Even the first name of the other guy is fine.

WITNESS: Is it…Sutka…

MR. ASHMAWY: You can also give it to us later. Don't worry about it right now.

WITNESS: I don't see them too much so . . . Sorry.

MR. ASHMAWY: No, it's quite alright. Basically, the thing we're going to talk to you about is this conference that happened in Azerbaijan, Baku back in 2013. So, do—are you familiar with that conference?

WITNESS: Yes, of course.

MR. ASHMAWY: Alright. Did you go?

WITNESS: Yes I went.

MR. ASHMAWY: You did. Did anyone else from CTAA go?

WITNESS: Yes, I signed my executive assistant.

MR. ASHMAWY: What role did CTAA have in the convention?

WITNESS: CTAA?

MR. ASHMAWY: Yes.

WITNESS: Let me start from Turkic-American Alliance. That's the umbrella organization which is based in D.C. So, the head of the TAA is Faruk Taban, Dr. Taban. So we meet - we have six other federations, Midwest: Suleyman, from Atlanta: Cemil, from West Coast, we have Oscar and MAFTAA from here and Dr. Mahmut and myself and also Texas, from Bilal. So we have six federations, we are all sister organizations. We meet every month. Actually, we met a couple of days ago in here. So, every month we discuss those things, what can we do, what are we going to do this year; so we plan our agenda. And at that time, in 2012, Kemal, who was the head of Turquoise Council, he created the convention – U.S.-Azerbaijan Convention. That's -- I mean yes, we speak the same language with the Azerbaijani people, yes, we have some close ties with them, but we never did such a thing before. So Kemal introduced those guys to us and in 2012, that was the first time I saw couple of parliament people from Azerbaijan. They came here, whole purpose was U.S.-Azerbaijan relation extension, you know how can we improve

the relations that kind of those convention. Then, you know, after we understood who are they and where they came from and Kemal – one of the board meetings, Kemal told us in 2013 we are planning another U.S.-Azerbaijan convention. Since we were familiar with the concept, you know let me go back a little bit. In 2010, we did Turkic-American convention so it was not new to us. But in 2012, I saw first time the U.S.-Azerbaijan convention because we were only doing the Turkic-American convention, only. So Kemal created this convention in 2012 and he said on the board meeting, "guys I will do something different this year. I'm planning to do this convention in Baku. So you know, we discuss in the board how are we going to do this, you know we never did this, you know it was easy for us to do in the Willard or JW you know, it was not tough, but in Baku, you know to take people, Congress people, you know it's hard job. But since we cover whole United States, if everybody agrees, then everybody has some type of you know, connections in the Congress or State Officials, State Houses, so they may use their connections, their friendship, "please can you come to this event?" So you know, I was one of the board members so I said why not? Other said -- Dr. Taban said, "let's do it". Everybody believed in this project. That's how this convention came up.

MR. ASHMAWY: And just to understand, when you say the board, you're talking about the board of the TAA?

WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: Did any of the sister federations decide not to participate in the convention?

WITNESS: No, everybody agreed to. Everybody. But if you ask me in what capacity, I don't know. I mean, I cannot…you know, because in board meetings, we don't discuss you know, "I'm going to bring you know…those are the details." No. Kemal said, "can you help us?" we said, "why not?" then we started to work. You know, individual basis, I worked with Kemal and Kemal worked with this you know Bilal, Suleyman, Oscar from West Coast, Mahmut, Dr. Taban, Cemil, you know they're all federation presidents.

MR. ASHMAWY: What exactly did you do?

WITNESS: In the convention?

MR. ASHMAWY: Yes, in planning the convention.

WITNESS: Planning convention? I used my connections in the some of the states, like Vermont, New Hampshire, you know I told my Turkish-American guys, you know we are planning a trip to Azerbaijan and Turkey. Actually it's not only Azerbaijan. Let me be a little bit different perspective to you. The purpose was not the convention. The purpose

was the trip; actually, it was Azerbaijan and Turkey trip. But in Baku, so, since Kemal was planning a U.S.-Azerbaijan convention in Baku, we…how do you say…uhm… we overlapped the Azerbaijan side with the convention also with the trip. So, that's how it happened. So, let me present this to our friends from the State House or the Congress and we told, "we are planning a trip, but in Baku also we have a convention organized by Turquoise Council, so would you be part of that convention also when you're doing the trip?" Some of them said yes, some of them said no. I don't have the track record on those. Yes and we come up with some people, they came. So, that was my role. That's the only thing.

MR. ASHMAWY: So your role was to connect basically the Turquoise Council to people in the State Houses and in Congress?

WITNESS: Ye--Actually, we didn't connect them. We told them this is Turquoise Council is our sister organization and we are doing this together, so would you be part of this? So not connection…we actually brought those people to that trip. Yes, Turquoise was the main organizer of the convention, so --

MR. ASHMAWY: But they also paid for the travel.

WITNESS: Who?

MR. ASHMAWY: The Turquoise Council.

WITNESS: No, we paid.

MR. ASHMAWY: You paid for the travel?

WITNESS: Yes, I paid for the travel.

MR. ASHMAWY: For whom?

WITNESS: For…from the Congress, Leonard Lance, Gregory Meeks and Yvette Clarke.

MR. ASHMAWY: How did you make those payments?

WITNESS: From the bank…from our bank account.

MR. ASHMAWY: And who did you pay to – who'd you pay for the travel to? I mean, who arranged the travel?

WITNESS: You mean the travel agency?

MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah.

WITNESS: [Indecipherable] travel

MR. ASHMAWY: [Indecipherable] travel?

WITNESS: Or they—another name is NIL?

MR. ASHMAWAY: Okay.

WITNESS: [Indecipherable] or NIL. He has different names. Maybe Tursan also, he has couple of these names, so I don't know which one. So, I gave you know, that travel form, we – I talked to Gregory Meeks, Yvette Clark and Leonard Lance, so we are going. You know that ethics form, we signed it as a CTAA sponsor – solely sponsor. Then I said, my accountant go and buy the ticket from NIL and he bought it.

MR. ASHMAWY: And you've already given us your bank records though, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: And you're sure that in your bank records, it shows where you've made a payment to NIL travel agency?

WITNESS: I haven't checked.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.

WITNESS: Yeah, I didn't look. Why would I do that?

MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah, I just want to be very frank with you, Witness. We've heard from people that basically, that Turquoise Council and AFAZ have basically paid for all the travel. We've heard from even people from the travel agency that all the travel was paid for by AFAZ and the Turquoise Council.

WITNESS: And ours too?

MR. ASHMAWY: That is not -- No one has said that.

WITNESS: Okay. Because I – you know, let's…think again. No, I haven't take any…I'm sure that we paid. I'm sure we paid, but if…so if the statements don't show that, then that means our accountant didn't pay. I mean what can I say? The Turquoise Council didn't pay. I was the sole – because I signed that letter. You know I said CTAA is the sole sponsor. I even remember because it was around $14…$13,000 something, okay? And I said my accountant and treasurers and also Guvenc, one of the board members, that we have to get some donations, you know because we didn't have that money. I don't know if you have the statements, but we don't have that much money. So we have to get this money from those dona—donors. We collected some donations in maybe 45 days. So…

MR. ASHMAWY: And you guys paid for everything?

WITNESS: Uh…

MR. ASHMAWY: Including the Turkey trip? And the hotels in Turkey?

WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. ASHMAWY: And the hotels in Baku?

WITNESS: Hotels in Baku? No, we haven't paid.

MR. ASHMAWY: You didn't pay for those?

WITNESS: No.

MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know who paid for those?

WITNESS: I don't know.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Are you familiar with the Turkish organization called – I think it's Bakiad?

WITNESS: Yes, Bakiad.

MR. ASHMAWY: Yes.

WITNESS: Bakiad is taking care of Turkish side, only. Azerbaijan, no Azerbaijan.

MR. ASHMAWY: But Bakiad paid for the hotels in Turkey?

WITNESS: Yeah, they do.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay, but you just said you paid for the hotels in Turkey.

WITNESS: No, I mean…we said…we paid…CTAA is you know, solely sponsor. That's what I meant.

MR. ASHMAWY: I understand what's on the form. What I'm actually asking about is where the money actually came from. So… just to be clear, you just told me that you paid for everything, but then when I said if Bakiad paid for the hotels in Turkey, you said yes, Bakiad paid for the hotels in Turkey. Correct?

WITNESS: Yes, correct.

MR. ASHMAWY: And someone else paid for the hotels in Baku?

WITNESS: Baku, yes. Yeah.

MR. ASHMAWY: Alright. You don't know who?

WITNESS: I don't know who.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Who paid for the airfare?

WITNESS: We paid.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Let's take a look at –

MR. WRIGHT: I'm showing you a document that we have Bates labeled CTAA_0021 and CTAA_0022.

WITNESS: Yes, those are the uh…

MR. WRIGHT: Those are the invoices for the airfare.

WITNESS: Invoices…yes. That's true.

MR. WRIGHT: When were those invoices generated?

WITNESS: Where?

MR. WRIGHT: When?

WITNESS: Oh. I don't know. I mean as soon as we got the ticket, this guy send us the invoices.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. I'm now handing you a binder that's filled with your bank records. If you wouldn't mind going through and just letting us know, where in the records – do you have another bank account besides this?

WITNESS: I don't think so. I'd have to ask the accountant. No I don't – maybe there's one another account, but it was closed so this is the main account that – as far as I know.

MR. WRIGHT: So that would be the account where the expenses were –

WITNESS: Yes, it should - it should be paid from here, if it's here. I mean --

MR. ASHMAWY: Take your time. Take your time; go through them. We just want to get the correct and perhaps there's a misunderstanding of some kind. I just want to make sure –

WITNESS: Of course. Those are 2012…[inaudible]

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, if you flip over, the bottom Bates number CTAA_0121, that's where 2013 starts.

WITNESS: 121? Yeah, here.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And just real quick, so we're looking at CTAA_0121, these deposits, is that the donations coming in? Where does the money come in? You have just the deposit line there.

WITNESS: Those…our accountant and board members get the donations from Turkish-Americans and he posts to this account.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. You can --

MR. ASHMAWY: Take a look, please.

WITNESS: So when is this…January? We did this…in March? May?

MR. ASHMAWY: It keeps going. Please take your time.

WITNESS: [inaudible]

MR. WRIGHT: Well, I asked when it was generated because – so this is May, the month of in which most travelers left for Turkey and Azerbaijan, or just Azerbaijan.

WITNESS: It should be in May.

MR. WRIGHT: And these deposits again there, deposits $25,000.00, $6,000.00, $2,060.00, $6,100.00, those are coming in from individual donations?

WITNESS: It should be, but…you know why haven't brought those in detail, so I don't know.

MR. ASHMAWY: We can do one thing at a time. Why don't – please take a look and see if you can find where $15,376.90 was expended out of this account?

WITNESS: On May, I don't see that. July… I mean I don't see those. I don't see any $15,000.

MR. ASHMAWY: Neither did we.

MR. KOAR: Yeah.

MR. ASHMAWY: So. I'll be very frank with you. Again, we've been told by multiple people that the only entity that paid for these tickets was the Turquoise Council and AFAZ.

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: We have documents that show that the only entity that paid for these tickets was Turquoise Council and AFAZ.

WITNESS: Yes, I know.

MR. ASHMAWY: Perhaps you misremembered, I don't know, but right now. Take a moment and think about it. Are you sure that the Council paid for these tickets?

WITNESS: I'm sure Turquoise didn't pay it. Let me put it that way. 100%.

MR. ASHMAWY: Could another entity have paid for it?

WITNESS: If it was so, I should've known by my accountant. Because this comes to my accountant, my office, and I gave or signed, give this to accountant, when I got the tickets, I don't say, "did you pay or not?" because I got the tickets. We got the tickets and I remember the accountant told me that we have enough money, because why should I give this to accountant if he doesn't have any money? Otherwise, I would've said we cannot take to the Turkey anymore because we don't have the money, so I give this to the accountant, but as far as I see from the account, it seems like he didn't pay. I mean from here, at least.

MR. ASHMAWY: Somebody paid.

WITNESS: But I'm 100% sure that... Yeah somebody paid, but I'm 100% sure that Turquoise didn't pay it.

MR. WRIGHT: Why do you say that?

WITNESS: Because I know. I talked to travel agency, this NIL. It says Tursan. We had that conversation. I did the conversation. Bahre is the name of the guy. "Bahre, did you buy the tickets?" He said yes. And I remember asking him, "did you get your payment?" "Yes, from your accountant." That's all the conversation that I have. So if it's my accountant, it's not Turquoise or AFAZ. So it should be either from my donors, either from my accountant, either whatever he paid, he paid. So it should be…I mean regularly, it should be from here, but I'm surprised it's not in here. You know I haven't extensively looked at those things, but I'm 100% sure because why am I saying 100%? Because I know that the uh…How many people go on? Maybe 200 people go. And I know that Turquoise was arranging lot of payments to NIL, the uh Tursan, to Bahre about the air tickets and we didn't make the arrangements. I know what I'm doing. No, they didn't pay.

MR. WRIGHT: Wait you were saying that other federations had arrangement with TCAE so that TCAE would pay for the travel costs? The airfare costs?

WITNESS: No they were talking among each other in the board meeting saying that who was going to pay the tickets, we were going to pay the tickets, you know I never involved on those conversations.

MR. ASHMAWY: Let's slow down for a second. Alright, so you're in the board meeting and again we're talking about the TAA board meeting?

WITNESS: TAA board meeting, yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Yes and there's a conversation about who's going to pay for the airfare?

WITNESS: Yeah, I mean no. Which travel agency, what I meant. Yeah, they were talking about travel agency.

MR. ASHMAWY: Was there a conversation about which organization would pay for the airfare?

WITNESS: No, no. I never heard such a thing. I just heard who's going to – who are you buy from air ticket? You say, the other guy say from NIL the other guy say blah blah agency so I said I'm going with Bahri because Bahri's in New York so I said you know my office in New York I'm going to buy ticket from Bahri. That was the only conversation, but the thing is…since my board members collected all the donations, I remember that they were going people saying that you know we have a trip, we need to get some donations, we don't have any money in the bank, so help us you know. Saim was traveling lot of Turkish-American business men in the area so I know that we collected the money, but I'm surprised not to see in the bank account. I mean, I'm sure we paid. And I haven't talked to Bahri, but I never you know mentioned this and this, this is the first…

MR. ASHMAWY: So you're sure you paid even though that there's no evidence in your bank statements that you paid?

WITNESS: Yeah I'm sure. I'm sure we paid for some part.

MR. ASHMAWY: What is your accountant's name?

WITNESS: Ishmael Arican.

MR. ASHMAWY: Can you spell the last name?

WITNESS: A-R-I-C-A-N.

MR. ASHMAWY: And where is he located?

WITNESS: Uh…C-A-N. Not, H.

MR. ASHMAWY: And where is he located?

WITNESS: He's located in…Carlstadt, New Jersey. Carlstadt.

MR. ASHMAWY: Carlstadt? Oh, Carlstadt.

WITNESS: Yeah, Carlstadt, New Jersey.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Just before we – I just want to clarify, so you're telling us today that the Council paid for the airfare?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: But the Council did not pay for the hotel in Turkey?

WITNESS: No.

MR. ASHMAWY: Bakiad paid for the hotel in Turkey?

WITNESS: Bakiad, paid. Yes, exactly.

MR. ASHMAWY: And the Council did not pay for the hotel in Baku?

WITNESS: No, we didn't pay.

MR. ASHMAWY: And you don't know who paid?

WITNESS: I don't know.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Do you have any suspicions who paid? Do you have a reason to believe a particular entity paid?

WITNESS: Of course, Omar. Look, Kemal organized everything. He was the sole organizer for everything, so he was taking care of the you know hotels, you know food, transportation, you know we never ask how did you pay and where did you pay? I mean to be honest, I don't know.

MR. ASHMAWY: That's fair. That's what I'm just trying to understand, that's perfectly fair. So, Kemal, and you don't know how, but Kemal paid for the hotel, the food and the transportation in Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: I mean you're telling me that.

MR. ASHMAWY: No, I'm asking you. So let me put it this way. Let me be more simple about it then. The Council did not pay for the food in Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: No, our Council you mean? Because Turquoise is Council too.

MR. ASHMAWY: Sorry you're correct. So, CTAA did not pay for the food in Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: No we did not.

MR. ASHMAWY: CTAA did not pay for the transportation in Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: No.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. And to – just to back up to Turkey, Bakiad paid for the transportation in Turkey?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: And Bakiad paid for the food in Turkey?

WITNESS: Yes. That's right.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.

WITNESS: Oh…let me be… hold on. I may have paid some of the food in Turkey, from my pocket, but if you ask me where are the receipts and other things, no. We usually pay cash I mean I cannot prove that, but just for the record I pay for some of those from my pocket. Because in Turkey and Azerbaijan you know, that's the culture. Sometimes in those countries you pay most of the things cash, restaurants doesn't take the credit cards. Hotels take it of course, but not the restaurants. Even the transportation guides, you know we give them tips and the one day fare you know this is your fare from today you know just the orchestration and when we just get on the bus, so you know that happens. Bakiad doesn't pay all those things. Even we have an agreement with Bakiad and CTAA. We have a memorandum of understanding type of thing for more than 4-5 years. 4 years, maybe. And the…it says we will pay for everything on behalf of CTAA in Turkey. We have an agreement with them so…it was sometimes they don't pay because they don't have the money. So they say you know, "Witness can you pay for the restaurant?" and I say of course.

MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know how Bakiad gets their money?

WITNESS: From the donors, again. Donations. And maybe they…I don't know what do they do other than donations. They have some the donations and maybe get commissions from I don't know, some travel agencies because they arrange restaurants and hotels; I think they have some commission I never…talked to their accountant how do they make money? Because it is a Turkish accounting system, I never involved so I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: Would it be possible to get a copy of that agreement with Bakiad?

WITNESS: Bakiad agreement? Yeah. I mean, of course.

MR. WRIGHT: And I had a couple of questions just to follow up to make sure I understand the timeline. So I'm showing you a document, Bates stamped 2; this is the invitation, a copy of one of the invitations that you sent to members that traveled to this part of the delegation. Is that correct? And you sent those in March.

WITNESS: Is it in March? Yes March 26 it says. Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And then if you wouldn't mind in this binder here, turning to page 129 at the bottom, Bates stamped 129.

WITNESS: This one?

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah.

MR. ASHMAWY: The binder of your – the binder of the bank statements, page 129.

WITNESS: 129…

MR. WRIGHT: Okay, so when you start sending out these invitations, you don't have a whole lot of money in the bank. This is what you were describing before about, "we don't have the money to pay for this, we're going to have to raise it." Then you start reaching out to donors to try to get the money. Who are you reaching out to in terms of donors?

WITNESS: Turkish-Americans. Turkish businessmen.

MR. WRIGHT: And you're asking them we need money because we've got this trip coming up and –

WITNESS: No, not necessarily. We always, you know if you come to New York and New Jersey, if you see our neighborhood, we ask for donations all the time. So it doesn't have to be trip or something else. We always asking for donations. But maybe, we might be a little aggressive because we have a trip coming up, but they don't know what trip. What kind of trip I have. They don't know. Community doesn't know. Just the board members, accountant and my couple of close friends, they know.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Had you been to Baku previously?

WITNESS: Previously? It was 6 months ago…

MR. WRIGHT: Before the trip.

WITNESS: Oh before the trip?

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah.

WITNESS: I think that was my first time.

MR. WRIGHT: How did you decide which hotels to use -- you mentioned you had decided to use, how you decided to use a travel agency -- how did you decide which hotels in Turkey and Azerbaijan you were going to use?

WITNESS: I didn't. For Azerbaijan, Kemal told us that you're going to stay in this hotel. I don't know the hotels, so…

MR. WRIGHT: Did the hotels ever change while you were planning the trip?

WITNESS: No.

MR. WRIGHT: And Kemal arranged for ground transportation in Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: I mean, let me be…you know, honest. I mean when we go there, the transportation was there. We never questioned who arranged it. You know since Kemal was the biggest organizer of the program, maybe we thought that automatically that he arranged that. I never questioned it, but probably he's the arrangement.

MR. ASHMAWY: And just to be clear, we've been talking about an individual named Kemal. We are talking about Kemal Oksuz?

WITNESS: Oksuz.

MR. ASHMAWY: Oksuz. Excellent. Just making sure.

MR. WRIGHT: To your knowledge, in order to get into Azerbaijan, did the members of Congress, who you were sponsoring, need to get visas?

WITNESS: Uhm…

MR. WRIGHT: To enter the country?

WITNESS: Yes. Yes I remember.

MR. WRIGHT: How did that process work?

WITNESS: Let me think. Yes, I sent their passports, Congressman passports and Congresswoman Yvette Clarke to…I think I sent to Kemal. And Kemal sent to either travel agency or the visa commissioner; I don't know how he arranged it so they arranged the visa.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Kemal did. How did you decide which members of Congress to reach out to, to invite to participate in the convention?

WITNESS: Those Congressman, as you see, two of them from New York, one from New Jersey. Most of their constituents are Turkish-Americans in our area so those are the

ones we always contact with. I said you know, in couple of locations, you know we said there's a trip, Azerbaijan and Turkey, would you be interested? And they said, why not?

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Did the members who you invited ever change? Was there ever a member you were planning to invite, but then got invited by one of your sister federations?

WITNESS: Say it again?

MR. WRIGHT: Was there ever a member that you were planning to invite, that was then invited by one of the sister federations?

WITNESS: No. I targeted these three Congress people because we're very close contact. We always discuss Turkish-American relations; you know recently, in 2012 we started Azerbaijan-American relations. We discussed and shared our thoughts. Those are the three ones I targeted. I invited them and they accepted.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. I'm showing you a document marked CTAA_0011 and if you can take a look at that. You list on there, members that you've filled out, that you've formed for, and you include Representative Stockman from Texas. Did Representative Stockman -- was he one of the members you sponsored on this trip?

WITNESS: No. This is completely Saim's mistake. Hold on. [inaudible] Oh, okay. This is obvious. So, we…Congressman Meeks asked, "who's coming?" So I asked Saim, my executive director, talked to other federations, asked, "who's coming or not? So far, who's agreed?" So, Leonard Lance and Yvette Clarke are from our district, so they already accepted, we know that. So we just put their names to Kim. She's the scheduler of Gregory Meeks. And he found out that from Texas, he should've probably find out, I didn't talk, either from Kemal, Bilal or Cemil since he's from Texas, so then he should've said yes. So that's why Congressman Meeks asked who's coming and Saim sent those.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. I'm showing you a document marked THYC_27 and a document marked 14, these are a couple of versions of documents that were included and filed to the committee that talk about who had been invited and I was just wondering if you could explain those to me and why the names of the members are different?

WITNESS: This is invitee list, but we invited those people, but they didn't come. They didn't accept to come.

MR. WRIGHT: So these are two different – they're different in time? Okay, so if you look between, there's a difference in members, we have you know Representative Clarke at the top of one, Representative Meeks at the top of the other, the other members underneath are different. I guess I'm just wondering why there's that difference.

WITNESS: Why we invited you know those… as you see, those… Hakim [inaudible]. Under my federation, there are nine states as you know. In nine states, I am… I cover around 80 Congressmen, so I told Saim we are planning the trip. Let's invite some people you know, as you know the Congress people they say you know, "let me think about it. I don't know if I can come or not". So I said send at least to 10 or 20 people, the letters. So let's see who's going to be interested because sometime they go to Germany, African and last minute they cancel so maybe they would interested to come to Azerbaijan and Turkey together, so that's why. But I knew that only three or two of them would accept our invitation because you know we are very close to then. It happened like I expected.

MR. WRIGHT: Now I'm handing you a document marked, THYC_24, this is the primary trip sponsor form for Representative Clarke. So here the form indicates that CTAA is the sole sponsor of the trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan. And you signed the form on the last page, is that correct?

WITNESS: Let me check. Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: And under number 3 on that first page, it says the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds, intended directly or indirectly to finance in any aspect of the trip.

WITNESS: Yeah. Yeah, I see that.

MR. WRIGHT: But you did accept money from other organizations to finance the trips, at least the hotels in Baku, the hotels and transportation in Turkey.

WITNESS: I mean, to be honest, it seems… like so, yes. I mean, we didn't accept it maybe, but yes we did. What can I say? I mean…

MR. WRIGHT: Okay and I'm also providing a document marked THYC_23, this is the post-travel disclosure form for Representative Clarke. You recognize that form?

WITNESS: Yeah, I remember that.

MR. WRIGHT: And it's your signature at the bottom?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And that form indicates that, that was the money that CTAA paid for Representative Clarke's travel, to and from Turkey and Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: [inaudible]… yes.

MR. WRIGHT: This one was a form that Representative Clarke reached out to you later after the trip to ask about? I'm showing you a document marked THYC_08. Do you

remember her having a conversation with CTAA about filing an additional post-travel disclosure form?

WITNESS: Is it the same post-travel form? I didn't understand the question. This is post-travel form, right?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: Okay, so whoever did Davis, yes. I think he's Chief of Staff…saying the final portion for the post-travel.

MR. WRIGHT: Notice the date at the top of that email.

WITNESS: August 5.

MR. WRIGHT: The year, specifically.

WITNESS: Oh, 2014!

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: Oh I realize now.

MR. WRIGHT: So he reached out to you a little over a year after the trip.

WITNESS: Yeah I remember that. Yeah, yeah I remember that conversation.

MR. WRIGHT: What was the context of that conversation?

WITNESS: I mean I said, you know, why you were so late about this? We sent you this you know a year ago almost. Where were you? We did make conversation, I remember now.

MR. WRIGHT: Did he say anything about why he needed the form? Did he talk about a conversation?

WITNESS: No, not at all.

MR. WRIGHT: He just said, "I need this amended form?"

WITNESS: I even asked why you guys know so late? And that was conversation, I remember now.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. I'm showing you a document marked Bates labeled 17. This is the trip sponsor form for Representative Meeks. And this is similar to the one for Representative Clarke. You signed it. Representative Meeks did not go to Turkey, did he? He just traveled to Azerbaijan.

WITNESS: Just Azerbaijan. Yes, he didn't come to Turkey.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And again under number 3, you signed that you would be the sole sponsor.

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. But we know that at least, in Baku, the hotels were paid for by some other organization?

WITNESS: I mean if it's not free, you know we haven't paid.

MR. ASHMAWY: Can I ask you a question related to both, this one, this document, as well as the document related to Representative Clarke? Under the section that lists out how much things cost, this is how much the flights costs, this is how much lodging costs, this is how much food costs, right? You said you didn't pay for the hotels in Baku, how did you come up with the numbers to put down how much things cost?

WITNESS: Numbers…ballpark. Ballpark. We usually go to one of the, like four-star hotel and book it from website, get their numbers from how much is per night and we put it in the system.

MR. ASHMAWY: So…Mr. Wright already showed you this document, but I'm going to hand you just another copy. This is THYC_0023. It's the post-travel disclosure form for Representative Clarke. Under lodging, you know, what's required is you put the actual cost. Is that the actual cost of lodging, or is that a ballpark cost of lodging?

WITNESS: The number that I got from the website. I calculated and I you know multiplied by three in Baku, four in Turkey. That's how I got the numbers.

MR. ASHMAWY: So you didn't get any invoice for the hotel?

WITNESS: Invoice for the hotel…No. No.

MR. WRIGHT: Document marked 51, post-travel form for Representative Meeks. And that's similar with Representative Clarke except he didn't travel to Turkey.

WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. WRIGHT: And for the other portion of the document, you know like the tip amount, and I know under Representative Clarke, there are fees for museums and so on, how did you come up with that number?

WITNESS: Because we do trips to Turkey. We know how much does it cost. I took Assembly members, State Senators from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, so we know the cost. I mean we know how the trip costs usually.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And then this one doesn't have a Bates labeled, but it's the primary trip sponsor form for Representative Leonard Lance. And that's similar to the other two. Did you also create a post-travel disclosure form for Representative Lance?

WITNESS: Yes, I remember so.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And you would've sent that to his office?

WITNESS: To his office, yes -- to his Chief of Staff or Scheduler.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. WRIGHT: I'm showing you a document marked THYC_111. This is a copy of an itinerary.

WITNESS: Mhmm. I know that.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And you put the itinerary together, for I believe this is the one from Representative Clarke.

WITNESS: Actually, Lance and Clarke together. Because they almost have the same itinerary because they travel with me to Turkey also. Not the Meeks. Meeks is a little different.

MR. WRIGHT: And in Baku, did they both stay at the Marriot?

WITNESS: In Baku…If I say I don't remember, I don't remember which hotel, really. Because there were only three hotels that we all stayed. One was Four-Season, other one was Marriot, the other one was Hilton. There was one other hotel, it's not like one of the chains.

MR. WRIGHT: Was it the Radisson?

WITNESS: Radisson? It might've been the Radisson. I'm not sure. Yeah, I don't recall the name of the hotel. Because it has been almost three years…

MR. WRIGHT: Can I direct your attention to the itinerary for…it's page 113.

WITNESS: 113, here?

MR. WRIGHT: Tuesday, May 28th?

WITNESS: Yeah?

MR. WRIGHT: We've seen on other itineraries that this dinner at 8:30 PM was hosted by the state oil company of Azerbaijan. Does that sound familiar?

WITNESS: 8:30PM?

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah.

WITNESS: This [indecipherable] center?

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah. Dinner, specifically.

WITNESS: Dinner, yes. What are you asking?

MR. WRIGHT: We had heard that this was hosted by the state oil company of Azerbaijan. Does that sound familiar? Did you go to the events during the conference?

WITNESS: At the conference? Yes. I attended some of the forums, but not all of them. So dinners… If you ask me who, who was the sponsor, I cannot answer. I don't know. You know this kind of things, in Turkey it didn't happen that way. For example, that's maybe our oversight. You know we...when we go to somewhere and someone hosts the dinner, we don't ask who's hosting the dinner, it's 200-300 people. When we go there, nobody ask who's the sponsor, who's the sponsor? I don't know you know if you ask me. But since Kemal was on top of everything, we thought he was taking care of everything, so that's how we got into--

MR. ASHMAWY: And you've said this a couple of times that Kemal was taking care of everything. For the Azerbaijan portion, the Baku portion of this trip, Kemal organized the whole thing, correct?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: CTAA didn't organize the Azerbaijan component of the trip?

WITNESS: No.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Did you go to this dinner? This 8:30PM dinner on Tuesday, May 8th?

WITNESS: You know if I push my memory, maybe. I don't remember, but yes. I think I went there. I should be at the dinner. Because I think…Tuesday…yeah. Seems like we went. All of us. Some of… there was a lot of events that's why I'm a little bit cautious. Some of them I skipped, I don't know which ones I skipped but [indecipherable] center is a huge place, so I should be at that dinner.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And then if you wouldn't mind flipping the page over to 114. You see on Thursday, May 30th, there's a briefing with SOCAR and a lunch with the SOCAR executive team? The briefings at 10AM, lunch is at 1PM?

WITNESS: Where is it?

MR. WRIGHT: Here and here.

WITNESS: 1:00 lunch with SOCAR executive team…

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah. Were there a lot of events during the conference for SOCAR?

WITNESS: No. Actually, I'm not even sure if there was a lunch with SOCAR because I was not in that meeting. If there was a lunch, I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: Was there a signage about people who were sponsoring the convention that you remember?

WITNESS: You mean the banners? I saw the banners in the convention. The big forum you know. A lot of people spoke, lot of speakers in the background I saw the banners, yes. I recall the banners. There was a lot of logos, but yes of course I saw SOCAR, I saw the – because those are big companies I recall. BP, Conoco Philips, I remember Turquoise…Kemal's federation. I don't know if there was AFAZ or not. I'm not sure if AFAZ was there.

MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know whether or not Chevron was there?

WITNESS: Chevron… I don't recall. Chevron's a big company, but I don't know. Those people live in New York more than 16 years, I live in New Jersey actually, I work in New York. I don't know those energy companies too much except SOCAR executives, some of them I met them in 2012 at the first convention. They came with the Azerbaijani parliament members, together. Even some of the SOCAR executive members I think are parliament members as far as I know. So they came together at 2012 you know…introduction, we …that's how I met with them.

MR. ASHMAWY: What was SOCAR'S involvement with the conference?

WITNESS: I mean…as far as I know on the uhm…if I say involvement, you know I think…they were one of the organizers? Like a volunteer type of organizers because I saw in the hotel when we get off the plane, we you know…got in the cab, I went to hotel and I met with I think Vermont state representative in the hotel in the lobby, say hi, how are you, how was trip, so I saw at desk saying that SOCAR'S at the entrance of hotel. Those were all those badges saying volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. A lot of young guys like high school, college type of thing, but that's… I think I mean…other than that you know, I don't know what they sponsor, what they paid, how can I know I don't know.

But I saw couple of volunteer badges at the entrance of hotel and I also saw logos on banners.

MR. ASHMAWY: And these desks you were referring to, is that like a check-in desk?

WITNESS: No, not check-in desk. It's like helping the people, site-seeing this is the shore, this is the Baku that kind of thing.

MR. ASHMAWY: A little more about –

MR. WRIGHT: What is SOCAR'S relationship with the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: I don't know.

MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah I'm just going to be a little more direct. Did Kemal get the money for this conference from SOCAR?

WITNESS: How can I know...the first answer, how can I know? The second, according to my knowledge, no.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay, are you surprised you didn't know people told us that Kemal got the money from SOCAR?

WITNESS: Yeah I would be surprised.

MR. WRIGHT: Why did that surprise you?

WITNESS: Why surprise you? This is a non-profit organization, non-profit event. You know I was expecting… you know non-profit and non-binding contracts. We only did this for Azerbaijan, contracts for Azerbaijan, not for SOCAR. So why would they pay Kemal for anything?

MR. ASHMAWY: Did you know that there was a contract between AFAZ and SOCAR?

WITNESS: No I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: What is Kemal's relationship with SOCAR? Does he seem to have a close relationship with executives of SOCAR?

WITNESS: Executives? I never questioned Kemal because he's my family friend of course. We've known each other more than 10 years maybe. Our family see each other, I know his hometown in Turkey. We traveled to Black Sea together. We're close friends so…I never ask him those are the questions we never ask to each other. You know, what's your relationship with SOCAR? Those are intimate questions, I never ask those things, but of course he seems like more closer than us to SOCAR's representatives

because in 2012 he's the one who introduced us to those people so I assumed that of course he has more relationship than me, but if you ask me what's the level of the relationship I cannot answer that because I don't know.

MR. ASHMAWY: Just while I'm thinking about it, we've already discussed who paid for the hotels in Turkey and who paid for the hotels in Baku. None of the Turkish federation sponsors paid for the hotels in Baku, correct? The hotels in Bak – I understand you don't know who paid for the hotels --

WITNESS: I don't know if the others paid or not.

MR. ASHMAWY: You don't know?

WITNESS: But I know I haven't paid.

MR. ASHMAWY: What about the trip to Turkey? Bakiad has been paying for these hotels for a long time, correct?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay and that's for all the federations?

WITNESS: Yes. I mean the other federations are telling me, "yes Bakiad is taking care of this, taking care of that." Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay, because while it was on my mind I just wanted to ask. I'm sorry for interrupting.

MR. WRIGHT: No, no. Did you meet with any of the members of Congress that you sponsored to the convention beforehand, like a pre-trip briefing?

WITNESS: In the Congress?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, before leaving.

WITNESS: Maybe I may have gone over with you know itinerary with them, maybe. Probably. Maybe they are staff not with them personally because they…the staffers are you know, usually they are very cautious, "where does he stay, who's going to pick up him from here, who's taking…blah blah blah", you know. Maybe yes we went over itinerary with their staffers.

MR. WRIGHT: Was there a meeting with TAA and Congressional staffers who were traveling? Do you remember that? A briefing with—

WITNESS: No. I was only responsible for three members. That was my whole agenda.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay I want to ask real quick. If you could go back to page Bates labeled 137 and you'll notice…well to start with, under these checks, there are some checks that are four digits with a 1 and some checks that are five digits that begin with a 5, what's the difference between those two? Are those different like checkbooks or…?

WITNESS: I don't know. I mean accountant should know, but I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: And do you know…you see how on May 21, 2013, there are four instances, where this serial number that begins with a 5 and has five digits, instances where they're sending out $2,600.00 in checks, do you know where those checks are going?

WITNESS: I don't know, but we should…we can get the image of checks easily. I don't recall.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

MR. ASHMAWY: And we can get those from you?

WITNESS: Yeah, sure. Let me make a note.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know a firm called Ruberti & White?

WITNESS: Yes, I heard.

MR. WRIGHT: And do you know Arie Mittleman?

WITNESS: Yes, I know him.

MR. WRIGHT: What was his role in this convention?

WITNESS: According to my knowledge, nothing. He was just one of the participants as far as I know.

MR. WRIGHT: He was a participant? Was he involved at all in reaching out to elective officials or travelers here in the United States?

WITNESS: No I haven't seen…about this trip?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: I don't know. I never see him in the conference, but I never seen him…you know I never follow; there was 350 people.

MR. WRIGHT: Alright, I'm showing you a document, Bates labeled RW_292. Take a look at that. I realize it's your assistant reaching out to him.

WITNESS: Yeah. [inaudible] Yes, I asked Arie about that, that's true.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Was he reaching out to you or –

WITNESS: Because why? Because Arie? The first time I met him, four years ago, he was the staffer of Bakheze senator. So uh…and…Kemal asked me you know can we get a video message from any members who cannot come to the conference? And I asked Arie as you know…but I didn't know at that time that he was working for somebody else. I, you know I knew that he was looking for a job, so I asked for the video message from him. Yes, I remember this.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

WITNESS: I remember now.

MR. WRIGHT: Did he have any other involvement with getting video messages for the convention or any other involvement that you were aware about as an attendee?

WITNESS: Say it again?

MR. WRIGHT: Did he have any other involvement in reaching out to people–

WITNESS: Except the video message?

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, except for the video messages --

WITNESS: I haven't seen. I mean I haven't see him --

MR. ASHMAWY: Did he help plan at all?

WITNESS: Say it again?

MR. ASHMAWY: Did he help plan the convention at all?

WITNESS: He…planned? No.

MR. ASHMAWY: No?

WITNESS: No.

MR. ASHMAWY: Did he help pick people to invite to the convention?

WITNESS: I mean, not my peop—not my invitees. You know not at all. He didn't involve with me except this video message and so now I remember. But you know I cannot know he met with Kemal or AFAZ or Turquoise which is completely out of my league. I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Do you remember having any conversation with him during the convention?

WITNESS: Who, Arie?

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, Arie.

WITNESS: I saw him, yes in the convention. I mean we talked about what a beautiful country, what a nice convention, blah blah that kind of conversation.

MR. WRIGHT: Did he ever tell you who invited him to attend or what his—

WITNESS: No. he's kind of person who doesn't talk too much. He didn't share with me anything, almost anything. Just you know… I ask you know what are you doing, how is your family, kind of conversation that's it. I don't remember other than that. Maybe I saw him maybe one or two minutes in whole three days.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. To your knowledge, once the attendees got there, did any of them receive gifts during the convention in Baku?

WITNESS: In our trips you know, usually, in Turkey, we go to our family you know for example I did a trip in I think from New Jersey, for State Officials and I made orientation and in my orientation it says that we go to families, like families' dinners and some of the people they will give you a gift. That's the custom. In Turkey, in Azerbaijan, it's a very common custom. Even though I tell them bring some little things from Congress or from New Jersey, little you know like a dime of New Jersey state capital on it, one dollar, two dollar, ten dollar things, maybe you can give it to the family members. We do this because we know in those countries, the gift exchange is a very common thing, so…I saw couple of gifts you know people are getting from their hands, but I never ask what are those and who gave it to them those so I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: Did anyone ever, any of the members you sponsored ever ask you, "you know I got this gift, who is it from?" or any questions like that about gifts they were receiving?

WITNESS: Members? No. I only have three members. Those members are very knowledgeable people. I thought in my mind it usually happens like this if something like this happens, whoever gives that gift they ask how much is this worth and I think they have a limit of $50 or $100 whatever, and if it's above the limit they return it or reject it. That's out my jurisdiction. But yes I saw some of the people with kind of gifts, people and little you know little bags but I never ask who gave it to you, what's inside. It's inappropriate to ask people you know what is this gift you know.

MR. WRIGHT: Did the members you were sponsoring to the convention, did they receive rugs to their hotel rooms during the convention?

WITNESS: The rugs? You know I saw people bringing rugs to the hotel, but I haven't asked my guys again for same reason, did you get the rugs or not. I haven't asked because I haven't arranged it and I don't know who gave it to them.

MR. WRIGHT: They never asked you, "hey I got this rug in my hotel room, do you know where it's from because I need to figure out whether or not I can accept it or how much it's worth?"

WITNESS: No they didn't talk at all.

MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know if they took it with them?

WITNESS: No I don't know. We haven't traveled together for about a day. They got business class from other airlines; I go the economy from another airline.

MR. ASHMAWY: Did you get rugs?

WITNESS: I got one little rug. It's like, nice rug, but small.

MR. ASHMAWY: Just one?

WITNESS: Just one.

MR. WRIGHT: I'm showing you a document marked THYC_0150. You had reached out to members beforehand, to ask them for a certificate of congressional recognition?

WITNESS: [inaudible] Yes, I remember that.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And you specifically list out there the CTAA, TCAE and AFAZ.

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Why are you asking for the certificate of recognition thanking those three organizations?

WITNESS: Because those people in Azerbaijan, they …they care about those things. They like those kind of stuff. That's why I asked. They like you know…to hear that the show off something from Congress. It's like honoring the people, that's why I asked. If you ask me why those three organizations, Turquoise and AFAZ were the organizers and I am the person who take those guys, that's why I ask.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And you would also, this is the document marked THYC_0146, you provided them more information about CTAA, TCAE and AFAZ. Did any of the

members ask you, why are you asking for a certificate with these two other organizations on there, TCAE and AFAZ?

WITNESS: I don't think so. I don't remember that kind of question.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Did you ever reach out to any of the members that you took on the trip to the convention and asked them about visas? For other individuals?

WITNESS: What do you mean other individuals? I mean…the staffers asked me what's the visa situation. I asked them send your passport, your boss passport, I sent to Kemal, and Kemal talked to visa people and he got the visa, he sent it to me and I sent it to them.

MR. ASHMAWY: Actually the other way around. Did you ever ask member of Congress to help with visas for someone in Turkey or who wants to come to the United States?

WITNESS: Oh visa. You mean their visa --

MR. ASHMAWY: An American visa for somebody who wants to visit America?

WITNESS: From Congress members?

MR. ASHMAWY: Yes, have you ever asked for assistance?

WITNESS: I ask assistance from couple of Congressmen, not only those. Some of the Turkish-Americans, not Turkish-Americans, I'm sorry. People who's trying to get the visa….who lives in here actually. And you know their visa is stuck in the INS. Can you help push a little more, what's wrong, can you help us. Yes. I remember a couple. But if you ask me which cases, I don't recall. One of the biggest issues in our community is the visa problem. You know, people get...got stuck the visa 8 month waiting period so they call me for – please call this congressman. I'm his district. I'm afraid I'll be legal, please help me. Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you ever reach out to the travelers to the convention – members of Congress you sponsored to the convention and ask them for messages to the government of Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: Messages?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: Not message. For example, I ask for like an independence letter for Azerbaijan. Yes I asked. I mean if you call that a message.

MR. WRIGHT: Showing you documented marked THYC_0122, subject is congratulation message --

WITNESS: Message [inaudible]

MR. WRIGHT: What is the background behind this? So, how…what led to you reaching out to members to ask them for, for this message?

WITNESS: This is a congratulation message for Azerbaijan for re-election the president.

MR. WRIGHT: But what…what prompted it? Did someone reach out to you and say hey we'd like to get these messages to congratulate –

WITNESS: No! You know, that was …you know my sole intention.

MR. WRIGHT: So you decided to get letters together congratulating him?

WITNESS: Yes, I did! You know we went there, we saw that they're very pro-western. That was our whole conversation. Maybe you don't know the background.

MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah, I actually have a larger question though. Which is, you've never done a trip to Azerbaijan, right?

WITNESS: Before that, no.

MR. ASHMAWY: You've always been involved with Turkey, correct?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Why all of a sudden are you now involved in sort of Azerbaijan issues and asking people to you know, send a congratulatory letter?

WITNESS: In 2012, as I told you, we did the first U.S.-Azerbaijan convention. Of course Kemal was… as the Turquoise Council, he was the main organizers again because he started this connection and of course he asked for help for 2012 too, so I brought maybe 5 or 6 Congressman you know, using my say that, "Congressman, please come to this event. This is so important." Then I started to educate myself since 2012. So in one year at a time, I learned a lot of things about Azerbaijan and I thought that I should be working on behalf of those people you know, Azerbaijani people, you know helping them because they were always crying per say, about Russian, Prussian, Iranian, Armenian problem and they are so pro-western. Help us, why doesn't U.S. help us too much? You know we speak the same language so they touch our hearts and they…how I started to work for my volunteer basis with those guys.

MR. ASHMAWY: More broadly, what was the purpose of the convention?

WITNESS: You know just…strengthen to U.S.-Azerbaijan relation.

MR. ASHMAWY: Were any specific aspects of that relationship, discussed?

WITNESS: I mean…on the forums, there was energy and trades –

MR. ASHMAWY: It seems like energy was a large topic…

WITNESS: It's because Azerbaijan is you know, the biggest general force is energy so it doesn't surprise me.

MR. ASHMAWY: And we asked about SOCAR before –

WITNESS: Yeah.

MR. ASHMAWY: Was -- were there conversations with SOCAR, was SOCAR leading those conversations about energy and Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: Some of the SOCAR executives spoke at the forums and the panels. Yes, I saw them.

MR. ASHMAWY: What other panels were there other than those about energy?

WITNESS: Trade, energy and I think I don't know what they call this, like a political ties between United States and Azerbaijan. They named the different, but yeah …

MR. ASHMAWY: You know I'm sure you're aware since you've been becoming closer with you know, dealing with these Azerbaijani issues, there's this topic of sanctions with Iran that are having an impact on Azerbaijan's ability to deliver energy, natural gas and oil. Was that a topic at the conference?

WITNESS: Not you know conjunction with Iran, but I remember one of the topics were [indecipherable] pipeline. You know they were promoting you know we have to do this because it's good for Europe, we have to get you to Russian monopoly that's how I know – I mean that was one of the conversations as far as I know.

MR. WRIGHT: Make sure I wrote down this correctly. You had said before with that previous message that you had decided to send these messages to the president of Azerbaijan and you know, you thought of the idea. I'm showing you a document marked THYC_0183 and one of its attachments THYC_0817 and you'll see up at the top there, in terms of attachments, there are other letters attaches, letters from Representative Poe, Representative Cuellar, the one attached there is from Representative Hinojosa. He is not in your nine states.

WITNESS: This…Ruben Hinojosa?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: No, he is not.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay and neither is Poe or Cuellar or some of these others that you've attached.

WITNESS: Cuellar I know because I traveled to Texas with. I know him personally.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. How did you get this letter to send around to –

WITNESS: These letters?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: I don't recall. I mean if I tell you I get from this and that, I really… that would be wrong. I have to check how did I get this?

MR. WRIGHT: And that last --

WITNESS: Probably came to me from somewhere, but I don't know where. Maybe from Kemal?

MR. WRIGHT: Okay in that last paragraph it references Kemal when –

WITNESS: Yeah, I see that.

MR. WRIGHT: Why would Representative Hinojosa reference Kemal in the letter to the president of Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: I don't know. I mean you should ask to Ruben Hinojosa. I don't know.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And then once you got the letters and I believe you were also asking for video messages from members, what did you do with those letters or video messages? Where did you send them?

WITNESS: Letters? I sent to… probably sent to Kemal. Because I never had a direct contact with anybody from Azerbaijan to send those things. I cannot send to Azerbaijan president so I sent to Kemal and Kemal should've sent to there or maybe he kept it. I don't know I never asked did you send or not?

MR. WRIGHT: Did Kemal have direct contact with the Azerbaijani officials? You said that you didn't.

WITNESS: I don't know. But I mean since he's the organizer, I assume he has some connections. I mean, as I told you before, in 2012, the parliament members came from Azerbaijan. He was hosting those people of course he has some connections.

MR. WRIGHT: Have you had conversations with any of the members who you sponsored recently? Who you sponsored on the convention, recently?

WITNESS: About what? I mean --

MR. WRIGHT: About the convention and the trip.

WITNESS: Recently? No, no. I mean it was long time ago.

MR. WRIGHT: Conversations with any of the other sister federations about the trip?

WITNESS: This trip? No, no. This passed already.

MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah, but have you talked about our investigation?

WITNESS: They…we know…everybody knows that your office is sending one type of letter. Since it says confidential, we haven't shared –

MR. ASHMAWY: I know, but you just said CTAA had a meeting, right? A couple of days ago?

WITNESS: Yeah

MR. ASHMAWY: So…who's there?

WITNESS: Taban, Dr. Taban, me, Suleyman from Chicago, Bilal from Texas, Oscar from California and Cemil from Atlanta.

MR. ASHMAWY: Did this come up?

WITNESS: No. The whole purpose was the convention that was 3 days, we have around 200 guests. Turkey, Africa you know…

MR. ASHMAWY: You guys didn't discuss this?

WITNESS: No, we didn't because it says confidential.

MR. ASHMAWY: You said that Kemal is a friend of yours?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: For About how long again? Ten years?

WITNESS: Let's think…let's say 7 or 8 years to be exact.

MR. ASHMAWY: And you've traveled with him?

WITNESS: I've traveled in Turkey you know in personal you know capacity.

MR. ASHMAWY: Are you friends with his family? Is he friends with your family?

WITNESS: Yes! Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. And how long has the Turquoise Council existed?

WITNESS: Turquoise, I don't know when. When I was first joined the group in 2010 and they were talking about…Kemal was here maybe like one or two years before me. So I assume 2008, 2009?

MR. ASHMAWY: What about AFAZ?

WITNESS: AFAZ is pretty new. But I don't know when it was formed. It should be new. Because in 2012, there was no AFAZ. So it should be 3…or 2 years old because I haven't seen any logo in 2012, I don't remember.

MR. ASHMAWY: Was 2013 the first time you saw a logo for AFAZ?

WITNESS: 2013?

MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah.

WITNESS: In the uh…yeah. Yes. In 2013.

MR. ASHMAWY: Did Kemal ever talk to you about why he was creating AFAZ?

WITNESS: Yeah, he was saying…yeah we talked about it, yes. He said he wants to concentrate more on Azerbaijan rather than other countries for example like, I was more involved with Kazakhstan for example. I organized… my CTAA organized U.S.-Kazakhstan convention two times, in 2013, 2014 on December. And the uh…so…you know he said, you know you like be liaison for Kazakhstan, I want to work for Azerbaijan more on their issues, so I'm going to create that type of organization who will only concentrate on Azerbaijan. Turquoise is a little bit scattered around with Turkish, Kazakhs, Kirgiz a lot of Central-Asians, he said I want to concentrate more on Azerbaijan. That was the summarize of the conversation.

MR. ASHMAWY: Did he say how he was going to fund AFAZ?

WITNESS: No, he never shared those funding things with me.

MR. ASHMAWY: You never thought to say, "hey how are you going to get the money to do this?"

WITNESS: Of course I thought, but I never ask. He's not kind of person to talk about those kind of things. When you ask about those kind of things, it's like…kind of…bridge…of confidential of friendship I never ask. He's from Black Seas; he's kind of high temperament.

MR. ASHMAWY: How about Rauf Mammadov?

WITNESS: Yes, I know Rauf.

MR. ASHMAWY: Who is he?

WITNESS: He's the head of SOCAR-USA.

MR. ASHMAWY: And is he involved in any of the organizations that you're affiliated with?

WITNESS: I don't think so. Does he come to our events? But what kind of affiliation are you asking?

MR. ASHMAWY: Is he on anyone's board of directors, is he officer of any of these organizations, does he participate in any of the meetings?

WITNESS: I don't know AFAZ, but for others I can say he's not the part.

MR. ASHMAWY: You say AFAZ, that's interesting. Why did you single out AFAZ?

WITNESS: What do you mean?

MR. ASHMAWY: You said you know he's not part of any other organization, but you don't know about AFAZ.

WITNESS: AFAZ. Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Why do you think that he's part of AFAZ?

WITNESS: I'm not saying he is part of – because AFAZ is only for Azerbaijan, working for Azerbaijan and Rauf is Azerbaijani guy who…you know…based in D.C. so it wouldn't be awkward if he's involved with AFAZ operations. And he knows Kemal, he knows me so…it wouldn't be strange if he was involved. In our groups, yes he comes to our conventions. I saw him at Kazakh-Kirgiz convention. He comes. But he's mostly about his country which is Azerbaijan.

MR. ASHMAWY: Does he attend the TAA meetings?

WITNESS: No he does not. You mean conventions? Yes.

MR. ASHMAWY: Not the conventions --

WITNESS: Not meetings, no.

MR. ASHMAWY: Is SOCAR discussed at the TAA meetings at all?

WITNESS: No, but everybody knows SOCAR. But it's never part of our agenda. Everybody knows SOCAR in our group.

MR. ASHMAWY: Have you and Kemal talked about this investigation at all?

WITNESS: No, we haven't.

MR. ASHMAWY: You said that Ke—and I asked you who was at the last TAA meeting, you didn't say Kemal.

WITNESS: No, he's not part of Turquoise anymore. He resigned.

MR. WRIGHT: When did that happen?

WITNESS: I don't know. I don't know when he give his resignation.

MR. WRIGHT: Was it –

WITNESS: What is it?

MR. ASHMAWY: Was it recently?

WITNESS: It should be recently because I saw in…when was our last board meeting with him…[inaudible] August, July…July? Or June? July? I saw him last time in our board meeting, after that I haven't see him. So one time we spoke, he said yes I resigned from TCA, I just work for AFAZ from now on, but where was it, I don't remember.

MR. ASHMAWY: Why isn't AFAZ part of the TAA organization?

WITNESS: AFAZ is…That's a good question. I don't know. I really don't know. Maybe you should ask Dr. Taban. He is the one who set this sister organization, he creates this umbrella organization, so…we don't have any vote for that you know. He says, we have six federations, six federations… he never talked about the other federations' involvement. Yes, they help sometimes. I remember one of the…Kirgiz….uh… Kirgiz like a non-profit organization from Chicago, they became one of our organization but I don't think they so part of…so part of our umbrella organization. I think you should ask to Dr. Taban about that.

MR. ASHMAWY: Do you have any more questions?

MR. WRIGHT: That's all of mine.

MR. ASHMAWY: Why don't -- we can clean up here for a quick seconds. I'll give you my business card so you have that also. I really appreciate all your time. I'll be right back.

WITNESS: These are mine or yours?

MR. WRIGHT: We'll need to take those back.

WITNESS: Okay.

# EXHIBIT 49

**From:** Sevda Seyidova **Redaction**
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 11:31 PM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov **Redaction**
**Subject:** RE: Houston guests for visa

---

Hello, Teymur muallim,
Do you have the letters for 38 people and Contarino?
Best regards,
Sevda Seyidova.

---

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov **Redaction**
**Sent:** Thursday, May 16, 2013 9:38 AM
**To:** Sevda Seyidova
**Cc:** Fuad Ahmadov
**Subject:** FW: Houston guests for visa

Dear Ms. Sevda,

Please prepare a corresponding letter to the Migration Services for the guests indicated in the attached document.

Please be advised that Harry Gee will be coming to Baku from USA on May 25 and will be going back on May 30. Gonzales and Peruchini will be coming to Baku on May 26 and will be going back on May 30.

Best regards,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Head Office
Deputy Manager of the Administrative Department
Tel 1: [redacted]
E-mail: **Redaction**
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Irada Akhoundova **Redaction**
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013 2:57 PM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Subject:** Houston guests for visa

Hello Teymur,
I would appreciate if you send me the visa letters of the guests.

Best regards,
Irada

Irada Akhoundova

Azerbaijan Center
Houston Baku Sister City Association

308 Avondale Houston TX 77006

office: [redacted]
cell: 28[redacted]
http://www.houstonbaku.org/

----- Forwarded Message ----- **From:** Irada Akhoundova **Redaction**
**To:** Kemal Oksuz **Redaction**; 'Teymur Mahmudov' **Redaction**
**Cc:** 'usazconvention' **Redaction**
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013 3:05 PM
**Subject:** Re: KEMAL OKSUZ has shared 'CTAA Passport copies-ALL.zip' with you using Dropbox

Kemal bey,
Please find attached copies of the passports for Harry Gee, Councilman Gonzalez, and his Chief of Staff Jerry Peruchini from Houston.

Harry Gee would like to depart Houston on May 25 and return back on May 30.

Councilman Gonzalez and Mr. Peruchini would like to depart Houston on either May 26 or May 27 and return back on May 30.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Irada.

Irada Akhoundova

Azerbaijan Center
Houston Baku Sister City Association

308 Avondale Houston TX 77006
office: [redacted]
cell: 2[redacted]
http://www.houstonbaku.org/

**From:** Kemal Oksuz **Redaction**
**To:** 'Teymur Mahmudov' **Redaction**
**Cc:** 'sazconvention' **Redaction**
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013 12:48 PM
**Subject:** RE: KEMAL OKSUZ has shared 'CTAA Passport copies-ALL.zip' with you using Dropbox
Teymur Bey, they are in the list.

Thanks, Kemal

---

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov **Redaction**
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 12:34 AM
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Cc:** usazconvention
**Subject:** RE: KEMAL OKSUZ has shared 'CTAA Passport copies-ALL.zip' with you using Dropbox

Kemal Bey,

For CTAA list:

I don't have the following names in the list of delegates:

Adem Aydin
Furkan Kasar
James Roy
Mevlut Kirazli
Suleyman Aydogan

Copies of all passports for the abovementioned delegates are available. Can you just clarify whether they are in the list?

Regards,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Head Office
Deputy Manager of the Administrative Department
Tel :
Mob:
E-mail: **Redaction**
URL: www.socar.az

---

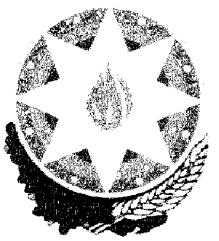
**From:** Kemal Oksuz **Redaction**
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2013 6:22 PM
**To:** usazconvention
**Subject:** KEMAL OKSUZ has shared 'CTAA Passport copies-ALL.zip' with you using Dropbox

Hi,
Here's a link to "CTAA Passport copies-ALL.zip" in my Dropbox:
https://www.dropbox.com/s/ndutx0ii5i8nvs6/CTAA%20Passport%20copies-ALL.zip
Kemal Oksuz
President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians
(
http://www.tcae.org/
**Redaction**

Sent from my iPad

# EXHIBIT 50

Azərbaycan Respublikası
**DÖVLƏT MİQRASİYA XİDMƏTİ**
AZ-1114, Bakı şəhəri, Binəqədi rayonu
3123-cü məhəllə, Binəqədi şossesi 202
tel: [redacted],
faks: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]@migration.gov.az



**STATE MIGRATION SERVICE**
**of the Republic of Azerbaijan**
202 Binagadi Highway, 3123 Block,
Binagadi district, Baku city, Azerbaijan Republic
tel: [redacted],
faks: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]@migration.gov.az

"18" 03 2013 il

№ [redacted]

The visit of the below mentioned persons invited to the Republic of Azerbaijan has been agreed. Issue of the entry visa for arrival to the Republic of Azerbaijan for them at the Baku International Airport named after Heydar Aliyev is not objected.

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. NEVILLE TAMARA LYNNETTE | (PASSPORT [redacted] |
| 2. PAYNE WILLIAM HOLLAND | (PASSPORT |
| 3. REHM WILLIAM ROBERT | (PASSPORT |
| 4. LOYD NANCY ARLEENE | (PASSPORT |
| 5. STEINMETZ JOHN DAVID | (PASSPORT |
| 6. GOODEN LANCE CARTER | (PASSPORT |
| 7. EARVIN LARRY LEE | (PASSPORT |
| 8. HINOJOSA MARTHA LOPEZ | (PASSPORT |
| 9. HINOJOSA KAITLIN ELAINE | (PASSPORT |
| 10. SHIVELY ALEXANDER | (PASSPORT |
| 11. RUHLEN STEPHEN STRAWN | (PASSPORT |
| 12. BUTTERWORTH AUSTIN ZACHARIAH | (PASSPORT |
| 13. WIDNESS BENJAMIN DAVIS | (PASSPORT |
| 14. MOONEY BRANDON PAUL | (PASSPORT |
| 15. LONDEREE DWIGHT BARRY | (PASSPORT |
| 16. TABAN FARUK | (PASSPORT |
| 17. KNOX JASON DOUGLAS | (PASSPORT |
| 18. LO FRANCO JUSTIN VINCENT | (PASSPORT |
| 19. VANDIVER LAUREN | (PASSPORT |
| 20. BOWERS MANDY LYNN | (PASSPORT |

**State Migration Service**

# EXHIBIT 51

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov **Redaction**
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013 2:59 PM
**To:** Khalik Mammadov **Redaction**
**Cc:** 'Rufat Zamanov' **Redaction**; Kemal Oksuz **Redaction**
**Subject:** RE: Letters...

Dear Khalik muallim,
As continuation of your conversation with Kemal bey on the phone yesterday, I inform you that the visa letters for the participants from the RUMİ FORUM have been prepared by the Migration Services and the letters will be picked up from the Migration Services today at 15:00 PM. I'll send the scanned copies to Kemal bey. The letters for other people will be ready within this week. We keep in touch with the Migration Services all the time.

Regards,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Head Office
Deputy Manager of the Administrative Department
Tel 1: [redacted]
E-mail: **Redaction**
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Khalik Mammadov **Redaction**
**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2013 7:18 PM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov; Rufat Zamanov; Kemal Oksuz
**Subject:** Fwd: Letters...

Teymur, is there any problem?

Best regards,
Kh.M

Begining of the forwarded message:

> **От:** Kemal Oksuz **Redaction**
> **Дата:** 14 May, 2013 02:48:39 GMT+05:00
> **Кому:** Khalik Mammadov **Redaction**
> **Тема: Letters...**
>
> Khalik muallim,
>
> Did the Migration Services send the letters? The guests are asking about the letters. I'll receive my letters soon and I'll send them to you immediately.
>
> Thanks, KO

# EXHIBIT 52

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Sent:** Sunday, May 12, 2013 7:01 PM
**To:** usazconvention <usazconvention@socar.az>
**Subject:** RE: New passports required

---

Kemal Bey,

Can you please clarify with Mr. Cantarino. We expect to have the approval from Migration office on Monday 13th. Bu if he wants to get visa in DC we will need to send a notice to the Embassy and it will take a day for us. With that, if you approve we will process the letter to the Embassy of Azerbaijan in DC on Monday. We did not have any information whether he needs visa from Embassy.

Regards,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Affairs Department
Deputy General Manager
Tel :
Mob: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2013 2:13 PM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov; usazconvention
**Subject:** RE: New passports required

Teymur Bey,

Americans are getting impatient with this letter from the Migration office.

Please send me the letters ready. Furthermore, Rumi Forum guests are too much impatient with these letters as well.

David Paul Contarino is the staff aide to Governor Bill Richardson and he wants to get his visa here in DC. They say, Governor can not travel if David ca not.

I know that these are too strange things. But the life here is lie this.

Please start sending me the letters ready from the State Migration office.

Kemal

---

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Saturday, May 11, 2013 1:53 AM
**To:** usazconvention
**Subject:** FW: New passports required

Kemal Bey,

Sorry, I forgot to attach approvals from Migration office.

Regards,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Investments Department
Deputy General Manager
Tel : [redacted]
Mob: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov [mailto[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2013 7:16 PM
**To:** usazconvention (usazconvention@socar.az)
**Subject:** RE: New passports required

Salam, Kemal bey

I could hardly obtain attached approvals from Migration office today. Mr. Cantarino's and Mr. Paul's approvals will be submitted to you Monday morning as per Migration Office.

I apologize for this inconvenience but we did our best.

Regards,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Affairs Department
Deputy General Manager
Tel : [redacted]
Mob: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2013 4:01 AM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Cc:** usazconvention
**Subject:** Re: New passports required

I will send them. But i need David Contarino's letter immediately today.

Kemal Oksuz
President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians
[redacted]@tcae.org
www.tcae.org

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2013, at 2:25 PM, Teymur Mahmudov <[redacted]@socar.az> wrote:

> Salam, Kemal bey
>
> We need new passport copies for those attached.
>
> Regards,
>
> Teymur Mahmudov

SOCAR
Affairs Department
Deputy General Manager
Tel : [redacted]
Mob: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Sevda Seyidova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2013 3:53 AM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Subject:** RE:

Bu əlavədə göstərilənlər və 3 vaxtı keçmiş sizə göndərmişdim.
Hörmətlə.
S.S.

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 3:39 AM
**To:** Sevda Seyidova
**Cc:** Fuad Ahmadov
**Subject:** RE:

Sevda xanım,

Onlar hələlik bir passport göndərib. Xahiş edirəm digər yararsız pasportları əlavədə mənə göndərəsiniz ki, onlara təqdim edim.

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Sevda Seyidova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2013 3:15 AM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Subject:** RE:

Teymur müəllim,mənim tələbim yox Miqrasiya Xidmətinin təhlükəsizlik nöqteyi nəzərindən,zənnimcə haqlı tələbinə əsasən.
Məndə 5 yararsız pasport surəti var.Siz 1 dənə göndərmisiniz.
Hörmətlə,
Sevda Seyidova.

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 3:12 AM
**To:** Sevda Seyidova
**Cc:** Fuad Ahmadov
**Subject:** RE:

Sevda xanım,

Tələbinizə əsasən daha yaxşı oxunan pasportun nüsxəsini göndərirəm.

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Sevda Seyidova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Sunday, May 5, 2013 10:38 PM
**To:** Teymur Mahmudov
**Subject:**

Salam Teymur müəllim.
Əlavədə gördüyünüz bu Pasport surəti təmamilə yararsız şəkildədir
.Hörmətlə,
Seyidova Sevda.

Sevda Seyidova

***<image001.gif>***

Address: [redacted]
Phone : [redacted]
http://www.socar.az

<slchqual1.jpg>
<slchqual2.jpg>
<slchqual3.jpg>

# EXHIBIT 53

Gmail by Google

**Cemil Teber <[redacted]@gmail.com>**

# AZERBAIJAN VISA APPROVALS

**Cemil Teber** <cemilteber@gmail.com> Tue, May 21, 2013 at 6:15 PM
Bcc: cemilteber <[redacted]@turkicfederation.com>, "Johnson, Julian" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, "Miles, Glenn" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, "Hodge, Matt" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, Christopher Roper Schell <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, "Carter, Jessica" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, "Striebel, Erica" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, "Deck, Wiley" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, Alice James <[redacted]@lgraham.senate.gov>, "Black, David" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>, "Newton, Andrew (Shelby)" <[redacted]@shelby.senate.gov>

Dear Friends,
You may find attached Azerbaijan Visa Approvals. You need to print and carry these approvals with you.
Please be sure your name is in the list and please confirm.

For ethic approvals; we will have it before we fly);
I believe this, that is why I did not cancelled tickets.
See you on board on Friday.
Best,

--

TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION of SOUTHEAST

TAFS

**CEMIL TEBER**
President

Main:
Cell: [redacted]
Fax:

1349 West Peachtree St NW
Two Midtown Plaza Suite #1010
Atlanta, GA 30309

[redacted]@turkicfederation.org
www.turkicfederation.org

***Confidentiality Notice:*** *The information contained in this e-mail message is proprietary and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity to whom it is addressed. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, distribution or copy of this e-mail message and attachments is strictly prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please delete it in its entirety.*

Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail

**Migration approval_150 people_8 pages-5-21(1).pdf**
3585K

# EXHIBIT 54

**From:** Larcom, Kay K
**To:** Orelup, Luda V.
**CC:** Burkett, William H.; Ichord, Bill W
**Sent:** 4/3/2013 5:00:52 PM
**Subject:** Re: Re: update for 2013

Thanks, Luda, this is just what I needed. I have relayed to Congressman Bridenstine's office.
Kay

---

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

---

**From**: Orelup, Luda V.
**Sent**: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 09:37 AM
**To**: Larcom, Kay K
**Cc**: Burkett, William H.; Ichord, Bill W; Orelup, Luda V.
**Subject**: FW: Re: update for 2013

Kay,
The sponsorship this year is at $250,000. For the obvious reasons we are not in the position to participate. The logo that you see, it is from our last year's participation.
I hope this will clarify our position.
Best regards,
Luda

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 11:01 AM
**To:** Orelup, Luda V.
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: update for 2013
This year we are more serious at sponsorship levels. And we do not accept title sponsorships.

Kemal Oksuz
President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians
[redacted]@tcae.org
www.tcae.org
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2013, at 9:56 AM, "Orelup, Luda V." <[redacted]@conocophillips.com> wrote:

Sorry, but we will not be able to sponsor at this level.
Thanks, Luda

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 6:45 AM
**To:** Orelup, Luda V.
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Re: update for 2013
Minimum 250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand).

Kemal Oksuz
President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians
[redacted]@tcae.org
www.tcae.org
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2013, at 6:14 AM, "Orelup, Luda V." <[redacted]@conocophillips.com> wrote:

Kemal, good morning!
What are the sponsorship levels? Would $5,000 be sufficient?
*Luda*

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Monday, April 01, 2013 6:56 PM
**To:** Orelup, Luda V.
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]RE: update for 2013
Luda, does ConocoPhillips get interested in becoming one of the SPONSOR Company?
If so, I will bring a letter of sponsorship to you.
Please advise.
Kemal

# EXHIBIT 55

**From:** AynuraAhadova
**To:** Cochran, Ian L.
**CC:** 'Mehman Orujaliyev'
**Sent:** 5/7/2013 4:09:03 AM
**Subject:** U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr. Cochran,

We would like to invite you as a sponsor for the upcoming "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013. The conference will be dedicated to the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations, while also paying close attention to the subjects of promoting culture and tolerance. This conference is seen as an opportunity to further strengthen the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan.

The conference is being co-organized by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians with USAN, and the Johns Hopkins University's Central Asia Caucasus Institute at SAIS in Washington, D.C. and Caspian Strategy Institute.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and would be appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

More information about the Conference can be found at http://www.usazconvention.org

Best regards,
Aynura Ahadova
Economist at Joint Ventures and Alliances Department
Investments Division
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic
73, Neftchilar Avenue
AZ1000 Baku, Azerbaijan
Phone:
Fax:
Mobile: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az

# EXHIBIT 56

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur <[redacted]@bp.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2013 5:51 AM
**To:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>; Kenul Ismailova <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

---

Dear Kemal Bey, Kenul,

Could you please send original copies to below addressee:

To: Victoriya Hashimova or Aliyeva Lala
Where: Baku, Izmir str 1033, Hyatt Tower 3, PSCM Office, AZ1065

Regards,
Zaur

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** 09 June 2013 02:02
**To:** Jabrail, Zaur; [redacted]@socar.az
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Zaur Bey,

I have attached the invoice, W9 form and AFAZ bank details.

Thanks and please let me know after the wire is processed.

Best, Kemal

---

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto:[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2013 2:31 PM
**To:** Kemal Oksuz; [redacted]@socar.az
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Kind reminder for bank details.

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto[redacted]r@gmail.com]
**Sent:** 27 May 2013 13:03
**To:** Kenul.Ismailova
**Cc:** Jabrail, Zaur; Nasirov, Ilham (AzBTC); Akperova, Aynur V
**Subject:** Re: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

How much?

Kemal Oksuz
President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians
[redacted]@tcae.org
www.tcae.org

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2013, at 1:01 PM, Kenul.Ismailova <[redacted]@socar.az> wrote:

Dear Kemal Oksuz,

In accordance to the below BP request please arrange the bank details for the payment of sponsorship fee as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

Best Regards,

---

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** 27 may 2013 12:33
**To:** Kenul Ismailova; Kemal Oksuz
**Cc:** Ilham Nasirov; Akperova, Aynur V
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Kenul, Kemal bey,
Could you please send us receiving part bank details for paying sponsorship fee.
Regards,
Zaur

---

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 24 May 2013 15:17
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Cc:** Jabrail, Zaur; Nasirov, Ilham (AzBTC)
**Subject:** FW: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr. Kemal Oksuz,
I've received from BP this attached form to fill & signed as well as resend back. It should be executed by your organization.

P.S.: in case of the identical problem with attachment file, could you please resend to your authority employee to fill it and resend back.

Thank you in advance.
Best Regards,

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** 24 may 2013 15:06
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Cc:** 'Jabrail, Zaur'; Ilham Nasirov
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

I have attached something. But I do not know if it does help you or not.

Kemal

---

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]

**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2013 4:59 AM
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Cc:** 'Jabrail, Zaur'; 'Ilham Nasirov'
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr.Kemal Oksuz,
Could you please clarify your clarify what do you me to resend you again.
Thank you.

Kind Regards,

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** 24 may 2013 14:47
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Cc:** 'Jabrail, Zaur'; Ilham Nasirov
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Kenul Hanim,

BP LOI requires password. I can not open it.

Would you please send it again?

Thanks, Kemal

---

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 24 may 2013 14:34
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr.Kemal Oksuz,
Did you arrive in Baku? Please confirm once you receive my email.

Looking forward LOI for BP as requested.

Thank you in advance,

Kind Regards.

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** 23 may 2013 19:50
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Cc:** Jabrail, Zaur; Ilham Nasirov; Mehman Orujaliyev
**Subject:** Re: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Kenul Hanim,

I am on my way to Baku. I will get there tonight at 3:40am. I may write that letter tommorrow.

Kemal Oksuz
President, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

[redacted]@tcae.org
www.tcae.org

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2013, at 1:23 PM, Kenul.Ismailova <[redacted]@socar.az> wrote:

> Dear Zaur,
> As you requested for the more information and the official letter , I need to request to Mr. Kemal Oksuz (President of AFAS) to arrange the letter. Therefore , I need to clarify the name of person to whom it will be addressed and you confirmation if BP approve for sponsorship on U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013.
>
> Looking forward your prompt feedback asap.
>
> Thank you in advance for support and assistance.
>
> Kind Regards,
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto:[redacted]@bp.com]
> **Sent:** 23 may 2013 13:40
> **To:** Kenul Ismailova
> **Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future
>
> Salam Kenul,
>
> Could you please send me any additional description / information about sponsorship packages. I tried to access weblink but it does not work.
>
> Regards,
> Zaur Jabrail
> Events Manager
> Comunications & External Affairs
> BP Group AGT region
> Tel: [redacted]
> Fax:
> Mob
> e-mail: [redacted]@bp.com
> www.bp.com/caspian
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
> **Sent:** 23 May 2013 12:19
> **To:** Naghiyeva, Nilufer
> **Cc:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
> **Subject:** "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future
>
> Dear Mr. Birrell ,
>
> We would like to invite you as a sponsor for the upcoming "U.S. - Azerbaijan

Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013.

The conference will be dedicated to the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations, while also paying close attention to the subjects of promoting culture and tolerance. This conference is seen as an opportunity to further strengthen the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan.

The conference is being co-organized by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians with USAN, and the Johns Hopkins University's Central Asia Caucasus Institute at SAIS in Washington, D.C. and Caspian Strategy Institute.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and would be appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

More information about the Conference can be found at http://www.usazconvention.org

Given below you will find the information regarding the sponsorship opportunities.

**Heydar Aliyev Center**

***Silver Sponsor***
10'000 USD – mentioning in all billboards and advertisement within Heydar Aliyev Center
2 participants

***Gold Sponsor***
25'000 USD – mentioning in all billboards (upper row) and advertisement and media print document
4 participants

***Main Sponsor***
50'000 USD mentioning in all printed and digital sources as main sponsor
Number of participants to be agreed

P.S.: Please take a note that we have not enough time to register you once you approve your sponsorship tomorrow. In this case , please let us inform about this 2 hours as soon as possible. Whereupon I'll need your logotype in Vector Format at Adobe software today. Also, further if you need the request letter from AFAS (organizers), we'll arrange for you.

Looking forward your kind response as soon as possibel.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best Regards,

<image001.jpg>

Kenul Ismailova
SOCAR
Investments Department
Office Manager
Tel: [redacted]
Fax:

Mob: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
Web: www.socar.az

# EXHIBIT 57

**From:** Farkhad Kasimov
**To:** Patton, Brad D
**Sent:** 2/11/2015 7:28:02 PM
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fw: Fw: Improtant: U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention sponsorship issue
**Attachments:** ConocoPhillips Sponsorship Letter.pdf

FYI

----- Forwarded Message -----
**From:** "Orelup, Luda V." <[redacted]@conocophillips.com>
**To:** Irada Akhoundova <[redacted]@yahoo.com>
**Cc:** Farkhad Kasimov <[redacted]@yahoo.com>; "Orelup, Luda V." <[redacted]@conocophillips.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013 11:27 PM
**Subject:** FW: Fw: Improtant: U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention sponsorship issue

Dear Irada,
Thank you very much for meeting with me yesterday and sending an email on the AZ Republic day celebration in the Mayor's office next week. We will be happy to attend and participate.
I also would like to inform you, that CONOCOPHILLIPS will be sponsoring US-Azeri convention in Baku at Silver level. We feel that our participation will continue to reinforce relationship between Socar and CO and Azerbaijan Cultural Center in Houston.

Sincerely,
Luda

**From:** Zaur.Gahramanov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013 10:27 AM
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Cc:** [redacted]@yahoo.com
**Subject:** RE: Improtant: U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention sponsorship issue

Kemal bey,

Can you please issue the letter to ConocoPhillips, Mr. Farhad Kasimov as well.

Thanks a lot for your valuable help.
Regards,
Zaur

# EXHIBIT 58

**From:** Zaur Gahramanov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2013 9:31 AM
**To:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Cc:** Mammad Nazaraliyev <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject:** RE: Wires....

---

Thanks for update.
Have a nice WE.
Zaur

---

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2013 7:27 PM
**To:** Zaur Gahramanov
**Cc:** Mammad Nazaraliyev
**Subject:** Wires....

Zaur Bey,

50K is wired to AFAZ from Caspian Drilling Company for US-Azerbaijan Convention.

ConocoPhillips is wiring 10K today.

Thanks, KO

# EXHIBIT 59

**From:** Farkhad Kasimov
**To:** Patton, Brad D
**Sent:** 2/11/2015 7:38:29 PM
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fw: US Azerbaijan Convention
**Attachments:** Agenda (US-AZ ConventionVision for the Future, Baku, May 28-29.docx

FYI. This seems to be all correspondence that I have for the event of 2013. Please let me know if it answers your questions.

Best regards, Farkhad

----- Forwarded Message -----
**From:** Farkhad Kasimov <[redacted]@yahoo.com>
**To:** [redacted]@cop.com" [redacted]@cop.com>
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2013 6:16 PM
**Subject:** US Azerbaijan Convention

Dear Luda,

Attached is a draft program and a link to a web page that talks about the May 28-29 US-Azerbaijan convention in Baku. Please review and let me know if you have any questions. Please note that the program is not final and is subject to a last minute change, particularly the night on May 28 opening dinner venue. I guess we will get final program on Monday, June 27, when you are in town.

Have a great weekend and safe travels.

Best regards, Farkhad

http://usazconvention.org/

----- Forwarded Message -----
**From:** Kenul. Ismailova <[redacted]@socar.az>
**To:** [redacted]@yahoo.com
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2013 5:52 PM
**Subject:** FW:

Dear Farkhad mellim,
Please find attached the Agenda as you requested, also note that this is not updated. Therefore later I'll send you anew once get from Head Office.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

SOCAR

Kenul Ismailova
SOCAR
Investments Department
Tel: [redacted]

Fax: [redacted]
Mob
E-ma [redacted]@socar.az
Web: www.socar.az

# EXHIBIT 60

# MCCI

## Invoice Backup Print ( NON-POR )

VENDOR [redacted] ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIJ ✓ VOUCHER [redacted]

CURRENCY U.S. DLR ✓ CONTROL # [redacted]

COMPANY [redacted] DUE DATE 06 Jun 2013 ✓

P.O. NP REQUISITION #

TERMS

MCC No

INV DATE 27 May 2013 ✓ INVOICE # 27MAY2013 ✓

| ACCOUNT CODE | VENDOR | RESILLABLE CURRENCY | RATE | AMOUNT | TAX RULE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] ✓ | | | | 10,000.00 | |
| | | | | DESC. | SPONSORSHIP |

| | |
|---|---|
| INVOICE NET TOTAL | 10,000.00 |
| ACCRUED TAX | 0.00 |

PREPARED BY Gulsum Hajiyeva APPROVED BY [signature] 18 Jun 13 DATE 13-Jun-2013

## Aliyeva, Yekaterina

**From:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2013 10:01 AM
**To:** Aliyeva, Yekaterina
**Subject:** FW: Final Approval - ADM 142 Industrial Contribution for TCAE
**Attachments:** ADM 142-US_Az-convention_2013-approved.pdf

Morning, Yekaterina,

Please see attached a fully approved ADM 142 and a letter w/request for contribution with the funds recipient's bank details. Please proceed with payment and advise if anything else is required.

Thanks and regards,
Gulia

direct:
mobile: [redacted]

**From:** Ramirez, Chris G.
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2013 11:11 PM
**To:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Cc:** Molaison, Mark R.
**Subject:** Final Approval - ADM 142 Industrial Contribution for TCAE
**Importance:** High

**Gulia,**

**Attached is the fully-approved request you submitted on form ADM 142 for TCAE.**

**As the originator, please realize you're responsible for submitting any needed payment request(s) to Accounts Payable, as well as handling any inquiries from the organization and/or Accounts Payable.**

**Please contact me if you have any questions.**

**Regards,**

**Chris Ramirez**
**Senior Office Services Administrator**

McDermott, Inc.
757 N. Eldridge Pkwy., Ste. 101
Houston, TX. 77079
tel: [redacted]
fax:
e-mail: [redacted]mcdermott.com
website: mcdermott.com

**From:** Johnson, Stephen M.
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 12, 2013 11:41 AM
**To:** Ramirez, Chris G.
**Cc:** Molaison, Mark R.
**Subject:** Re: Approval Needed - ADM 142 Industrial Contribution for TCAE

Approved

On Jun 12, 2013, at 8:30 AM, "Ramirez, Chris G." <[redacted]@mcdermott.com> wrote:

Mr. Johnson,

Please review the below and/or attached ADM-142, and advise if you approve or reject by replying to me via email.

In your reply, please type either "APPROVE" or "REJECT". If rejected, include a brief explanation.

The approval history is included within this email chain, but also summarized below:

APPROVAL HISTORY

| Employee | Title/Role & Region | Approved Date |
|---|---|---|
| Steve Johnson | Chief Executive Officer | 12 June 2013 |
| Jack McCormack | Chief Operating Officer | 12 June 2013 |
| Gary Carlson | Chief Administration Officer | 11 June 2013 |
| Liane Hinrichs | General Counsel | 11 June 2013 |
| Sue Kean | Chief Compliance Officer | 24 May 2013 |
| Susan Smith | VETTING ONLY - Manager, Ethics & Compliance | 22 May 2013 |
| Stewart Mitchell | VP & GM-MEIC | 20 May 2013 |
| Saliba Tawil | Ethics & Compliance – MEIC | 20 May 2013 |
| Rissa Rosmawati | Communications Manager-MEIC | 20 May 2013 |
| Ian Cochran | General Manager – Caspian | 20 May 2013 |
| Gulia Taghiyeva | ORIGINATOR/ Public Relations & Communications Manager | 22 May 2013 |

ADM 142 SUMMARY (form attached in PDF)

| | |
|---|---|
| Amount Requested | $ 10,000 USD |
| Organization | Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE) |
| Organization Location | Houston, TX |
| Paying Region/Entity | Caspian/1477 |
| Prior Payments | NONE – new organization |
| Justification/Purpose | Intended contribution is for support of the 'U.S-Azerbaijan Convention: Vision fo the Future' to be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013. The conference is dedicated the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations and is seen as an opportunity to further strengthe the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan. |

| | |
|---|---|
| | McDermott has been invited to sponsor and participate in the event by the State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic. |

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thanks and regards,

Chris Ramirez
Senior Office Services Administrator
<image002.jpg>
McDermott, Inc.
757 N. Eldridge Pkwy., Ste. 101
Houston, TX. 77079
tel: [redacted]
fax: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]@mcdermott.com
website: mcdermott.com

**Navarro, Maricel**

From: AynuraAhadova [redacted]@socar.az]
Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2013 12:09 PM
To: Cochran, Ian L.
Cc: 'Mehman Orujaliyev'
Subject: U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr. Cochran,

We would like to invite you as a sponsor for the upcoming "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013. The conference will be dedicated to the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations, while also paying close attention to the subjects of promoting culture and tolerance. This conference is seen as an opportunity to further strengthen the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan.

The conference is being co-organized by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians with USAN, and the Johns Hopkins University's Central Asia Caucasus Institute at SAIS in Washington, D.C. and Caspian Strategy Institute.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and would be appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

More information about the Conference can be found at http://www.usazconvention.org

Best regards,

Aynura Ahadova

Economist at Joint Ventures and Alliances Department
Investments Division
State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic
73, Neftchilar Avenue
AZ1000, Baku, Azerbaijan
Phone: [redacted]
Fax:
Mobile:
E-mail:

MCD-OCE-0000127
15-5211_00796

Navarro, Marice!

From: Taghiyeva, Gulia
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2013 9:52 AM
To: Taghiyeva, Gulia
Subject: FW: US-Azerbaijan Convention 2013

**From:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2013 11:05 AM
**To:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** Re: US-Azerbaijan Convention 2013

Yes please.
We are being strongly encouraged by SOCAR, so need to prepare a sponsorship request asap.
Can we do so by early afternoon today? I am going away for week this evening and would like to get this underway.
ILC

**From:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Sent:** Friday, May 17, 2013 10:03 AM
**To:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Subject:** RE: US-Azerbaijan Convention 2013

Morning, Ian.

If we plan to sponsor the US-Az convention, I better prepare the ADM142 ASAP; it will take a while to obtain all approvals from Dubai and Houston. If you wish, I can talk to the event organizers to learn about our sponsorship in 2012.

Thanks,
Gulia

direct:
mobile: [redacted]

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2013 11:20 PM
**To:** Mitchell, Stewart; Mamidanna, Ravisankar V.; Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** FW: Azerbaijan

Further to my earlier e-mail (below), Congressman Poe will be speaking on Wed., May 29 at the US-Azerbaijan Convention which begins at 10:00AM at the Haydar Aliyev Center in Baku. He apparently will speak at both the opening and at lunch (1:30pm).

MCD-OCE-0000128
15-5211_00797

afaz
ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIJAN

Gulia Taghiyeva
Public Relations & Communications Manager – Caspian
McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc.

Subject: Sponsorship for the US-Azerbaijan Convention!
Date: May 16, 2013

Dear Ms. Taghiyeva:

Greetings! I hope this email finds you well!

As the Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (AFAZ) we would like to invite you, MCCI Compnay, as one of the sponsors for the upcoming "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention is an annual conference in celebration of the two decades of strengthening relations and deepening strategic partnership between the United States of America and the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Convention is a prominent assembly of government officials, legislators, and leading academics and experts, and it features keynote speeches, panels, roundtable discussions and deliberations highlighting shared strategic interests of the United States and Azerbaijan, including Energy Security, and Peace, Stability and Regional Cooperation in the South Caucasus and the Caspian Basin.

The Convention also showcases Azerbaijan's rapid transformation from a young country into a regional leader and a reliable actor of the international community, promoting peace and stability, developing the Eurasian energy and transport corridor while integrating into the European and Euro-Atlantic structures.

The US-Azerbaijan Convention which was held in DC the first time in April 2012 hosted Vice President Joe Biden, Governors Bobby Jindal and Haley Barbour, US Senators Kristen Gillibrand, Charles Schumer, Roger Wicker, David Vitter and Scott Brown and many House of Representatives, agents from State Departments, experts from think tanks, legislators from states and government officials and members of the parliament from Azerbaijan and more. More information is at www.usazconvention.org.

Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (AFAZ) together with the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE) will serve as the sole organizers of the Convention.

Sponsorship opportunities below are still available and would be much appreciated. More information about the Conference can be found at www.usazconvention.org.

6 [illegible] Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750 Houston, TX 77056 Phone: 713.622.9208 Ext 2560 Direct: 713.622.7371 Fax: 713.622.7483

*Silver Sponsor* – 10,000 USD – mentioning in all billboards and advertisement within Heydar Aliyev Center and 2 participants at the Convention;

*Gold Sponsor* – 25,000 USD – mentioning in all billboards (upper row) and advertisement and media print document and 4 participants at the Convention;

*Main Sponsor* – 50,000 USD – mentioning in all printed and digital sources as main sponsor and number of participants to be agreed.

Should you have any further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

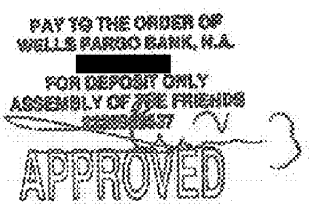
Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Kemal Oksuz
President & CEO
Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan
www.afaz.org

ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIJAN (AFAZ)
BANK DETAILS

| | |
|---|---|
| BANK NAME: | WELLS FARGO BANK |
| BANK ADDRESS: | Beltway Office, 9702 Bellaire Blvd. Houston, Texas 77036 USA |
| ACCOUNT NO: | 2325989537 |
| SWIFT/BIC: | [redacted] |
| Fed & CHIPS ABA: | [redacted] |
| AFAZ ADDRESS: | 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750 Houston, TX 77056-5715 USA |
| AFAZ Tel: | [redacted] |
| AFAZ Fax: | |



# US - AZERBAIJAN CONVENTION

*Vision for Future*

*May 28-29, 2013*
*Baku, Azerbaijan*

**MAIN MENU**

- Home
- Program
- Invitation
- Special Sessions
- Luncheon
- Organizers
- Sponsors
- Venue
- Media
- Photos
- Videos
- Contact Us

**ORGANIZERS**

**INVITATION**

**FOLLOW US**

**SPONSORS**

ExxonMobil

**PHOTO ALBUM**



MCD-OCE-0000131
15-5211_00800

# US - AZERBAIJAN CONVENTION

*Vision for Future*

*May 28-29, 2013*
*Baku, Azerbaijan*


MAIN MENU

- Home
- Welcome Reception
- Opening Ceremony
- Sessions
- Special Sessions
- Closing Session
- Gala and Dinner
- Organizer
- Sponsors
- Venue
- Media
- Contact Us

ORGANIZERS

2013 CONVENTION DVD VIDEO

US - AZERBAIJAN RELATIONS PPT


## OPENING CEREMONY

**OPENING CEREMONY @ Auditorium**

Haydar Aliyev Center

Haydar Aliyev Avenue, Baku, Azerbaijan AZ1033

8:00 ~ 9:45 AM -- Registration

10:00 ~ 11:30 - OPENING CEREMONY

Plenary session "US-Azerbaijan Relations: Shared Vision for Future"

Video Presentation "Azerbaijan Land of Future"

Welcoming address by Azerbaijan's High Ranking Official

Speakers:

Senator Richard Lugar

Ambassador Richard Morningstar

Congressman Ted Poe, TX

Congressman Gregory Meeks, NY

Congressman Mike Turner, OH

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, TX

General Duncan McNabb

Governor Bill Richardson

Mr. Jim Messina

Mr. Robert Gibbs

Congressman Ruben Hinojosa, TX

Congressman Steve Stockman, TX

Congressman Jim Bridenstine, OK

Congresswoman Michelle Grisham, NM


FOLLOW US

SPONSORS

PHOTO ALBUM




MCD-OCE-0000132
15-5211_00801

## Hajiyeva, Gulsum

**From:** Aliyeva, Yekaterina
**Sent:** Monday, May 27, 2013 9:12 AM
**To:** Hajiyeva, Gulsum
**Subject:** FW: Letter for MCCI Company

Pls. see below & process.

Regards,

**Yekaterina Aliyeva**
**Accounts Payable Administrator Supervisor**

McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc.
Caspian House
143 "A" Azadlig avenue,
Baku AZ1078, Azerbaijan
tel:
fax:
Mobile:
e-mail:
website: www.mcdermott.com

---

**From:** Shetty, Ganesh
**Sent:** Monday, May 27, 2013 9:11 AM
**To:** Taghiyeva, Gulia; Aliyeva, Yekaterina
**Cc:** Khan, Mohammed A.
**Subject:** RE: Letter for MCCI Company

Please use

Thanks

---

**From:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Sent:** Saturday, May 25, 2013 3:40 PM
**To:** Aliyeva, Yekaterina; Shetty, Ganesh
**Cc:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Subject:** FW: Letter for MCCI Company

Yekaterina,

Indeed, in theory, it must be 6001-61791-6510 (industrial contributions), but I'll check with Ganesh. Please be also advised not to make any bank transfer until we get corporate approvals, unless instructed by Ian (I've got an e-mail from Houston warning against paying without confirmation).

Ganesh,

This is about sponsorship of, and our participation in, US-Az convention to be held in Baku next week (please see attached). This industrial contribution makes up US$10,000 and apparently wasn't forecasted. Please advise if we shall use the CC above for payment (provided it's approved).

Thanks and regards,
Gulia

direct:

mobile: [redacted]
website: www.mcdermott.com

---

**From:** Aliyeva, Yekaterina
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2013 4:05 PM
**To:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** RE: Letter for MCCI Company

Gulia,

What is cost code? 6001-61791?

Regards,

**Yekaterina Aliyeva**
**Accounts Payable Administrator Supervisor**

McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc.
Caspian House
143 "A" Azadlig avenue,
Baku AZ1078, Azerbaijan
tel: [redacted]
fax:
Mobile:
e-mail:
website: www.mcdermott.com

---

**From:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 4:59 PM
**To:** Kenul.Ismailova
**Cc:** 'Zaur Gahramanov'; 'Rufat Zamanov'; Samadov, Elkhan Z.; Mamedova, Yegana; Aliyeva, Yekaterina
**Subject:** RE: Letter for MCCI Company

Dear Kenul,

I'm pleased to confirm that McDermott intends to support the US-Az Convention by providing sponsorship in the amount of $10,000. We're waiting for corporate approvals from Houston in a couple of days.

Please also see e-mails of the delegates:
Ian L. Cochran, Senior Director, Caspian Operations: [redacted]@mcdermott.com
Elkhan Z. Samadov, Government Affairs Manager: [redacted]@mcdermott.com

Let me know if any questions.

Thanks and regards,
Gulia

**Gulia Taghiyeva**
**Public Relations & Communications Manager – Caspian**

McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc.
Hyatt Tower III, 3rd floor
1033 Izmir str., Baku
AZ 1065 Azerbaijan
direct:
mobile: [redacted]
website: www.mcdermott.com

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 4:50 PM
**To:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Cc:** 'Zaur Gahramanov'; 'Rufat Zamanov'
**Subject:** RE: Letter for MCCI Company

Dear Gulia khanim,
I appreciate you for assistant and prompt feedback.

P.S. : Could you be so kind to confirm finally your sponsorship on US-AZ Convention: Vision for the Future , held on May 28-29, 2013.
Kind Regards,

Received BAKU
27 MAY 2013
Registered 525801

# REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION / COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

McDermott International, Inc.

ADM No. 142 (06/09)

TYPE OF CONTRIBUTION: (See next page for definitions.)

☐ CHARITABLE ✓ INDUSTRIAL ☐ POLITICAL ☐ GOVERNMENT RELATIONS ☐ COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

☐ FORECAST for NEXT YEAR? ☐ VETTED (DATE: )

| | |
|---|---|
| REQUESTING ENTITY<br>McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. | LOCATION<br>Baku |
| ACCOUNTING ENTITY WHICH WILL DISTRIBUTE FUNDS<br>McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. | LOCATION<br>Baku |
| ACCOUNTING ENTITY WHICH WILL BE CHARGED<br>McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. | LOCATION<br>Baku |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION TO WHICH FUNDS WILL BE PAID<br>Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE)<br>Galleria Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750<br>Houston, TX 77056 USA | EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:<br>1477<br>TAX STATUS: ☐ Deductible X Non deductible<br>DATE FUNDS REQUESTED: ASAP |

PURPOSE/REMARKS: SEND CHECK TO: IEA

Intended contribution is for support of the "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future" to be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013. The conference is dedicated to the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations and is seen as an opportunity to further strengthen the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan. McDermott has been invited to sponsor and participate in the event by the State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic.

## FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY

Is organization an U.S. IRS-approved as 501(c)(3) tax exempt? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(see http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,1c=95138.00.html)

## FOR COMPANY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY

NUMBER OF COMPANY EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN BUSINESS/TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL AREA SERVED BY THIS ORGANIZATION:

PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION:

MEMBERSHIP FEE AMOUNT:

| FOR COMPANY CONTRIBUTIONS | THIS YEAR | PREVIOUS YEAR |
|---|---|---|
| AMOUNT REQUESTED BY ORGANIZATION | $ 10,000 | $ |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL | $ 10,000 | $ |
| AMOUNT APPROVED | $ 10,000 | $ |

Originator (Name and Signature): Gulia Taghiyeva — Date: May 17, 2013

| SIGNATURE (All Approvals Are Required) | DATE | ✓ IF REQD. | SIGNATURE | DATE | ✓ IF REQD. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Originator's Manager: Ian L. Cochran [redacted] | 20/05/13 | | Chief Compliance Officer | | |
| Regional Communications Manager: [redacted] | 20/05/13 | | General Counsel | | |
| | May 20 2013 | | Chief Operating Officer | | |
| | | | Chief Administration Officer | | |
| Manager of Corporate Communications | | | Chief Executive Officer | | |
| | | | | | |

## REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION / COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

McDermott International, Inc.

| | |
|---|---|
| ☐ CHARITABLE ☑ CORPORATE ☐ POLITICAL ☐ GOVERNMENT RELATIONS | ☐ OTHER (EXPLAIN) |
| ☐ PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED | ☐ OTHER (EXPLAIN) |
| REQUESTING ENTITY<br>McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. | LOCATION<br>Baku |
| ACCOUNTING ENTITY WHICH WILL RECEIVE FUNDS<br>McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. 1477 | LOCATION<br>Baku |
| ACCOUNTING ENTITY WHICH WILL BE CHARGED<br>McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. 1477 | LOCATION<br>Baku |
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION TO WHOM FUNDS WILL BE PAID<br>Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE)<br>Gellerio Tower I, 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1780<br>Houston, TX 77056 USA | SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ATTACHED<br>Yes<br>PAY VENDOR<br>☐ Electronic<br>☒ Check<br>DATE PAYMENT REQUIRED<br>ASAP |

PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTION / MEMBERSHIP — DATES CHECK TO BE MAILED

Intended contribution is for support of the "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future" to be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013. The conference is dedicated to the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations and is seen as an opportunity to further strengthen the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan. McDermott has been invited to sponsor and participate in the event by the State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic.

**FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY**

Is organization an U.S. IRS-approved as 501(c)(3) tax exempt? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Does Manchester Inc. or its subsidiaries derive 10% or more of its annual revenues from the organization?

**FOR COMPANY MEMBERSHIPS ONLY**

NUMBER OF COMPANY EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN SIMILAR BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AREAS SERVED BY THIS ORGANIZATION:

PURPOSE OF MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBERSHIP FEE AMOUNT:

| FOR COMPANY CONTRIBUTIONS | USD VALUE | FOREIGN VALUE |
|---|---|---|
| AMOUNT REQUESTED BY ORGANIZATION | $ 10,000 USD | $ |
| AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL | $ 10,000 USD | $ |
| AMOUNT APPROVED | $ 10,000 USD | $ |

Originator (Please Print and Signature): Guliz Tagiyeva — Date: May 17, 2013

| SIGNATURE (All Approvals Are Required) | DATE | ✓ IF REQD. | SIGNATURE | DATE | ✓ IF REQD. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Originator's Manager: Ian L. Cochran [redacted] | 5/20/13 | ✓ | Chief Compliance Officer | | ✓ |
| Regional Operations Manager: [redacted] | 5/20/13 | ✓ | Controller | | ✓ |
| [redacted] | 5/20/13 | ✓ | Chief Operating Officer | | ✓ |
| | | ✓ | Chief Administrative Officer | | ✓ |
| | | | Chief Executive Officer | | ✓ |

# EXHIBIT 61

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur <[redacted]@bp.com>
**Sent:** Monday, May 27, 2013 2:35 PM
**To:** Kenul Ismailova <[redacted]@socar.az>; Zaur Gahramanov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Cc:** Kemal Oksuz <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Kenul, Zaur,

Could you please confirm BP list of invitees and the provision of access to Heydar Aliyev centre on 29th May.

1. Mr Huseyn Mamedov, BP AGT Region Communications & External Affairs and Security VP
2. Mr Rashad Bayramov, BP AGT Region, External Affairs manager
3. Mr Guivami Rahimli, BP AGT Region, Stakeholders Relations lead
4. Mr Wilbert Long, BP AGT Region, Chief Procurement Officer

Regards,
Zaur

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 27 May 2013 10:11
**To:** Jabrail, Zaur
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Zaur,
Please note that I asked to Management of SOCAR to add the below mention persons to common list of participants and still waiting the confirmation as well as the rest information as you requested.

P.S.: could you please separately to indicate also their email address .

Thank you .

Best Regards,

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto:[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** 25 may 2013 14:27
**To:** Kenul Ismailova; Rufat Zamanov; Zaur Gahramanov; Kemal Oksuz
**Cc:** Rahimli, Guivami A; Bayramov, Rashad; Mamedov, Huseyn A
**Subject:** Re: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Kind reminder.

Sent from my iPhone

On 24 May 2013, at 19:25, "Jabrail, Zaur" <[redacted]@bp.com> wrote:

> Dear Konul, Rufat,
>
> Could you please include names of the BP representatives in the guests list:
>
> 1. Mr Huseyn Mamedov, BP AGT Region Communications & External Affairs and Security VP
> 2. Mr Rashad Bayramov, BP AGT Region, External Affairs manager
> 3. Mr Guivami Rahimli, BP AGT Region, Stakeholders Relations lead
> 4. Mr Wilbert Long, BP AGT Region, Chief Procurement Officer
>
> Please advise when we can receive invitations.
> Please advise event Agenda details.
> Please confirm Huseyn Mamedov's speech slot for "Turning Black Gold into Human Capital: Investing in Azerbaijan's Future" session.
>
> Regards,
> Zaur
>
> **From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
> **Sent:** 24 May 2013 11:55
> **To:** Jabrail, Zaur
> **Cc:** Rahimli, Guivami A
> **Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future
>
> Dear Zaur,
> It's pleasure for me.
> Please find the below list of invited persons from BP.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BP | Gorden | Birrell | President of AGT Regional | [redacted]@bp.com |
| BP | Alasdair | Cook | Vice-president | [redacted]@se1.bp.com |
| BP | Sue | Adlm-Hill | Vice-president | [redacted]@bp.com |

Thank you.

Best Regards,

---

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** 24 may 2013 11:01
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Cc:** Rahimli, Guivami A
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Salam Kenul
Thanks for your notes.
This is very important to see Agenda details and brief our leadership.
Could you please help to clarify the number/names of guests to be invited from BP.
Regards,
Zaur

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:k[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 24 May 2013 10:14
**To:** Nasirov, Ilham (AzBTC); 'Rufat Zamanov'
**Cc:** 'Kemal Oksuz'; 'Zaur Gahramanov'; Jabrail, Zaur
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear All,
As per the BP requirement could you please how they can see visually their logo to avoid any further misunderstanding.

P.S.: Also, please inform that if the updated Agenda as well as entrance cards are ready, so as all quests are interested .

Looking forward you kind response as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance.

Kind Regards,

---

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto:[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** 23 may 2013 20:22
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Cc:** Kemal Oksuz
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Kenul,
I would also appreciate if you send me design visuals of all promotional materials that will have BP logo on.
Regards,
Zaur

---

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 23 May 2013 15:46
**To:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Cc:** Jabrail, Zaur
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr. Kemal Oksuz,
As per the below request from PB and taking into the consideration that we have not enough time for registration , I would like to kindly ask you to arrange the letter for BP and send the necessary information for sponsorship opportunities.
Your prompt feedback will be highly appreciated.
Thank you in advance.
Kind Regards,

---

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 23 may 2013 15:24
**To:** 'Jabrail, Zaur'
**Cc:** 'Kemal Oksuz'; 'Ilham Nasirov'; 'Mehman Orujaliyev'

**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Zaur,
As you requested for the more information and the official letter , I need to request to Mr. Kemal Oksuz (President of AFAS) to arrange the letter. Therefore , I need to clarify the name of person to whom it will be addressed and you confirmation if BP approve for sponsorship on U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013.
Looking forward your prompt feedback asap.
Thank you in advance for support and assistance.
Kind Regards,

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto:[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** 23 may 2013 13:40
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Subject:** RE: "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Salam Kenul,
Could you please send me any additional description / information about sponsorship packages. I tried to access weblink but it does not work.
Regards,
Zaur Jabrail
Events Manager
Comunications & External Affairs
BP Group AGT region
Tel:[redacted]
Fax:
Mob
e-m
www.bp.com/caspian

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 23 May 2013 12:19
**To:** Naghiyeva, Nilufer
**Cc:** 'Kemal Oksuz'
**Subject:** "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future

Dear Mr. Birrell ,

We would like to invite you as a sponsor for the upcoming "U.S. - Azerbaijan Convention: Vision for the Future", which will be held in Baku on May 28-29, 2013. The conference will be dedicated to the 21st anniversary of US-Azerbaijan diplomatic relations with special emphasis on trade and energy relations, while also paying close attention to the subjects of promoting culture and tolerance. This conference is seen as an opportunity to further strengthen the political, cultural and business relationship between the US and Azerbaijan.

The conference is being co-organized by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians with USAN, and the Johns Hopkins University's Central Asia Caucasus Institute at SAIS in Washington, D.C. and Caspian Strategy Institute.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and would be appreciated. We look forward to hearing from you.

More information about the Conference can be found at http://www.usazconvention.org

Given below you will find the information regarding the sponsorship opportunities.

**Heydar Aliyev Center**

***Silver Sponsor***
10'000 USD – mentioning in all billboards and advertisement within IIeydar Aliyev Center
2 participants

***Gold Sponsor***
25'000 USD – mentioning in all billboards (upper row) and advertisement and media print document
4 participants

***Main Sponsor***
50'000 USD mentioning in all printed and digital sources as main sponsor
Number of participants to be agreed

P.S.: Please take a note that we have not enough time to register you once you approve your sponsorship tomorrow. In this case , please let us inform about this 2 hours as soon as possible. Whereupon I'll need your logotype in Vector Format at Adobe software today. Also, further if you need the request letter from AFAS (organizers), we'll arrange for you.

Looking forward your kind response as soon as possibel.

Should you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best Regards,

<image001.jpg>

Kenul Ismailova
SOCAR
Investments Department
Office Manager
Tel: +
Fax: +
Mob:
E-mail: @socar.az
Web: www.socar.az

# EXHIBIT 62

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur <[redacted]@bp.com>
**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2013 12:45 AM
**To:** Kenul Ismailova <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Cc:** Ilham Nasirov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject:** RE: BP logos
**Attach:** BP Logo.tga.zip

---

Salam Kenul,
Please see the attached and confirm.
Regards,
Zaur

**From:** Kenul.Ismailova [mailto[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 24 May 2013 10:21
**To:** Jabrail, Zaur
**Cc:** Nasirov, Ilham (AzBTC)
**Subject:** FW: BP logos

Dear Zaur,
Could you please send me anew logo of BP but on Vector Format at Adobe. Because previously, I was requested from Head Office in that format only.
Thank you in advance for your kind comprehension and assistance .

Best Regards,

**From:** Jabrail, Zaur [mailto:[redacted]@bp.com]
**Sent:** 23 may 2013 14:56
**To:** Kenul Ismailova
**Subject:** FW: BP logos

As requested.

**From:** Huseynova, Vefa (Moody)
**Sent:** 23 May 2013 14:31
**To:** Jabrail, Zaur
**Subject:** FW:

FYI,

Regards,

Vefa Huseynova

**From:** Huseynova, Vefa (Moody)
**Sent:** 23 May 2013 13:05
**To:** Nasirov, Ilham (AzBTC)
**Subject:** FW:

Salam Ilham muellim,

For your information attached files.

Regards,
Vefa Huseynova

**From:** Huseynova, Vefa (Moody)
**Sent:** 22 May 2013 17:09
**To:** 'Zamanov@socar.az'
**Subject:** FW:

Dear Rufat,

For your information BP Logo and Mamedov Huseyn's photo as you needed.

Regards,
Vefa Huseynova
Executive secretary to C&EA and Security VP
BP Azerbaijan,Communications and External Affairs
Mob: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@bp.com

**From:** Mamedov, Huseyn A
**Sent:** 22 May 2013 15:29
**To:** Huseynova, Vefa (Moody)
**Subject:** FW:

Please print for me.
Thanks,

**From:** Ilham Nasirov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** 22 May 2013 10:38
**To:** Mamedov, Huseyn A
**Subject:** FW:

**From:** Zaur Gahramanov [mailto:[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 10:31 AM
**To:** Kenul Ismailova; Ilham Nasirov
**Subject:** FW:

**From:** Rufat Zamanov [mailto[redacted]@socar.az]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2013 10:22 AM
**To:** Zaur Gahramanov
**Subject:**

# EXHIBIT 63

**From:** Cochran, Ian L.
**To:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** 5/29/2013 7:54:48 AM
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan
**Attachments:** image001.jpg; image002.png; image003.jpg; image005.jpg

Bruce,

I had no idea how big an event this was. The delegation from the US is 317 people including legislators from 42 States as well as Federal Congress. Most of Azerbaijan's 120 Milli Majlis (parliament) members were present today. With other guests there must have been 600 people in the auditorium plus local tv, press etc.

Congressman Poe did mention McDermott International in his remarks this morning and I managed a very brief chat and exchange of cards with him afterwards. I did not manage to find Steve Ruhlen. Houston delegation included ex mayor White and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who also spoke well this morning.

Gregory Meeks was a star turn at the podium and Bill Richardson spoke well. I'd not seen Paul Wolfowitz since he was ambassador to Indonesia many years ago.

Dinner last night was per a seating plan and I now know a lot more about New Hampshire. An interesting morning today, with President Aliyev also impressive at the podium.

Regards,

Ian

---

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 May 2013 8:04 PM
**To:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

**Ian – sounds good. That is quite an agenda. This may be too late but just some background:**

**Because of changes in his congressional district, Congressman Poe is "new" to McDermott in the sense that his district has moved closer and includes a number of McDermott employees. He has agreed to come visit with us and meet with execs and employees in August.**

**Steve is Chief of Staff to Congressman Pete Olson, who's district lies south of the MDR office but includes Sugar Land, where a number of employees reside. Olson serves on the House Energy committee and is a strong supporter of the oil and gas industry. He has visited the MDR office.**

**Let me know how it goes.**

---

**From:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2013 2:11 AM
**To:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Cc:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

Bruce,

FYI without having yet confirmed whether we will be a paying sponsor (and having now seen updated material for the event which no longer includes our logo), I have received an invitation to attend the reception and dinner tonight, which I have accepted. I shall look out for Congressman Poe and Steve Ruhlen.

I have attached the final program we received for the visitors – it's quite an event.

Ian

---

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 May 2013 11:23 PM
**To:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Cc:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

Ian – Understand. Let's leave it like this: I will tell both Congressman Poe and Steve Ruhlen that McDermott might be a sponsor of the event and, if so, will have representatives in attendance who will seek to introduce themselves. Both of these folks are very approachable and I expect the name McDermott will be enough. Both are very good friends, and supporters, of the oil and gas industry here in the US and I expect you (and MDR) would benefit from a conversation with them. I might also be productive to ask them about their officials meetings with the government . Hope it works out but not a problem if it doesn't.

---

**From:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 2:13 PM
**To:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Cc:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** Re: Azerbaijan

Bruce,

I don't know whether we will be able to attend. We need to be a Silver Sponsor for $10,000 to be granted 2 tickets to attend. We have given two names, myself and a colleague our Govt Affairs Mgr Elkhan Samadov, on a provisional basis subject to obtaining corporate approval for sponsorship. But I don't know if we can process corporate approval in time (or at all).

Clearly the event was not in our 2013 forecast and we were given precious little lead time to process an application for approval.

I will let you know if we are granted corporate approval to sponsor and thereby gain access to attend. But I don't expect we will know until the eleventh hour and all things considered I expect it is unlikely.

Regards,

Ian

---

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 07:43 PM
**To:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Cc:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

Ian -- I have supplied Congressman Poe with talking points on McDermott's history and operations in Azerbaijan and expect he will use them at the event next week in Baku. In addition, I was just contacted by Steve Ruhlen, who is the Chief of Staff to Congressman Pete Olson, who represents the 22nd District of Texas (Sugar Land area) where a number of McDermott employees reside. Ruhlen is also headed for Baku at the same time (separate trip) and will be at the event also. Again, if you or anyone from your office is planning to attend, let me know so I can pass the name on to these visitors (and strong supporters of McDermott). Thanks.

---

**From:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 11:30 AM
**To:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Cc:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

Bruce,

Appreciate your quick response. I was puzzled to see our logo in the clip from the April 2012 event in Washington and still wonder how we appear to be listed as a sponsor in the link for the event to be held in Baku in two weeks' time.

Re your questions:

- The attached message for another purpose recently provides current info on professional employment numbers. All up right now (professional plus non-professional staff) we employ 962 people in Azerbaijan
- BDJF is a SOCAR facility owned by the state. We had access to a part of it previously as a tenant via AIOC/BP contracts and currently through our SOCAR Alliance for the AIOC COP project
- Heydar Aliyev was the former President who died in Dec 2003. The 90th anniversary of his birth was celebrated in Azerbaijan last week.
- His son (only child) Ilham Aliyev is the current President. Ilham Aliyev succeeded his father in October 2003. He was elected to a second 5 year term in Oct 2008. Next Presidential election will be held in 5 months.

Regards,

**Ian L Cochran**
**Senior Director, Caspian Operations**

McDermott Caspian Contractors Inc
Hyatt Tower II, 1033 Izmir St
AZ1065 Baku, Azerbaijan

tel: +[redacted]
mob: [redacted]2
email: [redacted]@mcdermott.com
website: www.mcdermott.com

---

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 May 2013 7:58 PM
**To:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Cc:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

Gulia – I have no information about McDermott sponsorship of this event, either in the past or currently. The BCIU event to which you refer (luncheon here in Washington for Ambassador Morningstar which Jack McCormack attended) was separate and not related to this convention. It does look like we sponsored this event last year in DC and are listed as sponsors again this year but this didn't occur through me and I did not even attend last year's event. Whether you should sponsor this year is, of course , up to you. However, I am preparing some of the talking points for Congressman Poe and I have every reason to believe he will talk about (or at the least mention) McDermott in his remarks and it might be good if someone from McDermott was in the audience. Moreover, if a McDermott rep were to attend, I could pass their name on to the Congressman and I am sure we could arrange an introduction at the conference.

In terms of briefing the Congressman for his remarks, I will use excerpts from the article which I copied you. In addition, would you please advise of the following:

How many people are employed by McDermott in Azerbaijan?
Re the Deepwater Jacket Factory named after Heydar Aliyev: was/is this built/owned by McDermott?
Heydar Aliyev is former President? Current President is his son?

Thanks.

---

**From:** Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 8:04 AM
**To:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Cc:** Cochran, Ian L.
**Subject:** RE: Azerbaijan

Dear Bruce,

Thanks for your e-mail and initiative. The information you've got is considered a good report and remains substantially current.

Recently, we've been invited by SOCAR (State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic) to sponsor US-Azerbaijan Convention to be held in Baku on May 28-29 (please see attached), which you mention in your e-mail. Their website clearly indicates us as sponsors for 2012, when the convention took place in Washington, and announces us as sponsors for 2013. There is no records in our accounting dept for this payment. It seems that sponsorship was provided from Houston, but the only record I've got is for BCIU luncheon with newly appointed US Ambassador you arranged (ADM 142 is attached for your easy reference).

Please let us know if you have information about our sponsorship of US-Az Convention in 2012 and whether there are any agreements re the sponsorship this year. If not, would it be advisable to sponsor the event? We can arrange silver sponsorship (US$10,000) which provides us with two tickets for the event.

Please be also kindly advised that McDermott operations in the Caspian are currently managed by Ian L. Cochran, Senior Director, Caspian operations.

Thanks and regards,
Gulia

**Gulia Taghiyeva**
**Public Relations & Communications Manager – Caspian**

McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc.
Hyatt Tower III, 3rd floor
1033 Izmir str., Baku
AZ 1065 Azerbaijan
direct:
mobile: [redacted]
website: www.mcdermott.com

---

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2013 11:20 PM
**To:** Mitchell, Stewart; Mamidanna, Ravisankar V.; Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Subject:** FW: Azerbaijan

Further to my earlier e-mail (below), Congressman Poe will be speaking on Wed., May 29 at the US-Azerbaijan Convention which begins at 10:00AM at the Haydar Aliyev Center in Baku. He apparently will speak at both the opening and at lunch (1:30pm).

---

**From:** Hatton, Bruce N.
**Sent:** Thursday, May 09, 2013 1:43 PM
**To:** Mitchell, Stewart; Mamidanna, Ravisankar V.; Taghiyeva, Gulia
**Cc:** McCormack, Jack; Hinrichs, Liane K.
**Subject:** Azerbaijan

This morning I met with Congressman Ted Poe, a Republican representing the 2nd Congressional District of Texas. The 2nd district has recently been re-drawn and is now adjacent to McDermott's headquarters – meaning a number of our employees likely live in his district. Congressman Poe serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and, in that capacity, will be making an official visit to Baku in two weeks. He will meet with President Aliyev and give a speech on US-Azerbaijan energy cooperation. I will have further details on his visit and speech shortly.

The Congressman has offered to mention McDermott in his meeting with the President and to raise any issues that we might have in his meetings with Azerbaijan officials. In addition, he would like to include McDermott's presence and operations in Azerbaijan in his speech. I have promised to supply him with information and pulled the below article from our website which seems to cover the main points in that regard.

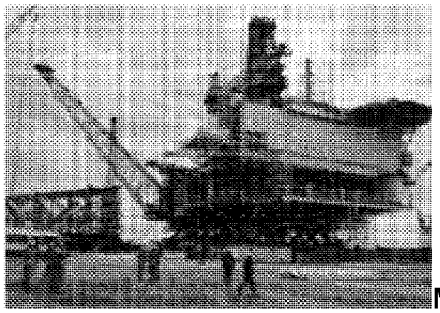
However, if there are any issues to be raised or additional information which is not covered below or which you think he should be aware of, please advise ASAP.

---

**Azerbaijan** daily
Press clipping

June 19, 2012

# McDermott Marks Presence in the Caspian



**McDermott** is a leading engineering, procurement, construction and installation company focused on executing offshore oil and gas projects world-wide. It provides individual, combined and fully integrated services across all phases of offshore field development, from feasibility and concept studies to commissioning and transportation of hydrocarbons from seafloor to shore. McDermott delivers services in construction and installation of fixed and floating production facilities as well as of pipelines and subsea systems.

The company was founded in 1923 in the USA. Its full name is McDermott International, Inc. In 1947, the company designed, constructed and installed the first offshore platform in 6m of water depth. Since that time, the company continues its successful work. McDermott's customers are major national and private energy companies around the world. McDermott has fabrication facilities in Mexico, Indonesia, Dubai, Louisiana and China.

McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. is McDermott's subsidiary operating in the Caspian region. Working in the region since 1992, the company has provided high-quality services to many customers in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russia and Turkmenistan and has played a dynamic role in supporting development of offshore fields operated by BP in Azerbaijan.

One of the first projects performed by McDermott in Azerbaijan was refurbishment, load-out, transportation and installation of Chirag-1 Platform modules. In 2003, the company completed comprehensive upgrades of the fabrication facilities and established a modern infrastructure at Baku Deepwater Jacket Factory named after Heydar Aliyev. Derrick barge Azerbaijan, transportation barge STB-1 and pipelay barge Israfil Huseynov were upgraded as well.

McDermott constructed topsides for four platforms currently operated at the Azeri-Chirag-deepwater Gunashli (ACG) fields. In 2004, the company completed fabrication of the Central Azeri topsides (CA) weighing more than 15,500MT. It was the first out of four integrated decks built by McDermott for the ACG in 2001-2007. McDermott completed the fabrication of the West Azeri topsides (WA) in 2005 and the fabrication of East Azeri topsides (EA) the following year. EA was the largest topsides built by McDermott to date in the Caspian region. In 2007, the company completed the fabrications of the DUQ topsides and performed other works for the Deepwater Gunashli field development.

Installation of subsea pipelines for ACG field development was another challenging project. McDermott successfully completed installation of 30" oil pipelines and 28" gas pipelines from CA, WA and EA fields to the onshore Sangachal terminal setting the record lay rate over three kilometers of pipeline per day.

For the Shah Deniz field development project, McDermott laid 26" diameter gas line and a 12" diameter condensate with a 4" piggy-back mono ethyl glycol pipeline approximately 92km long each. McDermott also installed pipeline tie-ins to the Alpha platform and performed pre-commissioning activities.

Within six years, McDermott installed over 1,000 km of subsea pipelines for the ACG and Shah Deniz field developments.

A few years ago McDermott was involved in the development of the Bahar field operated by SOCAR jointly with Bahar Energy Limited and performed construction of 66.5 km low pressure gas transport pipeline from the Gas Separation Station at the Oil Rocks to the Gas Measuring Unit in the Bahar field. During the pipelay contract, extensive local Azerbaijani infrastructure was utilized, including key marine support vessels provided by SOCAR's marine operations group. The pipelines with a total weight exceeding 30,000 MT were installed by McDermott without a single lost time incident.

McDermott has marked the company presence in other parts of the Caspian region, too. The company performed fabrication of the floating flare weighing approximately 103MT and gravity base for SBM Company for Block 1 field development in the Turkmenistan sector of the Caspian Sea. In the Russian sector of the Caspian Sea, McDermott performed installation of offshore facilities at the Yuri Korchagin field developed and operated by LUKOIL. A large scope of work was implemented including installation of 14 foundation piles for ice-resistant platform LSP-1 and Single Point Mooring (SPM) substructure. Additional work included transportation and installation of tie-in spools connecting LSP-1 and SPM facility to the subsea pipeline laid by McDermott earlier. McDermott was also involved in North Caspian Piling Project in Kazakhstan. Under the contract, the company supplied piles to the project site and installed them to a penetration of approximately 20m.

McDermott does not work in Azerbaijan as an entity separated from local community. The company has developed close contacts with local communities and implements a number of social programs, both independently and as a BP contractor. Thus, it is no coincidence that over 80% of the employees involved in McDermott's projects in Azerbaijan are local citizens.

Every year McDermott Caspian Contractors, Inc. demonstrates its achievements at the International Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition which is annually held in Baku. Earlier this month we conducted an interview with the company representatives Mehman Mehdiyev, Government Affairs Director; Elshad Mammadzada, Deputy Program Director; and Gulia Taghiyeva, Public Relations Manager, at the 19th Caspian Oil & Gas Exhibition. They told us with great pleasure that McDermott is involved now in a new significant project.

M. Mehdiyev said:
- At the present time we are mainly working on one project. this is Chirag Oil Project - COP. Currently, preparation works for subsea pipelay are in progress. Installation of the inter-field pipelines with total length of 32km will commence in the middle of the year. The pipes have been imported to the country. As before, the pipelay barge Israfil Huseynov will be utilized by McDermott for the pipelay work. Presently, the vessel is being upgraded for future operations at the quayside of the BDJF named after Heydar Aliyev. We are planning to complete the pipeline installation within a short period of time.

This optimistic expert statement proves that, drawing on world-wide expertise coupled with vast Caspian experience, McDermott will successfully accomplish the work for the COP project up to obligations entrusted to the company.

# EXHIBIT 64

efile GRAPHIC print - DO NOT PROCESS | As Filed Data - | DLN: 93493295003304

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)**

▶ Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public By law, the IRS generally cannot redact the information on the form

▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at *www.IRS.gov/form990*

OMB No 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2013 , 2013, and ending 12-31-2013**

**B** Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☑ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization
ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIDAN-AFAZ

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
2700 POST OAK BLVD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HOUSTON, TX 77056

**D Employer identification number**
46-1760631

**E** Telephone number
(713)622-[redacted]

**G** Gross receipts $ 840,500

**F** Name and address of principal officer
KEMAL OKSUZ
2700 POST AOK BLVD STE 1750
HOUSTON,TX 77056

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☑ No

**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**I** Tax-exempt status ☐ 501(c)(3) ☑ 501(c) ( 6 ) ◀ (insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**J Website:** ▶ AFAZ ORG

**K** Form of organization ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

**L** Year of formation 2013

**M** State of legal domicile TX

## Part I Summary

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AND COOPERATION AMONG ORGINAZATIONS, ENTERPRISES AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AZERBAIJAN

**2** Check this box ▶☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **3** | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | **3** | 5 |
| **4** | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | **4** | 0 |
| **5** | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a) | **5** | 0 |
| **6** | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | **6** | 0 |
| **7a** | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | **7a** | 0 |
| **b** | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | **7b** | |

| | | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **8** | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | | 500 |
| **9** | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | 840,000 |
| **10** | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d ) | | 0 |
| **11** | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | 0 |
| **12** | Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | | 840,500 |
| **13** | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3 ) | | 0 |
| **14** | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | 0 |
| **15** | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) | | 0 |
| **16a** | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | 0 |
| **b** | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0 | | |
| **17** | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e) | | 509,896 |
| **18** | Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | | 509,896 |
| **19** | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 | | 330,604 |

| | | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| **20** | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | | 330,604 |
| **21** | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | | 0 |
| **22** | Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 | | 330,604 |

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of prepar preparer has any knowledge

**Sign Here**

******
Signature of officer

KEMAL OKSUZ PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name TU D DO CPA | Preparer's signature

Firm's name ▶ TD Advisor PC

Firm's address ▶ 10623 Bellaire Blvd Ste C-130
Houston, TX 77072

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructio

[redacted]

**For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.**

15-5211_00823

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . ☐

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE

**2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

**3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

**4a** (Code ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

US-AZERBAIJAN CONFERENCE IN BAKU AZERBAIJAN WAS DEDICATED TO THE US-AZERBAIJAN RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON TRADE AND ENERGY RELATIONS, WHILE ALSO PAYING ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECTS OF PROMOTING CULTURE AND TORELANCE

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

(Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

**4e** **Total program service expenses ▶**



15-5211_00824

## Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A* | 1 | | No |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)? | 2 | | No |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I* | 3 | | No |
| 4 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II* | 4 | | No |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III* | 5 | | No |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I* | 6 | | No |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II* | 7 | | No |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III* | 8 | | No |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV* | 9 | | No |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V* | 10 | | No |
| 11 | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable | | | |
| a | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.* | 11a | | No |
| b | Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII* | 11b | | No |
| c | Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII* | 11c | | No |
| d | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX* | 11d | | No |
| e | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11e | | No |
| f | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11f | | No |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII* | 12a | | No |
| b | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional* | 12b | | No |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E* | 13 | | No |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | 14a | | No |
| b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV* | 14b | | No |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV* | 15 | | No |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV* | 16 | | No |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)* | 17 | | No |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II* | 18 | | No |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III* | 19 | | No |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H* | 20a | | No |
| b | If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | 20b | | |

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **21** | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II* | **21** | | No |
| **22** | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III* | **22** | | No |
| **23** | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J* | **23** | | No |
| **24a** | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a* | **24a** | | No |
| **b** | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | **24b** | | |
| **c** | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | **24c** | | |
| **d** | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | **24d** | | |
| **25a** | **Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I* | **25a** | | No |
| **b** | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I* | **25b** | | No |
| **26** | Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? *If so, complete Schedule L, Part II* | **26** | | No |
| **27** | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III* | **27** | | No |
| **28** | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions) | | | |
| **a** | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* | **28a** | | No |
| **b** | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* | **28b** | | No |
| **c** | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* | **28c** | | No |
| **29** | Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M* | **29** | | No |
| **30** | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M* | **30** | | No |
| **31** | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I* | **31** | | No |
| **32** | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II* | **32** | | No |
| **33** | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I* | **33** | | No |
| **34** | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1* | **34** | | No |
| **35a** | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | **35a** | | No |
| **b** | If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | **35b** | | No |
| **36** | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | **36** | | |
| **37** | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI* | **37** | | No |
| **38** | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | **38** | Yes | |

## Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . . ☐

| | | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable . . | 1a | 0 | | |
| b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable | 1b | 0 | | |
| c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . . | 1c | | | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . . | 2a | 0 | | |
| b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions) | 2b | | | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? . . . | 3a | | | No |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . . | 3b | | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . . | 4a | | | No |
| b | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts | | | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . | 5a | | | No |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | 5b | | | No |
| c | If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . . | 5c | | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . | 6a | | | No |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . . | 6b | | | |
| 7 | **Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).** | | | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . . | 7a | | | |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . . | 7b | | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . . | 7c | | | |
| d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . | 7d | | | |
| e | Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . | 7e | | | |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . | 7f | | | |
| g | If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . . | 7g | | | |
| h | If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . . | 7h | | | |
| 8 | **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . . | 8 | | | |
| 9 | **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** | | | | |
| a | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . . | 9a | | | |
| b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . . | 9b | | | |
| 10 | **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter | | | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . | 10a | | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | 10b | | | |
| 11 | **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter | | | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . . | 11a | | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them ) . . . . . | 11b | | | |
| 12a | **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | 12a | | | |
| b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . . | 12b | | | |
| 13 | **Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.** | | | | |
| a | Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O | 13a | | | |
| b | Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . | 13b | | | |
| c | Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . . | 13c | | | |
| 14a | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . . | 14a | | | No |
| b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . | 14b | | | |



15-5211_00827

**Part VI** **Governance, Management, and Disclosure** *For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . ☑

## Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . . | 1a | 5 | | |
| | If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O | | | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . . | 1b | 0 | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? . . . . . | 2 | | | No |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . | 3 | | | No |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . . | 4 | | | No |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . | 5 | | | No |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . . | 6 | | Yes | |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . . | 7a | | Yes | |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . . . . | 7b | | Yes | |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following | | | | |
| a | The governing body? . . . . . | 8a | | Yes | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . . | 8b | | Yes | |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O* . . . . . | 9 | | | No |

## Section B. Policies *(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . . | 10a | | No |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? | 10b | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . . | 11a | Yes | |
| b | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 . . . . . | | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13* . . . . . | 12a | | No |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . . | 12b | | |
| c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done* . . . . . | 12c | | |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . . | 13 | | No |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . . | 14 | | No |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . . | 15a | | No |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization . . . . . | 15b | | No |
| | If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions) | | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . . | 16a | | No |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . . | 16b | | |

## Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☑ Own website ☐ Another's website ☐ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization

▶KEMAL OKSUZ 2700 POST OAK BLVD STE 1750
HOUSTON,TX 77056 (713)622-9200

## Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors,Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

### Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons

☑ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) KEMAL OKSUZ<br>DIRECTOR | 15 00 | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) MILLA PERRY JONES<br>DIRECTOR | 15 00 | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) IRADA AKHOUNDOVA<br>DIRECTOR | 15 00 | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) RAUF MAMMADOV<br>DIRECTOR | 15 00 | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (5) MARY SUSAN SAVAGE<br>DIRECTOR | 5 00 | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

**Part VII** **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| **1b** **Sub-Total** ▶ | | | | | | | | | | |
| **c** **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A** ▶ | | | | | | | | | | |
| **d** **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)** ▶ | | | | | | | | | | |

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **3** | Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* | **3** | | No |
| **4** | For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* | **4** | | No |
| **5** | Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person* | **5** | | No |

## Section B. Independent Contractors

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . . ☐

| | | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a | Federated campaigns . . 1a | | | | |
| | b | Membership dues . . . . 1b | | | | |
| | c | Fundraising events . . . . 1c | | | | |
| | d | Related organizations . . . 1d | | | | |
| | e | Government grants (contributions) 1e | | | | |
| | f | All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f 500 | | | | |
| | g | Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $ | | | | |
| | h | **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶ | 500 | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | | Business Code | | | | |
| | 2a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | |
| | f | All other program service revenue | 840,000 | | | |
| | g | **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f . . . . . ▶ | 840,000 | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 | Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶ | | | | |
| | 4 | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶ | | | | |
| | 5 | Royalties . . . . . ▶ | | | | |
| | | (i) Real / (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | 6a | Gross rents | | | | |
| | b | Less rental expenses | | | | |
| | c | Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d | Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶ | | | | |
| | | (i) Securities / (ii) Other | | | | |
| | 7a | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | |
| | b | Less cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | c | Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d | Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶ | | | | |
| | 8a | Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . a | | | | |
| | b | Less direct expenses . . . b | | | | |
| | c | Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶ | | | | |
| | 9a | Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . a | | | | |
| | b | Less direct expenses . . . b | | | | |
| | c | Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶ | | | | |
| | 10a | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . a | | | | |
| | b | Less cost of goods sold . . b | | | | |
| | c | Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶ | | | | |
| | | Miscellaneous Revenue / Business Code | | | | |
| | 11a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | All other revenue . . . . | | | | |
| | e | **Total.** Add lines 11a–11d . . . . . ▶ | | | | |
| | 12 | **Total revenue.** See Instructions . . . . . ▶ | 840,500 | 840,000 | | |

## Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns All other organizations must complete column (A)

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . | | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | | | | |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits . . . . . | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes . . . . . | | | | |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees) | | | | |
| a Management . . . . . | | | | |
| b Legal . . . . . | | | | |
| c Accounting . . . . . | | | | |
| d Lobbying . . . . . | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees . . . . . | | | | |
| g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) . . . . . | | | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion . . . . | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses . . . . . | 230 | | 230 | |
| 14 Information technology . . . . . | | | | |
| 15 Royalties . . | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy . . . . . | | | | |
| 17 Travel . . . . . | | | | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . . | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . | 504,400 | 504,400 | | |
| 20 Interest . . . . . | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates . . . . . | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . | | | | |
| 23 Insurance . . . . . | | | | |
| 24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O ) | | | | |
| a BANK CHARGES | 151 | | 151 | |
| b MISCELLANEOUS | 900 | | 900 | |
| c WEBSITE EXPENSES | 4,215 | | 4,215 | |
| d | | | | |
| e All other expenses | | | | |
| 25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e | 509,896 | 504,400 | 5,496 | |
| 26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X . . . . . ☐

| | | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assets | 1 | Cash–non-interest-bearing | | 1 | 330,504 |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | | 2 | 100 |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | |
| | 5 | Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 9 | |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a | | | |
| | b | Less accumulated depreciation — 10b | | 10c | |
| | 11 | Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 | Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 | Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets See Part IV, line 11 | | 15 | |
| | 16 | **Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 0 | 16 | 330,604 |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | 17 | |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 | Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 | Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 | **Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | | **Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.** | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | | 27 | 330,604 |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | | **Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.** | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | 0 | 33 | 330,604 |
| | 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 0 | 34 | 330,604 |

## Part XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☐

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 840,500 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 509,896 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 330,604 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 330,604 |

## Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☐

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☑ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | 2a | | No |
| | If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | 2b | | No |
| | If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| c | If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | 2c | | |
| | If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O | | | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | 3a | | No |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | 3b | | |



15-5211_00834

| efile GRAPHIC print - DO NOT PROCESS | As Filed Data - | DLN: 93493295003304 |
|---|---|---|

**SCHEDULE O**
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
**▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**
**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization
ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIJAN-AFAZ

**Employer identification number**
46-1760631

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|---|---|
| Pt VI, Line 6 | IT HAS MEMBERS |
| Pt VI, Line 7a | IT HAS MEMEBERS WHO CAN ELECT ONE OR MORE MEMBERS |
| Pt VI, Line 7b | YES |
| Pt VI, Line 11b | FORM 990 IS PROVIDED AND REVIEWED BEFORE FILING |

# EXHIBIT 65

**AGREEMENT**

**on**

**the Provision of Organizational Services**

This Agreement (hereinafter, the "Agreement") is made on 08 February 2013 in Baku, Azerbaijan, by and between:

(1) **State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic** (hereinafter, to be referred to as the "Customer"), established and operating under the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and having its registered office in Neftchiler avenue, 73, Baku, Azerbaijan, and

(2) **"Practical Solutions Group"** Limited Liability Company (hereinafter, to be referred to as the "Consultant"), established and operating under the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and having its registered office in S. Rustamov street 18, Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Customer and the Consultant shall be individually referred as a "Party and collectively as the "Parties".

Whereas,

The SOCAR is implementing sustainable actions to promote the history and culture of Azerbaijan in many countries around the world, and in oil and gas centers. One of the main areas of such actions is to organize and hold cultural events, meetings with representatives of the public and government officials, and other events aimed at conveying the Azerbaijan's truth to the world community;

The "Practical Solutions Group" Limited Liability Company has extensive experience in organizing and holding cultural events in Azerbaijan as well as in more advanced countries of the world.

At the same time, the "Practical Solutions Group" Limited Liability Company has founded companies and representative offices in several countries in the world (hereinafter, to be referred to as the Consulting Group of Companies along with the Consultant), which creates opportunities for organizing and holding events operationally.

In view of the foregoing, the Parties agree to the following:

1. <u>Subject of the Agreement</u>

The Consulting Group of Companies undertakes to implement the services and tasks stipulated in Annex A in timely and quality manner, as specified herein.

The Consulting Group of Companies should implement all its obligations under this Agreement, including business practices, with expertise, carefully and skillfully. The "business practices" means a set of skills, experience, diligence, judgment and caution expected from a skilled and experienced person providing similar services in Europe and other advanced countries, and in accordance with international standards, and fulfilling the obligations under this Agreement in good faith and with sufficient financial resources.



SOCAR00001357

15-5211_00837

All the information, lists and documents developed by the Consulting Group of Companies under this Agreement shall be deemed the property of the Customer. The Consulting Group of Companies must allow the Customer to review any methods used in performance of the works under this Agreement and inspect all correspondence and documents used in the implementation of the Work.

The Customer hereby shall guarantee and notify the Consultant that it will collaborate with the Consulting Group of Companies and shall provide and assist the Consulting Group of Companies with all the important information necessary to provide the Services.

And the Customer undertakes to make payments for the Services in accordance with this Agreement.

2. **Respective Provisions**

The Consulting Group of Companies, during the entire term of this Agreement, shall be subject to and comply with the requirements of the legislation, which is included in the terms of the Agreement under this article, relevant and currently in force and to be amended later.

3. **Independent Contractor Status**

The Consultant agrees that, during the performance of services under this Agreement, its status shall remain as an independent contractor and it shall provide professional or technical services within the period specified herein. This Agreement shall not be deemed as a business, partnership, joint venture or representation agreement between the parties, and also their employees and representatives shall not be considered as employees, legal partners and representatives of the other party. With the consent of the Customer and the Consultant, the Customer, during the performance of the Work out of the scope of this Agreement, shall not have any advantage over the Consultant and shall not govern it and give any guidance and instructions on how to manage its works.

The Consultant shall be responsible for payment of all the taxes, as well as, income tax, simplified tax and social insurance taxes to be paid based on this Agreement, and the Customer shall be exempted from the payment of these fees.

The Consultant shall be fully responsible for the Group of Companies it represents, its staff, employees, subcontractors, consultants, representatives and partners.

4. ***Confidentiality***

The Consulting Group of Companies, before signing this Agreement and during the performing its obligations hereunder, may acquire ownership rights and trade secrets about the Customer and its partners. The Consulting Group of Companies agrees to keep confidential during fulfillment of its contractual obligations all the private information provided by the Customer prior to the conclusion of this Agreement, and information obtained after the termination of the Agreement, as well as all information obtained in connection with business and professional secret or trade secrets.

At the same time, the Consultant agrees that the Consulting Group of Companies shall not use the same ownership and other trade secrets known to it while implementing the terms of this Agreement and shall not use and disclose for personal gains the commercial secrets including confidential information, to other third parties.

This item shall remain in effect after the termination of the Agreement.



SOCAR00001358

15-5211_00838

5. **Intellectual Property Rights**

All rights concerning intellectual property rights under this Agreement shall be subject to the restrictions based on the conditions for delegation of rights on the work done. In the absence of restrictions, and due to compensation referred to in the Payment and Compensation item of this Agreement, the Consultant agrees to release, transfer and assign to the Customer all intellectual property rights arising from services performed under this Agreement.

All works created by the Consultant in the period of providing service to the Customer shall be considered the property of the Customer, and the intellectual property rights thereof shall be deemed the Customer's personal and exclusive rights, being the "works done based on requisition". At the request of the Customer, the Consultant shall provide the Customer with any documents, information or materials in its possession to protect patents and copy rights of the materials hereunder. This item shall remain in effect after the termination of the Agreement.

6. **Duration of Agreement**

Unless the parties terminate the Agreement hereunder, the term of this Agreement is twenty-four (24) months. As of the moment of the termination of the Agreement, the Customer shall be liable for works implemented and services provided before the termination of the Agreement, and shall pay compensation to the Consultant, in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. After expiring the initial period of the Agreement, the Parties may agree to prolong it and this shall be determined one (1) month prior to expiry of the existing Agreement.

7. **Payment and Account**

Each work done or arranged event should be based on the requisition made accordingly on behalf of the senior officials of the Customer. The Consultant shall provide the most relevant cost estimates corresponding to the budget, including prices and expenses for each work and service provided, and submit to the Customer at least one (1) week prior the planned date of the work, or, if not possible, within one (1) week after completion of the services. The cost estimates shall be agreed and approved between and by the parties. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Customer's "Senior Officials" shall mean the Vice-Presidents, Advisors of the SOCAR's President, Directors and Heads of Departments, Directors of Representations abroad and Heads of SOCAR's Enterprises.

The service fee for the services to be provided by the Group of Consulting Companies shall be determined as the 15 (fifteen) percent of the appropriately agreed cost estimations.

The unused portion of the expenses from the amount paid by the Customer to the Consulting Group of Companies shall be put on account of future work or event, or, if declared in writing by the Customer, shall be returned to the Customer within two weeks. The Consulting Group of Companies should not deduct any consultancy fee for the amount returned back.

The Customer shall pay extra costs used for the services stipulated in Appendix A, including long-distance telephone calls, mail, document printing, copying, and other similar expenses, as well as travel costs.

The Customer, for the provision of services, can make direct payments to members of the Consulting Group of Companies, sub-contractors and other consultants hired by the Consultant based on invoices and acceptance acts submitted by them.

8. **Warranty and Indemnity**

The Consulting Group of Companies agrees to warranty and indemnify the Customer and its customers, directors, employees and agents against all demands and claims, obligations, damages, losses and other expenses including for legal advice fees that arise from performance or breach of its commitments, guarantees, duties and other obligations.

9. **Guaranty**

The Parties hereby guarantee that they have the authority to enter into this Agreement and have obtained all necessary agreements and permits.

10. **Notice**

All notices to be issued under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered personally or sent through first class mail or pre-paid airmail, or facsimile or e-mail. Notice shall be deemed to be delivered in the following cases:

- If the notice is delivered personally, when delivered;
- If the notice is sent via paid first class mail, within 3 working days after the date of shipment;
- If the notice is sent by prepaid airmail post, within 10 working days from the date of shipment;
- If the notification is sent via facsimile or electronic mail, and if submitted in the normal working hours and the sender records information on its receipt by the designated person, the next business day.

Each notice shall be send to the relevant party's address specified in this Agreement or another address informed to the sender in advance.

Each party, in case of any change to the address, phone number or any other number, shall notify the other party as soon as possible and in any event within 48 hours from the time of the change.

11. **Termination of Agreement**

Irrespective of other rights and indemnities, the parties may terminate this Agreement at any time by notice in writing to the other party as specified in the notice to this Agreement:

- If fulfillment of the obligations under this Agreement causes a significant breach;
- If become bankrupt or insolvent, or if make any agreement with or for the benefit of creditors;
- If an act damaging the reputation of the other party occurs;
- If all amounts under this Agreement are not paid at exact times or the other party's intellectual property rights are violated

A "Substantial Breach" shall mean substantial and material effect on the performance or delivery of services caused by a violation of any of the obligations of the parties or several less significant violations; or less significant violation of special obligation and submission of two consecutive warning letters by either party to the other party in this regard and failure of the other party to pay compensation for that violation as per this Agreement. And "less significant violation" shall mean failure or delay of the obligations by the parties as per this Agreement caused by the immaterial or insignificant misconduct of the other party with no substantial and material effect on the performance or delivery of services. Either party, in addition to the termination rights stipulated in the other items of this Agreement, may terminate the Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party without any justification for termination of all or any part of the services provided under this Agreement. In such case, the Customer shall pay fees and expenses of all services provided by the Consulting Group of Companies before the day of termination.
Except for the termination of the Agreement by the Customer as the result of a substantial breach caused by the Consulting Group of Companies or an unworthy act damaging the reputation of the Customer, in the case of termination of this Agreement for any reasons or expiration hereof, the Customer shall immediately pay the outstanding fees for the services provided under this Agreement and other expenses hereunder.

**12. Delegation of rights**

The Consultant shall have rights to determine, entitle, delegate, use as debt commitment, pledge or otherwise assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of the Customer. The Consultant shall have rights to determine, entitle, and otherwise assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement to the Consulting Group of Companies without the prior consent of the Customer.

In cases of the combination of the Consultant's work with another work, reconstruction, change in management, or the sale of the work, the Consultant shall notify the Customer before coming to such agreement.

**13. Force -Major**

If any one of the parties fails to meet its obligations as a result of a situation beyond the reasonable control of the party, that Party shall not be liable for the impediment. The party affected by such situation shall immediately notify in writing the other party and shall submit documents proving the case of force majeure to the other party. If such situation persists continuously for more than 30 days, either of the parties may terminate this Agreement by notice in writing to the other Party.

**14. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be resolved in the courts of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Any amendment or variation to this Agreement can be made in writing only between the SOCAR President or the Vise-Presidents in accordance with their division of powers and the Consultant.

The parties have signed this Agreement in two copies at the above-mentioned date. This agreement shall become effective on the date of signature.

| | |
|---|---|
| For and on behalf of: | For and on behalf of: |
| "Practical Solutions Group" LLC | State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic |
| Abil Akhundov, | Rovnag Abdullayev |
| SIGNATURE | SIGNATURE |
| "Praktikal Solyuşnz Grup" MMC adından və tərəfindən<br>Abul Axundov<br>[redacted]<br>İMZA | Azərbaycan Respublikası Dövlət Neft Şirkəti adından və tərəfindən<br>Rovnag Abdullayev<br>[redacted]<br>İMZA |

**APPENDIX A**

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**

- Arrange and conduct events, meetings, conferences and symposiums to promote the culture and history of Azerbaijan in the developed countries of the world, and in the well-known oil and gas centers;
- Organize different business, social, cultural and social events to inform the world community about the SOCAR and Azerbaijan's truths, and hold meetings with government officials and members of the public;
- Implement other business, public, cultural and social projects and arrange events prescribed by the Regulations of the SOCAR;
- Assist in the financial planning and harmonization of budgeting of the Customer's or any of its customers' any business operations in the Republic of Azerbaijan and other countries;
- Arrange, with or without the participation of the public and non-governmental organizations, leadership programs, conventions, conferences, festivals, holidays, trade missions, forums, panels, summits, performances, presentations, debates, study tours and other similar events for the Customer or its partners in order develop cultural, business, education, social and arts relationships between the countries through the actions arranged in the Republic of Azerbaijan and other countries, and provide support and consultant services for arranging such events.

| | |
|---|---|
| For and on behalf of: | For and on behalf of: |
| "Practical Solutions Group" LLC | State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic |
| SIGNATURE | SIGNATURE |

# EXHIBIT 66

**State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic**

**AZ 1000, 73, Neftchilar Avenue**

**Baku, Azerbaijan**

**Service Order**

**Presented to: Practical Solutions Group ltd.**

Hereby, we submit an order to implement the below-mentioned Services in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract between SOCAR and PSG dated 08.02.2013.

The below order number has to be noted in all the correspondences and invoices.

Service Order # 1

Date: 23.04.2013

**Scope of Service:**

**Description of services:** Implementation of all the necessary issues and services related to the organization and conduct of Convention "Common Look to the Future" – Azerbaijan-America Relations, held on May 28-29, 2013.

**On behalf of SOCAR:**

Name: Khalik Mamedov

Position: Vice-President Signature Stamp

**On behalf of PSG:**

Name: Abul Akhoundov

Position: Director Signature Stamp

# EXHIBIT 67

DENTONS

Michael E. Zolandz
Partner

[redacted]@dentons.com
D [redacted]

Dentons US LLP
1301 K Street, NW
Suite 600, East Tower
Washington, DC 20005-3364 USA

T
F [redacted]

Salans FMC SNR Denton
dentons.com

February 26, 2015

Paul J. Solis
Investigative Counsel
Office of Congressional Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
425 3rd Street, S.W., Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Solis:

On behalf of Practical Solutions Group USA, enclosed is a disc containing documents and information related to the involvement of PSG USA in the Congressional delegation trip subject to your inquiry. The documents on the enclosed disc cover Bates number range PSG_OCE-0001 through PSG_OCE-0051. They are responsive to your request dated January 30, 2015, and reflect the involvement of PSG USA's attendee, Ms. Irada Akhoundova, and her travel to participate in aspects of the delegation visit. Also enclosed please find signed copies of the forms entitled "Request For Information - Acknowledgment of Receipt" and the "Request for Information Certification" that were transmitted with your letter of January 30, 2015. Redactions in the enclosed documents are limited to internal email headers from counsel for PSG USA.

In response to the questions raised in your January 30, 2015 communication, the only PSG USA participant in the delegation visit was Mr. Akhoundova. Her contact information is as follows:

Ms. Irada Akhoundova
President
Practical Solutions Group Inc., USA
308 Avondale
Houston, TX 77006
[redacted]@gmail.com
Tel. [redacted]

Thank your for your time discussing this matter by phone yesterday. Should you require additional follow-up in the event that the investigation proceeds to a second phase, please do let me know how we can be responsive to the Committee's efforts.

With best regards,

[redacted]

Michael E. Zolandz
Partner

Enclosures

# EXHIBIT 68

## Schmitt, Karen

**From:** Schmitt, Karen
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 24, 2013 11:29 AM
**To:** Jones, Samantha; Sparks, Harvey
**Subject:** Azerbaijan Center (Houston) Invite
**Attachments:** Scanned Letter.tiff

US Azerbaijan Convention thanks and invite to visit Azerbaijan Community Center (Houston) if ever in neighborhood.

-----Original Message-----
From: Schmitt, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 11:27 AM
To: Schmitt, Karen
Subject: [DIGITALMAIL] Digital Mail Forwarded Message

July 22, 2013

Irada Akhoundova
308 Avondale St /
Houston, TX 77006-3114

Azerbaijan Community and Cultural
Center • u-rd N.% ••,
308 Avondale Street,
!Houston, Teas, 77006
MDRIll HOUSTON TX
fry 11 JUL 2013 PM 5
corti,p, Ar) Jn'a e4 51111)
1111111111111111i Eli] nil 111 111
FOREVER E
74e Azothallasi Colter
09 July 2013
The Honorable Jim Bridenstine,
United States Congressman,
216 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
Dear Congressman Bridenstine,
It was such a great pleasure meeting you and getting the opportunity to get to know you better in Baku during the 2013 US Azerbaijan Convention. I thoroughly enjoyed our time together and look forward to future opportunities to meet with you.
If your Congressional business ever brings you to Houston, please don't hesitate to contact me via my cell phone at 281-[redacted]. I would like to show you our community center and give you the opportunity to meet with members of the community and our Board members as well as share with you our goals and mission.
Again, it was a great pleasure meeting you Congressman Bridenstine; I hope to get the opportunity to meet with you again soon.
Kind regards always,
Irada Akhoundova

Azerbaijan Center
Houston Baku Sister City Association
308 Avondale Houston TX 77006
[redacted]
www.houstonbaku.org

# EXHIBIT 69

Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan) <[redacted]@tursantravel.com>

# Request for Invoices from May 2013 paid by Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

6 messages

**Rachel Goldstein** <[redacted]@capdale.com> Mon, Feb 9, 2015 at 5:23 PM
To: [redacted]@tursantravel.com" <[redacted]@tursantravel.com>

Hello,

I am writing to request a copy of invoices for travel reservations that your company made for travel to Turkey and Azerbaijan in May 2013. I am requesting the invoices on behalf of Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians ("TCAE"), which used your company to reserve travel arrangements for at least 181 travelers who went to Ankara, Istanbul, and/or Baku during the last week of May, 2013. Many of these travelers went to all three cities, and their travel dates spanned from roughly May 24, 2013 through June 2, 2014. Turquoise Council requires copies of these invoices so that it can have a complete accounting of the travel-related expenses that it paid for in relation to this trip. Currently, the documentation that Turquoise Council has from this time period are invoice summaries sent from Tursan Travel to Turquoise Council. These documents list the passenger names of 181 passengers, along with their airfare costs, the total amounts billed to Turquoise Council, and the Invoice Numbers. However, these documents only specify the expenses billed for airfare, and I would like to know whether Turquoise Council was also billed for hotel or other transportation costs, and if so, how much it was billed, and other information about these expenses. If possible, I would like a copy of the individual invoices that itemize all of these expenses. In particular, I would like to have copies of itemized invoices for invoice numbers 24759 through 24812.

I would be so grateful if you could help me with this request. I would be happy to answer any further questions on the phone if you would find that helpful.

Thank you very much,

Rachel Goldstein

**Rachel E. Goldstein**

***Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered***

One Thomas Circle, NW, Suite 11000

Washington, DC 20005

[redacted]

www.caplindrysdale.com

This message is for the use of the intended recipient only. It is from a law firm and may contain information that is privileged and confidential. If you are not the intended recipient any disclosure, copying, future distribution, or use of this communication is prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please advise us by return e-mail, or if you have received this communication by fax advise us by telephone and delete/destroy the document.

**Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan)** <[redacted]@tursantravel.com> Tue, Feb 10, 2015 at 1:29 PM
To: Rachel Goldstein <[redacted]@capdale.com>

Hi Ms Rachel

I'm Bahri, Account Manager.
My coworker forward to your email,
I'm currently on vacation and back to office on Monday.
I'll email to your requested invoices.

Best,

Bahri
[Quoted text hidden]

**Rachel Goldstein** <[redacted]@capdale.com> Fri, Feb 13, 2015 at 6:20 PM
To: "Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan)" <[redacted]@tursantravel.com>

Hello Bahri,

Thank you for your reply. I appreciate your help in providing us these invoices on Monday. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me on my cell phone: [redacted]

Thank you, and I hope you enjoyed your vacation!

Rachel Goldstein

**From:** Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan) [mailto:[redacted]@tursantravel.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:29 PM
**To:** Rachel Goldstein
**Subject:** Re: Request for Invoices from May 2013 paid by Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

[Quoted text hidden]
[Quoted text hidden]

**Rachel Goldstein** <[redacted]@capdale.com> Thu, Feb 19, 2015 at 8:58 AM
To: "Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan)" <[redacted]@tursantravel.com>

Hello Bahri,

I am writing again to check in about this request. Is it possible you could send me these invoices today?

Thank you very much,

Rachel Goldstein

**From:** Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan) [mailto:[redacted]@tursantravel.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015 1:29 PM
**To:** Rachel Goldstein
**Subject:** Re: Request for Invoices from May 2013 paid by Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

[Quoted text hidden]
[Quoted text hidden]

**Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan)** <[redacted]@tursantravel.com> Thu, Feb 19, 2015 at 11:22 AM
To: Rachel Goldstein <[redacted]@capdale.com>

Hello Ms Goldstein

You can see requested invoice at the attachment.

[Quoted text hidden]

**1 TCAE - 154 TCAE -DONE - requested.xls**
62K

**Rachel Goldstein** <[redacted]@capdale.com> Thu, Feb 19, 2015 at 12:07 PM

To: "Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan)" <[redacted]@tursantravel.com>

Hello Bahri,

Thank you very much for your response to my email. I wanted to follow up with one additional question: do you have any invoices for these travelers, or for the Turquoise Council or AFAZ, for ground transportation or lodging (hotels) in Baku, Ankara, or Istanbul? We need to know if you helped make reservations for these aspects of the trips in May 2013, or if you only made airline reservations for them.

Thank you very much,

Rachel Goldstein

**From:** Tursan Travel (Bahri Caliskan) [mailto[redacted]@tursantravel.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 11:23 AM

[Quoted text hidden]

[Quoted text hidden]
[Quoted text hidden]

# EXHIBIT 70

# TENTATIVE ITINERARY for US-Azerbaijan Convention
# May 24th -30th, 2013

Turquoise Council

ASSEMBLY OF THE FRIENDS OF AZERBAIJAN

## Being Organized by

## Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE)
## Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (AFAZ)

May 24, 2013

- Departure for Baku, Azerbaijan (SHARP)

May 25, 2013

- Arrival in Baku, Azerbaijan
- Check in Hotel (Hotel TBA)
- Dinner at Hotel
- Overnight Stay at Hotel

May 26, 2013

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing at hotel by TCAE and AFAZ on "US-Azerbaijan Relations: Next Steps to Be Taken"
- Tour in the Old City by Mayor of the Old City (History, Architecture and Diversity in Baku Old City)
- Lunch at a restaurant
- Visit to the National History Museum

- Visit to Gala State Historical and Ethnographic Reserve
- Visit to the National Flag Museum
- Back to Hotel and Rest
- Dinner at Hotel
- Briefing by TCAE and AFAZ on "US-Azerbaijan Convention Details" just after dinner
- Overnight Stay

May 27, 2013

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing by the US Ambassador to Azerbaijan H.E. Richard Morningstar on "US-Azerbaijan Strategic Partnership"
- Visit to the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy (http://www.ada.edu.az/en-US/Pages/home.aspx)
- Visit to the Qafqaz University (http://www.qu.edu.az/?lang=en)
- Lunch at the Qafqaz University
- Visit to the Gobustan National Park (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gobustan_National_Park)
- Back to Hotel and Rest for 2 Hours
- Dinner at Family Homes (Social Life and Family Values in Azerbaijan)
- Overnight Stay

May 28, 2013 (Republic Day in Azerbaijan)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing by the Presidential Administration on "Republic Day of Azerbaijan"
- Participate at Republic Day Traditions, Customs and Activities
- Lunch on the Boat
- Boat Tour in the Caspian Sea and enjoy the view of Baku from Caspian Sea
- Back to Hotel and Rest for 1 Hour
- Get to Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center for the US Azerbaijan Convention Welcome Reception
- Dinner at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center
- Walk in the Baku Lakeshore Boulevard and Enjoy the "Fireworks Show "
- Back to Hotel and Overnight Stay

May 29, 2013 (US-Azerbaijan Convention Day)

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Get to Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center for US-Azerbaijan Convention
- Opening Ceremony
- Morning Panels I-II
- Special Session i
- Roundtable Discussions I-II
- Lunch at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center

- Afternoon Panels III-IV
- Special Sessions II-III
- Roundtable Discussions III-IV-V
- Gala and Dinner at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center
- Back to Hotel and Cocktail Party
- Overnight Stay

May 30, 2013

- Breakfast at Hotel
- Briefing at Hotel by the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR)
- Visit to the State Carpet Museum
- Visit to Baku Private Turkish High School
- Lunch at School
- Shopping and Free Time
- Back to Hotel and Check out
- Transfer to the airport
- Departure for Istanbul (by Turkish Airlines)
- Dinner on Turkish Airlines

As TCAE and AFAZ, we thank you for your time, and participation at US-Azerbaijan Convention. Furthermore, we thank you for your contributions to US-Azerbaijan Relations. We wish you nice and safe flight back home!

* In case of any inconvenience, the best substitutes will be visited in place of the honorable hosts.

TURQUOISE COUNCIL OF AMERICANS AND EURASIANS
Sponsors & Organizes
the US Congressional Delegation Trip to Azerbaijan
May 25th to May 31st, 2013

Turquoise Council
of Americans and Eurasians

**ITINERARY**

**SATURDAY, May 25 (TULSA, OK)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1:00 PM | Departure for Azerbaijan |

**SUNDAY, May 26 (BAKU, AZERBAIJAN)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:00 PM | Arrival in Baku |
| 9:30 PM | Transfer to Hotel |
| 10:00 PM | Hotel check in (JW Marriott Baku) |
| 11:00 PM | Overnight stay |

**MONDAY, May 27 (BAKU)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 8:30 AM | Breakfast at Hotel |
| 9:30 AM | Briefing at Hotel by the US Embassy (US Foreign Policy towards Azerbaijan) |
| 10:30 AM | Briefing at Border Security Agency (Border Security Issues with Iran and Russia; Future of Caspian Sea) |
| 11:30 AM | Briefing at the Presidential Palace (US-Azerbaijan Relations) |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 2:30 PM | Visit and meet with the President of Azerbaijan |
| 4:00 PM | Visit to the Parliament of Azerbaijan and meet with the Speaker of Parliament (US-Azerbaijan Congressional Relations) |
| 5:00 PM | Back to Hotel and Rest for 2 hours |
| 7:00 PM | Dinner |
| 10:00 PM | Overnight Stay |

**TUESDAY, May 28 (BAKU)(Republic Day of Azerbaijan)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 9:00 AM | Breakfast at Hotel |
| 10:00 AM | Briefing at Hotel on the "Republic Day of Azerbaijan" |

| | |
|---|---|
| 11:00 AM | Participate at Republic Day Traditions, Customs and Activities |
| 1:00 PM | Lunch |
| 2:30 PM | Meet with the Chair of the Parliament Armed Services Committee (US-Azerbaijan Military Cooperation) |
| 4:00 PM | Back to Hotel and rest for 2 hours |
| 6:00 PM | Get to Haydar Aliyev Cultural center for the US Azerbaijan Convention Welcome Reception |
| 7:00 PM | Dinner at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center |
| 10:00 PM | Walk in the Baku Lakeshore Boulevard and Enjoy the "Fireworks Show " |
| 11:00 PM | Back to Hotel and Overnight Stay |

**WEDNESDAY, May 29 (BAKU)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 8:00 AM | Breakfast at Hotel |
| 9:00 AM | Give a keynote speech at US-Azerbaijan Convention Opening (US-Azerbaijan |
| Shared | Vision for Future in the Caspian Basin) |
| 10:00 AM | Meet with the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament (Next Steps to be taken at US-Azerbaijan Relations) |
| 11:00 AM | Visit to the National Museum of History |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch & Remarks at US-Azerbaijan Convention |
| 2:00 PM | Visit to the Diplomatic Academy/University (Student Exchange Programs) |
| 4:00 PM | Briefing at State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan (SOFAZ) (Foreign Investment Policy) |
| 5:00 PM | Back to Hotel and rest for 2 hours |
| 7:00 PM | Dinner & Gala at US-Azerbaijan Convention |
| 9:00 PM | Back to Hotel |
| 10:00 PM | Overnight Stay |

**THURSDAY, May 30 (BAKU-TULSA)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 5:50 AM | Early Wake up and Transfer to airport |
| 7:45 AM | Flight back to US |
| 8:30 AM | Breakfast on Air |

* In case of any inconvenience, the best substitutes will be visited in place of the honorable hosts.

"Have a Safe flight back to US!"

TENTATIVE ITINERARY for TURKEY-AZERBAIJAN TRIP

May 24th -31th, 2013

TURKIC AMERCAN FEDERATION of SOUTHEAST

Being Organized by

Turkic American Federation of Southeast

May 24, 2013 (WASHINGTON DC)

- Departure for Istanbul, Turkey
  11:25 pm (TK8)

May 25, 2013

- 16:40 Pm: Arrival in Istanbul, Turkey
- 18:40 Pm: Check in Hotel (Ortakoy Princess Hotel)
- 19:30 Pm: Dinner at Hotel
- Overnight Stay at Hotel

May 26, 2013

- 9:30 Am: Breakfast with a Congressman from Turkish Parliament (Topic: Kurdish Problem)
- 13:00 Pm: Visit Journalist and writers Association (Topic: Minority Rights in Turkey)&Lunch
  15:00 Pm: Visit to Topkapi Palace and Museum
- 19:00 Pm: Dinner with Armenian Journalist Hrant Topikian
- Overnight Stay

May 27, 2013

- 8:00 Am: Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:30 Am: Briefing about Freedom of Media in Turkey at Zaman Newspaper

- 11:30 Am: Visit to Investment Support and Promotion Agency&Lunch
- 15:00 Pm: Flight to Baku, Azerbaijan
  Turkish Airlines (TK334)
- 19:45 Pm: Check in Hotel
- Dinner at Hotel

May 28, 2013 (Republic Day in Azerbaijan)

- 7:30 Am: Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:30 Am: Briefing by the Presidential Administration on "Republic Day of Azerbaijan"
- 11:00 Am: Participate at Republic Day Traditions, Customs and Activities
- 13:00 Pm: Lunch
- 15:00 Pm: Get to Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center for the US Azerbaijan Convention Welcome Reception
- 18:30 Pm: Dinner at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center with the Members of the Azerbaijani Parliament
- Back to Hotel and Overnight Stay

May 29, 2013 (US-Azerbaijan Convention Day)

- 7:30 Am: Breakfast at Hotel
- Get to Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center for US-Azerbaijan Convention
- 9:00 Am: Opening Ceremony
- 9:30 Am: Morning Panels I-II

**"The State of the US – Azerbaijan Strategic Partnership"**

**"Energy Security from the Caspian to Europe: the Changing World Energy Security Dynamics: New prospects for the Southern Energy Corridor"**

- 10:30 Am: Special Session
- 11:30 Am: Roundtable Discussions I-II
- 13:00 Pm: Lunch at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center
  **"Eurasian Security and Cooperation: US Foreign Policy toward Azerbaijan"**
- 14:30 Pm: Afternoon Panels III-IV

**"Azerbaijan between East and West"**
**"Azerbaijan's Role in Regional Peace and Stability"**

- 16:00 Pm: Special Sessions II-III
- 17:00 Pm: Roundtable Discussions III-IV-V
- 19:00 Pm: Gala and Dinner at Haydar Aliyev Cultural Center

**"Linking the Caspian to Europe"**

- Overnight Stay

May 30, 2013

- 7:30 Am: Breakfast at Hotel
- 9:00 Am: Briefing at Hotel by the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR)
- 9:45 Am: Visit to the State Carpet Museum
- 11:30 Am: Visit to Baku Private Turkish High School
- 12:30 Pm: Lunch at School
- 15:00 Pm: Shopping and Free Time
- Back to Hotel and Check out
- Transfer to the airport
- 20:45 Pm: Departure for Istanbul (by Turkish Airlines)
- Dinner on Turkish Airlines
- 21:45 Pm: Arrival to Istanbul

May 31, 2013

- 13:35 Pm: Departure for WASHINGTON DC (TK 7)
- 18:10 Pm: Arrival to WASHINGTON DC

# EXHIBIT 71

**From:** Teymur Mahmudov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2013 7:56 PM
**To:** Elnur Huseynov <[redacted]@socar.az>
**Subject:** FW: Hotel Info Final
**Attach:** Additional Names 1 & 2-HOTEL BAKU.xlsx; CTAA Hotel.xls; MAFTAA Hotel.xlsx; RUMI-Hotel.xlsx; Speakers-Panelists Hotel.xlsx; TAA Hotel.xlsx; TAFM-Hotel.xlsx; TAFS Hotel.xlsx; TCAEHOTEL.xlsx; WATC Hotel.xlsx

---

fyi

Hörmətlə,

Teymur Mahmudov
SOCAR
Baş Ofis
İşlər İdarəsinin rəis müavini
Tel 1: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@socar.az
URL: www.socar.az

**From:** Kemal Oksuz [mailto:[redacted]@gmail.com]
**Sent:** Saturday, May 18, 2013 2:08 PM
**To:** Rufat Zamanov; Ilqar Aliyev
**Cc:** usazconvention
**Subject:** Hotel Info Final

Attached is the final hotel info for groups!
MAFTAA has one cancellation; Maryland State Rep Guy Joseph Guzzone due to his mom's being hospitalized.
KO

# EXHIBIT 72

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II** and check this box ..... ▶ [X]

**Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I** (on page 1).

**Part II** **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only file the original (no copies needed).

| Type or print<br>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions. | Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions | Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions<br>Employer identification number (EIN) or |
|---|---|---|
| | TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE | 27-1958397 |
| | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.<br>750 FIRST STREET NE, NO. 1125 | Social security number (SSN) |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4241 | |

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) ..... 0 1

| Application Is For | Return Code | Application Is For | Return Code |
|---|---|---|---|
| Form 990 or Form 990-EZ | 01 | | |
| Form 990-BL | 02 | Form 1041-A | 08 |
| Form 4720 (individual) | 03 | Form 4720 | 09 |
| Form 990-PF | 04 | Form 5227 | 10 |
| Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | 05 | Form 6069 | 11 |
| Form 990-T (trust other than above) | 06 | Form 8870 | 12 |

**STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

- The books are in the care of ▶ THE ORGANIZATION 750 FIRST STREET, NE, STE 1125 - WASHINGTON, DC 20002
  Telephone No. ▶ 202-842-2026 FAX No. ▶
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ..... ▶ [ ]
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ [ ]. If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until JULY 15, 2014.

5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning JAN 1, 2013, and ending AUG 31, 2013.

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: [ ] Initial return [ ] Final return
[X] Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension
ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO GATHER INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8a | If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. | 8a | $ | 0. |
| b | If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868. | 8b | $ | 0. |
| c | **Balance due.** Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | 8c | $ | 0. |

**Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ▶ [redacted] Title ▶ CPA [redacted] Date ▶ 4-13-14

Form **8868**
(Rev. January 2013)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return.

OMB No. 1545-1709

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box ▶ [X]
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

***Do not complete Part II unless*** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

**Electronic filing *(e-file).*** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit *www.irs.gov/efile* and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.*

## Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ▶ [ ]

*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.*

| Type or print | Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. | Employer identification number (EIN) or |
|---|---|---|
| | TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE | 27-1958397 |
| File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions. | Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.<br>750 FIRST STREET NE, NO. 1125 | Social security number (SSN) |
| | City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4241 | |

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) ▶ 01

| Application Is For | Return Code | Application Is For | Return Code |
|---|---|---|---|
| Form 990 or Form 990-EZ | 01 | Form 990-T (corporation) | 07 |
| Form 990-BL | 02 | Form 1041-A | 08 |
| Form 4720 (individual) | 03 | Form 4720 | 09 |
| Form 990-PF | 04 | Form 5227 | 10 |
| Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | 05 | Form 6069 | 11 |
| Form 990-T (trust other than above) | 06 | Form 8870 | 12 |

- The books are in the care of ▶ THE ORGANIZATION 750 FIRST STREET, NE, STE 1125 - WASHINGTON, DC 20002
  Telephone No. ▶ 202-842-2026 FAX No. ▶
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ▶ [ ]
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ [ ]. If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ [ ] and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until APRIL 15, 2014, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
▶ [ ] calendar year _____ or
▶ [X] tax year beginning JAN 1, 2013, and ending AUG 31, 2013.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: [ ] Initial return [ ] Final return
[X] Change in accounting period

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3a | If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions. | 3a | $ 0. |
| b | If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit. | 3b | $ 0. |
| c | Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions. | 3c | $ 0. |

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

CHANGE OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)**

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning** JAN 1, 2013 **and ending** AUG 31, 2013

**B** Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Termin-ated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Applica-tion pending

**C** Name of organization
TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 750 FIRST STREET NE — Room/suite 1125

City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code WASHINGTON, DC 20002-4241

**F** Name and address of principal officer:
750 FIRST STREET NE, SUITE 1125, WASHINGTON,

**D Employer identification number** 27-1958397

**E** Telephone number 202-842-2026

**G** Gross receipts $ 715,130.

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**H(b)** Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**J Website:** ▶ WWW.TURKICAMERICANALLIANCE.ORG

**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: 2010 **M** State of legal domicile: DC

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROMOTE CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.

2 Check this box ▶ ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 6 |
| 4 | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 15 |
| 7a | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | 0. |
| b | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | 0. |

| | | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 440,727. | 715,130. |
| 9 | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 0. | 0. |
| 10 | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 616. | 0. |
| 11 | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 0. | 0. |
| 12 | Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 441,343. | 715,130. |
| 13 | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 0. | 0. |
| 14 | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | 0. | 0. |
| 15 | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 184,540. | 141,887. |
| 16a | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | 0. | 0. |
| b | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 2,150. | | |
| 17 | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 280,391. | 472,184. |
| 18 | Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 464,931. | 614,071. |
| 19 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | <23,588.> | 101,059. |

| | | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 98,026. | 199,085. |
| 21 | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 0. | 0. |
| 22 | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 98,026. | 199,085. |

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

▶ Signature of officer — Date

▶ Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: CHRISTOPHER L. FROST, CPA — Preparer's signature — Date — [redacted]

Firm's name ▶ FRITZ & COMPANY, P.C.

Firm's address ▶ 4084 UNIVERSITY DR., SUITE 200
FAIRFAX, VA 22030-6803

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
TO PROMOTE CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses $ 518,709. including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )
FOSTERED RELATIONS AMONG TURKIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY AT LARGE THROUGH HOSTING OF SPECIAL EVENTS CELEBRATING TURKISH HERITAGE.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4e **Total program service expenses** ▶ 518,709.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A* | 1 | X | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors*? | 2 | X | |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I* | 3 | | X |
| 4 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II* | 4 | | X |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III* | 5 | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I* | 6 | | X |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II* | 7 | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III* | 8 | | X |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV* | 9 | | X |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V* | 10 | | X |
| 11 | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. | | | |
| a | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI* | 11a | X | |
| b | Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII* | 11b | | X |
| c | Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII* | 11c | | X |
| d | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX* | 11d | X | |
| e | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11e | | X |
| f | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11f | | X |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII* | 12a | | X |
| b | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional* | 12b | | X |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E* | 13 | | X |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | 14a | | X |
| b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV* | 14b | | X |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV* | 15 | | X |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV* | 16 | | X |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I* | 17 | | X |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II* | 18 | | X |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III* | 19 | | X |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H* | 20a | | X |
| b | If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | 20b | | |

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II* | 21 | | X |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III* | 22 | | X |
| 23 | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J* | 23 | | X |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No", go to line 25* | 24a | | X |
| b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | 24b | | |
| c | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | 24c | | |
| d | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | 24d | | |
| 25a | **Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I* | 25a | | X |
| b | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I* | 25b | | X |
| 26 | Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II* | 26 | | X |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III* | 27 | | X |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | | |
| a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28a | | X |
| b | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28b | | X |
| c | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28c | | X |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M* | 29 | | X |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M* | 30 | | X |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I* | 31 | | X |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II* | 32 | | X |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I* | 33 | | X |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1* | 34 | | X |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | 35a | | X |
| b | If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | 35b | | |
| 36 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | 36 | | X |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI* | 37 | | X |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | 38 | X | |

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** *For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI ..... X

## Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year ..... | 1a | 6 | | |
| | If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. | | | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent ..... | 1b | 6 | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? ..... | 2 | | | X |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? ..... | 3 | | | X |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? ..... | 4 | | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? ..... | 5 | | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? ..... | 6 | | | X |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? ..... | 7a | | | X |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? ..... | 7b | | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | | | |
| a | The governing body? ..... | 8a | | X | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? ..... | 8b | | X | |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O* ..... | 9 | | | X |

## Section B. Policies *(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? ..... | 10a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? ..... | 10b | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | 11a | X | |
| b | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13* ..... | 12a | X | |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? ..... | 12b | X | |
| c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done* ..... | 12c | | X |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? ..... | 13 | X | |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? ..... | 14 | X | |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official ..... | 15a | | X |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization ..... | 15b | | X |
| | If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). | | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? ..... | 16a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? ..... | 16b | | |

## Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ NONE

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other *(explain in Schedule O)*

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ▶

THE ORGANIZATION - 202-842-2026

750 FIRST STREET, NE, STE 1125, WASHINGTON, DC 20002

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☒ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) FURKAN KOSAR, MBA<br>DIRECTOR | 1.00 | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (2) MAHMUT YETER<br>DIRECTOR | 1.00 | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (3) SULEYMAN TURHAN<br>DIRECTOR | 1.00 | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (4) CEMIL TEBER<br>DIRECTOR | 1.00 | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (5) KEMAL OKSUZ<br>DIRECTOR | 1.00 | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (6) OZKUR YILDIZ, PH.D.<br>DIRECTOR | 1.00 | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

**Part VII** **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1b Sub-total ▶ | | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ▶ | | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ▶ | | | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 0

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* | | X |
| 4 | For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual* | | X |
| 5 | Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person* | | X |

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|---|---|---|
| NONE | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 0

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII ☐

| | | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | 715,130. | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: $ | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 715,130. | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | | Business Code | | | | |
| | 2a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | | | | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | | |
| | | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | | | | | |
| | b Less: rental expenses | | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | |
| | 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous Revenue | Business Code | | | | |
| | 11a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| | 12 Total revenue. See instructions. | | 715,130. | 0. | 0. | 0. |

## Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

*Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).*

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX ☐

| *Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.* | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 130,396. | 97,797. | 32,599. | |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 11,491. | 8,618. | 2,873. | |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | | | | |
| c Accounting | 564. | | 564. | |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.) | 17,843. | 12,260. | 5,583. | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 12,365. | 7,660. | 4,705. | |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 134,379. | 100,784. | 33,595. | |
| 17 Travel | 10,553. | 7,915. | 2,638. | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 248,211. | 248,211. | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 5,939. | 4,454. | 1,485. | |
| 23 Insurance | | | | |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a PRINTING AND COPYING | 28,307. | 27,867. | 440. | |
| b GIFTS | 6,421. | | 6,421. | |
| c TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICA | 3,865. | 2,899. | 966. | |
| d CREDIT CARD FEES | 2,040. | | | 2,040. |
| e All other expenses | 1,697. | 244. | 1,343. | 110. |
| 25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e | 614,071. | 518,709. | 93,212. | 2,150. |
| 26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ▶ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X ☐

| | | | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assets | 1 | Cash - non-interest-bearing | | 7,606. | 1 | 114,604. |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | | | 2 | |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | | | 3 | |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | | 4 | |
| | 5 | Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L | | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | | 9 | |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 87,027. | | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b 19,465. | 73,501. | 10c | 67,562. |
| | 11 | Investments - publicly traded securities | | | 11 | |
| | 12 | Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | | 12 | |
| | 13 | Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | | 13 | |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | | 16,919. | 15 | 16,919. |
| | 16 | **Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | | 98,026. | 16 | 199,085. |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | | 17 | |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | | 19 | |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | | 21 | |
| | 22 | Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | | 22 | |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | | 23 | |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | | 24 | |
| | 25 | Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | | | 25 | |
| | 26 | **Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25 | | 0. | 26 | 0. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | | **Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ [X] and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.** | | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | | 98,026. | 27 | 199,085. |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | | | 28 | |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | | 29 | |
| | | **Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.** | | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | | 32 | |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | | 98,026. | 33 | 199,085. |
| | 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | | 98,026. | 34 | 199,085. |

## Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 715,130. |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 614,071. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 101,059. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 98,026. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | 0. |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 199,085. |

## Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII ☐

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | 2a | | X |
| | If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | 2b | | X |
| | If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| c | If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | 2c | | |
| | If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | 3a | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | 3b | | |

**SCHEDULE A** (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Public Charity Status and Public Support

**Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

**Open to Public Inspection**

| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|
| TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE | 27-1958397 |

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III - Non-functionally integrated

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? | 11g(i) | | |
| (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? | 11g(ii) | | |
| (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? | 11g(iii) | | |

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

| (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document? | | (v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support? | | (vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.? | | (vii) Amount of monetary support |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |

LHA **For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

**Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012**

232021
12-04-12

**Part II** **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

## Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2008 | (b) 2009 | (c) 2010 | (d) 2011 | (e) 2012 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3 | | | | | | |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | |
| 6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | |

## Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2008 | (b) 2009 | (c) 2010 | (d) 2011 | (e) 2012 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | | | | | | |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | |

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

## Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %

15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %

16a **33 1/3% support test - 2012.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **33 1/3% support test - 2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

17a **10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

b **10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

## Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

### Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2008 | (b) 2009 | (c) 2010 | (d) 2011 | (e) 2012 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | 148,882. | 277,057. | 440,727. | 866,666. |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5 | | | 148,882. | 277,057. | 440,727. | 866,666. |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | 0. |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year | | | | | | 0. |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | 0. |
| 8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | 866,666. |

### Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2008 | (b) 2009 | (c) 2010 | (d) 2011 | (e) 2012 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | 148,882. | 277,057. | 440,727. | 866,666. |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | 616. | 616. |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | 616. | 616. |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | 148,882. | 277,057. | 441,343. | 867,282. |

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶ ☐

### Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | 99.93 % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | 99.93 % |

### Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for **2012** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | .07 % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from **2011** Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | .07 % |

19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2012.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒

b **33 1/3% support tests - 2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☐

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶ ☐

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

THE ORGANIZATION'S FIRST RETURN WAS A SHORT YEAR RETURN(FEBRUARY 17, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010). THIS SHORT YEAR COVERED THE DATE THE ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED THROUGH THE END OF THAT CALENDAR YEAR. THE CURRENT YEAR RETURN IS A SHORT YEAR RETURN (JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2013) TO REFLECT ITS CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PERIOD TO A FISCAL YEAR END.

**Schedule B** (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|
| TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE | 27-1958397 |

**Organization type** (check one):

| Filers of: | Section: |
|---|---|
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | [X] 501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | [ ] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule.**
**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

[X] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, $5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

[ ] For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) $5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than $1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than $1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of $5,000 or more during the year ..... ▶ $ _____

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization: TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Employer identification number: 27-1958397

**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | SEVKET KESKIN<br>5601-H GENERAL WASHINGTON DR<br>ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312 | $ 6,500. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 2 | ALTAN KALAYCI<br>9949 INISFREE DRIVE<br>JOHNS CREEK , GA 30022 | $ 9,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 3 | COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS<br>535 FIFTH AVE, STE 601<br>NEW YORK, NY 10017 | $ 14,800. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 4 | MERIH COTTON CORP<br>12302 OSTARA CT.<br>FISHERS , IN 46037 | $ 40,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 5 | NECATI DEMIROZ<br>4215 WALNEY ROAD, UNIT L<br>CHANTILLY, VA 20151 | $ 6,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |

Name of organization: TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Employer identification number: 27-1958397

**Part II** **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions) | (d) Date received |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | $ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions) | (d) Date received |
| | | $ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions) | (d) Date received |
| | | $ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions) | (d) Date received |
| | | $ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions) | (d) Date received |
| | | $ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions) | (d) Date received |
| | | $ | |

Name of organization: TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

Employer identification number: 27-1958397

**Part III** *Exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than $1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of $1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ $

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

(e) Transfer of gift

| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
|---|---|
| | |

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

(e) Transfer of gift

| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
|---|---|
| | |

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

(e) Transfer of gift

| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
|---|---|
| | |

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

(e) Transfer of gift

| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4 | Relationship of transferor to transferee |
|---|---|
| | |

**SCHEDULE D** (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

Open to Public Inspection

**Name of the organization**
TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

**Employer identification number**
27-1958397

## Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 | Aggregate contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 | Aggregate grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 | Aggregate value at end of year | | |

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
- ☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
- ☐ Protection of natural habitat
- ☐ Preservation of open space
- ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
- ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | | | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| a | Total number of conservation easements | 2a | |
| b | Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b | |
| c | Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c | |
| d | Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d | |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ $ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

## Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ $ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ $ _____

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

| | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| c Beginning balance | 1c | |
| d Additions during the year | 1d | |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e | |
| f Ending balance | 1f | |

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ _____ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | | |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | | |

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | 30,681. | 1,868. | 28,813. |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | 56,346. | 17,597. | 38,749. |
| **Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶ | | | | 67,562. |

**Schedule D (Form 990) 2012**

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely-held equity interests | | |
| (3) Other | | |
| (A) | | |
| (B) | | |
| (C) | | |
| (D) | | |
| (E) | | |
| (F) | | |
| (G) | | |
| (H) | | |
| (I) | | |
| Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶ | | |

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.** See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment type | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | | |
| (8) | | |
| (9) | | |
| (10) | | |
| Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶ | | |

**Part IX Other Assets.** See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|---|---|
| (1) SECURITY DEPOSIT | 16,919. |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| (10) | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)* ▶ | 16,919. |

**Part X Other Liabilities.** See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|---|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| (10) | |
| (11) | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)* ▶ | |

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

## Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | | 1 | |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | | | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | | | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | | 3 | |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)* | | | 5 | |

## Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | | 1 | |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | | | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | | | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | | 3 | |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)* | | | 5 | |

## Part XIII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**SCHEDULE O** (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.**
**▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2012**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization: TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

**Employer identification number:** 27-1958397

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE ORGANIZATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWED THE COMPLETED FORM 990 PRIOR TO SUBMITTING IT TO THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990 PAGE 10 990

| Asset No. | Description | Date Acquired | Method | Life | Conv | Line No. | Unadjusted Cost Or Basis | Bus % Excl | Section 179 Expense | * Reduction In Basis | Basis For Depreciation | Beginning Accumulated Depreciation | Current Sec 179 Expense | Current Year Deduction | Ending Accumulated Depreciation |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS | 04/05/11 | SL | 39.00 | MM | 16 | 30,681. | | | | 30,681. | 1,344. | | 524. | 1,868. |
| 2 | OFFICE FURNITURE | 04/07/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 44,443. | | | | 44,443. | 9,524. | | 4,233. | 13,757. |
| 3 | (10) BAR TABLES | 07/05/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 750. | | | | 750. | 161. | | 71. | 232. |
| 4 | GLASS TABLE COVERS | 07/15/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 974. | | | | 974. | 209. | | 93. | 302. |
| 5 | CIRCULAR TABLES | 07/25/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 3,090. | | | | 3,090. | 662. | | 294. | 956. |
| 6 | EPSON PROJECTOR | 01/04/11 | SL | 5.00 | | 16 | 649. | | | | 649. | 195. | | 87. | 282. |
| 7 | REFRIGERATOR | 04/15/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 867. | | | | 867. | 186. | | 83. | 269. |
| 8 | KITCHEN EQUIPMENT | 04/21/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 535. | | | | 535. | 114. | | 51. | 165. |
| 9 | (100) CHAIRS | 04/21/11 | SL | 7.00 | | 16 | 4,438. | | | | 4,438. | 951. | | 423. | 1,374. |
| 10 | DESKTOP COMPUTER | 12/14/11 | SL | 5.00 | | 16 | 600. | | | | 600. | 180. | | 80. | 260. |
| | * TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR | | | | | | 87,027. | | | | 87,027. | 13,526. | | 5,939. | 19,465. |

228111
05-01-12

(D) - Asset disposed

* ITC, Salvage, Bonus, Commercial Revitalization Deduction, GO Zone



TAA_0186
15-5211_00892

Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

# Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property) 990

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

OMB No. 1545-0172

**2012**

Attachment Sequence No. **179**

| Name(s) shown on return | Business or activity to which this form relates | Identifying number |
|---|---|---|
| TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE | FORM 990 PAGE 10 | 27-1958397 |

**Part I** **Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179** Note: *If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Maximum amount (see instructions) | 1 | 500,000. |
| 2 | Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions) | 2 | |
| 3 | Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation | 3 | 2,000,000. |
| 4 | Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0- | 4 | |
| 5 | Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions | 5 | |

| 6 | (a) Description of property | (b) Cost (business use only) | (c) Elected cost |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29 | 7 | |
| 8 | Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7 | 8 | |
| 9 | Tentative deduction. Enter the **smaller** of line 5 or line 8 | 9 | |
| 10 | Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2011 Form 4562 | 10 | |
| 11 | Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 | 11 | |
| 12 | Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11 | 12 | |
| 13 | Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2013. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12 ▶ | 13 | |

**Note:** *Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.*

**Part II** **Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14 | Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year | 14 | |
| 15 | Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election | 15 | |
| 16 | Other depreciation (including ACRS) | 16 | 5,939. |

**Part III** **MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)** (See instructions.)

**Section A**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2012 | 17 | |
| 18 | If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here ▶ ☐ | | |

**Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

| | (a) Classification of property | (b) Month and year placed in service | (c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions) | (d) Recovery period | (e) Convention | (f) Method | (g) Depreciation deduction |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19a | 3-year property | | | | | | |
| b | 5-year property | | | | | | |
| c | 7-year property | | | | | | |
| d | 10-year property | | | | | | |
| e | 15-year property | | | | | | |
| f | 20-year property | | | | | | |
| g | 25-year property | | | 25 yrs. | | S/L | |
| h | Residential rental property | / | | 27.5 yrs. | MM | S/L | |
| | | / | | 27.5 yrs. | MM | S/L | |
| i | Nonresidential real property | / | | 39 yrs. | MM | S/L | |
| | | / | | | MM | S/L | |

**Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2012 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20a | Class life | | | | | S/L | |
| b | 12-year | | | 12 yrs. | | S/L | |
| c | 40-year | / | | 40 yrs. | MM | S/L | |

**Part IV** **Summary** (See instructions.)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Listed property. Enter amount from line 28 | 21 | |
| 22 | **Total.** Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr. | 22 | 5,939. |
| 23 | For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs | 23 | |

**Part V** **Listed Property** (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

**Note:** *For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete* **only** *24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.*

**Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution:** *See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.*)

**24a** Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? ☐ Yes ☐ No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? ☐ Yes ☐ No

| (a) Type of property (list vehicles first) | (b) Date placed in service | (c) Business/ investment use percentage | (d) Cost or other basis | (e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only) | (f) Recovery period | (g) Method/ Convention | (h) Depreciation deduction | (i) Elected section 179 cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **25** Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use | | | | | | **25** | | |
| **26** Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use: | | | | | | | | |
| | | % | | | | | | |
| | | % | | | | | | |
| | | % | | | | | | |
| **27** Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use: | | | | | | | | |
| | | % | | | | S/L - | | |
| | | % | | | | S/L - | | |
| | | % | | | | S/L - | | |
| **28** Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27. Enter here and on line 21, page 1 | | | | | | **28** | | |
| **29** Add amounts in column (i), line 26. Enter here and on line 7, page 1 | | | | | | | **29** | |

**Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles**

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person.
If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

| | (a) Vehicle | | (b) Vehicle | | (c) Vehicle | | (d) Vehicle | | (e) Vehicle | | (f) Vehicle | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **30** Total business/investment miles driven during the year (**do not** include commuting miles) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **31** Total commuting miles driven during the year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **32** Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **33** Total miles driven during the year. Add lines 30 through 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | **Yes** | **No** | **Yes** | **No** | **Yes** | **No** | **Yes** | **No** | **Yes** | **No** | **Yes** | **No** |
| **34** Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **35** Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person? | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **36** Is another vehicle available for personal use? | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees**

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who **are not** more than 5% owners or related persons.

| | **Yes** | **No** |
|---|---|---|
| **37** Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? | | |
| **38** Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners | | |
| **39** Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use? | | |
| **40** Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received? | | |
| **41** Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? | | |

**Note:** *If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.*

**Part VI** **Amortization**

| (a) Description of costs | (b) Date amortization begins | (c) Amortizable amount | (d) Code section | (e) Amortization period or percentage | (f) Amortization for this year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **42** Amortization of costs that begins during your 2012 tax year: | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| **43** Amortization of costs that began before your 2012 tax year | | | | **43** | |
| **44** **Total.** Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report | | | | **44** | |

**2012 DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION REPORT**

## - CURRENT YEAR FEDERAL - TURKIC AMERICAN ALLIANCE

| Asset No. | Description | Date Acquired | Method | Life | Line No. | Unadjusted Cost Or Basis | Bus % Excl | * Reduction In Basis | Basis For Depreciation | Accumulated Depreciation | Current Sec 179 | Current Year Deduction |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS | 04 05 11 | SL | 39.00 | 16 | 30,681. | | | 30,681. | 1,344. | | 524. |
| 2 | OFFICE FURNITURE | 04 07 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 44,443. | | | 44,443. | 9,524. | | 4,233. |
| 3 | (10) BAR TABLES | 07 05 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 750. | | | 750. | 161. | | 71. |
| 4 | GLASS TABLE COVERS | 07 15 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 974. | | | 974. | 209. | | 93. |
| 5 | CIRCULAR TABLES | 07 25 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 3,090. | | | 3,090. | 662. | | 294. |
| 6 | EPSON PROJECTOR | 01 04 11 | SL | 5.00 | 16 | 649. | | | 649. | 195. | | 87. |
| 7 | REFRIGERATOR | 04 15 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 867. | | | 867. | 186. | | 83. |
| 8 | KITCHEN EQUIPMENT | 04 21 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 535. | | | 535. | 114. | | 51. |
| 9 | (100) CHAIRS | 04 21 11 | SL | 7.00 | 16 | 4,438. | | | 4,438. | 951. | | 423. |
| 10 | DESKTOP COMPUTER | 12 14 11 | SL | 5.00 | 16 | 600. | | | 600. | 180. | | 80. |
| | * TOTAL 990 PAGE 10 DEPR | | | | | 87,027. | | | 87,027. | 13,526. | | 5,939. |

228102
05-01-12

(D) - Asset disposed

* ITC, Section 179, Salvage, Bonus, Commercial Revitalization Deduction

# EXHIBIT 73

# U.S. House of Representatives
# Committee on Ethics

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form *at least 30 days before the start date of the trip*. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Turkic American Alliance (TAA)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ *or*
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ *or*
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attachment

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6. Date of departure: May 24, 2013 Date of return: June 2, 2013

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul, Turkey - Ankara, Turkey- Baku, Azerbaijan
   c. City of return: Washington DC

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ *or*
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ *or*
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ *or*
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ☒

11. Check one:
    a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
TAA is a non-profit 501 ( c ) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programing about the U.S. - Turkic relationship. The trip will provide a well understanding and analyzing of Turkey that will help in serving Turkish and Turkic community in U.S. and in having better relations with Turkey and Azerbaijan.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
    a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ *or*
    b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☐

    If "b" is checked:
    1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): $45 per day
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
Turkey is a significant country for U.S. in relations of political, commercial, and cultural interests of both countries in Middle East, Central Asia, and Europe.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel name: Grand Cevahir Hotel City: Istanbul Cost per night: $180
    Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability
    Hotel name: Metropolitan Hotel City: Ankara Cost per night: $120
    Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability
    Hotel name: JW Marriott City: Baku Cost per night: $115
    Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☐

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ☐ actual amounts<br>☒ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $2475 Air $300 Gro | $2775 | $360 |
| For each accompanying relative | | | |

| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $200 | Museum Tickets, Parking |
| For each accompanying relative | | |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name: Faruk Taban

Title: President

Organization: Turkic American Alliance (TAA)

Address: 750 First St NE Suite 1125 Washington DC, 20002

Telephone number: 202-842-2026

Email address: ftaban@turkicamericanalliance.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

# EXHIBIT 74

| | |
|---|---|
| **From:** | Amy Travieso <[redacted]@gmail.com> |
| **Sent:** | Monday, March 18, 2013 11:41 AM |
| **To:** | Travieso, Amy <[redacted]@mail.house.gov> |
| **Subject:** | Fwd: Congressional Travel |
| **Attach:** | Itinerary-US Congressional COS Staffdel Trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan.pdf |

---

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Kemal Oksuz** <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 17, 2013 at 5:34 PM
Subject: RE: Congressional Travel
To: "Nedzar, Tamar" <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>
Cc: [redacted]@tcae.org, Amy Travieso <[redacted]@gmail.com>, [redacted], [redacted]@miketurner.com

Dear Ms. Nedzar,

I hope this email finds you well.

1. Yes, TCAE will be paying for all trip expenses using its general funds. TCAE never receives any additional outside funding to subsidize expenses for the trips. Our donors are our members: individual and corporate members. Moreover, we receive donations from Turkish and Turkic American society in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and more.

2. The itinerary is updated with the approximate beginning and end times of each meeting.

3. More details are added for those events on the agenda.

Thanks,

Kemal Oksuz

---

**From:** Nedzar, Tamar [mailto:[redacted]@mail.house.gov]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:41 AM
**To:** [redacted]@tcae.org; [redacted]@gmail.com
**Subject:** Congressional Travel
**Importance:** High

Mr. Oksuz,

I am the Ethics Committee attorney assigned to perform a preliminary review of the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE)-sponsored trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan, and I need the following from you before I can continue my review:

1. Please confirm that TCAE will be paying for all trip expenses using its general funds. If TCAE received additional outside funding, including grant funding or any other support, intended to subsidize expenses for this trip, or congressional travel in general, we would need to get details on who those funders/donors are, the terms of the grant as it relates to congressional travel, and their role in helping to plan or organize the trip.

2. Please add approximate times for each activity listed in the itinerary. For example, On Friday, March 29, 2013, you have "Meet with the Mayor of Old City" listed as the first officially-connected event. For that meeting and every other item on the agenda, please include the approximate beginning and end times.

3. Please add more detail for each event on the agenda. For example: on Thursday, March 28, 2013, you have "Lunch with the Members of the Parliament" listed. If you intend for this item to count as an officially-connected activity, you must provide additional details. Will the Members of Parliament be discussing a particular topic with participants? Each item on the agenda will similarly need more detail. In some cases, you will also need to describe what a particular organization is/does. For example, on Saturday, March 30, 2013, you list "Dinner at Caspian Strategy Forum." In the updated agenda, you should describe what the Caspian Strategy Forum is.

Please ensure that all you send your agenda to me and to the travelers, who will need the updated agenda for their required post-travel disclosure.

Thank you,

Ms. Tamar Nedzar

Counsel

Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives

1015 Longworth House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

Phone [redacted]

Fax: ([redacted]

# EXHIBIT 75

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

# PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form *at least 30 days before the start date of the trip*. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ■ *or*
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ *or*
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   Please See the Attached List!

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ■ No

6. Date of departure: May 24, 2013 Date of return: June 1, 2013

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul-Ankara-Baku
   c. City of return: Washington DC

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ *or*
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ■ *or*
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ■
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ *or*
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ■

11. Check one:
    a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■ ***or***
    b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

TCAE is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that is committed to strengthening long-term relationship and close cooperation between US and Turkey/Azerbaijan. To intrdouce and provide exposure to Turkey's and Azerbaijan's military, regional and energy security and political reforms. To promote mutual understanding between US-Turkey/Azerbai

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ■ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ■ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
    a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ ***or***
    b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ■

    If "b" is checked:

    1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): $45 per day

    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Turkey and Azerbaijan are critical allies and key friends for US in the Region. Turkey does have a close cooperation with US on the regional issues. Azerbaijan plays a very critical role for energy diversification and regional security in Caspian.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

    Hotel name: Ciragan Palace Kempinski City: Istanbul Cost per night: $220
    Reason(s) for selecting: Our Agreement and Their Great Service!

    Hotel name: Grand Ankara Rixos City: Ankara Cost per night: $120
    Reason(s) for selecting: Our Agreement and Their Great Service!

    Hotel name: Four Seasons Baku City: Baku Cost per night: $160
    Reason(s) for selecting: Our Agreement and Their Great Service!

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ☐ actual amounts<br>■ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $2450 | $1320 | $315 |
| For each accompanying relative | | | |

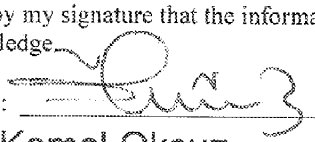
| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $225 | Tipping, Entrance to Museums |
| For each accompanying relative | | |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ■ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ■

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Kemal Oksuz

Title: President

Organization: Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians

Address: 2700 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1750 Houston, TX 77056

Telephone number: (713) 622 9200-Office --- (773) 396 8669-Cell

Email address: kemal_oksuz@tcae.org or kemaloksuz@gmail.com

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

# EXHIBIT 76

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF TAFM PRESIDENT

**3/13/2015**

MR. SOLIS: This is Deputy Chief Counsel, Paul Solis, with the Office of Congressional Ethics. I'm joined by Omar Ashmawy, Chief Counsel of the Office of Congressional Ethics and TAFM President. It is March 13, 2015. TAFM President has signed an acknowledgement form understanding that 18 U.S.C. 1001 applies to our conversation today. And we will begin the interview. TAFM President, what is your current employment?

WITNESS: I'm the president of the Turkic American Federation of Midwest.

MR. SOLIS: And how long have you been in that role?

WITNESS: For almost five years.

MR. SOLIS: Has the Turkic American Federation of the Midwest been in existence longer than five years?

WITNESS: It was established in 2010, January.

MR. SOLIS: So you've been with the organization since its beginning?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Have you been the president since the beginning?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Where were you previously employed?
WITNESS: I was with the New Plan Learning.
MR. SOLIS: Could you say that one more time?
WITNESS: New Plan Learning
MR. SOLIS: New Plan Learning
WITNESS: It's a non-profit and then before that, I was with the Turkish American Society of Chicago. Those are the places I worked before.
MR. SOLIS: How many employees does the—I'm just going to shorten this up to TAFM if that's –
WITNESS: Or the Federation
MR. SOLIS: The Federation, maybe I'll just say the Federation. And if there's another Federation that uses similar, you know descriptors in the name then we can specify, but for right now the Midwest will be the Federation. How many employees does the Federation have?
WITNESS: Just one
MR. SOLIS: Is that you?
WITNESS: Just myself. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: What is the mission of the Federation?
WITNESS: To improve the relations between Turkey, Central Asia and the U.S. This involves all the cultural, social, economic activities that we're doing between our communities, in the local level and also back to our home country.

MR. SOLIS: And is it just Turkey – were the interests based just in Turkey? Were there other countries?
WITNESS: It was first Turkey in the beginning and our name was Turkish and then we changed it to Turkic because we have such a deep relation with the Central Asian-Turkic countries, so it does only involved Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: Could you name some of the other countries?
WITNESS: Azerbaijan, Kirgizstan, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan. Those are some of the countries.
MR. SOLIS: Is the Federation a non-profit?
WITNESS: It is, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Has it been a non-profit since its beginning?
WITNESS: We were established as a non-profit, but actual process took a little time. We were approved in 2013.
MR. SOLIS: What was its status before that time then?
WITNESS: It was just a pending status, I guess. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: How does the Federation receive funding?
WITNESS: From our local donors, members of the community in Midwest, out in Chicago within Midwest.
MR. SOLIS: So private individuals?
WITNESS: Yes, that's right.
MR. SOLIS: Any funding from other organizations?
WITNESS: And also from our member organizations. We have local non-profits in let's say Michigan, Wisconsin, in Midwest area. They also pay membership to our organization.
MR. SOLIS: And the organizations, do they have similar missions to the Federation?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Does the Federation have a board of directors?
WITNESS: We do. Yeah
MR. SOLIS: Who's on that board of directors?
WITNESS: Uh…Business people.
MR. SOLIS: Can you name some of them?
WITNESS: Sure. Edip Pektas. And we have Akyltai Shermatov and Nurtekin Kulaksiz.
MR. SOLIS: Just three board members?
WITNESS: Three of them…yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Does the Federation have a treasurer?
WITNESS: Edip is--Edip Pektas is the treasurer of the organization.
MR. SOLIS: So he runs the bank accounts and things like that?
WITNESS: Yeah, together. I assist him too.
MR. SOLIS: So you have control over the funding –

WITNESS: That's right. I mean it's just one person that's actually involved in the operations so we do it together
MR. SOLIS: So it's just you two?
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. SOLIS: Are you also in charge of the Federation expenditures?
WITNESS: I am. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Does Ed…(?) – what's his name?
WITNESS: Edip
MR. SOLIS: Edip. Does he also have control over expenditures?
WITNESS: Yeah I show them during the meetings our, you know plans and then budgets and also explain what activities we've been doing and spending the money for.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. So if you have a large expense that you're going to make, do you have to seek their approval? Or can you make it on your own?
WITNESS: I can make it on my own.
MR. SOLIS: How often would you say you make it on your own?
WITNESS: We…I don't know if we really have you know too much big expenses. Mainly, sometimes if we have a trip we pay for the air tickets which is you know, sometimes $1000.00, $1,200.00 something amount – around that amount.
MR. SOLIS: And for example, for a trip would you make that expenditure?
WITNESS: I would. I would yeah. I would let them know that we're being the trips you know about what the trip is involved about and then I can make the expenses.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. It's not required that they take a vote, then?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: Alright. Omar do you have any questions about the --
MR. ASHMAWY: Not about that.
MR. SOLIS: Okay so we'll move onto this convention in May of 2013. Do you recall that convention?
WITNESS: I do. Yeah
MR. SOLIS: You attended?
WITNESS: I did.
MR. SOLIS: Did anybody else from the Federation attend?
WITNESS: We were together, Bilal Eksili. We worked together with the Federation at the time. He's no longer with the organization, but he was also together with me.
MR. SOLIS: So two people from the Federation attended the conference?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: It occurs to me, actually, that some of these names may be difficult to spell if the transcript is done.
MR. SOLIS: Right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is it possible that we could just pause for a moment and go back and have you spell the names of each of the board members?

WITNESS: Sure. Yeah
MR. ASHMAWY: At your convenience, what's the first one?
WITNESS: Should I just write it down?
MR. ASHMAWY: Sure. You know what, that would be fine. That would be perfect
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. ASHMAWY: Thank you, I appreciate that.
WITNESS: That's okay.
MR. SOLIS: And if you could also, the individuals you just mentioned who attended with you who's no longer with the Federation.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. SOLIS: Thank you very much. And as I can surmise the three at the top are the individuals who are on the board. And then you drew a line and below that line is, Bilal is the individual who –
WITNESS: Who was together with me on the trip.
MR. SOLIS: So you said that you and Bilal attended the convention.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: What role did the Federation have in general at the convention?
WITNESS: We have a tradition for organizing conventions. We started off in 2011 or 12 I don't remember, but in Washington D.C. We just made the application for Turkey at the time. The point was to try to invite our federal officials in Washington D.C. to these programs, invite business people and state officials from Turkey, get together and then you know create an awareness in the Congress, that you know Turkish-Americans are active in this country and trying to contribute in various ways. We started with Turkey and then since we have these deep relations with our Central Asian-Turk -- sister countries, then we started including other countries one by one. So Azerbaijan was on the list, Kirgizstan was on the list and then Kazakhstan was on the list. The next step was we also wanted to do it in the capitals of these countries. We did one in Istanbul, I mean capitals we did it in Istanbul. Another convention. And then we did it in Kirgizstan and then we did it in Azerbaijan. So the conventions are trying to build the social, cultural, and also the economic relationship including the Congress.
MR. SOLIS: Was the 2013 convention, that was in Baku correct?
WITNESS: That's correct.
MR. SOLIS: Did that have anything to do with Turkey as well?
WITNESS: Not so much Turkey, but I don't remember if there were maybe Turkish business people there. I'm sure there were. I don't know if there were Turkish officials there, but there might be. I don't -- I'm not so sure about this.
MR. SOLIS: You know as far as we can tell, the name of the event was "U.S.-Azerbaijan Vision for the Future."
WITNESS: That's right. It was meant for the Azerbaijan-American people.
MR. SOLIS: What was the primary purpose of the convention to you?

WITNESS: Again, to create awareness about Azerbaijan this time because we believe that there's such a potential in that region that is still not utilized. So to -- that's -- to make another case, to improve the relationship. You know whenever we do a trip it's a big education for the staffers, for the members to know about those countries, you know first-hand experience. So that's the—that was the main…
MR. SOLIS: Did the convention have other components to it besides just awareness about Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: To my knowledge it is just to create awareness. We had meetings in the Azerbaijan parliament, meeting with the president and also some institutions in Azerbaijan. That was the main purpose.
MR. SOLIS: What about energy issues or security issues?
WITNESS: Energy is a big issue for Azerbaijan, obviously. And the Congress is very much you know, interested in securing the energy for especially Eastern Europe or European countries. I can say that was yeah, that was another --
MR. SOLIS: That was a component of the convention?
WITNESS: That was the component of the convention, yeah. I mean especially Central-Asia, when you talk about – when we talk to our members, we always mention about the energy issue in Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan. For water, let's say Kirgizstan comes to the equation. And then Turkey as a bridge for those secure energy lines for Europe, which is I think in line with the American interest trying to secure those lines.
MR. SOLIS: Does the Federation and other like-minded organizations, do they have relationship with the Azerbaijan government?
WITNESS: No. No we don't. I mean sometimes, we visited the ambassador a few times in Washington D.C. and he sometimes came to our programs, but that was about it.
MR. SOLIS: So then why would the convention take place in Baku without a relationship with the government?
WITNESS: I mean, our organization did not have the direct relationship with the Azerbaijani government, but we believe that you know, you have to expose our American politicians with the Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Turkish people. This all of course, includes the government too in making any event.
MR. SOLIS: So you said, the Federation didn't have the direct connection to the government –
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Who did then?
WITNESS: The Turquoise Council in Texas. They basically organized the convention and they had the first and long knowledge about it.
MR. SOLIS: How did you first learn about it then?
WITNESS: … Yeah. I mean I don't remember the details about it, but through the Turquoise Council. We're sister organizations with Turquoise Council and then under the umbrella of Turkic-American Alliance in D.C. So we get together regularly in these to do

our meetings with our sister Federations so I think I learned it through in one of those meetings.
MR. SOLIS: Is the Turquoise Council legally related to the Federation?
WITNESS: No. It's just a sister organization.
MR. SOLIS: Then how does the Turkic-American Alliance fit into that? Are they a parent organization over the Federation?
WITNESS: We're members of the Turkic-American Alliance. All -- the Turquoise Council, Midwest Federation, and a few other Federations.
MR. SOLIS: So is the Turkic-American Alliance the umbrella organization of –
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: …Of all these entities?
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah actually that was the question I had too. What is – so, describe…what's the relationship between the Midwest Federation and the other Federations?
WITNESS: I think it's a loose connection that we share the same values as to expose you know, these countries to the U.S. And then, these trips and you know all those business activities we do, the [inaudible] activities, cultural activities, we share much of the [inaudible] among us. So…and we also get together you know during these meetings and everyone shares with the best practices.
MR. ASHMAWY: And those meetings are the ones held by the Alliance?
WITNESS: Yes that's right. Under the Alliance.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is there a common membership between the Federations?
WITNESS: Uhm…What do you mean?
MR. ASHMAWY: Like board membership, I mean do the same people sit on--
WITNESS: Yeah we're in the board of the Turkic-American Alliance.
MR. ASHMAWY: How about other Federations?
WITNESS: They are too. Their presidents are too.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. And is there any legal relationship between the Federations?
WITNESS: No. We just pay a membership due, but that's about it.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. So, the relationship between the Federations is that through the Alliance?
WITNESS: That's right
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: When the Federation is making decisions, do you have to check in with the Alliance about any major decision?
WITNESS: No. Every Federation is individual. But of course if there is a best practice, you know I would always call during the meetings, we would just bring it up.
MR. SOLIS: And so going back again, you believe that the Turquoise Council informed you about the convention?
WITNESS: That's right.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know when you first would've heard that from them?
WITNESS: I don't' remember. It must be at least three or four months before I would say, but I don't remember the exact time.
MR. ASHMAWY: You already mentioned that the Turquoise Council, I think, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but that they basically organized, they were basically the organizers for the convention?
WITNESS: They had good relations with Azerbaijan so you know anything happening in Azerbaijan would come through the Turquoise Council. Because there are Azerbaijani people in Texas and I have Kirgiz people in Chicago, so I'm basically you know doing all the activities related to Kirgizstan.
MR. ASHMAWY: Oh, okay.
WITNESS: That's – I mean kind of where it comes from.
MR. ASHMAWY: So your responsibilities were for the Kirgiz community here?
WITNESS: That's right. Not the legal or any you know binding responsibility, but since there were more Kirgiz people it makes more sense for me. If there's an issue about Kirgizstan I would be involved in it or people would ask me among you know those board members would ask me.
MR. ASHMAWY: So realistically how much of a role did the Federation have in planning the convention?
WITNESS: Just inviting people to the convention because I mean it gives us more strength you know, if I only say about Turkish people it's only one country, but since you know we can easily utilize all these people under the Turkish umbrella, you know cut me from the history people are you know, I was … let me tell you. If I invite a Polish guy to a Turkish program it doesn't make sense, but when I invite a Kirgiz person to the program –
MR. ASHMAWY: That makes sense!
WITNESS: Because we speak the same language you know so…
MR. ASHMAWY: So then who paid for the travel?
WITNESS: The Turquoise Council paid for the travel.
MR. ASHMAWY: Oh, okay.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And, so did the Federation contribute any money to the –
WITNESS: We had to pay, but unfortunately we couldn't pay for the expenses there. Not for the convention, but inviting the members and also the staffers.
MR. ASHMAWY: I'm sorry. I have bit of a cold so I may have misunderstood it. Was there any expenditure from the Federation for any of the travel or any of the planning or anything like that?
WITNESS: We were doing the planning like the sharing the itinerary, inviting the staffers to the program from the Midwest area and some other states, but then for the actual convention planning let's say, "Where are we going to do the panels? Who's going

to come as a speaker?" You know organizing the restaurant or other meetings, I did not have any involvement about that. I would refer to the Turquoise Council. I only invited our people from the Congress.
MR. ASHMAWY: And did you have to spend any money to do that?
WITNESS: No, we didn't spend much money on it.
MR. SOLIS: Well, we want to be clear about that. You said "much money" I mean did you spend any money?
WITNESS: I mean maybe I spent some – a few expenses in Azerbaijan, I don't remember, but I think we didn't because my stay was really, very short like two days. And everything was full of you know convention basically so I think we didn't spend any money.
MR. ASHMAWY: So you didn't pay for any of the staffers that you invited or any of the members?
WITNESS: That's right we couldn't pay anything.
MR. ASHMAWY: Oh, okay. And you didn't pay for any part of the convention itself?
WITNESS: No.
MR. ASHMAWY: And -- It sounds like other than sending out the invitations, so that understandably it made more sense for you to send them out, sending out the invitations did you have any other role in –
WITNESS: No, just inviting people.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: How did those attendees get selected? So you hear from the Turquoise Council about this, are they asking you then to select staffers and members of Congress to go?
WITNESS: They don't specifically ask you know any person to invite, but as an organization I would like to take that chance you know to take people to Azerbaijan because they can learn many things and they can understand Turkish people's role in organizing these things, our friendship with Azerbaijan and you know learning about those energy issues, political issues, you know, social issues, I think that's the biggest advantage we can get when we invite people. So all these conventions are good in means to increase a relationship with Congress so – and I certainly focus on the Midwest staffers, congresspersons and whoever wants to come that's a good thing for us you know – more exposure to the international countries.
MR. SOLIS: So the staffers you invited and the members you invited were based on geography?
WITNESS: Mainly geography, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: What other factors were involved?
WITNESS: And if there are other interested people. Sometimes you know people also hear from other sources you know that there's such a trip, you know it's word of mouth so we also invite those people too.

MR. SOLIS: What about selecting staffers or members based on their job duties in Congress? Is that something you would look that?
WITNESS: Since we're a new organization, we really want to have more relationship with Congress. We don't really look so much into titles or experiences or other things you know.
MR. SOLIS: For example, if energy issues were going to be discussed at the convention, would you look for people who sit on the energy committee or staffers who work in those areas?
WITNESS: No…no. No. We try to invite you know whoever is interested in such a trip. And you know, there's…it's really hard to have staffers, members on the trip because you're in the organization and people don't know about you and Turkish, Azerbaijanis are not so much in hot spots for people to know and you know sometimes, you have 50 applicants and then at the end of the day you only have a handful of people so…
MR. SOLIS: The other Federations, the Turkic-American Federation of the Southeast, the Midwest and I know there's some others. Did you speak with any of your counterparts there about inviting staffers and members?
WITNESS: During our meetings before the convention everyone knew that the convention was going to be happening and I'm sure other people invited their people too. It was a collective you know effort.
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah, how did you guys coordinate that? Just so that you didn't have one organization – so that people didn't get two invitations? Did you guys have a list and then you just say "We'll invite these guys and you'll invite those staffers"?
WITNESS: I mean we pretty much have our own states like Midwest is about 11 states starting from Michigan to the Dakotas and Southeast I'm sure they have their own states. So we have that geographic you know distribution.
MR. ASHMAWY: Was there anyone coordinating the invitations just to make sure that - -
WITNESS: No, the Federation was on its own.
MR. SOLIS: You know we've seen some of the disclosures with like the Committee on Ethics about the travel disclosures and the different Federations who sponsored different individuals. And for some, maybe not in your instance, but for some it didn't seem to be a geographical explanation as to why some staffers went. With let's say the Federation of the Southeast right, what then - again I realize you don't run that organization, but what reason then would there be for non-geographical you know staffers going on this trip who are not from the Southeast?
WITNESS: Maybe it's because you know staffers are moving from one office to the other and I'm sure they heard about the – they had maybe relation with our Federation before and now they're at a different state but they still know us so they might have said you know there's such a convention coming up you know, can you share the I mean

invitation to those things that -- you know since we want to have those people learn more about our countries we would invite them too.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know Semel Tever?
WITNESS: Yeah I know him
MR. SOLIS: You know him?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: You've met him before?
WITNESS: Yeah I did, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did you have any conversations with him? About this convention?
WITNESS: Before the convention? Yeah we did because he was also coming to the meetings in Washington D.C.
MR. SOLIS: Okay what did you talk about?
MR. ASHMAWY: And just to clarify, the meetings about the Alliance?
WITNESS: Alliance, yeah in Washington D.C. I mean basically about the convention, I would say I don't remember what he was in charge with, but this involves you know from restaurants to meetings you know all those logistics and everything so, we might've discussed about those things with him.
MR. SOLIS: So if you're discussing logistics, is he talking about whether or not the Turkish American – Turkic-American Federation of the Southeast is going to pay for the staffers? Do you know if his organization paid for it?
WITNESS: I don't know about that. We didn't specifically talk about who pays for what you know, but more about the logistics.
MR. SOLIS: Okay so what about the Alliance? Did they talk about paying for the travel?
WITNESS: No. No… I mean we get together and then I'm sure they already had their own contacts you know from Congress or other institutions and they were already inviting people too.
MR. SOLIS: So if the Turquoise Council paid for the staffers and members that you invited, right? That's what you said?
WITNESS: Right.
MR. SOLIS: Wouldn't they have paid for the other staffers invited by the other sister organizations?
WITNESS: Maybe. I don't know. I only know for my organization that you know we had to pay back to them, but we haven't been able to.
MR. SOLIS: Who's the president of the Alliance?
WITNESS: Farruk Tehran?
MR. SOLIS: Did you have any conversations with Farruk about the trip?
WITNESS: During the—yeah. The meetings, yeah we did.
MR. SOLIS: So you would have these meetings with all the Federations –
WITNESS: That's right

MR. SOLIS: And you would have the meetings – did you have any meetings specifically about this convention?
WITNESS: Maybe I'm wrong, [inaudible] we were talking about this too, but I only remember the specific for this convention we got together.
MR. SOLIS: And you're saying that you don't recall any discussion whatsoever about how the organizations would pay for the travel for the staffers and the members?
WITNESS: Uhm…
MR. SOLIS: Do you recall any conversations about that at the general large meeting?
WITNESS: Not the specifics about it. No. I mean basically the Turquoise Council was organizing the convention and then we would ask them for you know, the trip agenda, itinerary and also for the expenses.
MR. SOLIS: We want to show you a document here.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you want more coffee?
WITNESS: No, thank you.
MR. SOLIS: This is Bates number VE0083.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. SOLIS: It's an email I believe, this is your email address correct?
WITNESS: Mhmm, that's right.
MR. SOLIS: To some staff members in the House of Representatives.
WITNESS: Mhmm. That's right.
MR. SOLIS: And the subject is, "short bios." Do you recall writing this email?
WITNESS: Yeah, I do. That's my email for sure.
MR. SOLIS: What's the purpose of that request? It says "hey all, can you please send me your short bios asap and please fill out the emergency contact form, thanks." Why would you have made that ask of them?
WITNESS: I think this was required from the Turquoise Council that they need the bios…Oh, no no no. This might have been … Yeah I think this was asked I don't know if you know, I'm not so sure…when was this? It might be about maybe I was asked to get their bios and also the emergency contact form because something happens to people on the trip and we don't have their information back home to let the people know, I think we wanted to get those information.
MR. SOLIS: Who would've asked you then for the bios?
WITNESS: I don't know, maybe Turquoise Council asked me…or we also have visited Turkey, maybe I needed this in Turkey for the Embassy, the American Embassy. I don't know which one this was regarding to because you know when you have meetings at some of the institutions; the people need the bios of those people because they want to know who's coming to the meeting.
MR. SOLIS: I want to go back and make two things clear. One is when you say the Turquoise Council, is there an individual in particular that you're interacting with?

WITNESS: Yeah. Kemal Oksuz. That was the president of the organization.
MR. SOLIS: Anybody else from the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: Maybe Jimil was also in the organization. I know he's in Atlanta now, but he might have been with the organization too. I don't remember much you know, emailing to him about the specifics, but more with Kemal.
MR. SOLIS: Kemal.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. And then –
WITNESS: I'm sorry I couldn't really figure it out, might be only for two reasons, but maybe Oksuz isn't in Azerbaijan wanted this so Kemal ask me or I asked people because the American Embassy required these bios or some other meetings, I don't remember the specific reason.
MR. SOLIS: So it's possible that officials in Azerbaijan asked Kemal and then he asked you?
WITNESS: Maybe, I don't know. Or as I said maybe my meetings in Turkey needed these bios so…
MR. SOLIS: Okay. So, you know I wanted to get straight when we talked about Turquoise Council, we're talking about Kemal?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Basically. And then you mentioned Turkey. I just wanted to get an idea of the trip itself. You know, we know the convention's in Baku, but you went to Turkey as well?
WITNESS: That's right. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Did everybody, all the members and staff on this trip?
WITNESS: I think some people did, some people couldn't. It's some other time.
MR. SOLIS: Why was Turkey selected as well?
WITNESS: We always take people to Turkey because it's easier access for us. And my first mission is to make people know about Turkey and then other sister communities.
MR. ASHMAWY: Who paid for that part of the trip?
WITNESS: We have a sister organization in Turkey so they paid for that part of the trip.
MR. ASHMAWY: What's the – what's the name of the sister organization?
WITNESS: It's the uh… Bakiad. B-A-K-I-A-D.
MR. ASHMAWY: And what do they do?
WITNESS: They…they help us in assisting our Turkey part of the trip.
MR. ASHMAWY: Oh, okay. And they do that regularly?
WITNESS: They…they do it yeah, regularly.
MR. ASHMAWY: And so they're the organization that paid for the hotel and --
WITNESS: That's right
MR. ASHMAWY: The hotel and I guess the hotel for, well for the people who went to Turkey?

WITNESS: That's right, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did they pay for any other part of the Turkey trip?
WITNESS: No
MR. SOLIS: And you said it's B-A-K-I-D?
WITNESS: I-A-D.
MR. SOLIS: I-A-D.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: And say it one more time? Bak--
WITNESS: Bakiad.
MR. SOLIS: Bakiad.
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. ASHMAWY: Do they have – I mean did they do anything else other than assist with –
WITNESS: No they just assist with our trip in Turkey
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know, I mean what kind of organization are they?
WITNESS: It's just a…uh…a non-profit organization in Turkey. Uhm…and just helps us you know our logistics there.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do they help any other organizations?
WITNESS: Uhh…I think they do. Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know which organizations there might be?
WITNESS: I'm sure our sister organizations are involved with them too.
MR. SOLIS: How big is the staff at this organization in Turkey?
WITNESS: Just one or two.
MR. SOLIS: One or two?
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you have any idea where they get their money?
WITNESS: I think their own donors, in Turkey.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: So their donors would be Turkish nationals?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: What is the affiliation with this organization with the Turkish government?
WITNESS: Which organization?
MR. SOLIS: The Bakiad.
WITNESS: They don't have any. It's just a non-profit. Yeah. No, no relations with government.
MR. SOLIS: And how do you know that?
WITNESS: Because I know those people working there. You know they didn't bring up any you know issues about the Turkish government, ever.

MR. SOLIS: Did the staffers and members who attended the conference and went to Turkey as well, did they need visas for entry into either Azerbaijan or Turkey?
WITNESS: I think yeah, both countries would need visas. And Turkey is easy, you just do it at the gate in Istanbul. I think for Azerbaijan they already knew that we were coming and I think they prepared all the documents at the gate in Baku too.
MR. SOLIS: Is that something you would've discussed with the staffers or members prior—
WITNESS: About the visa?
MR. SOLIS: Yeah
WITNESS: I don't remember, but I might've asked Kemal what happens with the visa and then I – he might have said you know they're going to be prepared at the gate. That's what I vaguely remember.
MR. ASHMAWY: So did you have any part to play with arranging the Azerbaijan visas?
WITNESS: No.
MR. ASHMAWY: I know we talked about this a few moments, but I just – again I might be a little slow. How did – so who decided who's going to come to the conference from Congress?
WITNESS: Say it again?
MR. ASHMAWY: How did the peop – how did the staffers and members – which staffers and members, how did you guys decide which ones to invite? I mean did you just invite everybody? Or did you guys talk about who's worth coming to?
WITNESS: I mean we can't really invite everyone because we don't have their information, but on the home page you know there are a few sites where you can see if it's chief of staff, the legislative director, scheduler, the press secretary; I'm using the "contactingthecongress.org", I think it's the best site you can find those information like office address, telephone numbers and those things. So I just, you know email to those people from that list.
MR. ASHMAWY: And was there a conversation to decide which offices to invite?
WITNESS: No, I think we invited people from all the offices. Yeah. I know some people just specifically go in the committees or you know energy committee members and other things, but we didn't do it like that.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
WITNESS: At least, my organization didn't do it like that.
MR. SOLIS: You said, so you said that all of the offices, you mean all of the offices in all the House of Representatives? All the member offices?
WITNESS: No. I mean, uh… I mean for Midwest, I invited all those you know Midwest offices and I don't know if the organizations, but I would assume they invited their own states.
MR. SOLIS: You know in the context of visas, issues like that – if that would come up with staffers, you know if they have a question about something about logistics and about

planning, given that it seems that the Turquoise Council was the main mover in setting agendas and answering these questions, you know would you answer the questions from the staffers or would you direct them to Kemal?
WITNESS: No I would answer them.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, well what if you just didn't know?
WITNESS: I would just ask Kemal.
MR. SOLIS: Would the staffers ever have any direct emails with Kemal?
WITNESS: I don't think so. I mean…for the people I invited, I wouldn't want them to get into confusion about you know how can I get the answer you know because this organization is why they meet. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Just checking my questions here…
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: And just so we're clear on the issue of your invitees, did you—were you the sole person who made the decisions of who to invite?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Kemal had no say in that?
WITNESS: No. No.
MR. SOLIS: Did any other Federation have a say?
WITNESS: No. No.
MR. SOLIS: Did you submit a list of attendees or potential attendees to the Alliance?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: How did you send the invitations?
WITNESS: Email.
MR. SOLIS: Email?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: So was there – then was there just an agreement that the Turquoise Council would pay for whoever you invited and said yes?
WITNESS: Uhm…there wasn't an agreement. No. They took care of the expense part and I know we were supposed to pay, but we weren't able to pay for those expenses.
MR. SOLIS: When you say you know you were supposed to pay, what do you mean by that?
WITNESS: I mean we applied for the Ethics Committee that you know we're going to pay for these expenses, but since the event was organized by Turquoise Council as a sister-organization, they made the payments.
MR. SOLIS: So why did you disclose to the Ethics Committee then?
WITNESS: We were going to pay first, but the economic situation didn't allow us to pay.
MR. SOLIS: I'm sorry could you say that again?
WITNESS: We didn't have the funds to pay for the expenses.

MR. SOLIS: Was there any discussion with the Turquoise Council about that? With Kemal? I mean there must have been some discussion right? His organization is the one paying, so you must've talked to him about that.
WITNESS: That's right. Basically, they covered all the expenses. Yeah. We would ask them to buy the tickets for this persons and I would ask them where would they stay and those questions.
MR. SOLIS: I think it's important that we understand the timeline here.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. SOLIS: You had these conversations with Kemal, right?
WITNESS: Uh-huh, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: About having his organization pay, right? Did those conversations occur – when did those conversations occur?
WITNESS: Uh…I'm sure it's before like one or two months before the trip.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, one or two months before the trip. Did you have those conversations with him before you made the – provided that information to the Committee on Ethics?
WITNESS: Yes, we did.
MR. SOLIS: So, if you had those conversations with Kemal and you knew that you didn't have the funds, why then would you make that disclosure to the Committee on Ethics?
WITNESS: Yeah, I think we wanted to take these people to Turkey and Azerbaijan.
MR. ASHMAWY: Can I ask in a different way? Did you --
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is it fair to say you – I'm not putting words in your mouth, so correct me if I'm wrong. That you guys just wanted to have the benefit of the credit for the trip?
WITNESS: That's right, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, I mean I guess I would ask my question – why didn't the Turquoise Council just sponsor everybody and make the disclosures for everybody?
WITNESS: Yeah, I think that…that… that should've been the approach we made and I – I discussed it with Kemal, but it was too much overwhelming for him to organize such a big convention and he said, "let's do every organization that invites you know his own people" and then you know we don't have to deal with every individual that I don't know where you know, from different states so uhm and uhm…. then…we said okay.
MR. SOLIS: and Kemal said, "we'll be paying for everything."?
WITNESS: That's right, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: So when you sent the invitations out to the staffers, and in the invitation itself it says that the Turquoise Council was going to be the sole spon -- sole organizer and cover the airfares?
WITNESS: Mhm.
MR. SOLIS: If I could I was going to give the next document for WITNESS.
MR. ASHMAWY: Oh, perfect!

MR. SOLIS: You can take a look at this.
WITNESS: Alright.
MR. SOLIS: And as Omar just referenced, this is Bates number VE0032.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: It is an email – is that your email address at the top?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Dated Sunday, April 14, 2013?
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: So third paragraph from the bottom it says, "Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians, as the sole organizer, will cover the airfare to and from the event, telecom, transportation as well as meals during travel in Azerbaijan. That's a true statement, then?
WITNESS: Mhm.. Yeah. That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: And that's what happened?
WITNESS: Mhm.. that's right.
MR. SOLIS: And then you go on to say the "Turkish American Federation of the Midwest will sponsor the Turkey part."
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: But as we discussed earlier, the actual funding for the Turkey part came from the organization in Turkey.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Not the Federation of the Midwest.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know how the Turquoise Council is funded by any chance?
WITNESS: I don't know. Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Have you heard rumors about how it's funded or anything like that?
WITNESS: No…No. I mean …
MR. SOLIS: I mean, you know WITNESS, I mean did you have these conversations with Kemal? Kemal is going to basically pay for 30+ people to go, it's very expensive, a lot of money was spent…I'm sure he must've said something about how he's going to pay for the trip.
WITNESS: I don't know how he was planning to pay for the trip.
MR. ASHMAWY: During these, the Alliance meetings, does Kemal attend those meetings too?
WITNESS: Yeah, some of them he attended too.
MR. ASHMAWY: Has there ever been a conversation about how – about trouble fundraising?
WITNESS: About what?
MR. ASHMAWY: The trouble about how hard it is to raise money?
WITNESS: Uh…

MR. ASHMAWY: For the organizations?
WITNESS: For the organizations? Yeah. I mean sometimes, that comes to question.
MR. ASHMAWY: Has there ever been conversations about sources of funding? Where, you know where you can find money?
WITNESS: Yeah, I mean our local people that's what you know, we ask funds for. Uhm…I don't know how they were finding their own funds. We didn't get into details enough, what each organization is trying to do.
MR. ASHMAWY: Has Kemal ever acknowledged to you that he was receiving funding from the government of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: If I could just direct you back to this email real quick.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. SOLIS: It is from your Gmail account and then it's to
[redacted]
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: So this wouldn't have been sent out to staffers or did it get sent out to staffers?
WITNESS: I think yeah, this was part of the invitation that I sent to them.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Do you know why it would've gone from your Gmail to – is this just something you sent to yourself on different email accounts?
WITNESS: Yeah, I was just looking at who I sent this to. It looks like it came to me, but I'm using my Gmail, it's connected to my Federation account so I can just you know, it's easier.
MR. SOLIS: Did you write this?
WITNESS: Yeah...uh yeah I think yeah I wrote this. This looks like you know something I sent before.
MR. SOLIS: Are you certain about that? Is it possible that Kemal may have written that and sent it to you?
WITNESS: No, no, no. This is – I mean I sent you know such invitations. I don't know word by word if it's mine, but it looks like it's mine. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: But that would've been the text that got sent to staffers?
WITNESS: That's right, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: One moment...
MR. ASHMAWY: More coffee?
WITNESS: Alright, yeah. It's kind of getting cold; I'll get a new one. Thank you. Am I the first one you're interviewing?
MR. ASHMAWY: We've spoken to some people. We've received a significant amount of documents from various witnesses.
WITNESS: Oh, okay.
MR. SOLIS: I want to show you another --

WITNESS: Yeah
MR. SOLIS: Document there, another email. This is Bates numbered JM0084.
WITNESS: Mhm.
MR. SOLIS: And if you look in the middle there, it's again from your email – Gmail account, to John Marshall, subject "Next Week", dated April 11, 2013. Do you recall this message?
WITNESS: Let me take a look at it. Alright, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Do you recall that?
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. You mentioned it is organized by our sister organization in Texas. Is that safe to assume that's the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: You also say, "it's about energy issues related to Azerbaijan in Turkey."
WITNESS: Mhm.
MR. SOLIS: You know when I asked you that before, you said you believed it was generally about awareness of bringing awareness of the region to members of Congress. I asked you if energy was a component of the convention, you said yeah you thought it was. It looks – I mean from this statement that energy was the issue of the convention. Is it safe to say that energy was –
WITNESS: Energy was yeah…it was a big part of the convention. I'm sure we discussed – I mean I remember discussing other things too, you know some other political things, but yeah of course. If you stay in Azerbaijan, energy comes to mind.
MR. SOLIS: So, as of April 11, 2013, you're expressing this to John Marshall. How did you know that energy issues would be at the convention and discussed in Turkey?
WITNESS: It's always been about energy when it was about Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, mainly.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: So who – you're the Federation of the Midwest – who's telling you that the convention is going to be about energy?
WITNESS: Yeah we were discussing it you know during the meetings and this also has a history before we did the Baku convention, we did another one in DC. It was again about energy so Azerbaijan is big on energy issues.
MR. SOLIS: So at the general meeting when the Alliance is getting together with the Turquoise Council and all the Federations are together at the meeting – the pre-trip meeting I suppose--
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: You're talking about energy issues?
WITNESS: That's right yeah.

MR. SOLIS: And what do you mean by that? Is that – is that the Azerbaijani government?
WITNESS: Azerbaijan's oil and then you know, related relations to you know carrying it through Turkey to Europe basically.
MR. SOLIS: So why do you guys care about that then? Why is that topic being discussed at the meeting with the Turquoise Council and the Alliance?
WITNESS: It is an important issue for the U.S. so it always comes to the table.
MR. ASHMAWY: We're aware of some concerns that some entities had about issues of – concerning the ability of Azerbaijan to access their oil reserves, despite certain issues with Iran. Was that part of the conversation as well?
WITNESS: Uh, I don't know anything about that. We didn't go into any details. I mean my knowledge is really general information about you know Azerbaijan, that is big in energy issues and there are tensions with Russian, Europe. You know sometime Russia just shuts off the valves you know and there's a political problem and then Europe suffers from this. And then U.S. is very keen on seeing some alternative energy routes in that sense, Turkey and Azerbaijan are big so…
MR. SOLIS: Does Azerbaijan have an oil company there? Or entity—
WITNESS: I know about the SOCAR company. They're I think it's their national oil company or I don't know the details of the organization, but…
MR. SOLIS: What do you know about it?
WITNESS: I know that that's the biggest oil company in Azerbaijan and also I think they have investments in Texas, in Turkey, uhm… and then some officials came to our convention in D.C. I met a few of them in the convention.
MR. SOLIS: Did you discuss SOCAR at the meeting you had with the – the meetings, was it one meeting or multiple meetings with the Alliance and the Council?
WITNESS: You know we do – our meetings are not regular, so it will be sometimes every month, sometime one or two or three months. So I don't know how many meetings we did specifically for this trip, let's say one or two meetings. Yeah. In those meetings and then before as I said, we had other conventions in Washington D.C. I heard the SOCAR name a few times.
MR. SOLIS: Who said SOCAR? Who was talking about SOCAR?
WITNESS: I think I heard it from Kemal about SOCAR. Yeah, basically.
MR. SOLIS: And what did he say about SOCAR?
WITNESS: He said you know it's the biggest energy company in Azerbaijan. They're also coming to, I think they opened a refinery in Texas, he was mentioning about it. And then they, I know that they had big investments in Turkey. That's all I know about them.
MR. SOLIS: Did he say that you know it's an important issue because they're in Texas and it's important to Azerbaijan, we need to get these members of Congress and staff people to know about SOCAR?

WITNESS: No, we didn't talk about those things. I mean even if we did, he knows about it, I don't know anything about it.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, I have another email to show you.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: This is Bates number VE0067.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: And if you look at the middle email there, Saturday May 11, 2013. This is from your Gmail account to Vince [inaudible]?
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: And you write, "I would like to set up an orientation meeting before the trip so that we can answer questions and the location suggests that the Turkic-American Alliance" – would this have been one of those, you said one or two meetings?
WITNESS: No, this is different. Whenever we take a group to Turkey, we try to do an orientation meeting because they have various questions you know that they want to ask. "What am I going to wear, what are the hotel names, how much should I have with me and what should I wear for the official meetings?" that kind of things, you know we would invite them to an orientation and explain all of those questions to the staffers that we take to Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: Who would've been there besides the Alliance? Was the Federation of the Southeast there?
WITNESS: No, just myself, maybe Bilal. I don't remember because we were working together. And then maybe Farruk because he's the director of the Alliance so he would say you know, "Hi, welcome." And meet them shortly. But then I would do the orientation meeting, myself.
MR. SOLIS: So the staffers that you had contact with, you would deal with them?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Would Farruk discuss organization or logistics or anything like that?
WITNESS: He would just explain about the Alliance, show them a video maybe, but that's about it.
MR. SOLIS: And if Kemal and the Turquoise Council are the ones sort of setting the trip together – putting the trip together in Azerbaijan, what – and was he present at this orientation?
WITNESS: No, no.
MR. SOLIS: So what details were you providing about Azerbaijan if he's not there?
WITNESS: You know we just show them the itinerary, tell them the hotel names, if they have any other questions…if there are any other detailed questions that I can't answer then I would ask Kemal, but pretty much I think I could cover all those issues.
MR. SOLIS: one moment…
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: This is a series of emails, Bates numbered CD0055.

WITNESS: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: If you look at the, sort of second email there --
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. SOLIS: You'll see an email from Yetter Mammut?
WITNESS: Mhmm
MR. SOLIS: M-A-F-T-A-A?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know what that stands for?
WITNESS: Yeah, that is the sister organization – sister Federation covering the Washington D.C., Kentucky, North Carolina – what is the exact name…Mid-Atlantic Federation of Turkic-American Associations?
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Do you know who Yet—Yetter Mammut is?
WITNESS: Yes, he is the president of the organization – sister Federation.
MR. SOLIS: Why would he have been included on these emails?
WITNESS: He was also trying to invite you know, uhm…the staffers from his region. Uhm…but I think they couldn't file the papers on time so we also included those staffers for our trip.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know who Carolin Dougins is?
WITNESS: Must be one of those staffers.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: yeah.
MR. SOLIS: I'll show you – this is some itinerary…
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: For Ms. Dougins.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: And it's Bates number CD0016 through 19.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: And we're interested in this because it seems that Ms. Dougins was disclosed to the committee as being sponsored by the Federation of the Midwest.
WITNESS: Uhm…
MR. SOLIS: Is that correct?
WITNESS: Yeah I think so.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. And if you look at the top of this document--
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: It's from Serdar Tombolt.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: And who is that? Do you know that name?
WITNESS: I think he is working with Mammut. The guy you showed me here. Mammut Yetter, the president of the Mid Atlantic Federation.

MR. SOLIS: So why would Serdar Tombolt be interacting with Ms. Dougins providing her this itinerary when you and the Federation of the Midwest sponsored her trip- her travel?
WITNESS: Yeah. They sent out the invitations from the Mid-Atlantic Federation and then we filed their papers to the Ethics Committee as the Midwest Federation.
MR. SOLIS: So…so I want to be clear. So you filed the paperwork, but Serdar and –
WITNESS: Mammut
MR. SOLIS: Mammut would have been the ones interacting with the staffers?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: And setting up their itinerary?
WITNESS: That's right
MR. SOLIS: Do you know how many staffers you took on then from the Mid-Atlantic?
WITNESS: Must be 5 or 6.
MR. SOLIS: 5 or 6. So you had conversations with Serdar and Mammut about this?
WITNESS: That's right, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Can you talk about those conversations?
WITNESS: They said they couldn't file the papers on time for their own staffers and then since we already got the approval from the Ethics Committee, he asked me if they can also send these additional names under our organization and I said okay.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know if the Mid-Atlantic Federation paid for any travel?
WITNESS: I don't think so. It must be the same as our organization.
MR. SOLIS: it would seem to me that they could not – they did not pay if you're the ones taking them on [inaudible]…
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. SOLIS: But just so I'm clear, the Mid-Atlantic representatives, they would've been the ones organizing the logistics, sending itineraries, booking the travels with the travel agencies, they would have done with their –
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Let me show you another document here – I'll give you this one actually. This is Bates numbered THDKD 0005
WITNESS: Okay. Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: And it's dated April 11, 2013 to Representative Danny K. Davis, subject is "Trip to Baku, Azerbaijan." Do you recall this?
WITNESS: Uh…it looks like – it looks like Kemal sent it out, but it's – it is similar to what I sent out as an invitation to the other members because Kemal was sending out this invitation as I said, you know, it was more appropriate for them to invite all the people and then we would maybe uh…help them out with the details, but as I said, since it was a huge convention, he didn't want to deal one by one with every individuals so he prepared the invitation letter and then on this second paragraph it says "Turquoise Council" and I

added another paragraph saying that the Federation is going to be involved with the Turkey part of the trip.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, so when I asked you previously in that email with that text, this looks like to be almost exactly the same. You said you thought you wrote that?
WITNESS: This one?
MR. SOLIS: No, no, no. I'll reference back to it. VE0032. Yes, you have it right there.
WITNESS: I have this one, yeah. I mean yeah I wrote this one and then Kemal has – I mean his name on the response so, but I don't know how he was in contact with Congressman Danny Davis.
MR. SOLIS: What I want to get straight about is – what I want to be clear on is, who wrote it? I mean they seem to be exactly the same. In fact you mentioned that you added in that paragraph.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Is it safe to say in both documents, Kemal drafted that language?
WITNESS: Yeah, yeah. I received the invitation from Kemal and then added one paragraph because it wouldn't make sense. Okay, Turquoise Council in Azerbaijan, who are you to invite me? So I added this part that you know we're going to take care of the Turkey part.
MR. SOLIS: And so then to close the loop on this, when you're sending that invitation to staffers, that invitation was drafted by Kemal?
WITNESS: That's right. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: And you added that last paragraph basically that said the Federation would basically be sponsoring the trip to Turkey.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Why would Kemal have sent this to Representative Davis? You said that you didn't – he didn't want there to be confusion, you didn't want there to be confusion about who was Turquoise Council. So then why would've Representative Davis receive this letter from Kemal?
WITNESS: I don't know. Maybe he sent out to every Congressman, this invitation.
MR. SOLIS: Did Kemal talk to you about this?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: He didn't?
WITNESS: No. Even if he didn't I forget about it. You know sometimes, you ask one person to invite people, but you're the main organizer so you want as many members and staffers to come so sometimes you would just you know yourself you know send an extra email. If this went from Kemal, I would say with same reason because otherwise you know, Congressman Danny Davis is in Illinois, instead of Texas region. I was already in contact with the Illinois offices by the time we invited people. I don't – maybe he did an extra step to also invite himself and …

MR. ASHMAWY: I guess just for my - for the sake of clarity and I know that Mr. Solis is going to – has got some additional documents he wants to show you, but before that. By the time this invitation went out, would you have already reached out to Representative Davis' office?
WITNESS: Uhm, let me check. What's the date for this one? April 14… April 11… I'm not sure, but I sent to all the Midwest Congresspersons that I would like to invite them to this trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan.
MR. ASHMAWY: And.., so both of you – both of you, you and Kemal would've reached out to Representative Davis' office?
WITNESS: Looks like that. I thought I was the only one who sent out the invitation for my Midwest members, but maybe he also sent. I mean…
MR. ASHMAWY: Uhm --
WITNESS: But I remember discussing that with him.
MR. ASHMAWY: And we're going to go over this again in a moment, but just because we're on it. Who filled out the trips sponsor form for Representative Davis' office?
WITNESS: Kemal first filled out his own form and I just needed some assistance for him and I think he also shared his form with me too. So I also you know, looked at some all the information and also filled out my forms.
MR. SOLIS: I want to get that straight. So Kemal did have a role filling out the forms when it went out to the Ethics Committee?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: For everybody?
WITNESS: Not for everybody, but at least personally the people that he invited from his organization. I was in the Turquoise Council region.
MR. SOLIS: Right, but Representative Davis was disclosed as being sponsored by the Midwest Federation.
WITNESS: Right.
MR. SOLIS: So Kemal would've had a role in getting together the disclosures for Representative Davis?
WITNESS: No, he would do it for his people and then I would just ask him to take a look at this papers and I would fill my own ones.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did Kemal have a role in – I mean how much interaction did he have with Representative Davis' office?
WITNESS: I didn't think he had any interaction at all.
MR. ASHMAWY: Uhm…
MR. SOLIS: We have—
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah some of this, I realize, some of this was a long time ago, but I just – I Just want to be clear so, Mr. Solis just handed you a document that's on the bottom. It's Bates stamped THDKD0023 through 0024. I believe – so you've got the document in front of you. Take a look at it.

WITNESS: Mhm.
MR. ASHMAWY: Representative Davis' office asked for details about the convention. About the scheduling and the content on what, you know what the Representative or the Congressman was going to speak about. And in both instances you actually directed the staff to talk to Kemal.
WITNESS: Oh…did I? Okay…
MR. SOLIS: Well take a minute to read it.
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah.
WITNESS: Okay. Oh yeah, the reason is I was already in Turkey at that time and then Congressman Davis and his Chief came later on so I think I was busy and then maybe I didn't have the details from Kemal although I asked for him. And this is already the 28th of May which is one or two days before the convention so then I think for more healthier relationship, I asked him to just you know contact directly to Kemal since he's the first-hand person in organizing the convention and that would give him right away the details.
MR. ASHMAWY: Just generally speaking, it's fair to say that both you and Kemal were in communication with Representative Davis' office.
WITNESS: At some point. I was the main person, but Kemal was also…looks like you know, although I forgot about it, at a point he also wrote directly to them.
MR. SOLIS: Would – do you recall any other instances where this type of communication would have happened with some of the staffers? Where you would ask Kemal to reach out to them directly?
WITNESS: Maybe one or two, I don't really remember. Maybe, when I was too much out of time that it's almost you know, one or two days til convention and we don't have the details…Yeah. I don't…
MR. SOLIS: This is –
MR. ASHMAWY: Let me collect actually, the rest of the documents from you
WITNESS: Everything?
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah because we're starting a…
MR. SOLIS: This is a series of emails, Bates stamped THDKD 0039 through 0041.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: Take a minute to look at those. And the – you see at the page 0040, I had asked you at the bottom, I had asked you about this email before, referencing foreign affairs issues related to Azerbaijan and Turkey and also concerning energy, you mentioned the sister organization --
WITNESS: Yeah.. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: The next email up, dated May 21, 2013 from Janelle Brown, to you. "Can you provide me the specifics of what you want the Congressman to speak on? Which event?" You then sent an email to Kemal –
WITNESS: Mhmm..
MR. SOLIS: And I cannot translate the language, but could you tell me what that says?

WITNESS: It says… "Hey…[inaudible]… Danny Davis wants to know what he's going to speak about and then which program he's going to be speaking at. They want this information from his office."
MR. SOLIS: Okay. And then going to that first page there, Kemal responds to you with sort of a longer discussion of the issues that will be –
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. SOLIS: Brought up at the convention, correct?
WITNESS: Mhmm. That's right.
MR. SOLIS: You know, Kemal…that's a lot of information that Kemal is bringing out regarding Azerbaijan. How does he know this much about Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: Uhm…I mean, as I said there's a history for this. There are so many Azerbaijani people in Texas. I know that you know, as we cover all these Central-Asian countries, I think he was covering the issues of these Azerbaijani people so he might have already known more about these things. I mean, when I say, energy issues, foreign affairs relations and other – there's an extent of what I know, but looks like you know he knows more than that. I don't really know about these – you know I can say general issues, of course and then kind of about these issues and is it problem Armenian issues a problem for Azerbaijan. Strategic relationship is – that's something we always hear. The energy in Caspian Region is always big always here in the news. Israel security is something I remember from the other conventions which are Azerbaijani's keen on. I don't know how…he knows all the details.
MR. SOLIS: Is the Turquoise Council – and we might've touched upon this earlier, but I want to be clear on this as well, is the Turquoise Council, did they have the same mission as the Federation of the Midwest?
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: It's the same?
WITNESS: Mhmm. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: But you don't have Azerbaijani interests sort of in your portfolio, right?
WITNESS: No, no.
MR. SOLIS: But it looks like –
WITNESS: As I said, it was more like an, "Okay Texas region has good relations with Azerbaijan; I'm having good relation with Kirgizstan. He's the go-to guy for Azerbaijan."
MR. SOLIS: And when you say Texas region has good relations with Azerbaijan. What do you mean by that?
WITNESS: Because Azerbaijani people living in Texas. Yeah. It was a natural relationship such as I have here with Kirgiz people. More Kirgiz people, more interaction with Kirgizstan.
MR. SOLIS: So you know, you asked Kemal about what Representative Davis would be speaking on.

WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: How did the topic of speeches get brought up?
WITNESS: I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: Did you mention to Representative Davis' staff that you wanted him to speak at the convention?
WITNESS: Uh… you know, whenever you invite a higher official, one thing they look at is, are they going to speak? You know why are they being invited so it's, uh it's accustomed to ask these people to speak and then they know they're invited there because they need to speak about something so that's why uh... I asked Kemal what's the topic going to be because Kemal's organizing all the panel discussions, all the topics and you know uh the details about the convention. I didn't really have any touch about you know the details of the convention. So…yeah…
MR. SOLIS: Alright. This is the actual form—
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. SOLIS: That would've been filed with the committee on ethics. It's Bates number JM0021.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: Through 0023. Obviously this is just one of the forms that you would've signed and submitted to the committee.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Take a look at it, please.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: It's correct that the Federation of the Midwest was the trip sponsor?
WITNESS: That is right. I mean we filed it yeah... as the sponsor.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is that your signature?
WITNESS: That's my signature.
MR. ASHMAWY: And just to be clear and obviously, it's there on the form. But if you look under number 3, there's a part of the form that states that the primary spon – "primary trip sponsor has not accepted any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip."
WITNESS: Mhmm…
MR. ASHMAWY: And that right there, is checked.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: That, I mean in light of our conversation, that really is not a true statement.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: And also, we also covered the fact that prior to signing this, you would've had conversations with Kemal about the inability of the Federation to pay for this.
WITNESS: That's right. Yeah.

MR. SOLIS: You look at the note at the top, it says, "willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001." Did you see that note at the top of the form?
WITNESS: Yeah, I did.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did you and Kemal have a conversation about this before all this happened?
WITNESS: Uh…yeah. We were talking about the convention and the trip, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Whom specifically I mean the thing – I guess the thing that still confuses me, is that you know the form says you guys were paying, but we know it was really the Turquoise Council. And --
MR. SOLIS: And you knew that as you signed this form…
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did Kemal want you to sign the form? Did you voluntarily sign the form? Why sign the form?
WITNESS: As I said uh –
MR. SOLIS: And also take on the risk of –
WITNESS: Yeah, I know. As I said, this convention was organized by the Turquoise Council and they were dealing with all the details and everything so I told him that you know if he can file, I'll get all the information about all the staffers that I invite and then he can file all the documents with the Turquoise Council so we don't get into this filing on our own and then he said, "I can't do that. It's too many people. I can't handle all the details of the process" so he said, "every organization just file their own documents."
MR. SOLIS: But you know, personally, WITNESS, why, you know, why is that worth the risk of filing- knowingly filing a misrepresentation to the committee? Why is that worth it to you?
WITNESS: I think I took it not so much seriously. Uhm…because uhm… I thought at the end of the day, we were sister-organizations. All these you know six Federations under the Turkic-American Alliances are sister-organizations, so uh… I took it lightly, I guess violating this rule because we're sister-organizations and we really wanted to take these people to Turkey and Azerbaijan to improve the relations between our countries in the U.S.- more exposure, more information. And I thought this would help the mission of the Federation to improve the relations.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did you—
MR. SOLIS: Did you have a conversation though with Kemal or anybody else, where you said, "Hey I know I'm going to be making a false submission, I'm worried about that." Did you talk to anyone about that?
WITNESS: Yeah, that was the conversation I made with Kemal. That's the reason why I made the conversation with Kemal, that if you, you know fill out all the papers to be you know peace of mind, you're organizing it you have all the details, you know…but then it

made sense you know and then he said, "Well if you want to invite those people, it's your region, your area you know so you have to do it on your own because I'm too much you know overwhelmed with the convention – all the details" and which I think was true.
MR. SOLIS: Did he say why he was overwhelmed? Was he getting pressure from other sources, from other places?
WITNESS: Too many people you know were invited and I know one by one, dealing with all these staffers and members, they have many questions – what am I going to wear, you know… where am I going to stay, all those things. He didn't want to deal with those things.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did you share any of this information with the committee on ethics?
WITNESS: No, we didn't. No.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did the committee on ethics ask you any questions beyond the forms?
WITNESS: I think this was pretty much, uh maybe sometimes I get calls from the committee on ethics if there was a meeting that they didn't understand what that was meeting was for. They would ask me to give more information so, but I don't remember specifically if they called me and asked you know any important information about the trip.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did they ask you to clarify whether in fact you were the sponsor?
WITNESS: No, they didn't. I don't remember them asking me anything about it.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did they ask you any – for any proof that you had sufficient funds to sponsor?
WITNESS: No.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: I want to direct your attention to this form – this is a post travel disclosure form.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Bates numbered THDKD0037.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: You also signed this form.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: I want to look at – I want to have you look at this chart in the middle.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: It says, "Traveler $15,972.20 for total transportation expenses and accompanying relative $15,972.20."
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: Can you tell me about what that – I mean, I can… figure out sort of on my own what I think that means, but why don't you tell me what that means?

WITNESS: Sure. I think that first column is about the transportation expenses which involves you know the air tickets and the second one would be the hotel, the third one would be the food and then the last one is some extra expenses.
MR. SOLIS: So, over $30,000.00 in just airfare?
WITNESS: That's right. And maybe some ground transportation too.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. And again –
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: You know this, this form is coming in after the trip. So, you made that – we asked you a question about the pre-travel form, right? You said you knew that you were filing a false submission.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: You're also- you know nothing changed in the course of that trip. The Turquoise Council was still paying for the lodging, right?
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: They were paying for the meal expenses.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: Everything on that chart was paid for by the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: And you're again signing this statement that this is a true statement to the Committee?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Who filled out the form?
WITNESS: I did.
MR. ASHMAWY: How'd you know how much everything cost?
WITNESS: I had the details about the air tickets.
MR. ASHMAWY: So, are the amounts on these forms correct?
WITNESS: The amounts are for the air ticket, it's correct. And…uh… I cannot verify for the other ones.
MR. SOLIS: So if you can't verify, how did you put that number in there?
WITNESS: I think I just went with the estimated amount we filed before. Yeah, in Baku the hotel cost would be about $160.00 a night so…I think that's where it comes from.
MR. SOLIS: Can you walk us through, in detail, you said you had the numbers for the airfare?
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: How do you get those numbers? How does the process work in obtaining the ticket?
WITNESS: Before the ticket, I would ask Kemal to you know, send me the trip tickets and then he purchased them and then sent those details to me so those numbers are…I mean before … I mean, for the pre-travel I would just get it from Kayak, how much

approximate rate would cost and then after the trip I would put the number that actually came to me as the receipts of the trip.
MR. SOLIS: So Kemal would be the one interacting with the travel agency?
WITNESS: Yes. I think he was, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Do you know who that travel agency – what the name of that entity is?
WITNESS: Uhm I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: NIL Travel? Does that ring a bell?
WITNESS: Might be, I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: It's based in Brooklyn, NY?
WITNESS: Okay I remember buying a few tickets from them before, but I didn't know that they were in charge of the trips.
MR. ASHMAWY: Because you didn't have anything to do with buying the travel.
WITNESS: For this, no I didn't.
MR. SOLIS: So you would submit the names to Kemal and he just buys the tickets?
WITNESS: Mhm.
MR. SOLIS: What if some of the people have questions about the dates and times and they want to request for air travel, who were they asking about that?
WITNESS: I think I told them to talk to me or talk to their air companies because they already have the confirmation numbers and everything. People sometime have seat changes or food concerns so I didn't deal with those things so I would direct them to the air company – what they were traveling, Turkish airlines or United, I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: Now I think we would like to ask you some questions based on the documents you sent to us.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: You know I think –
MR. ASHMAWY: I appreciate your cooperation, I really do. I think we have a pretty good sense about things.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: So you were kind enough to share the bank account information with us.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: For better, for worse, we were able to see that the Federation you know doesn't keep a lot of money in the bank.
WITNESS: That's right, unfortunately.
MR. ASHMAWY: You also provided the 990s for us. Was the information on the 990s correct?
WITNESS: Yeah. Everything is what we have on file.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. So – I just want to confirm.
MR. SOLIS: This would be the documents on the iPad, we'll show it to you.

WITNESS: Yeah, sure.
O: Let's go to...
MR. SOLIS: 990s?
MR. ASHMAWY: Yup. So this is, this is document Bates stamped TAFM0039, it's one of the documents you provided to us.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is this for calendar year 2013?
WITNESS: It is, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And you recorded $76,839.00 to contributions, gifts and events? Is that correct?
WITNESS: That's correct, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Then you also recorded $19,746.00 in program service revenue.
MR. SOLIS: What is that -
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah what is that revenue?
WITNESS: Program service revenue... let me try to think about it. Don't we have the details in the other papers? Because I'm sure there must be the specifics about it.
MR. SOLIS: I don't – I don't think so.
WITNESS: Really? Okay.
MR. SOLIS: But is, the best you can, can you tell us what that means?
WITNESS: Sure. I think when you're making it a program, sometimes you get you know, participation fees, some membership fees and then what else... Yeah, I think... I mean we don't have much revenue so.
MR. SOLIS: That $76,839 number, contributions, gifts –
WITNESS: The first one comes from the donations from individual donations and then also our membership dues from the members of organizations. I'm trying to remember the details of the second one, $19,000 and that must be I think some of the fees we collect from the participants of the programs. Yeah...
MR. SOLIS: You mentioned before that you know, this isn't the first time you've sponsored, at least disclosed that you've sponsored congressional travel right?
WITNESS: That's right, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: How many – I mean have you done it since 2010?
WITNESS: Yes, mhmm.
MR. SOLIS: For various members and staff?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Given that you don't have a lot of revenue, and given that in this instance the travel was paid for by Turquoise Council, has the Federation of the Midwest ever paid for congressional travel with its own funds?
WITNESS: I mean we will pay the air tickets, mainly and then the restaurant expenses, but then the other hotel expenses will be covered by Bakiad, our sister-organization in Turkey.

MR. ASHMAWY: Did Bakiad ever pay for the airfare also?
WITNESS: For the what?
MR. ASHMAWY: The airfare also?
WITNESS: No, they didn't. Maybe for some domestic flights, they did.
MR. ASHMAWY: So every instance of congressional travel that the Federation sponsored, the Federation paid for the airfare?
WITNESS: We did. I mean the big airfare; I would say the international ones that cost a lot, we would pay for that one, but some of the domestic flights that set from Ankara to Istanbul which would be about $80, $100, sometimes you know, Bakiad paid for those.
MR. ASHMAWY: And the hotel?
WITNESS: And the hotel, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Is this the only instance, this trip in May 2013, where the Federation of Midwest did not pay for airfare?
WITNESS: That's right. This is the only one.
MR. ASHMAWY: So, you don't recall – just to clarify again – the $19,746.00 in program service revenue, do you recall what that – where that comes from?
WITNESS: Yeah I think that those were you know, the participation fees from those people who came to the program. We, you know organize many programs in Michigan let's say, Missouri or Illinois. So I think the revenue comes from the participation fees and some membership dues we get from our members institutions in Illinois, let's say we have 6-7 non-profit organizations we would also get membership from them. But this doesn't involve any, nothing from the Turkish government or the Azerbaijani government or any other company.
MR. ASHMAWY: And then it shows that there's $53,310.00 on salary.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: And that would be to you?
WITNESS: To me and then…yeah I think that's basically to me.
MR. ASHMAWY: And then if you swipe to the left –
WITNESS: Like this?
MR. ASHMAWY: Actually to the right. You're now looking at the page TAFM0040.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. ASHMAWY: It's recorded there that the spending was $44,601.00 in festivals, conferences, conventions and etc. Is that correct?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: What did that include?
WITNESS: We organized festivals in Midwest, we organized you know, conferences and conventions in Washington D.C. and then our trips to, I mean I travel again to Ohio, Indiana and then organize meetings and then we also organize trips, basically the biggest chunk is the airfare. Uhm…and then we also organized convention for Kirgizstan in Bak

– in Washington D.C. So I think those were the expenses, but this is again, this has nothing to do with the convention regarding Azerbaijan.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. That was going to be my next question.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. ASHMAWY: Because you guys didn't spend any money on the trip to Azerbaijan, to Turkey – that doesn't include that?
WITNESS: That doesn't include that. Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Can I see the iPad for a moment please? I just want to direct you to a few other documents. Alright. So, you also provided us some invoices and I just wanted to clarify what these were. So I'm going to show you documents TAFM0018. It appears to be an invoice from the Radisson.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is that correct?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: What was that for?
MR. SOLIS: Could I pause one moment to change the battery in the recorder? Looks like the red light is on, is that a problem or no? Okay.
MR. ASHMAWY: You're looking at document TAFM0018.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: The- that is…it's correct that it's an invoice from the Radisson?
WITNESS: That's correct.
MR. ASHMAWY: What was that for?
WITNESS: It was the hotel expenses in Baku.
MR. ASHMAWY: And who paid – so, who paid for those hotel expenses?
WITNESS: Turquoise Council.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. How did you have a copy of the invoice?
WITNESS: Kemal sent the invoices to me.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Why would he send the invoices to you?
WITNESS: I don't know. All of a sudden I had all these invoices in my mailbox. And I understood it was about this investigation because I saw all the names, Turquoise, Azerbaijan so, but we haven't paid for these and I just put these because this was a document about the convention.
MR. SOLIS: Okay so, you know we contact you about this review and you say those invoices just showed up at your mailbox?
WITNESS: Yeah Kemal sent them to me.
MR. SOLIS: Why would he send them to you?
WITNESS: I don't know there was no explanation.
MR. SOLIS: So there was no prior conversation with Kemal about this?

WITNESS: No and then since I didn't ask him what this is for I didn't do any conversation so – I mean it's obvious that this is the hotel invoices that he wanted to send to me I guess.
MR. SOLIS: So do you get the impression that because we were doing these reviews, he wanted to provide you with the invoices for hotels as if you, as if the Federation paid for them?
WITNESS: Uhm… I mean it doesn't say that much. He just sent it to me and then since I didn't pay for anything, but this was an email regarding the convention, I just put it in the files, but as I said we didn't pay for these and it just came from Kemal.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did Kemal indicate that he wanted you to tell us that the Federation paid for it?
WITNESS: No, no. Just attachments, that's it.
MR. ASHMAWY: No—was there anything in the body of the email?
WITNESS: No.
MR. ASHMAWY: Just attachments?
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. ASHMAWY: Blank email?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And you didn't think to call him up and say what are these for?
WITNESS: No, I didn't get into any details.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know what date he would've sent those to you?
WITNESS: This must be about maybe 2…2 or 3 weeks ago, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. We'll get back to the emails in a moment. Just to wrap – to close the loop on this. If you don't mind swiping over to the next page.
WITNESS: Okay
MR. ASHMAWY: You'll be looking at documents TAFM0023, that looks like an invoice from the Hilton Hotel.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is that also in Baku?
WITNESS: Also in Baku? Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Who paid for the individuals who stayed at the Hilton?
WITNESS: I think the Turquoise Council. That's what I know.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay and then one more, yup, swipe over. You're now looking at TAFM 0031. I believe – that appears to also be from the Hilton?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is – actually, can I see that?
MR. SOLIS: Yeah we just want to make sure we're on the right page.
MR. ASHMAWY: [inaudible] … actually let's go back for a moment just because I want to be clear.
WITNESS: Mhmm.

MR. ASHMAWY: I'm showing you TAFM0019. This is an invoice from the Hilton Hotel.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: From the stay at the conference.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Just to be clear, who paid for that?
WITNESS: To my knowledge, Turquoise Council.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. And then just to be at the correct numbers. This is document TAFM 0020, also an invoice from Hilton Hotel.
WITNESS: Mhmm. That's right
MR. ASHMAWY: And who paid for that?
WITNESS: Turquoise Council.
MR. ASHMAWY: And now we have TAFM0021, that--is that an invoice from the Four Seasons Hotel in Baku?
WITNESS: That's right, that's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: And who paid for the people who stayed there?
WITNESS: Turquoise Council.
MR. ASHMAWY: Okay. Thank you.
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: We just wanted to – some of this we just needed to clarify.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. ASHMAWY: And then one more, I guess… one more is TAFM0022. Is – just, additional people who stayed at the Four Seasons?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: And they were – and that was also paid for by the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: That's right
MR. ASHMAWY: And then I also have a quick question about – and I don't know if you'll be able to translate these any better than we can – this is a document labeled TAFM0023. I'm not sure what this is; I don't know if it's in Azerbaijani or Turkish –
WITNESS: Azerbaijani, yeah
MR. ASHMAWY: Are you able to translate that at all?
WITNESS: I think -- I don't understand everything, but it looks like the food expense for these people.
MR. SOLIS: Do you see any names on there like, do you see Kemal's name on there? Do you see any reference to SOCAR or any reference to the Azerbaijani government?
WITNESS: I don't see anything. Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Can you tell us where – can you tell us where the food, you know where the food came from? Was this for a restaurant? Was this at the hotel?

WITNESS: I'm not so much familiar about this type of you know, receipt. Uhm…I don't know. It might – it must be a restaurant because it says you know, oh look it's the Gudestan restaurant or it says palace. Gudestan palace?
MR. ASHMAWY: What is- do you know what that is?
WITNESS: It was one of the places we went for the convention program.
MR. ASHMAWY: And who would've paid for that?
WITNESS: Turquoise Council.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is it the same for TAFM0024?
WITNESS: That's right. Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And then there's just a few more pages. TAFM0025, is the same true?
WITNESS: Same thing, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And 0026?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And 0027?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Sorry to keep asking you this, but 0028?
WITNESS: Slightly different, but looks like you know, the same type of receipts.
MR. ASHMAWY: Does it look like food expenses?
WITNESS: Yes, it says restaurants so food expense.
MR. ASHMAWY: And 0029?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: 0030?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Also food expenses?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: And then what is – can you decipher what –
WITNESS: Another food, another Gupta palace this time.
MR. ASHMAWY: And that is page 0031. And that is also for food?
WITNESS: That is right.
MR. ASHMAWY: All of these would be paid for by the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: Yeah
MR. ASHMAWY: If you can – we're just going to page through; so I'm showing you 0032, 0033, 0034, 0035, 0036. Are all of those receipts for food?
WITNESS: [inaudible]…
MR. ASHMAWY: And all of the extra would've been paid for by the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: That's right
MR. ASHMAWY: I want to back pedal just real fast while we're on this particular topic.
WITNESS: Sure.

MR. ASHMAWY: Some of the members and some of the staffers went to Turkey before they went to Azerbaijan.
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: They would have received - we understand they would've received some gifts. Maybe some ceramics, maybe some jewelry. Who paid for those gifts?
WITNESS: In Turkey?
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah.
WITNESS: I don't remember them receiving any big gifts, but sometimes you know it's a Turkish tradition if you go to even an official meeting, you know people have already you know their things prepared for you, little souvenirs I would say. Might be just a small plate, ceramic plate. I don't know about jewelry, but something of that reminds them of Turkey.
MR. ASHMAWY: I believe some people received a tea set?
WITNESS: Maybe some of them may have. That's another Turkish- tradition souvenir.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you have any idea who would've paid for those?
WITNESS: I don't know. I was not in charge of – you know even if they received anything I wasn't in charge of those you know the gifts they received.
MR. SOLIS: What about at the convention? It comes to our understanding that there may have been some decorative rugs delivered to some of the conferences attendees. Do you know anything about that?
WITNESS: No, I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: None of the staffers said to you, "Witness we got these rugs."
WITNESS: I don't remember hearing anything from the staffers about – you know of course at the hotel
MR. SOLIS: Did you receive a rug?
WITNESS: I received a small rug, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: And what – talk about that.
WITNESS: It was just – at the hotel, the last few people were leaving and then I saw that the you know, there were rugs being you know distributed to the participants. I thought this was another tradition thing you know that the organizers were you know giving out to the people.
MR. SOLIS: And what do you mean organizers?
WITNESS: I mean uh… the organizers that were organizing the convention from Azerbaijan side. I don't know the people, I don't know them or the organizations. I only know Kemal. Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Did you ask anybody where the rugs came from?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: Did you take it?
WITNESS: I took one. Yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know how much that rug was worth by any chance?

WITNESS: My rug was…uhm… I don't know the prices, maybe $200 or $300 that I received.
MR. SOLIS: And how do you know that?
WITNESS: I mean, Turkey we have those similar rugs. I received two of them I guess, One of them was very simple. $200 or $300 I would say. The other one might be more expensive than that.
MR. ASHMAWY: So you received two rugs?
WITNESS: Yeah I received two.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know if everyone received two rugs?
WITNESS: I think they gave it to everyone.
MR. ASHMAWY: So…and by everyone, you mean everyone who attended the conference?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: And is your -- again I'm not putting words in your mouth so correct me if I'm wrong. It is your opinion that it came from the – someone from Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: Yes, I would say.
MR. ASHMAWY: So not from the Turquoise Council, not from anyone in the United States?
WITNESS: I think more from Azerbaijan side – government or some company I don't know. But those were Azerbaijani rugs so I would say it's coming from Azerbaijani sides.
MR. SOLIS: and you could actually tell there was a difference? Like as opposed to a Turkish rug? It seemed to you as Azerbaijani?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. We kind of want to move to the convention itself. We don't have a lot left, but we did want to talk about the convention.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: You know through the discussion today we've basically learned a lot about how it was funded and the role that basically the Turquoise Council played in setting up nearly everything, so I understand you probably don't know a lot about the convention, but to the extent that you do, you know please be as honest with me as you can about what you know about this trip.
WITNESS: Sure.
MR. SOLIS: So when you're at the convention, how long did it last?
WITNESS: It was a two day program. The panel discussions series took the whole day. And then the rest of them was some dinners and official meetings.
MR. SOLIS: You said official meetings?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: What do you mean by official meetings?

WITNESS: I think on the itineraries we have all the meetings we did, foreign minister, I remember the president you know, invited the members –
MR. SOLIS: The President of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: Yes. To his, I don't know President's or official office. That kind of stuff. And then we had also some site-seeing in Baku.
MR. SOLIS: So are you with this – the staffers, your staffers that you disclosed you were sponsoring? You were with them?
WITNESS: Yeah I was with them.
MR. SOLIS: Was Kemal was with you as well?
WITNESS: Kemal was busy with the convention so he was not with us specifically, but during the convention time he was always with the people.
MR. SOLIS: Who else is with you when you're visiting with the President, you're site-seeing, is it just you and the staffers? Were there representatives of Azerbaijan with you?
WITNESS: Just a guide.
MR. SOLIS: A guide?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Who did he work for?
WITNESS: Say it again?
MR. SOLIS: Who did the guide work for?
WITNESS: I don't know. I think it was part of the organization. I'm sure the organization just found those people. The convention organization, whatever part in Azerbaijan.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did you speak with anybody at the convention from SOCAR?
WITNESS: Some people are from D.C. I saw them one or two times –
MR. SOLIS: Who do you know from D.C.?
WITNESS: I think the President of the SOCAR company, the Vice President, a few of those officials came to D.C. before. I remember seeing them also, but I didn't have a lengthy conversation; I just said, "hi, I'm from Chicago do you remember me?" That's about it.
MR. SOLIS: Does Kemal know them?
WITNESS: Kemal knows them more, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: How do you know that?
WITNESS: Because the convention that we're organizing in D.C. I know those guys over there too.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is there a relationship between SOCAR and the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: I don't know the details or anything. I know SOCAR – SOCAR'S name, I know SOCAR from Kemal, I assume there's a relationship.
MR. SOLIS: You assume there's a relationship?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Why do you assume that?

WITNESS: Because I heard SOCAR and then I saw Kemal with the SOCAR officials at the convention in D.C.
MR. ASHMAWY: Are you familiar with the organization called the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: I saw about it I mean I heard about it, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: What do you know about it?
WITNESS: I think it is an organization established by Kemal? I would say.
MR. ASHMAWY: Do you know if a relationship between them and the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: Yeah I mean I don't know what kind of relationship they have, but I heard that name through Kemal.
MR. SOLIS: And what does he say about the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: He said there's a new organization such as we had Federations for the Turkish cause they also wanted to do something similar for Azerbaijan so that's Friends of Azerbaijan organization would serve that purpose. That's what I understood.
MR. SOLIS: How does the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan pay its bills? How does it get its funding?
WITNESS: I have no idea.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know where it's based?
WITNESS: I don't know. Might be in Texas or D.C.. I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know how many employees it has?
WITNESS: I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Does the name Roberti & White –
WITNESS: Say it again?
MR. SOLIS: Ruberti & White. Do you know that name?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know the name Arie Mitteman?
WITNESS: No. Arie? A-R-I-E? Yeah I remember him. I think he was working for Senator Casey? Bob Casey before?
MR. SOLIS: In the context of the convention, do you recall seeing him?
WITNESS: I don't remember seeing him at all.
MR. SOLIS: If I read off some names of some entities, can you tell me if you saw their logo there or if they were present or anything like that?
WITNESS: Ok.
MR. SOLIS: Chevron?
WITNESS: I don't know, I don't remember seeing any logo or anything. During the convention, you say right? I didn't really pay attention.
MR. SOLIS: Conoco Phillips?
WITNESS: Same thing.
MR. SOLIS: McDermott?

WITNESS: I don't know anything about them.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Do you know what Practical Solutions Group is?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know what Caspian Drilling Company is?
WITNESS: No. I assume it's about Azerbaijan from the Caspian Sea because the Caspian Sea has border with Azerbaijan, I guess.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did some of the other individuals, Cemil Teber from the Southeast Federation, Faruk from the Alliance, did they go to the convention as well?
WITNESS: I remember Faruk but I don't remember seeing Cemil, maybe he was there but I just don't' remember.
MR. SOLIS: Mr. Kosar from the Council of Turkic American Associations?
WITNESS: He was there, yeah
MR. SOLIS: He was there? You know him?
WITNESS: Yeah I know him. I mean he's the president of the sister Federation.
MR. SOLIS: Did he talk to you about the trip and how he was inviting people?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: No?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: Just reviewing some of our notes here –
WITNESS: Sure, yeah.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did you – so you went with the staffers and the members on some of these tours?
WITNESS: Mhmm.
MR. ASHMAWY: Correct?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. ASHMAWY: Were any of the events sponsored or related to SOCAR?
WITNESS: No. I mean our trips that we took to Turkey before?
MR. ASHMAWY: No, no. Again, at this conference while you were in Baku in 2013, did you go with the staffers or members to anything related to SOCAR? A dinner? An event?
WITNESS: I came to Baku really late because I was with the staffers in Turkey, so I think the itinerary there was a meeting with SOCAR, but I was not at that meeting and then some members you know, they just went to meetings, but we were not there so it was just only House members and then the organizers of the programs, so I don't really much know about how deep you know SOCAR was involved in those meetings or you know, arrangements.
MR. SOLIS: Did it seem like SOCAR's convention?
WITNESS: I don't remember seeing SOCAR you know, during the conve—because I didn't pay attention. You know you asked me those names, those companies; I didn't

really pay attention whose logo was there. So I don't know how big SOCAR was there, but I remember, but I know that SOCAR is a big company in Azerbaijan –
MR. SOLIS: I mean we have –
WITNESS: The main company I would say…
MR. SOLIS: We have, you know photos of the event and there's big poster boards that discussed the conference sponsors and conference organizers. The conference organizers seemed to be at least, again from the photos we see, the Turquoise Council and the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan are both of Kemal's organizations that he you know, at least it looks like he has the control over, he's the president of. The conference sponsors seemed to be SOCAR and Caspian Drilling.
WITNESS: Okay…
MR. SOLIS: So…you know we see photos of their logos on top and we just want to get a sense of whether it seemed like the event was geared towards issues that SOCAR cared about, issues that the Azerbaijani government cared about? Would you say that –
WITNESS: I mean if you show me the photos I'm sure I'll remember, but I didn't really pay much attention. The reason is I was more with our guests, trying to handle their, you know issues and other things. I didn't much participate actual panel discussions because I was doing other things, trying to care of because we had room problems, you know people were asking you know, what they're going to dress for the dinner and other things so, I didn't pay much attention about the actual panel discussions.
MR. SOLIS: Did you hear anybody talk at all, Kemal, anybody about SOCAR providing meals or anything bringing money to the conference?
WITNESS: No we didn't talk anything about that.
MR. SOLIS: Did you attend an event that same year in 2013 in July; was there a delegation from Azerbaijan that came into town and you were with Kemal?
WITNESS: Which town? D.C.?
MR. SOLIS: In Washington, D.C., I'm sorry.
WITNESS: D.C. as I said I don't remember the July one, but there was some conventions that Kemal was organizing and I'm the most supportive of those events because I believe that strengthens our relationship with these countries and the U.S. so I participated to some of them, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: So, you know we've asked you about Kemal's relationship with Azerbaijan about SOCAR and you said you've seen him with representatives of SOCAR; does he ever talk to you about his relationship with people from SOCAR?
WITNESS: He doesn't really talk much about his relationships. I'm not such a person who's interested in every detail, about where the money comes from, you know what's the relationship. I just try to take the benefit if there's issues with these countries then I want to involve all congresspersons and staffers as much as possible. Part of the mission that you know we want to improve relations, but other than that I don't really know much about it.

MR. SOLIS: How often do you speak with Kemal?
WITNESS: We spoke during the meetings in D.C. and then maybe once a month I would just call him because he was in Chicago before so I know him from Chicago so I would – we would talk about kids and other things, but that's about it. And if there's a new program like about Azerbaijan, I would ask him when is the program, who's coming and what other information he can give to me.
MR. SOLIS: Do you still talk to him in 2015?
WITNESS: No he's no longer with the Turquoise, I mean he's not a member of the Turkic Alliance anymore so we don't have much in common.
MR. ASHMAWY: Why not? Why is he no longer in –
WITNESS: He's more with the AFAZ – the friends of Azerbaijan so he's not with the Turquoise anymore.
MR. SOLIS: and why not?
WITNESS: I don't know, it's his personal decision I would say he's more involved with AFAZ.
MR. ASHMAWY: Did it have anything to do with this investigation?
WITNESS: I don't know. I don't think so.
MR. SOLIS: How did you hear about that, that he had left Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: Because Bilal was working with me in the organization, now he's in Texas and with the Turquoise Council and I found out that you know Kemal is not anymore with Turquoise.
MR. SOLIS: So Bilal took his position?
WITNESS: That's right.
MR. SOLIS: Have you – when was the last time you talked to Kemal?
WITNESS: I don't remember. Must be 2-3 months ago. I think there was a program in D.C. I don't remember. I remember seeing him there that's about it.
MR. SOLIS: Is he from Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: No. he's from Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: So do you know why he would run the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: I think his relations with Azerbaijan got really deep and then he's more involved you know Azerbaijan officials, companies and other things.
MR. SOLIS: Have you—
MR. ASHMAWY: Before we get – I just want to get one quick clarification which was, you gave us bank statements for the…was it the 3/5 bank –
WITNESS: …Bank? Yes.
MR. ASHMAWY: Is that the only bank account that the Federation has?
WITNESS: We also have a Chase account, but I think that was way after the Azerbaijani trip. And one of them is already closed so I couldn't get the information on time. If you need those too, I can just provide them that's kind of—
MR. ASHMAWY: Which bank account was closed?

WITNESS: Chase bank account. Chase
MR. ASHMAWY: So you think the Chase bank account was opened and closed after the trip?
WITNESS: Uh…after the trip, yeah. And again there's nothing significant about that bank account either, but if you need that one I can provide the documents too.
MR. SOLIS: Have you talked to anybody – anybody at all – about our review, about our investigation?
WITNESS: No, no I didn't.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did you reach out to any staffers or anybody that you disclosed the sponsoring?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: You know we've spoken to staffers and we've heard from at least one of them that you did email them that you wanted to talk about this review. You don't recall that?
WITNESS: No, I didn't say anything like that.
MR. SOLIS: Erica Streible? From Representative Crenshaw's office?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: You don't recall emailing her about this investigation?
WITNESS: No…No. I didn't email anyone like that.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. The submission you made to our office, you wrote in a letter—
WITNESS: Yes
MR. SOLIS: Right? You wrote that your communications, and I'm quoting your letter, "communications regarding that Azerbaijan trip and the rest of my emails have been deleted due to technical glitches in my Gmail account." I mean what happened?
WITNESS: This happened to me with my hotmail account before. I mean all of a sudden everything was deleted. Again this happened with gmail and everything was deleted. And I also deleted some of my emails too, but this didn't have anything related to the investigation.
MR. ASHMAWY: What specifically was deleted?
WITNESS: All my accounts. Gmail. Everything gone.
MR. ASHMAWY: Again I want to be very clear; I don't want to put words in your mouth. What was deleted? The emails?
WITNESS: All the emails, the messages and everything that I was keeping in my email.
MR. ASHMAWY: So one day you signed into your account and nothing was there?
WITNESS: Everything was gone.
MR. ASHMAWY: Your account was still open?
WITNESS: Yes it was still open, but all the emails were gone.
MR. SOLIS: And it's emails unrelated to the trip as well, right?
WITNESS: Everything –
MR. SOLIS: Everything, personal, otherwise?

WITNESS: Personal, official, everything, trip too so I couldn't bring you anything.
MR. SOLIS: When did that happen?
WITNESS: Uhm… my oldest account goes to May I think it's May or April of 2014. And I remember that when you send me the first letter that there's this investigation going on so keep everything, I kept everything, but all the those emails were gone.
MR. SOLIS: So this didn't occur after we reached out to you? This was a while before?
WITNESS: That's right. Yes.
MR. ASHMAWY: I mean we have the ability to go to – to Google and make a request for any for those documents, would you be willing to sign a consent form?
WITNESS: That's okay, not a problem.
MR. ASHMAWY: Yeah?
WITNESS: I mean I didn't do that on purpose so I'm clear about it. And as I said, when you sent me the first investigation letter my emails were gone way before that so and then I didn't do anything with it after that.
MR. ASHMAWY: I appreciate that.
MR. SOLIS: We're pretty much closing up, I just want to do a couple brief last questions.
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: I just want to be clear on this timeline about the trip, given that the Turquoise Council and Kemal really did set everything up, I think you mentioned that a couple of months prior to the trip, he would've contacted you?
WITNESS: About what?
MR. SOLIS: About the convention?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: And what would he have said to get this whole thing in motion?
WITNESS: As I said, we were discussing all these conventions during our D.C. meetings and he's planning on doing one for Baku so he wanted all our help to help him out to invite Congresspersons, staffers, other people that would you know, we would think influential to Baku. It's a big organization and I can't handle everything by myself, so just help me out and then I was in the convention first because we had already been doing conventions in Washington D.C. and we said okay because we wanted to improve relations with Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kirgizstan, Kazakhstan so we said okay.
MR. SOLIS: You know we've asked you extensively about the you know, the invoices and airfare and meals – invoices for lodging, all of that stuff and the Turquoise Council paid for everything?
WITNESS: That's my understanding, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Right.
MR. ASHMAWY: And not just for you -- people you invited, but for everyone who went?
WITNESS: I think so, yeah.

MR. SOLIS: That's something we want to, I asked you previously, you said -- I don't want to put words in your mouth, but you said something to the effect of, "I don't know about the Federations, how they handled it."
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: I think it is probably safe to say, at least it seems to me from what you told us, that they did pay for everybody's travel.
WITNESS: Yeah I think so, yeah. I can't speak on behalf of other organizations because I don't know how they did it, but I would say similar to my organization.
MR. SOLIS: I want to be very clear; did you ever have a conversation with anybody at CTAA or the Federation of the Southeast or the Turkic-American Alliance, anybody about how they were going to pay for the travel to Turkey and Baku?
WITNESS: No. I mean we didn't have the financial part to pay for it. Turquoise was paying for it and then we went with it.
MR. SOLIS: But I'm speaking about the other organizations. Did you have any conversations with the presidents or the heads of anybody – any from those organizations, anyone else? How they were going to pay for—
WITNESS: No, just Kemal.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, but you as Omar asked you that question, it's a safe assumption that they probably paid for everybody?
WITNESS: Yeah, I would say so.
MR. SOLIS: I think that's all we have for you.
WITNESS: Alright
MR. ASHMAWY: Again, thank you very much. We know this was a long review, we appreciate your cooperation.
MR. SOLIS: Thank you.
WITNESS: Thank you.

# EXHIBIT 77

**U.S. House of Representatives**
**Committee on Ethics**

# PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form ***at least 30 days before the start date of the trip***. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST (TAFM)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒
3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ ***or***
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ ***or***
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of departure: May 24, 2013 Date of return: June 1, 2013
7. a. City of departure: Washington DC
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul, Ankara, Baku
   c. City of return: Washington DC
8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ ***or***
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ ***or***
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ ***or***
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ☒

11. Check one:
    a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
TAFM is the sole sponsor of the trip to promote mutual understanding thru interaction between the Congressional staffers and the peoples of Turkey and Azerbaijan. The purpose of the trip is to provide a first-hand experience to explore political, economic and social issues in these countries, which are critical allies to the US in the region.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
    a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ *or*
    b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☐
    If "b" is checked:
    1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel name: Ortakoy Princess Hotel City: Istanbul Cost per night: $120/night
    Reason(s) for selecting: Easy access to Istanbul downtown
    Hotel name: Grand Rixos Hotel City: Ankara Cost per night: $120/night
    Reason(s) for selecting: Easy access to Ankara downtown
    Hotel name: Four Seasons Hotel City: Baku Cost per night: $160/night
    Reason(s) for selecting: Affordable cost

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ☐ actual amounts<br>☒ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $2,157 | $920 | $330 |
| For each accompanying relative | n/a | will stay together | $330 |

| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $200 | parking and museums |
| For each accompanying relative | $200 | parking and museums |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name: SULEYMAN TURHANOGULLARI

Title: PRESIDENT

Organization: TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST (TAFM)

Address: 501 MIDWAY DR. MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60056

Telephone number: 312-215-2337

Email address: STURHAN@TURKISHFEDERATION.ORG

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

# EXHIBIT 78

Control No. 11061036

# STATE OF GEORGIA

## Secretary of State

**Corporations Division**
**315 West Tower**
**#2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.**
**Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530**

# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

I, **Brian P. Kemp**, the Secretary of State and the Corporations Commissioner of the State of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that

## TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SOUTHEAST CORPORATION

**a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation**

has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on **08/12/2011** by the filing of articles of incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of State and by the paying of fees as provided by Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia on August 12, 2011

Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

Control No: 11061036
Date Filed: 08/12/2011 04:46 PM
Brian P. Kemp
Secretary of State

# Articles Of Incorporation
# For Georgia Non-Profit

**The name of the corporation is:**
TURKIC AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SOUTHEAST CORPORATION

**The corporation is organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.**

**The principal mailing address of the non-profit:**
1349 West Peachtree Street NW, Suite 1010
Atlanta, GA 30309

**The Registered Agent is:**
Altan Kalayci
7370 Glenmaura Way
Suwanee, GA, GA 30024

**County:**

**The name and address of each incorporator(s) is:**
Altan Kalayci
7370 Glenmaura way
Suwanee, GA 30024

**The corporation will have members.**

**The optional provisions are:**
No optional provisions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on the date set forth below.

**Signature(s):**
Incorporator, Altan Kalayci

**Date:**
08/12/2011

# EXHIBIT 79

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

# PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form ***at least 30 days before the start date of the trip***. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Turkic American Federation of Southeast(TAFS)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ ***or***
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ ***or***
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):

   Please see attached List!

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. Date of departure: May 24, 2013-May 31, 2013 Date of return:

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul/Baku
   c. City of return: Washington DC

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ ***or***
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ ***or***
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ ***or***
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ☒

11. Check one:
   a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒ *or*
   b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

TAFS is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 orsanization that has a vision for future as we work to establish and advance long-term relationships and close cooperation between US and Turkey/Azerbarjan. TAFS is responsible for organizing and funding all aspects of the trip'

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
   c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
   a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
   b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

   If "b" is checked:

   1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): $46

   2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Turkey and Azerbaijan are located in a very critical geography for US in the Region from energy diversification, geographical position and regional security issues.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Ortakoy Princess Hotel City: Istanbul Cost per night: $106
Reason(s) for selecting: Our agreement with each of them! And their affordable cost!

Hotel name: JW Marriott City: Baku Cost per night: $123
Reason(s) for selecting: Our agreement with each of them! And their affordable cost!

Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ☐ actual amounts<br>☐ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $1280 air,$320 Ground | $580 | $276 |
| For each accompanying relative | | | |

| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $200 | Guide, Tips, Museums |
| For each accompanying relative | | |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Name: Cemil Teber

Title: President&CEO

Organization: Turkic American Federation of Southeast(TAFS)

Address: Two Midtown Plaza, Suite 1010/1349 West Peachtree Street NW Atlanta, GA 30309

Telephone number: +1 713 291 3880

Email address: cemilteber@turkicfederation.com/cemilteber@gmail.com

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

| | FIRST NAME | MID | LAST NAME | ORGANIZATION | TITLE | AFFS | STAT | EMAIL | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cemil | Bayte | Teber | Turkic American Federation of Southeast | Team Leader 1, President | | GA | [redacted]@turkicfederation.com | |
| 2 | Julian | | Johnson | Office of US Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D - 02) | Schedular | D | GA | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 3 | Glenn | | Miles | Office of US Congressman Hank Johnson (D - 04) | Schedular | D | GA | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 4 | Matt | | Hodge | Office of US Congressman Austin Scott (GA – 08) | Military Legislative Assistant | R | GA | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 5 | Christopher | Roper | Schell | Office of US Congressman Ralp Hall® | Legislative Director | R | TX | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 6 | Jessica | | Carter | Office of US Congressman Ralp Hall® | Legislative Assistant | R | TX | [redacted]ouse.gov | |
| 7 | Erica | | Striebel | Office of US Congressman Ander Crenshaw (R - 04) | Legislative Director | R | FL | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 8 | Wiley | | Deck | Office of US Congressman John L. Mica (R - 07) | Chief of Staff | R | FL | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 9 | Alice | | James | Office of Senator Lindsey Graham | Schedular& Press Secretary | R | SC | [redacted]graham.senate.gov | |
| 10 | David | | Black | Office of US Congressman John J. Duncan, JR. (TN – 2) | Legislative Director | R | TN | [redacted]@mail.house.gov | |
| 11 | Andrew | | Newton | Office of US Senator Richard Shelby | Senior LA | R | AL | [redacted]@shelby.senate.gov | |

# EXHIBIT 80

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: AUG 30 2011

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
ASSOCIATIONS INC
535 FIFTH AVENUE 6TH FLR STE 601
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10017

Employer Identification Number:
[redacted]
DLN:
[redacted]
Contact Person:
DAVID A DOEKER ID# [redacted]
Contact Telephone Number:
[redacted]
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
March 18, 2010
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.

Please see enclosed Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, for some helpful information about your responsibilities as an exempt organization.

Sincerely,

Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

Enclosure: Publication 4221-PC

Letter 947 (DO/CG)

# EXHIBIT 81

**KARABULUT & CO**
**1094 MAIN AVE**
**CLIFTON, NJ 07011**
[redacted]

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC
535 5TH AVE, #601
NEW YORK, NY 10017

Dear Client,

Enclosed is the 2013 U.S. Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC for the tax year ending December 31, 2013.

The return should be signed and dated by an authorized officer or fiduciary and mailed on or before August 15, 2014 to:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Center
Ogden, UT 84201-0027

We very much appreciate the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions regarding this return, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

ERDINC KARABULUT, E.A.

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

► Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
► Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2013, and ending ,

B Check if applicable:
- [ ] Address change
- [ ] Name change
- [ ] Initial return
- [ ] Terminated
- [ ] Amended return
- [ ] Application pending

C Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC
Doing Business As:
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 535 5TH AVE
Room/suite: 601
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: NEW YORK NY 10017

D Employer Identification Number: 27-2164888

E Telephone number: (862) 684-8000

G Gross receipts $ 274,701.

F Name and address of principal officer: FURKAN KOSAR 535 5TH AVE #601 NEW YORK NY 10017

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? [ ] Yes [X] No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: [X] 501(c)(3) [ ] 501(c) ( )◄ (insert no.) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

J Website: ► N/A

H(c) Group exemption number ►

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation [ ] Trust [ ] Association [ ] Other ►

L Year of formation: 2010

M State of legal domicile: NY

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE, AND SUPPORT CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

2 Check this box ► [ ] if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | |
| 6 | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 20 |
| 7a | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | |
| b | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | |

| | | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 151,660. | 274,701. |
| 9 | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | |
| 10 | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | | |
| 11 | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | |
| 12 | Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 151,660. | 274,701. |
| 13 | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | | |
| 14 | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | |
| 15 | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 59,210. | 79,183. |
| 16a | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | |
| b | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0. | | |
| 17 | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 98,732. | 105,379. |
| 18 | Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 157,942. | 184,562. |
| 19 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | -6,282. | 90,139. |

| | | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 402. | 92,133. |
| 21 | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 13,428. | 15,020. |
| 22 | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | -13,026. | 77,113. |

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature of officer — Date: 06/17/14

FURKAN KOSAR — PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title.

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

| Print/Type preparer's name | Preparer's signature | Date | PTIN |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERDINC KARABULUT, E.A. | | 06/17/14 | [redacted] |

Firm's name ► KARABULUT & CO
Firm's address ► 1094 MAIN AVE
CLIFTON NJ 07011

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [ ] No

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. TEEA0101 11/08/13 Form 990 (2013)

CTAA_0024

**15-5211_00974**

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE ON THE TURKIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY WITH THE MERE PURPOSE OF BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH AN INTEREST IN THE AMERICAN AND TURKIC CULTURES.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses $ 144,217. including grants of $ 0. ) (Revenue $ 0. )

ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE, AND SUPPORT CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

4b (Code: ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4e Total program service expenses ► 144,217.

## Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A* | 1 | X | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)? | 2 | X | |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I* | 3 | | X |
| 4 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II* | 4 | | X |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III* | 5 | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I* | 6 | | X |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II* | 7 | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III* | 8 | | X |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV* | 9 | | X |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V* | 10 | | X |
| 11 | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes', then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. | | | |
| a | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI* | 11a | | X |
| b | Did the organization report an amount for investments – other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII* | 11b | | X |
| c | Did the organization report an amount for investments – program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII* | 11c | | X |
| d | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX* | 11d | | X |
| e | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11e | | X |
| f | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11f | | X |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII* | 12a | | X |
| b | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional* | 12b | | X |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E* | 13 | | X |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | 14a | | X |
| b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV* | 14b | X | |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV* | 15 | | X |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV* | 16 | | X |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)* | 17 | | X |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II* | 18 | | X |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III* | 19 | | X |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H* | 20 | | X |
| b | If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | 20b | | |

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organizations or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II* | 21 | | X |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III* | 22 | | X |
| 23 | Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J* | 23 | | X |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25a* | 24a | | X |
| b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | 24b | | |
| c | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | 24c | | |
| d | Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | 24d | | |
| 25a | **Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I* | 25a | | X |
| b | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I* | 25b | | X |
| 26 | Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II | 26 | | X |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III* | 27 | | X |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | | |
| a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28a | | X |
| b | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28b | | X |
| c | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28c | | X |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M* | 29 | | X |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M* | 30 | | X |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I* | 31 | | X |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II* | 32 | | X |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I* | 33 | | X |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1* | 34 | | X |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | 35a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | 35b | | |
| 36 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | 36 | | X |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI* | 37 | | X |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | 38 | | X |

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . . ☐

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . . | 1a 0 | | |
| b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . . | 1b 3 | | |
| c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . . | 1c | | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . . | 2a | | |
| b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . . . | 2b | | |
| | **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to *e-file* (see instructions) | | | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? . . . . . | 3a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . . . . | 3b | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . . | 4a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ► | | | |
| | See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. | | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . . | 5a | | X |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . . | 5b | | X |
| c | If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . . | 5c | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . . | 6a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . . | 6b | | |
| 7 | **Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).** | | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . . | 7a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . . | 7b | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . . | 7c | | X |
| d | If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . . | 7d | | |
| e | Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . | 7e | | X |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . | 7f | | X |
| g | If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . . | 7g | | |
| h | If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . . | 7h | | |
| 8 | **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . . | 8 | | |
| 9 | **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** | | | |
| a | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . . | 9a | | |
| b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . . | 9b | | |
| 10 | **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter: | | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . . | 10a | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . . . . | 10b | | |
| 11 | **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter: | | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . . | 11a | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . . . | 11b | | |
| 12a | **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . . . . | 12a | | |
| b | If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . . | 12b | | |
| 13 | **Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.** | | | |
| a | Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . . | 13a | | |
| | **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. | | | |
| b | Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . . | 13b | | |
| c | Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . . | 13c | | |
| 14a | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . . | 14a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . . . . | 14b | | |

**Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure** *For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . X

## Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . . 1a | 4 | | |
| | If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . . 1b | 0 | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee? . . . . . 2 | | | X |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . . 3 | | | X |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . . 4 | | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . . 5 | | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . . 6 | | | X |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . . 7a | | | X |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body? . . . . . 7b | | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | | |
| a | The governing body? . . . . . 8a | | X | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . . 8b | | | X |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O* . . . . . 9 | | | |

## Section B. Policies *(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . . 10a | | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . . . . 10b | | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . . 11a | | X | |
| b | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If 'No,' go to line 13* . . . . . 12a | | X | |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . . 12b | | X | |
| c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done* . . . . . 12c | | | X |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . . 13 | | | X |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . . 14 | | | X |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . . 15a | | | X |
| b | Other officers of key employees of the organization . . . . . 15b | | | X |
| | If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.) | | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . . 16a | | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . . 16b | | | |

## Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► New York

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other *(explain in Schedule O)*

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:

► FURKAN KOSAT 535 5TH AVE STE601 NEW YORK NY 10017 (862) 684-8000

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

## Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) FURKAN KOSAR<br>PRESIDENT | 40.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 36,000. | 0. |
| (2) OSMAN OZTOPRAK<br>V PRESIDENT | 1.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (3) SERVET TATLI<br>TREASURER | 1.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (4) GUVENC KULEN<br>SECRETARY | 1.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (5) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | | | | |

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (18) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (19) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (20) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (21) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (22) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (23) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (24) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (25) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 b Sub-total ► | | | | | | | | 0. | 36,000. | 0. |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ► | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ► | | | | | | | | 0. | 36,000. | 0. |

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual* | 3 | | X |
| 4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual* | 4 | | X |
| 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person* | 5 | | X |

## Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ►



CTAA_0031

15-5211_00981

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . . ☐

| | | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | 274,701. | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: $ | | | | | |
| | h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f | | 274,701. | | | |
| PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE | | Business Code | | | | |
| | 2a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| | g **Total.** Add lines 2a-2f | | | | | |
| OTHER REVENUE | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) | | | | | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | | |
| | | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | | | | | |
| | b Less: rental expenses | | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | |
| | 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous Revenue | Business Code | | | | |
| | 11a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e **Total.** Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| | 12 **Total revenue.** See instructions | | 274,701. | | | |



CTAA_0032

15-5211_00982

## Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

*Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

| *Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.* | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 71,500. | 50,050. | 21,450. | 0. |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 7,683. | 5,378. | 2,305. | 0. |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | | | | |
| c Accounting | 6,297. | 4,408. | 1,889. | 0. |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) | | | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 1,550. | 1,550. | 0. | 0. |
| 13 Office expenses | | | | |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 36,000. | 25,200. | 10,800. | 0. |
| 17 Travel | 48,529. | 48,529. | 0. | 0. |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | | | | |
| 23 Insurance | 1,883. | 1,318. | 565. | 0. |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a | | | | |
| b | | | | |
| c | | | | |
| d | | | | |
| e All other expenses | 11,120. | 7,784. | 3,336. | 0. |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 184,562. | 144,217. | 40,345. | 0. |
| 26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ➤ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X . . . . . ☐

| | | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASSETS | 1 | Cash — non-interest-bearing | 181. | 1 | 46,204. |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | | 2 | |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | 0. | 3 | 45,744. |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | |
| | 5 | Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 9 | |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a | | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation — 10b | | 10c | |
| | 11 | Investments — publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 | Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 | Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 221. | 15 | 185. |
| | 16 | **Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 402. | 16 | 92,133. |
| LIABILITIES | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 13,428. | 17 | 15,020. |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 | Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 | Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 | **Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25 | 13,428. | 26 | 15,020. |
| NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES | | **Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ [X] and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.** | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | -13,026. | 27 | -13,260. |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | 90,373. |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | | **Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.** | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | -13,026. | 33 | 77,113. |
| | 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 402. | 34 | 92,133. |

## Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☐

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 274,701. |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 184,562. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 90,139. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | -13,026. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 77,113. |

## Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☐

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ | | | |
| | If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | 2a | X | |
| | If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| | ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | 2b | | X |
| | If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| | ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| c | If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | 2c | | X |
| | If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | 3a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | 3b | | |

**SCHEDULE A**
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Public Charity Status and Public Support

**Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.**

► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

► **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.***

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|
| COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC | 27-2164888 |

## Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III – Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III – Non-functionally integrated

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box . . . . . ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) | A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? **11g (i)** | | |
| (ii) | A family member of a person described in (i) above? **11g (ii)** | | |
| (iii) | A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? **11g (iii)** | | |

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

| | (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document? Yes | (iv) No | (v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support? Yes | (v) No | (vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.? Yes | (vi) No | (vii) Amount of monetary support |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (B) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (C) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (D) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (E) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | |

## Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

### Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.') | | | | | | |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3 | | | | | | |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | |
| 6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | |

### Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | | | | | | |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | |

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) . . . . . 12

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . . ► ☐

### Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . . 14 %

15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . . 15 %

16a **33-1/3% support test — 2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

b **33-1/3% support test — 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ► ☐

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

## Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.') | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

## Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 **Total Support.** (Add lns 9,10c, 11 and 12.) | | | | | | |

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ► [X]

## Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | % |

## Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for **2013** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from **2012** Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | % |

19a **33-1/3% support tests — 2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► [ ]

b **33-1/3% support tests — 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► [ ]

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► [ ]

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Schedule B**
**(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Schedule of Contributors

► Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF
► Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|
| COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC | 27-2164888 |

**Organization type** (check one):

| Filers of: | Section: |
|---|---|
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | [X] 501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | [ ] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule** .

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

[X] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, $5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II.)

**Special Rules**

[ ] For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) $5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than $1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc, purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than $1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc, purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc, contributions of $5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ► $ _____

**Caution:** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number: 27-2164888

**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) Number | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | AHMET CANAN<br>BURSA, TU | $ 10,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 2 | ALI MURAT KARADEMIR<br>ISTANBUL, TU | $ 9,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 3 | BURAK YENEROGLU<br>465 MEADOW LANE<br>CARLSTADT NJ 07072 | $ 6,100. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 4 | HANEFI GULLUCE<br>2768 E 16TH ST<br>BROOKLYN NY 11235 | $ 13,900. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 5 | LEYLA SASMAZ<br>2727 CONEY ISLAND AVE<br>BROOKLYN NY 11235 | $ 5,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 6 | MEHMET SECILMIS<br>1199 MAIN AVE IST FL<br>CLIFTON NJ 07011 | $ 7,500. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number: 27-2164888

**Part I** **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) Number | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | NGM PAINTING<br>1620 RUSSELL DR<br>DOWNINGTOWN PA 19335 | $ 7,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 8 | NUR KOSAR<br>52A HAVERHILL AVE<br>LITTLE FALLS NJ 07424 | $ 5,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 9 | VAKIF BANK<br>680 5TH AVE 23RD FL<br>NEW YORK NY 10019 | $ 25,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

27-2164888

## Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|---|---|---|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a | |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b | |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c | |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d | |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► $

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

## Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1 a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

| | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| c Beginning balance | 1 c | |
| d Additions during the year | 1 d | |
| e Distributions during the year | 1 e | |
| f Ending balance | 1 f | |

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explantion has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %
b Permanent endowment ► _____ %
c Temporarily restricted endowment ► _____ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | | |
| b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | | |

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | | | |
| **Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ► | | | | |

**Part VII Investments — Other Securities.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely-held equity interests | | |
| (3) Other | | |
| (A) | | |
| (B) | | |
| (C) | | |
| (D) | | |
| (E) | | |
| (F) | | |
| (G) | | |
| (H) | | |
| (I) | | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)* ► | | |

**Part VIII Investments — Program Related.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment type | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | | |
| (8) | | |
| (9) | | |
| (10) | | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)* ► | | |

**Part IX Other Assets.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|---|---|
| (1) | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| (10) | |
| **Total.** *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.)* ► | |

**Part X Other Liabilities.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

| (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|---|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| (10) | |
| (11) | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)* ► | |

**2.** Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | | 1 | |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | | | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | | | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | | 3 | |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)* | | | 5 | |

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | | 1 | |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | | | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | | | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | | 3 | |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)* | | | 5 | |

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

**Schedule F** (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.
► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

27-2164888

**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

| (a) Region | (b) Number of offices in the region | (c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region | (d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region) | (e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region | (f) Total expenditures for and investments in region |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | |
| 3 a Sub-total . . . . . | | | | | |
| b Total from continuation sheets to Part I . . . . . | | | | | |
| c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b) | | | | | |

**Part II** **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| 1 | (a) Name of organization | (b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable) | (c) Region | (d) Purpose of grant | (e) Amount of cash grant | (f) Manner of cash disbursement | (g) Amount of non-cash assistance | (h) Description of non-cash assistance | (i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | | | |

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter . . . . . ►

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities . . . . . ►

**Part III** **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| (a) Type of grant or assistance | (b) Region | (c) Number of recipients | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Manner of cash disbursement | (f) Amount of non-cash assistance | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | | | |
| (18) | | | | | | | |

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 2 | Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 3 | Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 4 | Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 5 | Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 6 | Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Pt I Line 2 SEPARATE ACCOUNTS ARE MAINTAINED TO MONITOR ACCOUNTS

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

27-2164888

Pt VI, Line 11b BOARD MEMBERS REVIEW 990 BEFORE MAILING

Pt VI, Line 8b QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

Form **CHAR500**

This form used for Article 7-A, EPTL and dual filers (replaces forms CHAR 497, CHAR 010 and CHAR 006)

# Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations

New York State Department of Law (Office of the Attorney General)
Charities Bureau - Registration Section
120 Broadway
New York, NY 10271
http://www.charitiesnys.com

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

## 1. General Information

a. For the fiscal year beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ / 2013 and ending (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

b. Check if applicable for NYS:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial filing
- ☐ Final filing
- ☐ Amended filing
- ☐ NY registration pending

c. Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

d. Fed. employer ID no. (EIN) (##-#######): 27-2164888

e. NY State registration no. (##-##-##): 42-69-44

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail not delivered to street address): 535 5TH AVE

Room/suite: STE 601

f. Telephone number: (862)684-8000

City or town, state or country and zip + 4: NEW YORK, NY 10017

g. Email

## 2. Certification - Two Signatures Required

We certify under penalties of perjury that we reviewed this report, including all attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to this report.

| | Signature | Printed Name | Title | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. President or Authorized Officer | | | | |
| b. Chief Financial Officer or Treas. | | | | |

## 3. Annual Report Exemption Information

a. **Article 7-A** annual report exemption (Article 7-A registrants and dual registrants)

Check ☐ if total contributions from NY State (including residents, foundations, corporations, government agencies, etc.) did not exceed $25,000 **and** the organization did not engage a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) to solicit contributions during this fiscal year.

NOTE: An organization may claim this exemption if no PFR or FRC was used **and** either: 1) it received an allocation from a federated fund, United Way or incorporated community appeal **and** contributions from other sources did not exceed $25,000 **or** 2) it received all or substantially all of its contributions from one government agency to which it submitted an annual report similar to that required by Article 7-A.

b. **EPTL** annual report exemption (EPTL registrants and dual registrants)

Check ☐ if gross receipts did not exceed $25,000 **and** assets (market value) did not exceed $25,000 at any time during this fiscal year.

For EPTL or Article-7A registrants claiming the annual report exemption under the one law under which they are registered and for dual registrants claiming the annual report exemptions under both laws, simply complete part 1 (General Information), part 2 (Certification) and part 3 (Annual Report Exemption Information) above.

***Do not** submit a fee, do not complete the following schedules and **do not** submit any attachments to this form.*

## 4. Article 7-A Schedules

If you did not check the Article 7-A annual report exemption above, complete the following for this fiscal year:

a. Did the organization use a professional fund raiser, fund raising counsel or commercial co-venturer for fund raising activity in NY State? .. ☐ Yes* ☑ No

*** If "Yes", complete Schedule 4a.**

b. Did the organization receive government contributions (grants)? ..... ☐ Yes* ☑ No

*** If "Yes", complete Schedule 4b.**

## 5. Fee Submitted: See last page for summary of fee requirements.

Indicate the filing fee(s) you are submitting along with this form:

| | |
|---|---|
| a. Article 7-A filing fee | $ 25 |
| b. EPTL filing fee | $ 50 |
| c. **Total fee** | $ 75 |

***Submit only one check or money order for the total fee, payable to "NYS Department of Law"***

**6. Attachments** - For organizations that are not claiming annual report exemptions under both laws, see last page for required attachments →→→



CTAA_0054

**15-5211_01004**

## 5. Fee Instructions

*The filing fee depends on the organization's Registration Type. For details on Registration Type and filing fees, see the Instructions for Form CHAR500.*

| Organization's Registration Type | Fee Instructions |
|---|---|
| • **Article 7-A** | Calculate the Article 7-A filing fee using the table in **part a** below. The EPTL filing fee is $0. |
| • **EPTL** | Calculate the EPTL filing fee using the table in **part b** below. The Article 7-A filing fee is $0. |
| • **Dual** | Calculate both the Article 7-A and EPTL filing fees using the tables in **parts a and b** below. Add the Article 7-A and EPTL filing fees together to calculate the total fee. Submit a **single** check or money order for the total fee. |

a) **Article 7-A filing fee**

| Total Support & Revenue | Article 7-A Fee |
|---|---|
| more than $250,000 | $25 |
| up to $250,000 * | $10 |

* *Any organization that contracted with or used the services of a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) during the reporting period must pay an Article 7-A filing fee of $25, regardless of total support and revenue.*

b) **EPTL filing fee**

| Net Worth at End of Year | EPTL Fee |
|---|---|
| Less than $50,000 | $25 |
| $50,000 or more, but less than $250,000 | $50 |
| $250,000 or more, but less than $1,000,000 | $100 |
| $1,000,000 or more, but less than $10,000,000 | $250 |
| $10,000,000 or more, but less than $50,000,000 | $750 |
| $50,000,000 or more | $1500 |

## 6. Attachments – Document Attachment Check-List

***Check the boxes for the documents you are attaching.***

**For All Filers**

Filing Fee

☑ Single check or money order payable to "NYS Department of Law"

Copies of Internal Revenue Service Forms

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ IRS Form 990 | ☑ IRS Form 990-EZ | ☐ IRS Form 990-PF |
| ☐ All required schedules (including Schedule B) | ☑ All required schedules (including Schedule B) | ☐ All required schedules (including Schedule B) |
| ☐ IRS Form 990-T | ☐ IRS Form 990-T | ☐ IRS Form 990-T |

**Additional Article 7-A Document Attachment Requirement**

Independent Accountant's Report

☐ Audit Report *(total support & revenue more than $250,000)*

☑ Review Report *(total support & revenue $100,001 to $250,000)*

☐ No Accountant's Report Required *(total support & revenue not more than $100,000)*

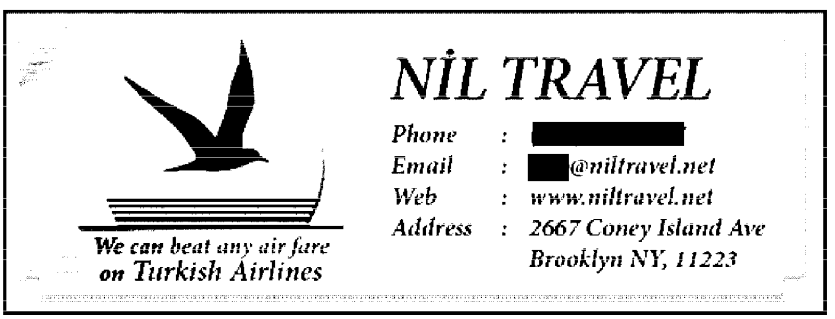
# EXHIBIT 82

**From:** ethics s <[redacted]@tursantravel.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2015 10:52 AM
**To:** Wright, Nate <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Council of Turkic American Associations Travel Info
**Attach:** Council of Turkic American Associations Travel Info.xls

---

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **NIL TRAVEL (Bahri Caliskan)** <[redacted]@niltravel.net>
Date: Mon, Mar 30, 2015 at 1:20 AM
Subject: Fwd: Council of Turkic American Associations Travel Info
To: [redacted]@tursantravel.com

BAHRI CALISKAN
General Manager




---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Resul Aksoy** <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 3, 2013 at 1:16 AM
Subject: Council of Turkic American Associations Travel Info
To: Bahri Caliskan <[redacted]@niltravel.net>

Bahri bey,
Listemiz ekte. Yarin telefonlasalim insh. Erkenden baslarsak erkenden bitiririz insh
RA

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | | | US-Istanbul | |
| 2 | | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE NAME | LAST NAME | TITLE | STATE | DoB | Depart Date-City | Flight No |
| 3 | 1 | Mark | CW | Montigny | Senator | MA | Jun 20, 1961 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 4 | 2 | Michael | Anthony | Costello | Representative | MA | May 7, 1965 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 5 | 3 | John | Walter | Scibak | Representative | MA | May 4, 1953 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 6 | 4 | Aaron | Marshall | Michlewitz | Representative | MA | Jun 7, 1978 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 7 | 5 | Joseph | Gerard | Murphy | Comissioner | MA | Aug 18, 1974 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 8 | 6 | Michael | Joseph | Moran | Representative | MA | Feb 23, 1971 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 9 | 7 | Vincent | Arthur | Pedone | President | MA | Mar 15, 1967 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 10 | 8 | Angelo | Joseph | Puppolo | Representative | MA | 12.04.1968 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 11 | 9 | Kevin | Gerard | Honan | Representative | MA | Jun 5, 1958 | May 24 / Boston | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 12 | 10 | Pamela | Z | Tucker | Representative | NH | 12.18.1963 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 13 | 11 | John | | Tucker | Spouse | NH | 01.10.1963 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 14 | 12 | Lenette | Marie | Peterson | Representative | NH | 01.03.1960 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 15 | 13 | Peter | Russell | Leishman | Representative | NH | 10.03.1957 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 16 | 14 | Mario | Francesco | Ratzki | Representative | NH | 08.18.1952 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 17 | 15 | Caroline | M | Ratzki | Spouse | NH | 03.26.1955 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 18 | 16 | Alfred | | Baldasaro | Representative | NH | 11.20.1856 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 19 | 17 | Judith | A | Seppala | Spouse | NH | 03.11.1965 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 20 | 18 | Marjorie | Kester | Smith | Representative | NH | 02.22.1941 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 21 | 19 | Peter | Sheridan | Smith | Spouse | NH | 04.27.1938 | May 24-Manchester, NH | |
| 22 | 20 | Valerie | A. | Stuart | Representative | VT | 06.13.1957 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 23 | 21 | John | Carl | Mabie | Spouse | VT | 04.11.1957 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 24 | 22 | Curtis | Allan | McCormack | Representative | VT | 02.28.1952 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 25 | 23 | Jean | Diane | O'Sullivan | Representative | VT | 07.12.1945 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 26 | 24 | Christopher | Austin | Bray | Senator | VT | June 29 1955 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 27 | 25 | Matthew | A | Trieber | Representative | VT | 04.17.1980 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 28 | 26 | John | Thomas | Moran | Representative | VT | 05.05.1940 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 29 | 27 | Upendra | J | Chivukula | Representative | NJ | 10/8/2013 | May 24-New York | |
| 30 | *28* | *Yvette* | | *Clarke* | *US Congresswoman* | *NY* | *11.21.1964* | *K.O.* | |
| 31 | *29* | *Gregory* | | *Meeks* | *US Congressman* | *NY* | *09.25.1953* | *K.O.* | |
| 32 | *30* | *Leonard* | | *Lance* | *US Congressman* | *NJ* | *06.25.1952* | *K.O.* | |
| 33 | 31 | Yusuf | | Demir | Guide | NH | 08.08.1983 | May 24- Boston MA | |
| 34 | 32 | Eyup | | Sener | Guide | VT | 12.061978 | May 24- Boston MA | |
| 35 | 33 | Vaner | | Kaplan | Guide | VT | 11.08.1978 | May 24- Boston MA | |
| 36 | 34 | Saim | | Cagirici | Guide | NY | 05.10.1987 | May 24- Burlington VT | |
| 37 | 35 | Burhan | | Kaya | Guide | MA | 04.01.1987 | May 24- Boston MA | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 38 | 36 | Numan | | Aksoy | Guide | MA | 08.11.1994 | May 24- Boston MA | Late flight from New York to Istanbul |
| 39 | 37 | Ayaz | | Aghayev | Guide | MA | 09.26.1980 | May 24- Boston MA | |
| 40 | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | | | | | | | | | |

NIL_1334

| | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Istanbul-Baku | | Baku-Istanbul-(US) | | | | Stop Over | | |
| 2 | Arrival Time | Depart Date/Flight# | Arrival Time | Depart Date/Flight#-Baku | | | Depart Date/Flight#-Istanbul | Date-(City-US) | | |
| 3 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 12, 2013/ Boston | | | |
| 4 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03,2013/Boston | | | |
| 5 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03,2013/Boston | | | |
| 6 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03, 2013/ Boston | | | |
| 7 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | | | | |
| 8 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03, 2013. Boston | | | |
| 9 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03,2013/Boston | | | |
| 10 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 02, 2013/Boston | | | |
| 11 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 02, 2013/Boston | | | |
| 12 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 13 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 14 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 15 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 16 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 17 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 18 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 19 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 20 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 21 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 /Manchester, NH | | | |
| 22 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 23 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 24 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 8th, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 25 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 26 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 27 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 28 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 29 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 02 2013/New York | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 6th/ Boston MA | | | |
| 34 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 6th/ Boston MA | | | |
| 35 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 6th/ Boston MA | | | |
| 36 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 3rd, 2013 / Burlington VT | | | |
| 37 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03, 2013. Boston | | | |
| 38 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 03, 2013. Boston | | | |
| 39 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | June 15,2013 Boston/MA | | | |
| 40 | | May 25 - | | May 30 - | | | | | | |
| 41 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | | | | | | | | | | |

NIL_1335

| | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | AA | AB |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | | | | | | | | | |

NIL_1336

# EXHIBIT 83

**U.S. House of Representatives**
**Committee on Ethics**

# PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form ***at least 30 days before the start date of the trip***. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ■ ***or***
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ ***or***
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   Please see attachment

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ■ No

6. Date of departure: May 24, 2013 Date of return: June 1, 2013

7. a. City of departure: New York, NY
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul, Turkey - Baku, Azerbaijan
   c. City of return: New York, NY

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ ***or***
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ■ ***or***
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ■
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ ***or***
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
      If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ■

11. Check one:
    a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■ ***or***
    b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

    CTAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S. -Turkic relationship. The trip will provide a well understanding and analyzing of Azerbaijan that will help in serving Azerbaijan and Turkic community in U.S. and in having better relations with Azerbaijan.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ■ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ■ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☐

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
    a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ■ ***or***
    b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ■
    If "b" is checked:
    1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): $45
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

    Turkey and Azerbaijan are a significant country for the U.S. in relations of political, commercial, and cultural interests of both countries in the Middle East, Central Asia, and Europe.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

    Hotel name: Crown Plaza & Hagia Sophia City: Istanbul Cost per night: $145
    Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability

    Hotel name: Grand Ankara Rixos City: Ankara Cost per night: $135
    Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability

    Hotel name: Hilton City: Baku Cost per night: $115
    Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ■ actual amounts<br>☐ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $7,260.6 Air | $925 | $315 |
| For each accompanying relative | | | |

| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $200 | Museum Tickets, Parking |
| For each accompanying relative | | |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ■ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ■

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: F. Kosar

Name: Furkan Kosar

Title: President

Organization: Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

Address: 535 5th Ave Suite 601 New York, NY 10017

Telephone number: 212.867.7567

Email address: fkosar@turkiccouncil.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

# EXHIBIT 84

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

# PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form ***at least 30 days before the start date of the trip***. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ☒

3. *Check only one*: I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: ☒ *or*
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities: ☐ *or*
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: ☐

4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   Please see attachment

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. Date of departure: May 24, 2013 Date of return: June 1, 2013

7. a. City of departure: Washington D.C.
   b. Destination(s): Istanbul, Turkey - Baku Azerbaijan
   c. City of return: Washington D.C.

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ *or*
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ *or*
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations: ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ *or*
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) *(indicate agenda is attached by checking box)*: ■

11. Check one:
   a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip *(signify that the statement is true by checking box)*: ■ *or*
   b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

CTAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Turkic relationship. The Trip will provide a well understanding and analyzing of Turkey that will help in serving Turkish and Turkic community in U.S. and in having better relations with Turkey and Azerbaijan.

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
   a. Mode of travel: Air ■ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ■ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ■ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
   c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *(signify that the statement is true by checking box)*: ■

15. I represent that either *(check one of the following)*:
   a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ■ *or*
   b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ■
      If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): $45 per day
      2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Turkey is a significant country for U.S. in relations of political, commercial, and cultural interests of both countries in Middle East, Central Asia, and Europe.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel name: Ciragan Palace Kempinski City: Istanbul Cost per night: $456
   Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability
   Hotel name: Grand Ankara Rixos City: Ankara Cost per night: $135
   Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability
   Hotel name: JW Marriott City: Baku Cost per night: $115
   Reason(s) for selecting: Location and affordability

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *(signify that the statement is true by checking box)*: ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ☐ actual amounts<br>☒ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $6,744.65 Air<br>$350 Ground | $2,189 | $315 |
| For each accompanying relative | | | |

| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $200 | Museum Tickets, Parking |
| For each accompanying relative | | |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: F. Kosar

Name: Furkan Kosar

Title: President

Organization: Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

Address: 535 5th Ave Suite 601 New York, NY 10017

Telephone number: 212.867.7567

Email address: fkosar@turkiccouncil.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

# EXHIBIT 85

# U.S. House of Representatives
# Committee on Ethics

## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form ***at least 30 days before the start date of the trip***. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
   a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ■ ***or***
   b. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities ☐ ***or***
   c. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds. ☐

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members and employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   Please see attachment

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ■ No

6. Date of departure: May 27th, 2013 Date of return: May 30th, 2013

7. a. City of departure: Washington D.C.
   b. Destination(s): Baku, Azerbaijan
   c. City of return: Washington D.C.

8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
   a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ ***or***
   b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ■ ***or***
   c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐

9. Check one of the following:
   a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ■
   b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
   c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ ***or***
   d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐
   If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (*i.e.*, an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (*indicate agenda is attached by checking box*): ■

11. Check one:
    a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■ ***or***
    b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

    CTAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about the U.S.-Turkic relationship. The trip will provide a well understanding and analyzing of Azerbaijan that will help in serving Azerbaijan and Turkic community in U.S. and in having better relations with Azerbaijan

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ■ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☐ Business ■ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

15. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
    a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ■ ***or***
    b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ■

    If "b" is checked:
    1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): $45
    2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Azerbijan is a significant country for U.S. in relations of political, commercial, and cultural interests of both countries in Middle East, Central Asia, and Europe.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

    Hotel name: J.W. Marriott City: Baku Cost per night: $115
    Reason(s) for selecting: _____

    Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
    Reason(s) for selecting: _____

    Hotel name: _____ City: _____ Cost per night: _____
    Reason(s) for selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*): ■

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

| ☐ actual amounts<br>■ good faith estimates | Total *Transportation* Expenses per Participant | Total *Lodging* Expenses per Participant | Total *Meal* Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | $ 6,744.65 | $230 | $90 |
| For each accompanying relative | | | |

| | *Other* Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (*e.g.*, taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or employee | 25 | Tip |
| For each accompanying relative | | |

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

19. Check one:
    a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☐ ***or***
    b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☐

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: F. Kosar

Name: Furkan Kosar

Title: President

Organization: Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA)

Address: 535 5th Ave Suite 601 New York, NY 10017

Telephone number: 212.867.7567

Email address: fkosar@turkiccouncil.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

# EXHIBIT 86

2667 Coney Island Ave Brooklyn New York 11223
Tel: [redacted] Fax: [redacted]
e-mail: [redacted]@tursantravel.com
face: Tursan Travel-International

TO: **Council of Turkic American Associations**

**INVOICE NUMER**
25147

| PASSENGER NAMES : | | | ETICKET NUMBERS | AIR FARE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gregory | Weldon | Meeks | [redacted] | $ 5,741.60 |
| Yvette | | Clarke | | $ 1,684.70 |
| Yvette | | Clarke | | $ 5,575.90 |
| Leonard | | Lance | | $ 1,884.70 |
| Furkan | | Kosar | | $ 490.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | TOTAL | $15,376.90 |

**CHECK :** BY MAIL
**AMOUNT APPROVED** $15,376.90

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Tursan Travel Inc. is not responsible for any fluctations in fares and rate or price differenrials offered to and accepted by costumer, nor carrier's subseguent in fares/services. Nor this agency is responsible for cancellation of any services/s and/or refunds from any supplier or carrier that may cease operations.

Tursan Travel Inc. is acting as intermediary or as agent for suppliers in selling services or in accepting reservations or bookings for services which are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruise, etc.) This agency, therefore shall not be responsible for any intentional or caeless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers which results in any loss, damage delay, or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Nor this agency can be held responsible for any disruption of travel and/or travel related services in "troubled areas" due to monetary Crisis, Political or Social Unrest Labor Problems, Mechanical or Construction Difficults, Climatic Aberations, Local Laws, Diseases, or Novel Conditions.

SERVICE CHARGES

We reserve the right to charge a processing fee in the event of a refund or cancellation in addition to any charges imposed by airlines, hotels, tours, cruise companies, etc. Refunds from airlines, tours companies cruise lines and hotels will be made to our costumers only after the monies have been received from these sources by us. Lost, stolen or destroyed tickets must be paid for until refund is received from the issuing carrier subject to any airline imposed service charge.

# EXHIBIT 87

Gmail

Bahri Caliskan <[redacted]@niltravel.net>

# Saim hocam, henuz bir check gelmedi bize.

2 messages

**NIL TRAVEL (Bahri Caliskan)** <[redacted]@niltravel.net> Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 10:51 AM
To: Saim Cagirici <[redacted]@gmail.com>, Furkan Kosar <[redacted]@gmail.com>

--
*BAHRI CALISKAN*
General Manager

**F.Kosar** <[redacted]@gmail.com> Tue, Jul 9, 2013 at 10:53 AM
To: "NIL TRAVEL (Bahri Caliskan)" <[redacted]@niltravel.net>
Cc: Saim Cagirici <[redacted]@gmail.com>

Saim invoice meselesini hallet bahri ceki vericez yakinda.
[Quoted text hidden]

Gmail

Bahri Caliskan <bahri@niltravel.net>

# SaimBey Slm, Check leri gonderme sansiniz oludmu?

1 message

**NIL TRAVEL (Bahri Caliskan)** <[redacted]@niltravel.net> Fri, Jun 7, 2013 at 5:05 PM
To: Saim Cagirici <[redacted]@gmail.com>

--
*BAHRI CALISKAN*
General Manager

**NIL TRAVEL**
2667 Coney Island Ave
Brooklyn, New York 11223 USA

Toll Free : [redacted]
Office :
Fax: :
www.niltravel.net
Facebook: Nill Travel

# EXHIBIT 88

Invoice for
**LEONARD LANCE**
77777,
7777,
NY NY

Record Locator: [redacted]
Date:
**5/15/2013**

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| UA 904 | J | 5/24/2013 | NEW YORK NEWARK NJ<br>NONSTOP | ISTANBUL | 0705P | 1220P |
| UA 905 | J | 6/1/2013 | ISTANBUL<br>NONSTOP | NEW YORK NEWARK NJ | 0155P | 0600P |

**LANCE/LEONARD MR** **$ 6100.00**

Total Tickets: **$ 6100.00**
Check Payments: **$ 0.00**

Balance due: **$ 0.00**

**Additional Information:**
THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING WORLD OF TRAVEL, INC

# EXHIBIT 89

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
535 5th Ave
Suite 601
New York, NY 10017

TD BANK [redacted]

Date 4/30/2013

Pay to the Order of Furkan Kosar $ **2,600.00

TWO-THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED AND 00/100********** Dollars

Furkan Kosar
[redacted]
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Memo Pay Period: 04/01/2013 - 04/30/2013

[redacted]

[redacted]

Seq: 68
Batch: [redacted]
Date: 05/20/13

Security Features: Results of do...

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Scanned by CamScanner

1021

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOC., INC.
535 5th AVE. 6th FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10022

TD BANK
AMERICA'S MOST CONVENIENT BANK
[redacted]

5/23/2013

PAY TO THE ORDER OF World of Travel $ **6,100.00

Six Thousand One Hundred and 00/100********** DOLLARS

Security features. Details on back.

World of Travel
[redacted]
New York, New York 10036

MEMO

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

[redacted]

[redacted]

Seq: 70
Batch: [redacted]
Date: 05/28/13

ENDORSE HERE

World of Travel

Seq:0007B 05/28/13
BAT: [redacted]
WT:01 LTPS Jacksonville
BC:Fifth Avenue - 48th Street BC NY5-101

[redacted]

Scanned by CamScanner

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
535 5th Ave
Suite 601
New York, NY 10017

TD BANK

[redacted]

Date 4/30/2013

Pay to the Order of Saim Cagirici $ **2,000.00

TWO-THOUSAND AND 00/100********** Dollars

Saim Cagirici
[redacted]
Flushing, NY 11355

Memo Pay Period: 04/01/2013 - 04/30/2013

[redacted]

[redacted]

ENDORSE HERE

DO NOT DUPLICATE STAMP OR SIGN UPON OR THIS LINE
RESERVED FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USE

TEM # 60775

Security Features: Results of document alteration.
Particulars: Alerts handled the document or name security features
VOID Paragraph: The issue of this document is subject to the terms and conditions
Background: The word VOID is shown in a color-shifting
Microprint: Small-type and fine-line patterns are used to make it more
Security Screen: Alterations of Original Document, Language on Back of
Artificial Watermark: Any use of watermark not visible on back of check when
held at 45° angle

* FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OF GOVERNORS R.G. CC *

[redacted]

Scanned by CamScanner

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
580 Lexington Avenue
FL 16
New York, NY 10022-6828

TD BANK

[redacted]

Date 1/31/2013

Pay to the Order of Furkan Kosar $ **2,600.00

TWO-THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED AND 00/100********** Dollars

Furkan Kosar
[redacted]
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Memo Pay Period 01/01/2013 - 01/31/2013

[redacted]

[redacted]

Seq: 69
Batch: [redacted]
Date: 05/20/13

[redacted]

**Scanned by CamScanner**

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
535 5th Ave
Suite 601
New York, NY 10017

TD BANK

[redacted]

Date 3/31/2013

Pay to the Order of Furkan Kosar $ **2,600.00

TWO-THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED AND 00/100********** Dollars

Furkan Kosar
[redacted]
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Memo Pay Period 03/01/2013 - 03/31/2013

[redacted]

[redacted]

Seq: 71
Batch: [redacted]
Date: 05/20/13

ENDORSE HERE

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

[redacted]

Scanned by CamScanner

[redacted]

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
835 5th Ave
Suite 601
New York, NY 10017

TO BANK [redacted]

Date 2/28/2013

Pay to the Order of Furkan Kosar $ **2,600.00

TWO-THOUSAND SIX-HUNDRED AND 00/100********** Dollars

Furkan Kosar
[redacted]
Woodland Park, NJ 07424

Memo Pay Period 02/01/2013 - 02/28/2013

[redacted]

[redacted]

Seq: 70
Batch: [redacted]
Date: 05/20/13

ENDORSE HERE

[redacted]

**Scanned by CamScanner**

# EXHIBIT 90

**Bank**

America's Most Convenient Bank®

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN
535 FIFTH AVE 6TH FLOOR
NEW YORK NY 10017

Page: 1 of 3
Statement Period: May 01 2013-May 31 2013
Cust Ref #: [redacted]
Primary Account #: [redacted]

## Business Convenience Checking

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN

Account # [redacted]

OUR BILL PAY FOR SMALL BUSINESS IS NOW SMARTER AND MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOUR BUSINESS. AND, IT'S STILL FREE! HAVE MORE CONTROL OVER SELECTING PAYMENT DATES, MANAGING YOUR CASH FLOW, STOPPING PAYMENTS AND SETTING UP PAYEES. VISIT WWW.TDBANK.COM/BUSINESSBILLPAY TO SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE.

### ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Beginning Balance | 4,752.38 | Average Collected Balance | 7,407.85 |
| Deposits | 39,900.00 | Annual Percentage Yield Earned | 0.00% |
| | | Days in Period | 31 |
| Checks Paid | 31,950.00 | | |
| Electronic Payments | 6,469.36 | | |
| Ending Balance | 6,233.02 | | |

### DAILY ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

### Deposits

| POSTING DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 5/9 | DEPOSIT | 25,000.00 |
| 5/10 | DEPOSIT | 6,800.00 |
| 5/10 | DEPOSIT | 2,000.00 |
| 5/13 | DEPOSIT | 6,100.00 |
| | Subtotal: | 39,900.00 |

### Checks Paid

No. Checks: 14 *Indicates break in serial sequence or check processed electronically and listed under Electronic Payments

| DATE | CHECK NO. | AMOUNT | DATE | CHECK NO. | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5/7 | [redacted] | 35.00 | 5/29 | [redacted] | 605.00 |
| 5/9 | | 1,250.00 | 5/29 | | 6,100.00 |
| 5/21 | | 2,000.00 | 5/21 | | 2,600.00 |
| 5/13 | | 1,650.00 | 5/21 | | 2,600.00 |
| 5/21 | | 5,000.00 | 5/21 | | 2,600.00 |
| 5/15 | | 2,410.00 | 5/21 | | 2,600.00 |
| 5/22 | | 500.00 | 5/21 | | 2,000.00 |
| | | | | Subtotal: | 31,950.00 |

### Electronic Payments

| POSTING DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| 5/1 | DEBIT CARD PURCHASE, AUT 050113 VISA DDA PUR GODADDY COM [redacted] * AZ [redacted] | 41.32 |
| 5/8 | DEBIT CARD PURCHASE, AUT 050813 VISA DDA PUR GO BUSES [redacted] * NY [redacted] | 1,750.00 |

**Begin by adjusting your account register as follows:**

- Subtract any services charges shown on this statement.
- Subtract any automatic payments, transfers or other electronic withdrawals not previously recorded.
- Add any interest earned if you have an interest-bearing account.
- Add any automatic deposit or overdraft line of credit.
- Review all withdrawals shown on this statement and check them off in your account register.
- Follow instructions 2-5 to verify your ending account balance.

1. Your ending balance shown on this statement is:
2. List below the amount of deposits or credit transfers which do not appear on this statement. Total the deposits and enter on Line 2.
3. Subtotal by adding lines 1 and 2.
4. List below the total amount of withdrawals that do not appear on this statement. Total the withdrawals and enter on Line 4.
5. Subtract Line 4 from 3. This adjusted balance should equal your account balance.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. **Ending Balance** | | 6,233.02 |
| 2. **Total Deposits** | + | |
| 3. **Sub Total** | | |
| 4. **Total Withdrawals** | − | |
| 5. **Adjusted Balance** | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| **Total Deposits** | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| **Total Withdrawals** | | |

**FOR CONSUMER ACCOUNTS ONLY - IN CASE OF ERRORS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS**

If you need information about an electronic fund transfer or if you believe there is an error on your bank statement or receipt relating to an electronic fund transfer, telephone the bank immediately at the phone number listed on the front of your statement or write to:

**TD Bank, N.A., Deposit Operations Dept, P.O. Box 1377, Lewiston, Maine 04243-1377**

We must hear from you no later than sixty (60) calendar days after we sent you the first statement upon which the error or problem first appeared. When contacting the Bank, please explain as clearly as you can why you believe there is an error or why more information is needed. Please include:

- Your name and account number.
- A description of the error or transaction you are unsure about.
- The dollar amount and date of the suspected error.

When making a verbal inquiry, the Bank may ask that you send us your complaint in writing within ten (10) business days after the first telephone call.

We will investigate your complaint and will correct any error promptly. If we take more than ten (10) business days to do this, we will credit your account for the amount you think is in error, so that you have the use of the money during the time it takes to complete our investigation.

**INTEREST NOTICE**

Total interest credited by the Bank to you this year will be reported by the Bank to the Internal Revenue Service and State tax authorities. The amount to be reported will be reported separately to you by the Bank.

**FOR CONSUMER LOAN ACCOUNTS ONLY - BILLING RIGHTS SUMMARY**

In case of Errors or Questions About Your Bill:

If you think your bill is wrong, or if you need more information about a transaction on your bill, write us at P.O. Box 1377, Lewiston, Maine 04243-1377 as soon as possible. We must hear from you no later than sixty (60) days after we sent you the FIRST bill on which the error or problem appeared. You can telephone us, but doing so will not preserve your rights. In your letter, give us the following information:

- Your name and account number..
- The dollar amount of the suspected error.
- Describe the error and explain, if you can, why you believe there is an error. If you need more information, describe the item you are unsure about.

You do not have to pay any amount in question while we are investigating, but you are still obligated to pay the parts of your bill that are not in question. While we investigate your question, we cannot report you as delinquent or take any action to collect the amount you question.

FINANCE CHARGES Although the Bank uses the Daily Balance method to calculate the finance charge on your Moneyline/Overdraft Protection account (the term "ODP" or "OD" refers to Overdraft Protection), the Bank discloses the Average Daily Balance on the periodic statement as an easier method for you to calculate the finance charge. The finance charge begins to accrue on the date advances and other debits are posted to your account and will continue until the balance has been paid in full. To compute the finance charge, multiply the Average Daily Balance times the Days in Period times the Daily Periodic Rate (as listed in the Account Summary section on the front of the statement). The Average Daily Balance is calculated by adding the balance for each day of the billing cycle, then dividing the total balance by the number of Days in the Billing Cycle. The daily balance is the balance for the day after advances have been added and payments or credits have been subtracted plus or minus any other adjustments that might have occurred that day. There is no grace period during which no finance charge accrues. Finance charge adjustments are included in your total finance charge.

## Electronic Payments (continued)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5/8 | DEBIT CARD PURCHASE, AUT 050813 VISA DDA PUR<br>GO BUSES [redacted] * NY<br>[redacted] | 1,750.00 |
| 5/15 | CCD DEBIT, IRS USATAXPYMT [redacted] | 1,068.60 |
| 5/21 | DEBIT CARD PAYMENT, AUT 052113 VISA DDA PUR<br>VERIZON RECURRING PAY 800 VERIZON * PA<br>[redacted] | 108.07 |
| 5/21 | DEBIT CARD PURCHASE, AUT 052113 VISA DDA PUR<br>WWINS7CORNERS [redacted] * IN<br>[redacted] | 7.35 |
| 5/24 | DEBIT CARD PAYMENT, AUT 052413 VISA DDA PUR<br>[redacted] [redacted] * GA | 831.31 |
| 5/28 | ACH DEBIT, KARABULUT CO DEBITS 7544 | 598.40 |
| 5/28 | DEBIT CARD PAYMENT, AUT 052813 VISA DDA PUR<br>MYFAX PROTUS IP SOLN [redacted] * GA<br>[redacted] | 15.00 |
| 5/31 | DEBIT CARD PURCHASE, AUT 053113 VISA DDA PUR<br>ONLINESTORES COM [redacted] * PA<br>[redacted] | 299.31 |
| | Subtotal: | 6,469.36 |

| Date | Balance | Date | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4/30 | 4,752.38 | 5/15 | 34,697.46 |
| 5/1 | 4,711.06 | 5/21 | 15,182.04 |
| 5/7 | 4,676.06 | 5/22 | 14,682.04 |
| 5/8 | 1,176.06 | 5/24 | 13,850.73 |
| 5/9 | 24,926.06 | 5/28 | 13,237.33 |
| 5/10 | 33,726.06 | 5/29 | 6,532.33 |
| 5/13 | 38,176.06 | 5/31 | 6,233.02 |

# EXHIBIT 91

**KARABULUT & CO**
**1094 MAIN AVE**
**CLIFTON, NJ 07011**
[redacted]

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC
535 5TH AVE, #601
NEW YORK, NY 10017

Dear Client,

Enclosed is the 2013 U.S. Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC for the tax year ending December 31, 2013.

The return should be signed and dated by an authorized officer or fiduciary and mailed on or before August 15, 2014 to:

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service Center
Ogden, UT 84201-0027

We very much appreciate the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions regarding this return, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

ERDINC KARABULUT, E.A.

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

► Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
► Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2013, and ending ,

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC
Doing Business As:
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 535 5TH AVE
Room/suite: 601
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: NEW YORK NY 10017

D Employer Identification Number: 27-2164888

E Telephone number: (862) 684-8000

G Gross receipts $ 274,701.

F Name and address of principal officer: FURKAN KOSAR 535 5TH AVE #601 NEW YORK NY 10017

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( )◄ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ► N/A

H(c) Group exemption number ►

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ►

L Year of formation: 2010

M State of legal domicile: NY

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE, AND SUPPORT CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

2 Check this box ► ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 0 |
| 5 | Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | |
| 6 | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 20 |
| 7a | Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | |
| b | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | |

| | | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 151,660. | 274,701. |
| 9 | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | |
| 10 | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | | |
| 11 | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | |
| 12 | Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 151,660. | 274,701. |
| 13 | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | | |
| 14 | Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | |
| 15 | Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 59,210. | 79,183. |
| 16a | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | |
| b | Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 0. | | |
| 17 | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 98,732. | 105,379. |
| 18 | Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 157,942. | 184,562. |
| 19 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | -6,282. | 90,139. |

| | | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 402. | 92,133. |
| 21 | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 13,428. | 15,020. |
| 22 | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | -13,026. | 77,113. |

## Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

► Signature of officer — Date: 06/17/14

► FURKAN KOSAR — PRESIDENT
Type or print name and title.

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

| Print/Type preparer's name | Preparer's signature | Date | [redacted] |
|---|---|---|---|
| ERDINC KARABULUT, E.A. | | 06/17/14 | |

Firm's name ► KARABULUT & CO
Firm's address ► 1094 MAIN AVE
CLIFTON NJ 07011

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions. TEEA0101 11/08/13 Form 990 (2013)

CTAA_0024

15-5211_01044

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III . . . . . ☐

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE ON THE TURKIC AMERICAN COMMUNITY WITH THE MERE PURPOSE OF BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH AN INTEREST IN THE AMERICAN AND TURKIC CULTURES.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses $ 144,217. including grants of $ 0. ) (Revenue $ 0. )

ORGANIZE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE, AND SUPPORT CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE TURKISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

4b (Code: ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses $ including grants of $ ) (Revenue $ )

4e Total program service expenses ► 144,217.

## Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A* | 1 | X | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)? | 2 | X | |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I* | 3 | | X |
| 4 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II* | 4 | | X |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III* | 5 | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I* | 6 | | X |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II* | 7 | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III* | 8 | | X |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV* | 9 | | X |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V* | 10 | | X |
| 11 | If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes', then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable. | | | |
| a | Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI* | 11a | | X |
| b | Did the organization report an amount for investments – other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII* | 11b | | X |
| c | Did the organization report an amount for investments – program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII* | 11c | | X |
| d | Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX* | 11d | | X |
| e | Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11e | | X |
| f | Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X* | 11f | | X |
| 12a | Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, and XII* | 12a | | X |
| b | Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If 'Yes,' and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional* | 12b | | X |
| 13 | Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E* | 13 | | X |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? | 14a | | X |
| b | Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV* | 14b | X | |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV* | 15 | | X |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV* | 16 | | X |
| 17 | Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)* | 17 | | X |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II* | 18 | | X |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III* | 19 | | X |
| 20a | Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H* | 20 | | X |
| b | If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | 20b | | |

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 21 | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organizations or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II* | 21 | | X |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III* | 22 | | X |
| 23 | Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J* | 23 | | X |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25a* | 24a | | X |
| b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | 24b | | |
| c | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | 24c | | |
| d | Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | 24d | | |
| 25a | **Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I* | 25a | | X |
| b | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I* | 25b | | X |
| 26 | Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II | 26 | | X |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III* | 27 | | X |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | | |
| a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28a | | X |
| b | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28b | | X |
| c | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV* | 28c | | X |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M* | 29 | | X |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M* | 30 | | X |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I* | 31 | | X |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II* | 32 | | X |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I* | 33 | | X |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1* | 34 | | X |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | 35a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | 35b | | |
| 36 | **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2* | 36 | | X |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI* | 37 | | X |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O | 38 | | X |

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . . ☐

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . . | 1a 0 | | |
| b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . . | 1b 3 | | |
| c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . . | 1c | | |
| 2a | Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . . | 2a | | |
| b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . . . | 2b | | |
| | **Note.** If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to *e-file* (see instructions) | | | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year? . . . . . | 3a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . . . . | 3b | | |
| 4a | At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . . | 4a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ► | | | |
| | See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. | | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . . | 5a | | X |
| b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . . | 5b | | X |
| c | If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . . | 5c | | |
| 6a | Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . . | 6a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . . | 6b | | |
| 7 | **Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).** | | | |
| a | Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . . | 7a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . . | 7b | | |
| c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . . | 7c | | X |
| d | If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . . | 7d | | |
| e | Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . | 7e | | X |
| f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . | 7f | | X |
| g | If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . . | 7g | | |
| h | If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . . | 7h | | |
| 8 | **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.** Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . . | 8 | | |
| 9 | **Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** | | | |
| a | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . . | 9a | | |
| b | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . . | 9b | | |
| 10 | **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter: | | | |
| a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . . | 10a | | |
| b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . . . . | 10b | | |
| 11 | **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter: | | | |
| a | Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . . | 11a | | |
| b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . . . | 11b | | |
| 12a | **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? . . . . . | 12a | | |
| b | If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . . | 12b | | |
| 13 | **Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.** | | | |
| a | Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . . | 13a | | |
| | **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. | | | |
| b | Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . . | 13b | | |
| c | Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . . | 13c | | |
| 14a | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . . | 14a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O* . . . . . | 14b | | |

**Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure** *For each 'Yes' response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a 'No' response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI . . . . . X

## Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . . . 1a | 4 | | |
| | If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent . . . . . 1b | 0 | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee? . . . . . 2 | | | X |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . . . . 3 | | | X |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . . 4 | | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . . 5 | | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . . 6 | | | X |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? . . . . . 7a | | | X |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or other persons other than the governing body? . . . . . 7b | | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | | |
| a | The governing body? . . . . . 8a | | X | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . . 8b | | | X |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O* . . . . . 9 | | | |

## Section B. Policies *(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . . 10a | | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? . . . . . 10b | | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? . . . . . 11a | | X | |
| b | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If 'No,' go to line 13* . . . . . 12a | | X | |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . . 12b | | X | |
| c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done* . . . . . 12c | | | X |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . . 13 | | | X |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . . 14 | | | X |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official . . . . . 15a | | | X |
| b | Other officers of key employees of the organization . . . . . 15b | | | X |
| | If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.) | | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . . 16a | | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . . . . 16b | | | |

## Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► New York

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other *(explain in Schedule O)*

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:

► FURKAN KOSAT 535 5TH AVE STE601 NEW YORK NY 10017 (862) 684-8000

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII . . . . . ☐

## Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) FURKAN KOSAR<br>PRESIDENT | 40.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 36,000. | 0. |
| (2) OSMAN OZTOPRAK<br>V PRESIDENT | 1.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (3) SERVET TATLI<br>TREASURER | 1.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (4) GUVENC KULEN<br>SECRETARY | 1.00 | | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (5) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | | | | |

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (18) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (19) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (20) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (21) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (22) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (23) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (24) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (25) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 b Sub-total ► | | | | | | | | 0. | 36,000. | 0. |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A ► | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) ► | | | | | | | | 0. | 36,000. | 0. |

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual* | 3 | | X |
| 4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual* | 4 | | X |
| 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person* | 5 | | X |

## Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization ►

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII . . . . . ☐

| | | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | 274,701. | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: $ | | | | | |
| | h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f | | 274,701. | | | |
| PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE | | Business Code | | | | |
| | 2a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| | g **Total.** Add lines 2a-2f | | | | | |
| OTHER REVENUE | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) | | | | | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | | |
| | | (i) Real | (ii) Personal | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | | | | | |
| | b Less: rental expenses | | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | |
| | | (i) Securities | (ii) Other | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | |
| | 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | |
| | 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous Revenue | Business Code | | | | |
| | 11a | | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e **Total.** Add lines 11a-11d | | | | | |
| | 12 **Total revenue.** See instructions | | 274,701. | | | |



CTAA_0032

15-5211_01052

## Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

*Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX . . . . . ☐

| *Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.* | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | | | | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 71,500. | 50,050. | 21,450. | 0. |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 7,683. | 5,378. | 2,305. | 0. |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | | | | |
| c Accounting | 6,297. | 4,408. | 1,889. | 0. |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amt exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) | | | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 1,550. | 1,550. | 0. | 0. |
| 13 Office expenses | | | | |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 36,000. | 25,200. | 10,800. | 0. |
| 17 Travel | 48,529. | 48,529. | 0. | 0. |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | | | | |
| 23 Insurance | 1,883. | 1,318. | 565. | 0. |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a | | | | |
| b | | | | |
| c | | | | |
| d | | | | |
| e All other expenses | 11,120. | 7,784. | 3,336. | 0. |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 184,562. | 144,217. | 40,345. | 0. |
| 26 **Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ➤ ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X . . . . . ☐

| | | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ASSETS | 1 | Cash — non-interest-bearing | 181. | 1 | 46,204. |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | | 2 | |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | 0. | 3 | 45,744. |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | |
| | 5 | Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 9 | |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a | | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation — 10b | | 10c | |
| | 11 | Investments — publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 | Investments — other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | |
| | 13 | Investments — program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | |
| | 14 | Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 | Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 221. | 15 | 185. |
| | 16 | **Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 402. | 16 | 92,133. |
| LIABILITIES | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 13,428. | 17 | 15,020. |
| | 18 | Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 | Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 | Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 | Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 | Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 | Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 25 | |
| | 26 | **Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25 | 13,428. | 26 | 15,020. |
| NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES | | **Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ [X] and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.** | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | -13,026. | 27 | -13,260. |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | 90,373. |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | |
| | | **Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.** | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| | 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | -13,026. | 33 | 77,113. |
| | 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 402. | 34 | 92,133. |

## Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI . . . . . ☐

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 274,701. |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 184,562. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 90,139. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | -13,026. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 77,113. |

## Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII . . . . . ☐

| | | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ | | | |
| | If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | 2a | X | |
| | If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| | ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | 2b | | X |
| | If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| | ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| c | If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | 2c | | X |
| | If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | 3a | | X |
| b | If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | 3b | | |

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Public Charity Status and Public Support

**Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.**

► **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

► **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.***

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|
| COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC | 27-2164888 |

## Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions – subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.

a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III – Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III – Non-functionally integrated

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box . . . . . ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) | A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? **11g (i)** | | |
| (ii) | A family member of a person described in (i) above? **11g (ii)** | | |
| (iii) | A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? **11g (iii)** | | |

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

| | (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization in column (i) listed in your governing document? Yes | (iv) No | (v) Did you notify the organization in column (i) of your support? Yes | (v) No | (vi) Is the organization in column (i) organized in the U.S.? Yes | (vi) No | (vii) Amount of monetary support |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (B) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (C) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (D) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (E) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | |

## Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

### Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.') | | | | | | |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3 | | | | | | |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | |
| 6 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | |

### Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | | | | | | |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | |

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) . . . . . 12

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . . ► ☐

### Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . . 14 %

15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . . 15 %

16a **33-1/3% support test — 2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

b **33-1/3% support test — 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ► ☐

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ► ☐

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

## Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.') | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

## Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ► | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 **Total Support.** (Add lns 9,10c, 11 and 12.) | | | | | | |

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ► [X]

## Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | % |
| 16 | Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | % |

## Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Investment income percentage for **2013** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | % |
| 18 | Investment income percentage from **2012** Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | % |

19a **33-1/3% support tests — 2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► [ ]

b **33-1/3% support tests — 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► [ ]

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► [ ]

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Schedule B**
**(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Schedule of Contributors

► Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF
► Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
|---|---|
| COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC | 27-2164888 |

**Organization type** (check one):

| Filers of: | Section: |
|---|---|
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | [X] 501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | [ ] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | [ ] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | [ ] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule** .

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

[X] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, $5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II.)

**Special Rules**

[ ] For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) $5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than $1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

[ ] For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc, purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than $1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc, purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc, contributions of $5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ► $ _____

**Caution:** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number: 27-2164888

**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) Number | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | AHMET CANAN<br>BURSA, TU | $ 10,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 2 | ALI MURAT KARADEMIR<br>ISTANBUL, TU | $ 9,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 3 | BURAK YENEROGLU<br>465 MEADOW LANE<br>CARLSTADT NJ 07072 | $ 6,100. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 4 | HANEFI GULLUCE<br>2768 E 16TH ST<br>BROOKLYN NY 11235 | $ 13,900. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 5 | LEYLA SASMAZ<br>2727 CONEY ISLAND AVE<br>BROOKLYN NY 11235 | $ 5,000. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 6 | MEHMET SECILMIS<br>1199 MAIN AVE IST FL<br>CLIFTON NJ 07011 | $ 7,500. | Person [X] Payroll [ ] Noncash [ ] (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number: 27-2164888

**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) Number | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | NGM PAINTING<br>1620 RUSSELL DR<br>DOWNINGTOWN PA 19335 | $ 7,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 8 | NUR KOSAR<br>52A HAVERHILL AVE<br>LITTLE FALLS NJ 07424 | $ 5,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 9 | VAKIF BANK<br>680 5TH AVE 23RD FL<br>NEW YORK NY 10019 | $ 25,000. | Person [X]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | $ | Person [ ]<br>Payroll [ ]<br>Noncash [ ]<br>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

27-2164888

## Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of open space
☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

| | | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|---|---|---|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a | |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b | |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c | |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d | |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► $

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

## Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► $

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► $

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1 a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

| | | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| c Beginning balance | 1 c | |
| d Additions during the year | 1 d | |
| e Distributions during the year | 1 e | |
| f Ending balance | 1 f | |

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explantion has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %
b Permanent endowment ► _____ %
c Temporarily restricted endowment ► _____ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

| | | Yes | No |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | | |
| (ii) related organizations | 3a(ii) | | |
| b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | | |

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | | | |
| **Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ► | | | | |

**Part VII Investments — Other Securities.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|---|---|
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely-held equity interests | | |
| (3) Other | | |
| (A) | | |
| (B) | | |
| (C) | | |
| (D) | | |
| (E) | | |
| (F) | | |
| (G) | | |
| (H) | | |
| (I) | | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.)* ► | | |

**Part VIII Investments — Program Related.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment type | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | | |
| (8) | | |
| (9) | | |
| (10) | | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.)* ► | | |

**Part IX Other Assets.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|---|---|
| (1) | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| (10) | |
| **Total.** *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 15.)* ► | |

**Part X Other Liabilities.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

| (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|---|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| (10) | |
| (11) | |
| Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.)* ► | |

**2.** Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☐

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | | 1 | |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | | | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | | | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | | 3 | |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)* | | | 5 | |

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**
Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | | 1 | |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | | | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | | | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | | | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | | 3 | |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | | | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | | | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | | 4c | |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. *(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)* | | | 5 | |

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

**Schedule F** (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.
► Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

27-2164888

**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

| (a) Region | (b) Number of offices in the region | (c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region | (d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region) | (e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region | (f) Total expenditures for and investments in region |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | |
| 3 a Sub-total . . . . . | | | | | |
| b Total from continuation sheets to Part I . . . . . | | | | | |
| c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b) | | | | | |

**Part II** **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| 1 | (a) Name of organization | (b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable) | (c) Region | (d) Purpose of grant | (e) Amount of cash grant | (f) Manner of cash disbursement | (g) Amount of non-cash assistance | (h) Description of non-cash assistance | (i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | | | |

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter . . . . . ►

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities . . . . . ►

**Part III** **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| (a) Type of grant or assistance | (b) Region | (c) Number of recipients | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Manner of cash disbursement | (f) Amount of non-cash assistance | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | |
| (8) | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | | | |
| (18) | | | | | | | |

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 2 | Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 3 | Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 4 | Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 5 | Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 6 | Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713)* | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Pt I Line 2 SEPARATE ACCOUNTS ARE MAINTAINED TO MONITOR ACCOUNTS

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

# Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990.*

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

Employer identification number

27-2164888

Pt VI, Line 11b BOARD MEMBERS REVIEW 990 BEFORE MAILING

Pt VI, Line 8b QUARTERLY BOARD MEETINGS ARE RECORDED

Form **CHAR500**

This form used for Article 7-A, EPTL and dual filers (replaces forms CHAR 497, CHAR 010 and CHAR 006)

# Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations

New York State Department of Law (Office of the Attorney General)
Charities Bureau - Registration Section
120 Broadway
New York, NY 10271
http://www.charitiesnys.com

**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

## 1. General Information

a. For the fiscal year beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ / 2013 and ending (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

b. Check if applicable for NYS:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial filing
- ☐ Final filing
- ☐ Amended filing
- ☐ NY registration pending

c. Name of organization: COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN ASSOCIATION INC

d. Fed. employer ID no. (EIN) (##-#######): 27-2164888

e. NY State registration no. (##-##-##): 42-69-44

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail not delivered to street address): 535 5TH AVE

Room/suite: STE 601

f. Telephone number: (862)684-8000

City or town, state or country and zip + 4: NEW YORK, NY 10017

g. Email

## 2. Certification - Two Signatures Required

We certify under penalties of perjury that we reviewed this report, including all attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to this report.

| | Signature | Printed Name | Title | Date |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| a. President or Authorized Officer | | | | |
| b. Chief Financial Officer or Treas. | | | | |

## 3. Annual Report Exemption Information

a. **Article 7-A** annual report exemption (Article 7-A registrants and dual registrants)

Check ☐ if total contributions from NY State (including residents, foundations, corporations, government agencies, etc.) did not exceed $25,000 **and** the organization did not engage a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) to solicit contributions during this fiscal year.

NOTE: An organization may claim this exemption if no PFR or FRC was used **and** either: 1) it received an allocation from a federated fund, United Way or incorporated community appeal **and** contributions from other sources did not exceed $25,000 **or** 2) it received all or substantially all of its contributions from one government agency to which it submitted an annual report similar to that required by Article 7-A.

b. **EPTL** annual report exemption (EPTL registrants and dual registrants)

Check ☐ if gross receipts did not exceed $25,000 **and** assets (market value) did not exceed $25,000 at any time during this fiscal year.

For EPTL or Article-7A registrants claiming the annual report exemption under the one law under which they are registered and for dual registrants claiming the annual report exemptions under both laws, simply complete part 1 (General Information), part 2 (Certification) and part 3 (Annual Report Exemption Information) above.

***Do not** submit a fee, do not complete the following schedules and do not submit any attachments to this form.*

## 4. Article 7-A Schedules

If you did not check the Article 7-A annual report exemption above, complete the following for this fiscal year:

a. Did the organization use a professional fund raiser, fund raising counsel or commercial co-venturer for fund raising activity in NY State? ☐ Yes* ☑ No

*** If "Yes", complete Schedule 4a.**

b. Did the organization receive government contributions (grants)? ☐ Yes* ☑ No

*** If "Yes", complete Schedule 4b.**

## 5. Fee Submitted: See last page for summary of fee requirements.

Indicate the filing fee(s) you are submitting along with this form:

| | |
|---|---|
| a. Article 7-A filing fee | $ 25 |
| b. EPTL filing fee | $ 50 |
| c. **Total fee** | $ 75 |

***Submit only one check or money order for the total fee, payable to "NYS Department of Law"***

**6. Attachments** - For organizations that are not claiming annual report exemptions under both laws, see last page for required attachments →→→



CTAA_0054
15-5211_01074

## 5. Fee Instructions

*The filing fee depends on the organization's Registration Type. For details on Registration Type and filing fees, see the Instructions for Form CHAR500.*

| Organization's Registration Type | Fee Instructions |
|---|---|
| • **Article 7-A** | Calculate the Article 7-A filing fee using the table in **part a** below. The EPTL filing fee is $0. |
| • **EPTL** | Calculate the EPTL filing fee using the table in **part b** below. The Article 7-A filing fee is $0. |
| • **Dual** | Calculate both the Article 7-A and EPTL filing fees using the tables in **parts a and b** below. Add the Article 7-A and EPTL filing fees together to calculate the total fee. Submit a **single** check or money order for the total fee. |

a) **Article 7-A filing fee**

| Total Support & Revenue | Article 7-A Fee |
|---|---|
| more than $250,000 | $25 |
| up to $250,000 * | $10 |

* *Any organization that contracted with or used the services of a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) during the reporting period must pay an Article 7-A filing fee of $25, regardless of total support and revenue.*

b) **EPTL filing fee**

| Net Worth at End of Year | EPTL Fee |
|---|---|
| Less than $50,000 | $25 |
| $50,000 or more, but less than $250,000 | $50 |
| $250,000 or more, but less than $1,000,000 | $100 |
| $1,000,000 or more, but less than $10,000,000 | $250 |
| $10,000,000 or more, but less than $50,000,000 | $750 |
| $50,000,000 or more | $1500 |

## 6. Attachments – Document Attachment Check-List

***Check the boxes for the documents you are attaching.***

**For All Filers**

Filing Fee

☑ Single check or money order payable to "NYS Department of Law"

Copies of Internal Revenue Service Forms

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ IRS Form 990 | ☑ IRS Form 990-EZ | ☐ IRS Form 990-PF |
| ☐ All required schedules (including Schedule B) | ☑ All required schedules (including Schedule B) | ☐ All required schedules (including Schedule B) |
| ☐ IRS Form 990-T | ☐ IRS Form 990-T | ☐ IRS Form 990-T |

**Additional Article 7-A Document Attachment Requirement**

Independent Accountant's Report

☐ Audit Report *(total support & revenue more than $250,000)*

☑ Review Report *(total support & revenue $100,001 to $250,000)*

☐ No Accountant's Report Required *(total support & revenue not more than $100,000)*

# EXHIBIT 92

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF CTAA BOOKKEEPER

**4/10/15**

Nate: This Nate Wright. I'm here with Omar Ashmawy from the Office of Congressional Ethics. This is an interview with the CTAA Bookkeeper. I'm probably mispronouncing that. I apologize. And also in the interview is the CTAA Program Director . . .

CTAA Program Director: CTAA Program Director.

Nate: Yeah. Thank you. . . . Who's serving as a translator. It is April 10, 2015.

You are currently a volunteer with the Council for Turkic American Association. Is that correct?

Witness: Yes, that's correct.

Nate: How long have you been a volunteer for the organization?

Witness: Long time. Maybe 4, 5 years.

Nate: And what do you do for them primarily?

Witness: Say again?

Nate: What kind of services do you do for them?

Witness: What kind of services? I'm not accountant, just I am bookkeeper. For example, I don't manage this company anything. For example, Mr. Kosar collect donation from other people. He gave me. I deposit to bank. And then CTAA Program Director or Mr. Kosar sent invoice to me. "Pay this invoice, this one there." Okay. If they have money in bank, I wrote check. I sent [inaudible]. That's it.

I'm not collect money. I'm not collect any donation from other people. They collect. Mr. Kosar collect. They give to me or they deposit to bank. I check end of the month. I check the bank statement. What's this, what's this. I enter all transaction to QuickBooks. That's it.

Nate: Who writes the checks?

Witness: Me. From QuickBooks.

Nate: Okay. So, in the system, Mr. Kosar might send you an invoice and then you would write the checks using QuickBooks and send the checks out.

Witness: That's it. And also I run payroll. Payroll company, I call, check online. I send email. For this month, check for CTAA Program Director and Kosar, this amount. They send check to me in my office. I gave their to Kosar and CTAA Program Director.

Nate: Okay. Is there ever a situation when Mr. Kosar has waited to deposit salary checks or has delayed receiving checks?

Witness: His payroll checks?

Nate: Yes.

Witness: Sometimes.

Nate: Does he ever have . . .

Witness: Because you can check all bank statements. There are not enough money in bank.

Nate: Oh, okay. So, if there's not enough money in the account, he might wait to . . .

Witness: I printed statements here for 2013. There is not enough money for activity or payroll sometimes.

Nate: Oh, okay. Does Mr. Kosar ever talk to you about programs that they want to do and ask you if there's enough money to spend certain amounts?

Witness: He organize. For example, he's going to organize some program. He said we have to pay this amount to here. If . . . Okay, no problem. I can pay. Do you have money? Do you have money in bank? Okay. Okay, I'm going to collect money and we can put deposit to bank and then after that I wrote check.

Nate: Okay. But, you've never said, "We don't have enough money to . . . ?"

Witness: Only ... [Foreign language 00:04:29].

CTAA Program Director: I do whatever he says.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: That's it.

Nate: Does he ever ask you how much money is available?

Witness: Right now?

Nate: At any point. Does he ever say, "How much money do we have in the bank account?"

Witness: Average? Monthly average?

CTAA Program Director: [Foreign language 00:04:47]

Witness: No. No, because he knows.

Nate: So, he knows how much is in the bank?

Witness: Yes. I'm not collect money.

Nate: Oh, so, because he's the one that does the fundraising, he's the one who would know how much is in the account. Is that . . . Am I characterizing that accurately?

Witness: [Foreign language 00:05:12]

CTAA Program Director: [Foreign language 00:05:17]

Witness: Yeah, it's correct.

Omar: Does Mr. Kosar have access to the bank account?

Witness: I don't know. He knows [gesturing toward CTAA Program Director].

CTAA Program Director: Yeah, he has access.

Witness: He knows.

Nate: Ask you about some documents. This is CTAA0021. This is an invoice that was sent from Tursan Travel to Council of Turkic American Associations. Is this the kind of thing that Mr. Kosar would send to you and say, "We need to make sure that we pay this expense; we need you to send a check?"

CTAA Program Director: [Foreign language 00:06:15]

Witness: Yes, they said something like this. But I don't see this invoice before.

Nate: You haven't seen this invoice before?

Witness: No.

Nate: Okay. This is the first time you're seeing this invoice?

Witness: Yes. I'm sure.

Nate: Okay. Why do you say you're sure? You would recognize seeing something like this before?

Witness: He say we are going to pay tickets for this program. Okay, we are going to pay. But I didn't see this invoice before.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: But he said me, "We have to pay for money for tickets this company." Just say. He didn't send me invoice. I'm sure.

Omar: Did he tell you how much money?

Witness: No.

Omar: This is NIL0124. Did you write this check?

Witness: Yes. And this is new check. Okay, this is new check. He say after that . . . This situation . . . After that, he call me. We talk face-to-face. So, he explain to all of them, so we have to pay this checks like this and this wire transfer to Turkey. Okay, I'm going to collect money, donation from the people and we are going to deposit and then send this amount to Tursan Travel.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: I can explain it right? Correctly?

Nate: Yeah. So, this month he said, "We need to pay these expenses."

Witness: Yes.

Nate: "I'll collect the money."

Witness: He collect the money.

Nate: "I'll tell you the-"

Witness: He get the check.

Nate: Yeah.

Witness: I deposit the bank and then I wrote to this check.

Nate: And then you mentioned you also sent out wire transfers?

Witness: Yeah, you want to see?

Nate: Yeah.

Witness: This is last transactions. This is bank account. Right now, we have balance $1,500. This is $2,280 for wire transfer to its Turkey. And this check . . .

Nate: Yes, this one.

Witness: I sent one check to Turquise . . .

Nate: The Turquoise Council?

Witness: Turquoise Council. Like this, $900 more. I sent 2 checks but it's not clean right now.

Nate: Okay. They haven't deposited it.

Witness: Yes, they didn't deposit it.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: Maybe they deposit today.

Nate: Do you mind if we take this?

Witness: Sure.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: For example, first deposit like this. Second deposit like to 31 and last deposit, 4/3. And check clear 4/6.

Nate: Oh, okay. I see. So, he got enough money to be able to pay off the outstanding balances.

Witness: Yes.

Nate: Want to just ask a couple questions about one of those . . . About one of the bank records here. So, this is a copy that was given to us. It's CTAA0137. This is the bank statement for the period of May of 2013. We just had a few questions on this. We understand that where these expenses here, this 1021, $6,100.

Witness: World Travel.

Nate: Yeah, that was to World of Travel.

Witness: Okay. These checks for payroll checks, salary checks.

Nate: Yes. I remember that you've . . .

Witness: 1, 2, 3, 4. 4 check for Mr. Kosar, for example, maybe June ... January, February, March ... I don't know.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: Let me check. If you want, I check.

Nate: Yeah, we do have a copy of the checks in here.

Witness: You have? Okay.

Nate: And I believe that you are right, that it is . . . CTAA173.

Witness: One of them, is . . .

Nate: Yeah, this is for April of-

Witness: One of them is . . .

Nate: This is the check for World of Travel, 1021.

Witness: Okay. This is CTAA Program Director. For him.

Nate: For his salary for April and then . . .

Witness: Look at this.

Nate: Yeah. From January. So, it's from January until . . .

Witness: January, February, March, April checks for Mr. Kosar and last one is $2,000 for CTAA Program Director payroll check, salary check.

Nate: Okay. So, help me to understand a little bit . . . Because you had said before . . . And we don't actually have these . . . But oftentimes, the money might not be there for him earlier in the year to have taken those salary checks.

Witness: I can't answer so . . .

CTAA Program Director: [Foreign language 00:12:04]

Witness: Yes, that's correct.

Omar: The reason why he cashed 4 checks in May was because there was no money before.

Witness: Sure. They collect money in this month a lot of donation. After that you can check the other bank statement. For example, July, August, September, October, November. There is not enough money. For example, 2014 they collect donation only $8,000. This is 2014, just only 4 basic invoice and just a little.

Omar: In May.

Witness: May.

Omar: The same document, 0137, the deposits.

Witness: Deposit, okay.

Omar: $25,000, $6,800, $2,000, $6,100. Do you remember . . . Did you make the deposits?

Witness: I'm not sure. Maybe me, maybe CTAA Program Director, maybe Furkan. Because long time ago.

Omar: Do you remember $6,100?

Nate: This one on May 13th, deposit for $6,100?

Omar: Do you know where that came from?

Witness: I'm not sure, sir. It could be or not. We can check the deposit slip. Who made it.

Nate: Oh, okay. Do you have any idea who might have made it or would just prefer to . . .?

Witness: I think I'm not deposit this one. I don't deposit this, I think.

Nate: Do you remember the $25,000?

Witness: $25,000 from Turkish bank. This is Vakif bank in Turkey. But in Manhattan. There are a branch in Manhattan. I think they collect this money for this program.

Nate: Yeah. For the convention. To fund it.

Witness: But they don't have a lot invoices for vendor and they need the salary check. They pay this salary, payroll check and this vendors, this invoices, outstanding invoice balance. After that, they can . . . I think they think . . . Mr. Kosar think we can pay this amount with the tickets next month . . . Next month. But, next month . . .

Yes, this one. This is May. June. Next month deposit zero. The other month $2,400. This is for another transfer from other bank account for different program. Other $5,000 . . . Only $5,000. And then September, $5,000. After October, $13,000. They pay November, 5. December, $4,500. I think they cannot collect enough money for this bill maybe. Maybe they can pay later.

Omar: So, now, you wrote a check for $14,000. You wrote a check for $985. And a check for . . .

Nate: Wire transfer.

Witness: Wire transfer $2,000.

Omar: To Bakaid, in Turkey. Was all of that money available? Was it in the bank?

Witness: Yes.

Omar: Yes. Do you know where it came from?

Witness: I do.

Omar: Where?

Witness: Bank. Deposit donations?

Omar: Yes.

Witness: For example, one of them is restaurant in Paris. $5,000, $5,000, $10,00. $5,000 from check, I cannot remember right now. A company. And $3,000 cash.

Omar: And those were new donations.

Witness: New donations.

Omar: New donations.

Witness: $5-, $5-, $5-, $3-, $18,000. Three checks, $3,000 cash. I deposit. I know.

Nate: Okay.

Omar: Is this . . . The wire transfer to Bakiad.

Witness: I'm not authorize in bank.

Omar: Yes, but-

Witness: He did.

Omar: Is this the first time-

Nate: Oh, you can't make wire transfers?

Witness: No.

Nate: Okay.

Witness: I'm not authorize in bank. I wrote check but not sign. I used to sign.

Omar: Do you know if this is the first time CTAA has paid Bakiad?

Witness: Say again, I'm sorry.

Omar: It's okay. Is this the first time-

Witness: First time.

Omar: That Bakiad has received money?

Witness: QuickBooks first time.

Nate: The first time you've entered in-

Witness: Bakiad, first time.

Nate: Is that the same with TCAE?

Witness: Check?

Nate: Yeah.

Witness: I think first time. I cannot remember before this company. Turquoise.

Nate: Was there every any conversation about how to account for this outstanding invoice?

Witness: I'm sorry.

Nate: Did anyone ask you to put this in as an outstanding invoice into QuickBooks?

Omar: Do you track debt?

Witness: Do check?

Omar: Do you keep track of debt?

CTAA Program Director: [Foreign language 00:18:36]

Witness: No. [Foreign language 00:18:45]

CTAA Program Director: I don't enter the debt into QuickBooks. I don't know the debt.

Omar: Okay.

Witness: You can check the QuickBooks. There is no outstanding balance in any company, anywhere. It's zero. Account payable to zero always.

Omar: Did you know before recently, before a few weeks ago, that CTAA owed for some travel? The $14,000?

Witness: Owed?

Omar: That there was money supposed to be paid to Tursan.

Witness: I'm sorry, can you explain it to me?

CTAA Program Director: [Foreign language 00:19:30]

Witness: [Foreign language 00:19:34]

CTAA Program Director: I knew before [crosstalk 00:19:42].

Witness: In May, June, Mr. Kosar said, "We are going ... We have to pay this amount to Tursan." Okay. And then after that I don't remember anything.

Nate: You don't remember . . . You said you didn't see this invoice.

Witness: Yes. I saw the first right now.

Nate: And he didn't say, "We need to get a check to Tursan?"

Witness: After that? After 3, 4 month . . . 2,3 month after that, no, he didn't say anything. Last time, 2 weeks ago, he call me. He explain to me and then we pay.

Nate: I guess just one more quick question . . . This one . . . Have the numbers on it so . . . Track it . . . CTAA0137. To the extent that you know, and I realize that you may not, there's payments going out. This 1021 is for a flight for World of Travel. Why were there payments to World of Travel but not to Tursan.

Witness: I don't know. He knows. [gesturing toward CTAA Program Director] Mr. Kosar knows. I don't know.

Omar: I only have one other question. I know . . . You've been very wonderful. Thank you. English is difficult and I don't speak Turkish, so I'm especially grateful.

Did you write this?

Nate: Yeah, this is CTAA0179.

Witness: No.

Omar: Who wrote that?

Witness: You? [gesturing toward CTAA Program Director]

Omar: CTAA Program Director?

Witness: He wrote. He said to me. If they contact to you, you can explain to him. You can send this email to him. It's correct. I can't help write. Well, this is very well.

Speaker 4: Yes, because your English is not good enough to write this.

Witness: Yes. This is perfect English. It's not my English.

Speaker 4: That's the only question I have.

Witness: Okay.

Speaker 4: Thank you, everyone.

Witness: Thank you.

## ERRATA SHEET

| Page | Line | Correction | Reason |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

This errata sheet is submitted subject to 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (commonly known as the False Statements Act).

**Witness Name**: SMALL AFRICAN

**Witness Signature**: [redacted]

**Date**: 4/17/15

# EXHIBIT 93

Dear Mr. Ashmawy,

My name is Ismal Arican, I'm the volunteer bookkeeper for Council of Turkic American Associations (CTAA). This morning I spoke with Mr. Kosar regarding the information that the OCE has requested of me. The checks paid on May 21, 2013 ending with 50,53,58,60, and 61 are payroll checks. Attach you will find the copies of those checks.

As seen on the bank statement and on the invoice, on May 5, 2013 we made a payment via check of 6,100.00 to the World of Travel, INC for Congressman Leonard Lance flights from Newark, NJ to Istanbul and Istanbul to Newark, NJ. Also attach is a copy of the check.

We have been organizing educational trips for the past 5-years, working with the companies Tursan Travel, Nile Travel, World Travel, and BAKIAD. We have open accounts with these companies; however, at the time we thought we had made these payments. After recently speaking with Tursan Travel and BAKIAD, it has come to our attention that we have a number of outstanding balances that are outlined below:

- 14,886.90 to Tursan Travel for Rep. Meeks, Rep. Clarke's flights (from NY to Istanbul, from Istanbul to Baku and from Baku to NY) and Rep Lance's flight from Istanbul to Baku and Baku to Istanbul.

- 2280.00 to BAKIAD for travel-related costs in Turkey for Rep. Lance and Rep. Clarke.

For the hotel and food expenses in Baku during the US-AZ Convention, TCAE covered all the expenses; therefore, the outstanding balance from them is mentioned below;

- 985.00 to Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians (TCAE) for travel-related costs in Azerbaijan for Rep. Lance, Rep. Meeks and Rep. Clarke.

We will make all these payments as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Ismail Arican
[redacted]@hotmail.com

# EXHIBIT 94

[redacted]

**COUNCIL OF TURKIC AMERICAN**
535 5TH AVE. 6TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10017

TD BANK
America's Most Convenient Bank
[redacted]

3/31/2015

PAY TO THE ORDER OF TURSAN TRAVEL $ **14,886.90

Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six and 90/100********** DOLLARS

Security features. Details on back.

TURSAN TRAVEL
2667 Coney Island Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11223

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

MEMO

[redacted]

NIL_0124

**15-5211_01094**

# EXHIBIT 95

Bank
America's Most Convenient Bank®

Log Off

## Deposit Account Details

Account: [redacted] BUSINESS CONVENIENCE CHECKIN

**[redacted] BUSINESS CONVENIENCE CHECKING**
(as of 4/9/2015)

| | |
|---|---|
| Current Balance: | **$1,549.65** |
| **Available Balance:** | **$1,549.65** |

Switch to Online Statements - Easy, Secure, Green.

Account History | Pending Transactions | Account Details

## Account History

Print this page | Export Information

Show Last 10 days | Type All | 3/30/2015 | To : 4/9/2015 | Display

From Check: To Check:

| Date | Type | Description | Debit | Credit | Balance | Image |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4/7/2015 | FEE | WIRE TRANSFER FEE | $40.00 | | $1,549.65 | |
| 4/7/2015 | DEBIT | VISA DDA PUR 4692 16 VZWRLSS APOCC VISB 800 9 22 0204 * GA | $334.78 | | $1,589.65 | |
| 4/7/2015 | CHECK | CHECK # [redacted] | $676.80 | | $1,924.43 | View |
| 4/7/2015 | CHECK | CHECK # [redacted] | $676.81 | | $2,601.23 | View |
| 4/7/2015 | FEE | OVERDRAFT PD | $35.00 | | $3,278.04 | |
| 4/7/2015 | DEBIT | WIRE TRANSFER OUTGOI NG Nisan Insan Ka ynaklari Danismanlik | $2,280.00 | | $3,313.04 | |
| 4/7/2015 | DEP | DEPOSIT | | $1,333.00 | $5,593.04 | View |
| 4/6/2015 | CHECK | CHECK # [redacted] | $14,886.90 | | $4,260.04 | View |
| 4/6/2015 | DEP | DEPOSIT | | $8,000.00 | $19,146.94 | View |
| 4/3/2015 | DEBIT | NYS TAX & FINANC WT PYMT | $184.54 | | $11,146.94 | |
| 4/3/2015 | DEBIT | IRS USA TAXPYMT | $937.46 | | $11,331.48 | |
| 4/3/2015 | DEP | DEPOSIT | | $5,000.00 | $12,268.94 | View |
| 3/31/2015 | FEE | MAINTENANCE FEE | $25.00 | | $7,268.94 | |
| 3/31/2015 | DEP | DEPOSIT | | $5,000.00 | $7,293.94 | View |

# EXHIBIT 96

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF WATC PRESIDENT

**3/26/2015**



15-5211_01098

SOLIS: This is Deputy Chief Counsel Paul Solis with the Office of Congressional Ethics. I am joined by Investigative Counsel Scott GAST and WATC President. It is March 26th, 2015. WATC President has signed an acknowledgement form that we have provided him a copy of 18 USC 1001 and we will begin our discussion with WATC President. WATC President what's your background on your current employment and a little bit about your organization, if you could just give me your title you have right now.
WITNESS: I'm the president and CEO of West America Turkic Council known as WATC on the Turkic American Alliance. One of the six regional federations of the Turkic American Alliance oversees twelve western states Turkic American associations and almost 40 organizations under my umbrella.
SOLIS: How long have you been in that position?
WITNESS: It's my forth year I think its four years since I've been in this position.
SOLIS: How old of an organization is Western Turkic… I want to make sure I get this right… West America Turkic…
WITNESS: West America Turkic Council it is almost five years old it was formed in 2010. So, 2010 June actually.
SOLIS: What's the mission of the WATC?
WITNESS: WATC mission to service Turkic American communities through its member organizations. I have member organizations in most of the major cities in the west coast. They have cultural centers they have trade and chamber organizations and they have cultural and dialog institutions as well. My goal under my organization is to replicate successful models in new states. Such as Los Angeles, Silicon Valley, and Phoenix, Denver, Seattle are Metropolitan areas where the majority of Turkic Americans live but such small cities I can say Las Vegas and other small cities, they need similar organizations. I help those Turkic American communities to form their organizations similar to the mission of those other organizations under my umbrella. Pretty much I advise with them. I try to make sure they are complying with their 501(c)(3) regulations and requirements in their advance. Pretty much I make sure all the members are acting properly on their certain regulation and requirements.
SOLIS: How is WATC funded?
WITNESS: WATC has only membership fees collected from those member organizations depending on the member's organization size and location. There are various membership fees associated. That is the… most of the funds comes from the membership fees but we are also 501(c)(3) corporation. Time to time we receive matching grants such as this past year I got an in-kind contribution from Microsoft one of the employee donates to us and Microsoft matches it. But that is very minimal maybe we can say 15% of our annual budget, 15% contributions comes as donations and the rest comes as the membership fees.
SOLIS: Okay, any of those donations are they ever from governments, you know, countries, Turkey for example?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: Okay, how many employees does WATC have?

WITNESS: WATC currently has 1 employee which is me because we are not an organization doing events and activities. I represent member organizations. Pretty much it is kind of a you know a PR entity of all those member organizations. They do the job and we replicate the models.
SOLIS: You mentioned the Turkic American Alliance what is the relationship then with that organization?
WITNESS: Actually Turkic American Alliance is a national umbrella it has six different organizations under it based on similar to congressional counsel mapping areas. West Coast 12 states is the West America and the five others regional establishments work with their institutions as far as I know TAA has about 250 regional grass root organizations and they are under the six federations. And West America is one of those federations.
SOLIS: You mentioned that you… that the organization doesn't engage in events and activities really.
WITNESS: Pretty much I try to attend as a President CEO to all of those events as much as I can sometimes multiple events I cannot go. For example in April there is a Montana event and I have to be there on April 16th. But the activities for the community is organized by my member organizations. I'm not organizing it. But sometimes I'm a Keynote speaker, I'm a counselor, I'm an orator, I'm a speaker I act that way because my organization is not established to do the events. It is established to make sure that all of those members are doing those events accordingly.
SOLIS: Does WATC engage in the sponsorship of congressional travel with the House of Representatives, with the Senate?
WITNESS: WATC organized a few trips already. And I just got back from one on March 16th actually with our last congressional staff delegation. So I know those processes and I applied a few times myself and I reported it.
SOLIS: So how many times has WATC…?
WITNESS: One in 2010 I believe I don't want to make a mistake in the date.
SOLIS: That's okay we don't want you making assumptions.
WITNESS: The last one is March, I believe directly we organized two of them we organized on in 2010 and in 2012 I believe. I don't want to make mistake but the last one was in March 6th – 14th 2015. Yes but there is… my member organizations have organized trips as well for the members and for the staff.
SOLIS: Okay but as far as you can recall WATC has had organized primarily organized two trips…
WITNESS: Sponsored, sponsored two trips.
SOLIS: Sponsored two trips, okay. When you sponsor those trips who pays for the travel for the Congressman and the staff?
WITNESS: All of those payments are done through our organization and prior to you know trips we submit possible costs associated and after we report it and everything is done through our organization West American Turkic Council.

SOLIS: So the payments for the travel for congressional staff or members actually comes from the bank account of WATC?
WITNESS: Yes.
SOLIS: What bank do you use?
WITNESS: Bank of America.
GAST: Do you ever get grants or any funding specifically for congressional travel?
WITNESS: No.
GAST: It comes out of the general funds?
WITNESS: Yes.
SOLIS: How much, this 2015 trip for example, how much did that cost to send?
WITNESS: It cost, we had five staffers, two to three chief of staffers and two LAs and actually their flights which was out of season March travel had about $1,300, roughly $1,300. $1,286 that includes our international flight and two domestic flights in turkey and also lodging was, that's per participant of course. And Lodging was about $420, I expected more but Turkish currency fall down a few weeks ago and it cost maybe 30% less than what I proposed to Ethics but $420 for Hotels and lodging and about $260 per participant for the meals. We had only $40 for visa entry fees for each participant.
SOLIS: Are you doing the booking of the travel for example the flights or are you using a travel agency?
WITNESS: I'm from our organization, I do it. In Turkey we have a travel agent who does they have prior reservations and they can get better price for me. And I communicate with them either I book it or I get it through a travel agent.
SOLIS: Do you know what Bakiad is?
WITNESS: I know Bakiad, yeah.
SOLIS: What is that?
WITNESS: Bakiad, I didn't work them for the last trip but I believe they helped our travel arrangements previously maybe 2011 but generally Bakiad is a… they are not a travel agent but they are helping travels in Turkey. I mostly work with them through our organizations which is not a congressional program. Generally they… if you need transportation in Istanbul you can consult with them.
SOLIS: So for these two trips in 2010 and 2015 did Bakiad provide any sort of funding in any way?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: No money whatsoever?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: We've spoken with some people at the Turkic American Alliance and some people at the Council of Turkic American Associations. We've spoken to the Turkic American Federation of the Midwest. I'm sure you know some of those individuals, the presidents there. We've spoken to them. They've all said when they have used… when they have sponsored congressional travel

in various capacities not just this year and other times Bakiad has paid for domestic flights in Turkey.
WITNESS: I contracted with a travel agent which is not Bakiad. Another agency actually. I didn't do it through Bakiad.
SOLIS: So you're certain that Bakiad did not give any money for congressional travel?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: Well I want to start talking about the convention in Azerbaijan in May of 2013. Did you attend that convention?
WITNESS: Yes I did.
SOLIS: Did anybody else from WATC attend that convention?
WITNESS: No, just myself.
SOLIS: Just you. Who paid for your travel?
WITNESS: I got my ticket through NIL Travel I believe and that was, you know hired or contracted by Turquoise Council and they paid for the ticket. Because I was there as a guide to the groups it took about a week and I was not originally going to be honest because I'm going to share with you that prior to that you know, event. We had here in the west coast, the biggest event of the year which is called Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival and we work on that Day and Night for four months so I you know I just printed this out because my festival here was on May 16th through 19th and after 19th there was couple of days we took down the festival grounds and this is the largest outdoor event in the world because of this event I didn't tell them that I'm going but at the end they told that they are short with the guides. They are short because they have so many people attending and they need someone too, you know, take people around, because you know I'm familiar with Azerbaijan language I'm Turkish I know Turkish and I very last moment, and actually I believe I prepared everything here for you. Probably you could ask. I got my ticket on May 21st actually from the travel agent. It was very last minute that I decided and I prepared all the emails associated prior to the event you will see I even didn't have time to respond any of those emails I have all of them but their just coming coming coming coming and just at the end May 21st I got my ticket and I flew so.
SOLIS: Did you go to Turkey as well?
WITNESS: Yes.
SOLIS: How many nights were you in Turkey?
WITNESS: I went home maybe three, four days travel.
SOLIS: So, Turquoise Council paid for that flight to Turkey?
WITNESS: Turquoise paid for flight from here to Baku, Baku back to Los Angeles. I paid my flight in Turkey.
SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: Because that didn't include any service in Turkey cause I was visiting my family basically.
SOLIS: When you stayed in Baku at a hotel did Turquoise Council pay for that as well?
WITNESS: They did pay it. I didn't pay it.

SOLIS: The convention how did you first learn about the convention?
WITNESS: We are meeting with our federations regularly and almost every month or every other month depending on the schedule how busy our time is so one of those meetings and I believe that it was in February or late January we were talking about our upcoming event in Washington DC it was this program actually I printed this for you too. In March we had… March 12th and 13th we had our Washington DC convention which is the flagship event. We were talking about this and our president in Turquoise Council Kemal Oksuz mentioned about this. And they told that they're planning this year's convention in Baku, Azerbaijan. And he asked if those presidents or Federation presidents are willing to contribute or participate. Contribute means invite people but I mentioned about my event and I said I cannot make it because I am the leader of the group here and basically I lead 300 volunteers who work for the festival for the festival for almost 4 months. So as was mentioned there and I tried… I wanted to help you with you know your tight schedule I prepared these. This is the timing of my emails.
SOLIS: Thank you.
WITNESS: Which I printed them here also and I told Nate that you can keep these.
SOLIS: Very thorough, thank you Witness.
WITNESS: I travel a lot and I know how hard your work is but this here I also put some of the you know conversations in the emails because many of the emails I realized was in Turkish. I don't know how you translate that. But when you said how we knew it, until February 13 I believe I didn't know if it is happening or not and this email came to me first from Oksuz who at that time was the president of Turquoise Council. And his conversation with Ariel Korhan and who is, you know, a specialist who invited by him and he send this to us. This is the first email communication about this because he was invited… Ariel Korhan was invited for this convention. And after that… after ten days Oksuz sent me a tentative itinerary for the Congressional delegations but I didn't respond because I'm still not planning to go to Baku because I am busy here. And email number three he sent a detailed packaged which has a few attachments on it. I also put the attachments on my email PDF so I'm emailing those to Nate, so you going to have it in file. So it has like convention draft itinerary for the trip sample invitation letter and the guest list and who to be invited and they had some criteria I believe that came from turquoise council that they wanted some dignitaries, elected officials, community leaders, political analysis, businessman whatever. So I know if you going to go through these but it….
SOLIS: We'll take a look at those yeah.
WITNESS: It shows you know the chronological, you know, time line of whole process and I especially put it here that you would know how it progressed over time.
SOLIS: Thank you very much that's very helpful. You mentioned that the group sort of got together in February and Kemal was there. And that was the first time you'd heard of this in person in DC?
WITNESS: I cannot recall it was either late January or February but it is one of those times but we the whole six federations focus maybe except Turquoise because Turquoise was focusing on their event. We all have a flagship event. For example my flagship event, West America Turkish

Council, is the festival, because this is the largest event in the world. And Turquoise is focusing on you know Azerbaijan convention. This is their flagship event. And therefore while we were working on the, you know, on our agendas he mentioned about this.
SOLIS: So that was in DC, right, that meeting?
WITNESS: I believe so yes.
SOLIS: Were there any other meetings where all of the groups were together where they talked about his convention?
WITNESS: Time in and out I believe, I may not be a good person to ask that because I totally ignored it. I totally was focusing on how could I find money for our displays here how we are going to invite Turkish people to Los Angeles and stuff like that because of it you know basically until march I was focusing on that event after march until may I focused solely to my festival here.
SOLIS: When you had that meeting in January or February of 2013 and this convention got brought up, was there any discussion about how the convention and the travel for the congressional staff and members was going to be paid for?
WITNESS: Actually good question, one of the emails here I never remember any conversation because as I mentioned I was not in those conversations if those people who, you know, were more involved with inviting congressional delegations they may have had those conversations I don't know. But one of the emails number seven was a sample invitation letter which include this language, I spent this week just you know that's fraise there is referring to the answer of that question because it says please send this letter to, I mean to be honest first time I pulled up these attachments because during the preparation I didn't have time to pull it out and read what it was and I read it and it was saying that it was.... It will be paid by TCAE which is Turquoise Council.
SOLIS: So other than that email do you recall any conversations when everybody got together about how the trip would be paid from?
WITNESS: No and I know that should be clear that Turquoise Council is this event belongs to Turquoise Council, Turquoise Council is organizing everything for the event.
SOLIS: So that was clear?
WITNESS: Yes, Turquoise Council was the organizer.
SOLIS: Did you sponsor any congressional staff or members for that trip?
WITNESS: No I didn't have time to even invite people or... I just... I was basically dying here to prepare....
SOLIS: You were focused on your own event.
WITNESS: Yeah
SOLIS: But you were asked to by Kemal?
WITNESS: Actually I looked through the, you know, the emails. It was asked from all of the organizations. I mean through emails. And at that time I always I ignore emails after I take a look at them and I didn't have time and I didn't have maybe resources at that time to you know make any invitations or anything like that. That's why we didn't have any conversation on that.

GAST: When you say all the organizations is that the six?
WITNESS: Six federations I am referring to, yes.
GAST: Any of the membership organizations or just the six?
WITNESS: No those six.
GAST: Those Six.
WITNESS: These conversations were only between us even from my end I didn't have time to even review it because I was busy here for my event.
SOLIS: Did WATC sponsor anyone non-congressional staff or members to go to the convention in Baku?
WITNESS: No
SOLIS: No? We've received some documents that tends to show that WATC may have sponsored non-congressional individuals to go to Baku.
WITNESS: Actually they sent invitations to fifty state dignitaries. All of them received it, for example Utah received it because I… my group in Baku, which I took and did… I was a translator for them had members from Utah, members from even secretary state. Bowen of California was there, I saw her in Baku and apparently Console General of Azerbaijan invited her to the convention. There were many people from different states and the … some of those people through, you know, their invitations responded and they joined this trip. And I remember from West Coast about twenty some people.
SOLIS: But I want to be clear about whether or not you organization sponsored these people.
WITNESS: I didn't sponsor them. Our organization didn't sponsor any of them. And all of those tickets or stays during the convention happened through Turquoise Council.
SOLIS: So Turquoise Council… so if there was any sort of discussion that WATC was sponsoring certain individuals on that trip, if there was a discussion Turquoise Council would have been the actually been the organization paying for them?
WITNESS: Yes, from my WTAC organization, including my ticket and my stay in the Hotel paid by organization. And other than that those West Coast guests they were also paid by them but they got the invitations from Turquoise Council.
SOLIS: So Turquoise Council would have sent those invitations to West Coast people and then it may have been represented somehow that WATC would be sponsoring them?
WITNESS: I knew many of those individuals and they were told maybe I don't know that WATC is a sister organization of Turquoise Council because many of them ask me if I'm traveling or not. And I said I'm not traveling. But later ….
SOLIS: Did you refer those people to Kemal?
WITNESS: Actually whoever approached me either from Turkish community or from those, you know, representative or senators, whoever they are. I said Turquoise Council is organizing it they are getting tickets and they have certain criteria. Because as you see this here, Kemal sent this email, email number five, as the criteria for the participation because they didn't accept all of the travelers or guest and they had certain titles requirements and they invited them through and they removed but many of those people I knew them in person because I travel to my state capitals

last four-five years at least three-four times each and I knew those people and I knew this you know convention happening and I knew that many of them got this invitation. And they told me but solely they were sponsored by the Council.
SOLIS: So, aside from you attending the convention it's fair to say that WATC invited nobody, paid for nobody, no organization of itineraries getting state officials or anyone else there it was solely Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: Yes but during the travel I was together with the West Coast Group. I was maybe for that reason my ticket was paid and I could stay there because I was there as a guide to be with the group and during this process I was meeting my you know West Coast people here and many of them verbally told me that some of them are receiving invitations from Turquoise Convention and I said if they can they should participate or they can participate but I'm not going. And at the end actually May 21st you know I got the, you know, I had to go because they told there is a group of West Coast folks are coming and we will, you can come with them. And I said fine because the festival was over 19th and 21st I got my ticket and I flew with them.
SOLIS: Okay, the convention itself what was it for?
WITNESS: Actually this is… this convention we do it mostly in Washington DC. For a few purposes actually we started with Turkic American Council conventions where we invited investors business owners, first from Turkey and we started from Turkey related conventions. And then Azerbaijan has been very active with US communications and it's not only from the congressional level it is from the US Administration, Azerbaijan President and their policies that they want to get close to, you know, west. And we organize these conventions in Washington DC at least seven to eight times. And at least five times and last week there was a Turkic convention in DC and then Azerbaijan joined through you know Turquoise and I believe, I didn't go to first convention, they organized in DC I went to Baku one and I went to the third on they had in 2014 I believe where Nancy Pelosi was one of the speakers.
SOLIS: Okay so you mentioned Turquoise sort of gave Azerbaijan an intro to the convention right? Turquoise Council sort of brought Azerbaijan into the convention?
WITNESS: I don't know how that started I have to be clear because generally it is like you do something good here and they come and say let's do it for Azerbaijan and how that started, either Turquoise Presented to Azeri's or they asked for it I'm not sure.
SOLIS: What is the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians? Can you tell me what it is and who runs it?
WITNESS: We share a similar mission. Whatever you can hear about West America Turkic Council applies to Turquoise Council. They are based in Houston and overseas I don't know how many but a couple of states around Texas. They also have Chamber organizations, ethnic organizations, Turkic organizations, dialog centers, cultural centers similarly they are also a membership organization on the Turkic American Alliance.
SOLIS: How many employees does it have?
WITNESS: Who?
SOLIS: Turquoise Council.

WITNESS: I don't know, I mean we basically know each other through our planning meetings. Like every month or every other month, like I had mentioned. We are each president of federations and act as executive board members of Turkic American Alliance. So I may not… I don't know how many employees they have.
SOLIS: Are you a personal friend of Kemal Oksuz?
WITNESS: I know him for many years and I can consider to be friends and we are colleagues and I been meeting him since the beginning of this job I can say.
SOLIS: Do you know…. And he is the President of Turquoise Council or was the president?
WITNESS: He was yeah.
SOLIS: He was. While he was the president given that you know him well. Did he say how Turquoise Council gets their money and how they are funded?
WITNESS: No I didn't have any conversation about that. But I shared that we have hardship of getting our members pay because of the financial crisis and stuff like that we never shared how much we were and how they get it so…
SOLIS: What is the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: As far as… it is an independent organization first I was exposed to AFAZ maybe during this convention because is say their logos everything everywhere and I… at that time actually Kemal was involved with it. I remember that we had some conversations; "What is it? What do you do?" And if… I first thought that it was like Azeri's organization but you know, later it appeared to be an independent, you know, I still cannot tell if it is PR or friendship or I even don't know if they are 501(c). I don't know their… the structure.
SOLIS: So you spoke to Kemal about the organization, you asked him questions?
WITNESS: Actually…. I knew he was involved with AFAZ and I said "What is this organization?" He says it's the Friends of Azerbaijan we just, you know, visit Azeri officials, American officials, elected officials, and so forth. But beyond that I don't know the details about that. I didn't talk about that because our main purpose is our shared six federations agenda most of the time.
SOLIS: Did Kemal ever mention to you about how AFAZ is funded?
WITNESS: No I didn't speak about it.
SOLIS: Do you know independently how AFAZ is funded?
WITNESS: I don't know.
SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: I mean if they are like non-profit there should be a regulation on it. I don't know what is their structure. I don't know what they get and what is their budget. I don't know.
SOLIS: Do you know what SOCAR is?
WITNESS: SOCAR is maybe the largest Azerbaijan oil company. You can see their, I'm sorry, their logo and huge, you know, logo statues all around Azerbaijan, you cannot miss it. Every corner you can't miss it. So that was funny during this trip, and our American friends from here was asking why it was everywhere. So, and that's why I know them but I believe they are semi-independent or government controlled whatever.

SOLIS: Do you know anybody who works there at SOCAR?
WITNESS: No I don't know
SOLIS: Do you know who Rauf Mammadov is?
WITNESS: I don't know.
SOLIS: You've never heard that name before?
WITNESS: No I mean I… what is the name… not Rauf but… Roganak or Roanak Roanak Roanak I heard one name Roanak. Which is who… who is also I belief Oil Minister or Secretary of National Recourses of Azerbaijan or something. I know because during the convention we were in an auditorium for two days in a row they had presentations and they had people from organizations speak and I remember a name as Roanak, I don't know the last name but Roanak who should be one of their, either their administrators or the Secretary of Oil and Gas or something like that. For this convention maybe some of my answers sound funny but I really didn't go there with my mind because I was like so tired. Our festival here is a killer we didn't do it last two years but you know after that festival even traveling is a challenge. And I knew that many folks who travel from west I just want to help them through trip and through the convention.
SOLIS: So you saw SOCAR's logo and everything in Baku. Did they play a role at the convention?
WITNESS: I believe so because I saw their logo on the convention podiums. We took pictures somewhere. I believe there was SOCAR logos if I'm not wrong. Because its… I believe the convention was a big event and I don' know what is their role but I knew they were visible in the convention. As the Speakers some of them were from SOCAR.
SOLIS: Was anybody there talking at the convention about SOCAR organizing the convention or paying money to the convention to make it happen?
WITNESS: Nothing about money but I believe during, you know speeches and presentations, I cannot with 100% two and a half years ago. I went, Helen called me I just went back to all of my files when was it. Because I don't remember it. So… but they were mentioning about how proud they are to you know have Americans visiting this many dignitaries coming to their land from the SOCAR Admin speakers wherever they were so. But I don't know, I don't remember anything about they speak about or they organize or they pay or something like that.
SOLIS: Given that you know that you've know Kemal for a long time what is his relationship to SOCAR?
WITNESS: I don't know who but through office maybe they know them I don't know… well relation means how well do they know each other?
SOLIS: Yeah, Well does… do you know if Kemal knows representatives from SOCAR? Does he…
WITNESS: He should know them because Kemal travels to Azerbaijan more than I travel to Turkey. I mean he travels there most of the time.
SOLIS: How do you know that?

WITNESS: Because when I see him in Washington DC in our meetings Previously you know I ask where were you and he said I traveled to Baku and he even… the questions always have an email associated. Actually there was you know an email directly from Baku even before this organized actually. I said a message from Baku and he says I'm in Baku now preparations are going really well and stuff like that. I mean he travels there and I know at least I can say he as far as I remember. I remember at least six or seven of these trips last three to four years, five years.
SOLIS: Any of the conventions in DC, did you ever see him with a SOCAR representative ?
WITNESS: I know SOCAR came to 2014 event as well but I'm not sure if the 2014 event was AFAZ event or if it was Turquoise event. I cannot say that. But I believe there was representatives of SOCAR came to DC event as well but I didn't know who. Again I don't know what is the participation and as far as I read it through media or news. SOCAR really want to be international company. They are everywhere; I mean you can see their logo in Turkey now. I was in Turkey last weekend, you know, you can see it there as well.
SOLIS: When you've gone to DC and you've had some meetings and met with the sister organizations Mr. Turhan, Mr. Kosar, Mr. Taban, and Mr. Teber. Right those are some of the individuals who run the organizations.
WITNESS: Right.
SOLIS: Have they… have any of those individuals ever spoken to you about how their organizations paid for the sponsorship of congressional travel for the Baku Convention.
WITNESS: No we didn't speak because as I mentioned I didn't have time to speak about it. I didn't talk about it.
SOLIS: How recently were you in DC?
WITNESS: I was in DC during our last event March….
SOLIS: You just had a big event right?
WITNESS: Yeah actually I was there during that event for two days, okay March 16th I few back from Turkey to DC and 17th and 18th I was in DC. 19th I came back here. So 17th 18th.
SOLIS: When you were there 17th and 18th in DC, where all the sister organizations there?
WITNESS: Cemil was there from Southeast, Bilal was there from Houston, Turhan was there from Chicago, we were all there.
SOLIS: Was Kemal Oksuz there?
WITNESS: Let me think about it. I don't want to be wrong but I don't remember… I met him there I saw him there was back to back events. I don't remember it was so hectic actually. Back to back, back to back. But he's not anymore with our federation so he may not be there. I don't know. I cannot say, you know that, I didn't see him. I didn't see him.
SOLIS: Okay, when you saw everybody there…
WITNESS: But he lives around you know DC now. I think he lives in Virginia or somewhere. He can be in DC but before if you ask about the events we organized the panels [inaudible]. I didn't see him.
SOLIS: When you saw everybody there did you talk about the Office of Congressional Ethics review into the Baku convention.

WITNESS: No, I was, you know, I was called by… I saw a 202 number when I was there. I called back of course no answer because those numbers are not going back to the right office number. And I was in the John Wayne Airport and… even when we landed… the calling and I answered and Helen was on the phone saying that… I didn't understand what the conversation was about and we talked a little bit and I told them I will call you back and I called back the next day. And we didn't have any… I mean we didn't… I didn't know it was going on until Friday.
SOLIS: Okay so and just to be clear you didn't discuss with Mr. Turhan, Mr. Kosar, Mr. Taban, or Mr. Teber about our review. Did you over hear them talk about our review into this matter?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: Okay, did anybody talk about the 2013 Baku convention when you were in DC March 17th and 18th?
WITNESS: No. 'cause again this convention on 17th and 18th are the largest event there and you never… the only thing I was focusing on if you know those guests I invite over from congress are attending or not we are like trying to find a seat for our guests and stuff like that. Other than that I am back from our Turkey trip and stuff like that it was crazy. We didn't have any conversation about it.
SOLIS: While you were at the convention did you receive any gifts?
WITNESS: Which one this one?
SOLIS: The 2013 Convention in Baku.
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: No? You didn't receive any rugs at your hotel room?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: Okay, most attendees at the convention received rugs, one or two rugs, Azerbaijani rugs, and delivered to their hotel room.
WITNESS: All of them?
SOLIS: As far as we can tell everybody who attended.
WITNESS: Wow.
SOLIS: Did you receive a rug?
WITNESS: I didn't, I didn't. For sure I didn't receive anything and I actually… you can… I don't know how we can go back and check because I was joined the group… maybe I was not calculated or involved because I was not expected to attend. So no I didn't receive anything.
SOLIS: Did any of those state officials or people from the West Coast who you knew who attended that convention. Did they ever mention that they got rugs or gifts or anything?
WITNESS: No they didn't. They didn't mention it.
SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: They received also?
SOLIS: It seems like that's a strong possibility we've talked to…
WITNESS: You're talking about the congressional guest or all of the 300 plus guests?
SOLIS: It sounds like most people who attended received some sort of gift.
WITNESS: Wow, original rugs?

SOLIS: Yeah I think a lot of people have explained to us they were Azerbaijani rugs.
WITNESS: That's a good thing. I wish I had one but… I'm just kidding. My wife was actually I have a couple of them from Turkey in my home but you know I didn't receive anything. And we had troubles in my hotel anyway. I was not happy with my room. They put us two in one room and a restroom, a full glass restroom and we didn't sleep one night to make some repairs actually anyway so…
SOLIS: Okay, let me just…
WITNESS: You said two rugs?
SOLIS: We think so that's what it's looking like.
WITNESS: Wow.
SOLIS: I just want to review my notes here and might be getting to the end.
WITNESS: But in one of the visit we visited a university. Koftcus University or something or International Strategic University. They gave like a… I believe I have it. In my home in Turkey, it's like maybe cheap as a couple of dollars not handmade but a printed Baku you know picture. Like the framed Baku picture which I took with me to Turkey. And they like to give books for guests and I got a few books and even we left some of them because we didn't have room for those books. So nothing other than that.
SOLIS: When you were there in Baku and you said you were traveling around with some of the West Coast people and they asked you "What are these SOCAR, what is SOCAR, what are all these SOCAR logos everywhere?" You know did anybody explain… did anybody say that this event was put on by SOCAR? Or that SOCAR was the one behind the organization and the financing of the convention?
WITNESS: No.
SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: Because I'm thinking about two years ago and SOCAR never acted as being the main sponsor of it. SOCAR was there… my understanding is one of those sponsors or one of the sponsors of panels or something, because when we have… when we were having in Azerbaijan or similar countries. If you do something like this you have to have some local institutions, either government or universities or businesses to support the event and as far as I knew and I'm still thinking so was I put my, you know, my flight ticket here, a copy. Email number twenty three and it is like NIL Travel form New York and it was like sent by Resul Aksoy who at that time was working with the Kemal Oksuz. So it came directly from, you know, Turquoise Council to me. So, other than that I as of now I don't know what is SOCAR's monetary contribution to the convention.
SOLIS: We've obtained some evidence to show that AFAZ may have provided some money for tickets for travel for airline tickets. Do you know anything, may it be a conversation someone had with you or something you might have over heard, about AFAZ providing any money towards getting people to the convention?
WITNESS: I had, actually I have, as I mentioned, I have twenty three email communications and all were done by Oksuz and a few from Resul, who solely worked for two purposes. One tickets

that he worked with the travel agent to get the tickets, and also the immigration documents that they say I mean I've got a list here which lists all of the 400 visitors you know this one. Other than this, you know, for the sponsorship part I was under, I mean, my understanding was Turquois Council is organizing it. But Sponsorship of it who gives money I didn't ask it.
SOLIS: Okay, when you decide you were going to go, who did you inform? Did you email Kemal?
WITNESS: I believe I didn't have any email like that and I believe that I communicated with Resul because I needed a ticket on May 21st and…
SOLIS: and that's it? He's at NIL Travel?
WITNESS: Yes NIL travel coordinator. Resul is I think at that time was the deputy or assistant to Oksuz. You know his name?
SOLIS: I'm not so sure I've heard of his name.
WITNESS: Actually this is the name here. Resul Aksoy.
SOLIS: Okay so you told him that you were going to be going and then a ticket was issued to you?
WITNESS: Yeah directly.
SOLIS: I think that's all we have so thank you very much.
WITNESS: I hope it is helpful I don't know and by the way I forgot this in one of those meetings either in February- March was handed to us or April I don't know by Oksuz who were like telling the details of the conventions and speakers….
SOLIS: And this was at one of the meetings in Washington with all the sister organizations?
WITNESS: I cannot recall I found it in my computer that you know I had a copy of it so I wanted to share after I saw this I thought it could be maybe nicer convention to attend an help because you know whenever we do the participation of other federations like the Furkan or Bilal or Cemil. Whenever we do an event we help each other, but in this convention I was not a good help for them because I was busy here, but other than this our sole intention is to make sure that Turkic American Alliance organizations are successful. So whenever, you know, they need help we help them but in this case I was only knew I could go after our event May 21st.
SOLIS: Well Witness thank you very much for speaking with us.
WITNESS: I hoped it helped.
SOLIS: Yes thank you very much
WITNESS: So these I'm going to give you as well as I'm going to email them to you or Nate. All of the conversations in email order and some of the notes….
GAST: And of course the list.
WITNESS: Yeah you can keep that as well.
SOLIS: Well thank you very much.
WITNESS: Let me make sure I didn't give you my bank statements of course.

# EXHIBIT 97

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF MAFTAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**3/31/2015**

MR. SOLIS: This is Deputy Chief Counsel, Paul Solis with the Office of Congressional Ethics. It is March 31, 2015. I'm joined by Kelly Brewington and MAFTAA Executive Director. MAFTAA Executive Director has signed an acknowledgment; he understands that 18 U.S.C. 1001 applies to our conversation and I've provided him a copy of the law. And we can begin the interview. So I'd like to just ask you some background questions about your organization and its mission, things like that; how long have you been with your organization. So, where are you currently employed?

WITNESS: Currently employed at Turkish-American Business Network; it's the Chamber of Commerce. We're also located in 750 1st Street. We're sharing the MAFTAA's location.

MR. SOLIS: And if I can just ask you to speak up a little bit so we can understand.

WITNESS: Okay.

MR. SOLIS: And what is MAFTAA?
WITNESS: MAFTAA is an umbrella organization for Turkish and Turkic organizations located in Mid-Atlantic States, including Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina and Washington, D.C. It's a cultural, educational--it consists of a cultural, educational and business organization. It's located in Washington, D.C. trying to serve Turkish and Turkic communities.
MR. SOLIS: What relationship does MAFTAA have to the Chamber of Commerce organization you mentioned earlier?
WITNESS: Actually, TABN, Turkish-American Business Network is a member organization of MAFTAA. So MAFTAA is an umbrella organization and TABN, ATFBA (American-Turkish-[inaudible] Business Association), it used to be Divan Center in North Carolina. Those are local member organizations serving in the local areas for Turkish-Americans.
MR. SOLIS: How long have you been in MAFTAA?
WITNESS: I've been with the organization – I'm actually volunteering, because I'm a full-time at TABN. This is a volunteer position, since 2010. Yes, 2010… April 2010.
MR. SOLIS: And your title there?
WITNESS: Executive director.
MR. SOLIS: What are some of your duties as an executive director?
WITNESS: Like… pretty much everything; running the organizations and you know like daily works… whatever comes to end also… asking board to raise money, asking our other member organizations to collaborate if there's like a big annual event that we're organizing. I'm trying to operate everything in seven states on behalf of MAFTAA.
MR. SOLIS: You said – you mentioned the board.
WITNESS: Yeah, MAFTAA has a different board and TABN has a different board, but MAFTAA's board members also serve in local boards too.

MR. SOLIS: Who is on MAFTAA's board?
WITNESS: Like…
MR. SOLIS: The individual names.
WITNESS: The individual names, like there's person who's Osman, he's a business man from Virginia, Ercan is from Virginia, Mr. Ercan, Fatih is from North Carolina and Duray is from Delaware and there's one person…he's Azerbaijani, but I don't exactly know his name.
MR. SOLIS: I think what I might have you do is if you could write the names down. When we spoke to – do you know Suleyman Turhan? At the Federation of Midwest?
WITNESS: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: When we spoke with him, we asked him to write down names of his board members as well, so if you could, just so we–
WITNESS: Whatever I remember.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Yeah just those individuals if you could write their names down, it'll help us a lot.
MS. BREWINGTON: And there are five board members?
WITNESS: There are five board members, but we meet like once in a year. Sometimes they send a request to quit, you know…
MR. SOLIS: Right, understood.
WITNESS: It's very hard to keep them up.
MR. SOLIS: Right, understood. Just whoever they are now, that will be helpful. Thank you.
WITNESS: Whatever I remember their name.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, thank you very much. Alright. How many employees does MAFTAA have?
WITNESS: Full-time…just Serdar. Have you met Serdar? Did you –
MR. SOLIS: Yes we had a chance to talk to him.
WITNESS: He only works for MAFTAA.
MR. SOLIS: Is he paid?
WITNESS: Yes. He's paid.
MR. SOLIS: How long has he been with MAFTAA?
WITNESS: I guess since 20…he came as an intern I guess at the same time or later…could be 2011? And we were very happy with his work. Could be end of 2012 or 13 that we hired him as…yeah…something like that.
MR. SOLIS: What's his title?
WITNESS: He's an assistant, but he's now promoting becoming program director.
MR. SOLIS: He's an assistant to you?
WITNESS: To me.
MR. SOLIS: And he's going to be promoted to program director?

WITNESS: Program director. He'll be program director because we had one person, he already left. His name was Ander and he wanted to leave the organization so we said okay.
MR. SOLIS: In Serdar's role as your assistant –
WITNESS: Since I'm busy with the Chamber organization, whatever comes from the local organization, so I pass it to him, just want to make sure that he follows up with everything and report it to me and I report it to board. You know, I just want to make sure everything goes on.
MR. SOLIS: So you give him direction to do things that –
WITNESS: Direction to do things and for example, he collects information and shares with me and we work together and make action.
MR. SOLIS: Does he ever take on responsibilities or actions without your say so, without your directive?
WITNESS: No, I don't think he does that. He always asks.
MR. SOLIS: He always asks?
WITNESS: It's also cultural stuff. I mean –
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: Yeah, he always asks.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. How does MAFTAA receive funding?
WITNESS: We receive funding from our…from individuals and also from our member organizations, but mostly from individuals.
MR. SOLIS: Individuals in the states?
WITNESS: In the states, in the states, in the states. As I mentioned, those seven states, Mid-Atlantic States. But MAFTAA's role is more like symbolic because the work is done in the states. I mean the organizations are…so our most investment goes to for example, TABN and other cultural organizations. That's why MAFTAA has one person working.
MR. SOLIS: If you could estimate on average, what are some of the numbers that represent MAFTAA's budget on a yearly basis?
WITNESS: It is very low because as I said –
MR. SOLIS: I mean as far as revenue, would you say $20,000.00 a year or $30,000.00 a year?
WITNESS: I guess between $40,000.00 to $50,000.00. Not more than that.
MR. SOLIS: And do you oversee the budget?
WITNESS: No, not me.
MR. SOLIS: Who does?
WITNESS: I guess Ercan. Our chairman.
MR. SOLIS: This is the fifth name on the list here? Kesken? Mr. Kesken?
WITNESS: Kesken, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: And as a board member, he is the treasurer?

WITNESS: No, actually. We have one person treasurer, but he's kind of pushing people to get money, like find money.
MR. SOLIS: What about someone though who is the decision maker on expenditures?
WITNESS: Me. I usually decide what to do.
MR. SOLIS: You decide what to do as far as spending?
WITNESS: Spending, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: So is it safe to say that you do have some role in the money management of the organization?
WITNESS: Money management, money management.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Does MAFTAA sponsor congressional travel?
WITNESS: Yes. And I don't know the exact years, but 2011? 12? 13? Which we organized three or four?
MR. SOLIS: So there were three or four separate trips?
WITNESS: Yeah. I need to check the calendar, but three –
MR. SOLIS: And this is for Turkey?
WITNESS: To Turkey, yes.
MR. SOLIS: About how many travelers from the House of Representatives, the Senate – specifically, let's go with the House of Representatives, how many travelers did you sponsor on those trips?
WITNESS: I don't know the exact numbers now. I need to check the…because it started maybe 2010? 11, 12, 13…
MR. SOLIS: Would it be less than 10?
WITNESS: I don't think – it's more than 10? Maybe 20…25 people?
MR. SOLIS: And where would you go?
WITNESS: In Turkey?
MR. SOLIS: I mean would you just go to Turkey? Or would you – were there other countries?
WITNESS: No – our…uh…our aim was to promote relation between Turkey and United States and Turkic countries, including Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, but we never had a chance as an organization …never had a chance to took any congressional staffers to those countries until this 2013 convention. We always took them to Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: Okay we'll get into that. I just want to focus on outside of this convention; had you ever sponsored a congressional travel to any country except Turkey?
WITNESS: No, always Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: Always Turkey?
WITNESS: Always Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: And when you sponsored that congressional travel, is it only members of Congress or staff?
WITNESS: No, staff. We didn't take any member.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. How is that paid for?

WITNESS: It is paid from…this is how we work. We were the main organizer, okay? And also we have an agreement with an organization in Turkey. Bakiad. They are the one organizing hotels, organizing whatever is needed in Turkey. We kind of set up all the meetings from here, like you know what's going on, and before we go to Turkey, let's say…how – a staffer coming from North Carolina, we ask our member organization in North Carolina to pay MAFTAA to cover their expenses and if they agree and they you know send some donations to us and then we cover their expenses.
MR. SOLIS: What if they don't agree?
WITNESS: They usually agree because it's a small number.
MR. SOLIS: So does the money for congressional travel ever come solely or wholly from MAFTAA? Does it always come from an organization under MAFTAA in the seven states?
WITNESS: Yeah I mean because our money comes from them. It's normal that those moneys coming from them too.
MR. SOLIS: So if there's a congressional staffer who is from Maryland or works for a member from Maryland and you invite them to a trip to Turkey, you're going to contact the organization under MAFTAA in Maryland and ask them for money to send that staffer to Turkey?
WITNESS: Yeah because it is very hard to…there is one Turkish-American community. They're businessmen and we don't' want to go ask them money again and again and again and again. They're already in contact with them; they already you know… generating some revenue and we ask them to you know generate some money from MAFTAA in order to do these trips.
MR. SOLIS: Now when that payment comes from the organization in state to cover that travel, how much is paid? Does it cover the airfare? Does it cover hotels? What does the money cover?
WITNESS: We try to cover everything.
MR. SOLIS: Everything. So then if you try to cover everything, that smaller organization in state, where does Bakiad come in to help defray the cost?
WITNESS: Bakiad…send us invoice. We send them – we wire them money from here. We did it in the past and whatever is the cost, we have documents I can show you. This how we let…well we might – we may owe them something right now because the traveler or trips are going on all the time. I don't know where we are right now.
MR. SOLIS: I just want to make clear then, when you're asking for money from the organizations in state, right? Are you just asking for airfare and Bakiad covers the hotels?
WITNESS: No, no for everything.
MR. SOLIS: You're asking the organization in state, you're asking for all of the money?
WITNESS: All the money, yeah. All the money to cover everything.
MR. SOLIS: Why then would Bakiad have to cover anything in Turkey?
WITNESS: Bakiad of course, needs to cover everything, but we need to pay them.

MR. SOLIS: I guess I'm missing a little bit about what these organization in state pays for and what Bakiad pays for. I want to know those two different types of categories of payment.
WITNESS: Let me try to be more clear. Bakiad covers everything in Turkey and because we have an agreement with them.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, but what about the flight to Turkey?
WITNESS: No, we purchase from here. We I mean we purchase from here, but we don't purchase anything in Turkey. We pay to Bakiad and Bakiad you know then spend everything.
MR. SOLIS: Got it. Now that's clear. I got it.
WITNESS: That's the way how it works.
MR. SOLIS: So when Bakiad is covering the costs – so that's flights in Turkey and hotels and transportation in Turkey?
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Meals?
WITNESS: Uh…yes. Because they have an agreement with the restaurants.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: That was very easy for us because in the past, we tried to do ourselves and it didn't work. We had a lot of problems and with that way, Bakiad is organizing everything for you and you just go and concentrate your trip, you're not concentrating who's going to pay the hotels, who's going to pay the meals, where are we going to restaurant and everything.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know how Bakiad is funded?
WITNESS: They're also… a non-profit organization? We're working with Bakiad because we're all inspired in same movement. It's called, I don't know if you know, it's Gullen Movement, that's all…we're all sister organizations. That's why we trust them, believe them and think that they're good organization.
MR. SOLIS: I understand that they're a non-profit, but do you know or how do they get their funding? Is it from –
WITNESS: I'm sure that's same…same structure. I'm sure they're getting their funds from business people too, in Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: In Turkey?
WITNESS: In Turkey, from business people.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know –
WITNESS: Because we are…because we are not in here and in Turkey our organizations and our sister organizations in any other country because the movement is huge and operating in 160 countries, none of our revenue comes from any government. We are solo – it's a grass-root activities. I'm sure that they…I'm just guessing that their income and funds come from local people too. So who believe U.S. territorial relations, trying to support it in that way.

MR. SOLIS: Alright. Just I guess the last question then, when you have this agreement with Bakiad to pay them back for the cost they covered? How long does it take for you to pay them back?
WITNESS: Uh…I mean there's no specific time. As I said, we're sister organization, it's kind of open account and I don't know when we, as MAFTAA, made the payment, but I'm…I remember last time we did like $30,000.00 payment like wired from here to Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: And you made that payment to them?
WITNESS: Yeah we made a payment to them.
MR. SOLIS: Did you personally make that payment?
WITNESS: Maybe not me. Maybe our accountant, I need to check. I'm not from my [indecipherable] from MAFTAA.
MR. SOLIS: Right, I understand. I just want to know if you were the one who authorized the funds.
WITNESS: Yeah, we authorized because they send us invoice and they said yeah we need to pay that.
MS. BREWINGTON: How often are they sending you invoices? How often are you exchanging money?
WITNESS: It's…about how many trips you do. I mean if you do a lot of trips, you know they send you…
MS. BREWINGTON: Right, but you also said there's sort of an open account so I don't know if they send you an invoice every month…
WITNESS: No. They put everything in their records; this is…I don't know how to say, but it's…since it's a sister organization, they're not pushing like, "hey, send my money". It's not like business relations where I want my money now. It could be this year, it could be next year I mean whenever you're ready to send the money because their focus is since they're helping so much in Turkey for us, their focus to strengthen the relations like our relation.
MR. SOLIS: Understood. So from that time, 2010 to I think you said 2013, where you – where MAFTAA had sponsored congressional travel –
WITNESS: I need to check the records. I really don't remember how many we did.
MR. SOLIS: It could've been more than one per year? More than one trip?
WITNESS: I don't think more than one. Maybe one…maybe one year we did two?
MR. SOLIS: Who—
WITNESS: I mean…in 2014, did we do any? Yes, April we did one. In 2015, we haven't done any.
MR. SOLIS: Who submits the paperwork to the Ethics Committee when you sponsor congressional travel?
WITNESS: Serdar does everything.
MR. SOLIS: Does he sign it or do you sign it?

WITNESS: No, I sign it. I see the paperwork and then I sign it. He doesn't sign.
MR. SOLIS: Do the groups in states that you asked for the money to sponsor the travelers, do they ever sign the paperwork to the Ethics Committee?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: It's always you?
WITNESS: It's always me. I have a responsibility; something is going to happen it happens to me.
MR. SOLIS: Understood. I want to start talking about the U.S.-Azerbaijan convention in 2013 in Baku.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Did you attend that convention?
WITNESS: I attend that convention.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did anybody else from MAFTAA attend?
WITNESS: Serdar was with me. I mean Serdar was with the congressional group…actually as an organization, as I said, you know MAFTAA and other…our sister organizations under TAA has a mission to strengthen relation economic you know educational relation with those Turkic countries. But we never had a chance to—as MAFTAA we never had a chance to work with other countries, so when this chance comes to us, when first coming from Turkic Council, we consider it and we said yes, it aligns with our mission and vision and wanted to you know support this because people are going to United States to Azerbaijan, it's a great thing to countries, but we were late for that.
MR. SOLIS: Well let's – I want to stop you right there. I want to get into – we'll go step by step through how this happened.
WITNESS: Sorry.
MR. SOLIS: No problem, no problem. When was the first time you learned about the convention?
WITNESS: I was checking my email today in the morning and I guess…it was kind of refreshing my memories, we…I learned according to our – my mails, March 2013. I might be wrong, maybe February? But it looks like because I…look at my email, the first email I sent to people, "there's a convention, would you like to join us" it was in March. You can see through the emails.
MR. SOLIS: Well I want to know before you would've sent emails to people about the convention, in order to send those emails you must've known something about the convention, so when was the first time you learned about the convention?
WITNESS: Could be… February? Maybe like a month? Because I mean on TABN, we gather together all the federation executive directors in like meetings, like what are we going to do this year and you know maybe we talked there? But this was organized by Turquoise Council. When did they bring to us…I don't know exactly.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, so you have monthly meetings with the Turkic-American Alliance?

WITNESS: It was mont—it was quarterly then it became monthly? Depending on the schedule I mean if there is a convention, we can gather monthly, if there is no agenda, we might gather like quarterly. There's no specific timing.
MR. SOLIS: So your member – so MAFTAA is a member of the Turkic-American Alliance?
WITNESS: Yeah we're a member of the Turkic-American Alliance.
MR. SOLIS: So there was a meeting, it could've been a monthly or quarterly at the beginning of 2013?
WITNESS: Could be 2013 or end of 2012, I don't exactly remember.
MR. SOLIS: When this convention was first discussed?
WITNESS: It wasn't discussed – it was…I guess it was discussed in Turquoise Council because they are the initiator of…they had the relations, they have everything and we actually decided to cover some countries in our meetings. Since we are a Turkic name, but we don't cover any Turkic countries, you know just focus on Turkey, Turkey, Turkey. So we had some in our duty sharing and we actually decided to cover Turkmenistan because we have some Turkmen-Americans living in Virginia and they wanted to do something and we decided to cover Turkmenistan but we never did. So Turquoise Council was responsible for covering Azerbaijan relations, if they can do something like inviting business people or delegations, they were the one – this is how it started actually. You know, in the past years, but as far as I remember they were the ones supposed to cover Azerbaijan delegations, if anybody's coming and this is how they started.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, so when you meet, everybody is – is it safe to say everybody is assigned a different Turkic country?
WITNESS: Yeah, everybody like I remember Suleyman, they were going to do something for Kirgizstan because they have Kirgiz community in Chicago, Midwest area.
MR. SOLIS: And when you say something, what do you mean by something?
WITNESS: It's like me organizing meetings, promoting the countries, could be a convention. It's a business meeting and anything that promote relation to countries.
MR. SOLIS: How is the decision – who is making the decisions about what sister organization gets aligned with what country?
WITNESS: I think TAA board meeting? Yeah, we did it there.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, is it a group decision or is it one person deciding?
MR. YETR: No, it's a group decision. I mean, it could be I don't exactly remember, but in our meeting, you're just talking about Turkey and also there's a demand coming from other local organizations, you guys are so focused on Turkey, but your name is Turkic, you have Turkic members, why don't you do something for other countries? You have grass-root and why don't you work for them to do something or collaborate and do something.
MR. SOLIS: So why did Turquoise Council get assigned to Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: I don't know. Maybe they had some relations in the past? Well we –
MR. SOLIS: A few moments ago you said, they have their relations with Azerbaijan so…
WITNESS: Yeah, they have the relations! But maybe in the past – maybe they were you know we organize local, state local reception in every state so as far as I remember, they get some delegation from Azerbaijan in the past. Maybe in the meeting they might say, let us cover Azerbaijan then since we have relation already started.
MR. SOLIS: And who is saying that in the meeting?
WITNESS: Kemal
MR. SOLIS: Okay and who's Kemal?
WITNESS: Kemal Oksuz? He was their president at that time.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know him well?
WITNESS: Of course I know him well because he moved here, we used to – I've been knowing him maybe 10 years? We're very close friends.
MR. SOLIS: Are you still close friends?
WITNESS: Of course. He moved here. He visited my family, our wives talk, you know. We're friends, yes. Nothing to hide.
MR. SOLIS: No, absolutely that's fine! You can have friends, absolutely. He's from Turkey as well, right?
WITNESS: Yeah, he's from Turkey, but what part I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: So you've know Kemal for about 10 years.
WITNESS: I guess 10 years, yeah since…Texas…maybe 2006 or 2005.
MR. SOLIS: And he used – you said he used to be the president of the Turquoise Council.
WITNESS: Yeah as far as I know. Bilal came recently I guess, yeah. At that time, he was definitely president of Turquoise Council.
MR. SOLIS: And Bilal is now the president.
WITNESS: Bilal, yeah because he's coming to our meetings.
MR. SOLIS: Why did Kemal leave Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: I don't know the specific reasons why he left the Turquoise Council. This is their business, not mine.
MR. SOLIS: You said you're close friends with him, that your wives talk, that you've known him for 10 years.
WITNESS: But we're not like…you know…tell me what happened, why did you leave, what happened…I didn't talk a lot. In fact I haven't seen him in a long time. I mean…yeah he came to our convention, we held in March 17 and 18. I saw him –
MR. SOLIS: Of this year?
WITNESS: Of this year, yeah. Very short time, we were so busy at that time.
MR. SOLIS: So you're telling me that you don't know why he left the Turquoise Council? He never spoke about it?

WITNESS: We never spoke about it and it happened suddenly actually. I heard it – if you ask me why, because I'm so involved with the TABN, our Turkish organizations, you know…he's in Texas and I'm here you know. I might not know.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know what the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan is? AFAZ?
WITNESS: I heard about it and they were one of the organizers of the convention I guess. They were part of it because I saw their name and…when we sent emails, Turquoise Council you know you can see our emails together.
MR. SOLIS: Who runs AFAZ? Who is the director there?
WITNESS: Uh…I don't have much information about AFAZ.
MR. SOLIS: What information do you have about AFAZ?
WITNESS: I guess Kemal move there. AFAZ…is he AFAZ right now? Yeah because –
MR. SOLIS: You tell me.
WITNESS: I really don't know because he said he was going to do with something with Azerbaijan. He might be part of AFAZ now.
MR. SOLIS: He told you he was going to do something with Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: I mean he was already doing the Turquoise Council. They were you know doing something, yes.
MR. SOLIS: And what were they doing?
WITNESS: Just organizing convention, trying to you know promote U.S.-Azerbaijan relations –
MS. BREWINGTON: Organizing what convention?
WITNESS: That –
MS. BREWINGTON: The 2013 convention?
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Is that the only thing that they were doing with Azerbaijan? Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: As far as I know, yes.
MR. SOLIS: So you think Kemal has something to do with AFAZ?
WITNESS: Could be part of it right now. I don't know.
MR. SOLIS: He could be?
WITNESS: Part of AFAZ.
MR. SOLIS: Has he ever talked to you about AFAZ?
WITNESS: I mean…it…they were you know, he was telling me…I don't want to give you misinformation because just the little bit information.
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, as much as you can remember and also to be as truthful as you can.
WITNESS: Yeah, I'm trying. I have no information about AFAZ.
MR. SOLIS: Then what did he say about AFAZ?
WITNESS: He said they were you know…Azerbaijan was going to you know…in Texas. They were going to create a new organization and he was going to help them and

he was going to part of it and I don't know what happened now. Is he part of it now? I guess he's part of it now.
MR. SOLIS: And why do you say that?
WITNESS: Because he's…why do I say what.
MR. SOLIS: You said, "I guess he's part of it now." So why do you say that?
WITNESS: Because…I mean it's obvious I mean. Kemal is trying to …since 2013, he's trying to promote Azerbaijan-U.S. relations.
MR. SOLIS: And you say it's obvious. Why do you say it's obvious?
WITNESS: Because he's part of the convention, he's one of the organizer…I mean if you are with Turkish guys all the time as an American you have some relation with them right? So I can see the...he's with Azerbaijani community in Texas and trying to help them which means there's a proof that he's with them I mean trying to help them.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he travels to Azerbaijan regularly?
WITNESS: I don't know his travel schedule.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he goes to Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: Do you want me to guess or exactly –
MR. SOLIS: I want to know if you know if he's been to Azerbaijan.
WITNESS: Of course he was at the convention.
MR. SOLIS: Any other time besides the convention.
WITNESS: I don't know his schedule. I really don't.
MR. SOLIS: I just want to be clear. I'm not asking if you know his schedule. All I want to know is if you know if he's been to Azerbaijan –
WITNESS: If you want me to take a guess, I'm sure he's been to Azerbaijan because they were – Turquoise Council was organizing trips to Azerbaijan, I'm sure that he was part of it and you know…he was there. You know, I'm sure that.
MR. SOLIS: Where does Turquoise Council get its funding?
WITNESS: I don't know how they work. I'm sure they're getting it from local people too.
MR. SOLIS: And why are you sure of that?
WITNESS: Because we work together. We are sister organization and I'm sure that they're working like us.
MR. SOLIS: What about AFAZ?
WITNESS: I have no information about AFAZ. I would tell you everything if I knew, but no information.
MR. SOLIS: Is AFAZ a sister organization?
WITNESS: No, no. Not part of us. AFAZ is not part of – under TAA it's not under TAA.
MR. SOLIS: When you have those meetings with all the sister organizations, was AFAZ ever discussed at any meeting?
WITNESS: No. I do not remember. I don't think so because it was…

MR. SOLIS: Was Kemal there at those meetings?
WITNESS: On 2014, yes. He was at those meetings.
MR. SOLIS: Did he ever say AFAZ at any of the meetings? Did he ever mention that name?
WITNESS: Maybe it was on the agenda, maybe private conversation? Yes…I mean AFAZ wasn't on our calendar or agenda…
MR. SOLIS: So you said private conversation…
WITNESS: It's like you know…friends like…yeah that's how I know. And I know that AFAZ was definitely in the convention too because –
MS. BREWINGTON: So they weren't part of the conversations, but you remember hearing about them prior to the convention?
WITNESS: No, no. I saw for the first time, AFAZ at the convention. I did not know anything about AFAZ. I still don't know anything about AFAZ; how they were created, who created, who is funding and…are they [indecipherable]. I don't know those information.
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, I'm not asking you about that. What I'm asking you is was the name AFAZ ever mentioned and you said, "maybe in the agenda or in a private conversation" –
WITNESS: Not in the agenda.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, not in the agenda, but in private –
WITNESS: In private conversations, Kemal might have mentioned that.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: But I'm not sure. I cannot tell you, again I don't want to misdirect you…because in the past it was in 2012…13, we're talking about three years.
MR. SOLIS: Well then when did you in a private conversation, when did Kemal say AFAZ to you? Was it in 2013?
WITNESS: Could be 2013, yeah.
MR. SOLIS: And what would he have said about AFAZ in a private conversation at one of those meetings?
WITNESS: Like Azerbaijan is our founding and organization…what does AFAZ stand for, whatever it stands for –
MR. SOLIS: Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: Yeah I don't really know what it stands for.
MR. SOLIS: So he may have said…
WITNESS: He may have said yeah…
MR. SOLIS: He may have said Azerbaijan's a funding organization?
WITNESS: I mean local Azerbaijani's are not funding…founding.
MR. SOLIS: Founding.
WITNESS: Founding our organization.
MR. SOLIS: And they asked him to be a part of it?

WITNESS: I'm sure that they asked him because he was so active with the Azerbaijan organizations.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Kelly, did you have any more questions about the meetings?
MS. BREWINGTON: It's…when do you remember first hearing that the Turquoise Council was going to organize this trip?
WITNESS: The convention?
MS. BREWINGTON: The convention.
WITNESS: As I said, it was…2013, February. Because I checked my email as I said before, February 2013? Most likely.
MS. BREWINGTON: And how as it decided the role that your organization would play?
WITNESS: This is how it worked. Turquoise Council started organizing this and maybe they started earlier? The organization…stages…they started earlier. And…and they…they shared with us and they said they were going to do us, would you like to support us? Support means it's like inviting people and like if people accept to go to Azerbaijan, be with them and be part of the group –
MR. SOLIS: And just so I'm clear, when you say, "they", you mean Kemal?
WITNESS: No, the Turquoise Council!
MR. SOLIS: Who is the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: Kemal and…whoever in the organization. Of course we always see the Kemal. I mean…
MR. SOLIS: Okay, so Kemal asked you…
WITNESS: Not me! I mean he didn't just me…I mean in the meeting, we're doing this and –
MS. BREWINGTON: He was at the meeting?
WITNESS: He was at the meeting and said you guys want to be part of it? This is what we're going to do. We're going to take people to Azerbaijan like we were doing lot of trips and if you like to be part of it and here are the…I put an email and documents like how are they going to invite and you know. Because in our invitation letter, we always use Turquoise Council is the sole sponsor of this trip and we, as MAFTAA, our sister organization we are trying to help them and promote this event.
MR. SOLIS: So…at the meeting in early 2013, somewhere in February maybe, Kemal is there representing Turquoise Council and he asks everybody, all the sister organizations –
WITNESS: All the sister organizations.
MR. SOLIS: To have a role in planning the convention?
WITNESS: Not the planning, inviting people.
MR. SOLIS: Just inviting people.
WITNESS: Just inviting people. Because I mean they were the one who did all the planning.
MR. SOLIS: And what did he say about how they were going to pay for it?

WITNESS: Actually we didn't talk about this funding and everything and he said you know, we were…we are going to cover everything as Turquoise Council and you just…and would you like – because we didn't have the fund you know as MAFTAA we didn't have fund so we said –
MR. SOLIS: So you couldn't have paid for it.
WITNESS: I mean, no! You know we are sister organization and doesn't help us at the time, I wouldn't take anyone at that time because we already have our other events we're going on.
MR. SOLIS: So I want to be clear, did Kemal at that meeting say how the trip was going to be funded? Did he say Turquoise Council –
WITNESS: Turquoise Council will cover and sole organizer and we all asked him to put it on the paper that's why they send us invitation letter; that's how we used the invitation.
MR. SOLIS: Did he say that AFAZ would help pay too?
WITNESS: No. AFAZ wasn't there. I mean…I saw AFAZ's name later on the invitation.
MR. SOLIS: So…did MAFTAA end up sponsoring any congressional travel?
WITNESS: We were so late because actually…I'm saying February because I might miss some meetings, I might…maybe it started 2012, late 2012. I was in the February meeting because I checked my emails; I might miss some meetings, they might start maybe the paperwork started early – MAFTAA promote this event very late. We were like you know…we were about – and we actually missed the event. We just – we actually invited some congressional staffers and we missed the ethics timeline. I guess it has to be one month in advance and then you know we said we're sorry we may not take you, but our sister organization in Midwest, like Suleyman's organization, they are…they're about to submit it, would you like to be part of them you know our staffers that we find we invited went with Midwest organizations and Serdar was also with them too.
MR. SOLIS: So you and Mr. Turhan from the Federation of Midwest talked about how to organize this?
WITNESS: Yeah. I call – I guess I call him and said you know we were late, you know…would you like to you know help us because we already promised people and we already promote this event, but we were late for the ethics paperwork you know, can we enter those names to your group and…he said okay.
MR. SOLIS: If Kemal at those first meetings said that Turquoise Council would be the entity that organized and planned and then paid for the travel, why would you as MAFTAA to the Federation of Midwest have to submit paperwork? Why wouldn't Turquoise Council just submit paperwork for everybody?
WITNESS: The group was huge. I guess total number was…uh…2-300 people? It could be very hard to manage those 300 people and also we already have our relations with those staffers you know, so…it was easy to you know communicate with them and help you know do their paperwork; it's like separate groups to make it much easier.

MR. SOLIS: Did Kemal say that to you? Did he say, "this is too many people for me to handle"?
WITNESS: I guess we discussed it in the meetings. Like how are you going to handle, let's do it like that, this is how we decided to do it.
MR. SOLIS: Did anybody ask, "well I'll help out, but I don't' have the money so can you help me pay for it?"
WITNESS: Of course we all asked. We said you know…I can promote this event, but we don't have any money to cover so and they were willing to help cover the…yeah the amount and everything.
MR. SOLIS: So who all said the same thing? Who all said that that, "I can't afford it"?
WITNESS: I'm sure that all organizations did that.
MR. SOLIS: You're sure?
WITNESS: I'm sure. Yes.
MR. SOLIS: You heard everybody say that?
WITNESS: Yes I heard that.
MR. SOLIS: Faruk Taban? Did he say that?
WITNESS: I'm sure he did that too.
MR. SOLIS: What about Mr. Teber? The Federation of the Southeast?
WITNESS: He wasn't there.
MR. SOLIS: He wasn't there?
WITNESS: Because someone else was there.
MR. SOLIS: Who?
WITNESS: Someone else.
MR. SOLIS: Someone else?
WITNESS: Cemil was at that meeting I guess because he came at like 2014 or something.
MR. SOLIS: What about Mr. Kosar from the CTAA?
WITNESS: Mr. Kosar was at that meeting. Could be yeah…he was there too.
MR. SOLIS: Did he say, "I can't afford to do this"?
WITNESS: I'm sure everyone said – I can't tell. I'm personally [indecipherable] because it's in the past. Because we decided that we cannot cover this. I can't speak – I mean let me put it that way. I can speak myself, don't put them in…I personally said I can't cover; I mean my organization cannot cover it.
MR. SOLIS: But you said, "I'm sure that others couldn't either", so I want to know why you're sure of that.
WITNESS: I know…because their structure is like us. They're not like the one generating a lot of money for everything. It's impossible to do it.
MR. SOLIS: Who did you talk to from any of the organizations about how they could afford this?
WITNESS: Like…for what?

MR. SOLIS: Like you said, "I'm sure that other…the other sister organizations, because of the way they're structured, because of their funding, they couldn't have had the money to spend this convention", right?
WITNESS: Everybody was relying on Turquoise Council.
MR. SOLIS: Right.
WITNESS: To help us and you know fund this –
MR. SOLIS: So I would like to know, out of all the sister organizations, who did you talk to about that issue? About –
WITNESS: I didn't talk to specifically one person. I just you know maybe talk my – what I'm thinking about this, I didn't lobby like "hey, let's do this".
MR. SOLIS: No, I just want to understand whether or not you spoke with people about how much money they have; if they had enough money to cover this trip.
WITNESS: Personally, if I had enough money, I would like to cover and take people to Azerbaijan because it's our mission to cover Turkic countries, but at the time we didn't have money, we were late, we couldn't even do the paperwork and MAFTAA couldn't do anything, just promote the event and invited like four names, I guess.
MR. SOLIS: Alright, well I guess – I mean you must have had that conversation with Mr. Turhan, right? He took on your travelers.
WITNESS: Yes. He was very generous and he said they were going to help us, the paper works and I said, Serdar will come help you because he's the one invited people.
MR. SOLIS: Then Mr. Turhan must have discussed with you, whether or not the Federation of the Midwest had enough money to send people on the trip.
WITNESS: It wasn't … as I said it was in the meeting. Everybody was relying on Turquoise Council that they were going to cover everything, even if they…even if Suleyman's organization covers everything and they were going to help them later days. Am I clear?
MR. SOLIS: No. No. I want to get a better understanding of that. I want to know –
WITNESS: Okay. Even if Suleyman did everything, Suleyman also rely on Turquoise Council.
MR. SOLIS: And what do you mean by everything, did everything? What do you mean by that?
WITNESS: It's like doing paperwork, inviting people, but you don't have enough money to cover everything.
MR. SOLIS: Did he say that to you, that he didn't have enough money or you just know that?
WITNESS: I know that. I mean as I said, I know their structure. I don't think they have enough money to cover everything.
MR. SOLIS: What about the CTAA and Federation of Southeast?
WITNESS: I worked with Suleyman and I know his situation…I'm just guessing. I don't want to put like everybody's position.

MR. SOLIS: Yeah, but WITNESS you worked closely with these people, you meet with them, you know Mr. Kosar, you know Cemil, you know all these people and because their structured similarly to MAFTAA, you do know about how they're funded and how they spend their money, so I just want…you know they were planning meetings about this convention and about how Turquoise Council was going to fund it, I just want to know the conversations you had with other presidents and other executive directors about you know, Turquoise Council paying for this.
WITNESS: I know they're most structured, but if you ask me… CTAA is in much better…situation because there are a lot of Turkish-Americans living in New York, New Jersey. They getting more fund than I do. They might have different finance situation.
MR. SOLIS: Did they pay for any congressional travel for this convention?
WITNESS: I don't know. I can't speak on behalf of them.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Well, you know 10 minutes ago you said that –
WITNESS: I'm just guessing! I mean because there's a lot of organizations, lot of stuff, I'm not going and asking, "hey Furkan how do we do it?" I'm not like, how do you do this Oskur and how do you do this, it's not my business to ask people.
MR. SOLIS: Well you seemed very clear a moment ago –
WITNESS: I'm just guessing!
MR. SOLIS: Turquoise Council was the sole fund –
WITNESS: Of course Turquoise Council! They promised that they were going to do it and they …that's why I you know, friendly asked Suleyman you know help me because I know that that fund was going to come from them.
MR. SOLIS: Okay then before we move on, I don't mean to press you too hard, but just so we're clear because I want to make sure that when we understand all of this, it's sort of…it's easily understood and it's very clear. There was a promise and understanding that the Turquoise Council was going to pay for the trip, correct?
WITNESS: Yes! They promised us.
MR. SOLIS: And then when I asked – right – so they did make a promise. So when I asked you whether or not Furkan, Mr. Kosar at CTAA, whether or not they paid for the travel, you said I don't know. So…
WITNESS: At the end…because they have to keep track like what happened, they have to talk to Turquoise Council if they did it…you know if they follow all the financial situation because I don't know. I'm responsible for my organization. I can't speak on behalf of them because there like six organization plus 250 sister organizations, I'm just responsible for TABN, make sure it's going well, probably have time for MAFTAA. I work for volunteer extra for MAFTAA.
MR. SOLIS: But at the very least at the beginning of at these additional meeting, there was a promise by the Turquoise Council to pay for everything.
WITNESS: Yes…that's how we started.
MR. SOLIS: Okay and Kemal said that.

WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: It's on our paper, you can see. I mean our email, this is how we send invitation.
MR. SOLIS: You know I'll show you one of those emails right now. This is Bates number GD_0079. You can take a minute and look at that.
WITNESS: You see at the end it says, "Turquoise Council Americans and Eurasians is the –
MR. SOLIS: Well one second. I want to ask you about that, I just want to get down you know – I realize that you're not on this email, but this is Serdar's email, correct?
WITNESS: This is how we separate it. Serdar was going to work on inviting staffers, I was going to work on inviting local delegate Senators; that's why you can see more Serdar's email rather than mine.
MR. SOLIS: Have you seen this email? Have you seen this invitation, though? Have you seen the language before?
WITNESS: I guess he send it to me and I'm sure he send it to me first and I approve or he showed it to me when he narrate it and write it down.
MR. SOLIS: We'll go down to this portion where you just mentioned; this paragraph. It says, "the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians, sister-organization of Mid-Atlantic Turkic-American Association, MAFTAA, as the sole organizer will cover airfare to and from the event, hotel accommodation, ground transportation as well as meals during your travel." Is that…that's a true statement?
WITNESS: It is a true statement. That's why we rely on this. This is how we work.
MR. SOLIS: I want to show you another email.
WITNESS: It is my email?
MR. SOLIS: This is not your email, I don't think—one second though, I want to ask you about it. It's CD_0028. Again, I think this is from at the top you'll see this is from Serdar's email, right? And again, I understand that you did not write this.
WITNESS: No. Serdar did.
MR. SOLIS: But…I want to draw your attention to the first paragraph there, and this is April 24, 2013. You say it was to one of the staff, you say, "it's good to finally talk to you" – not you, I'm sorry. Mr. Serdar said this. "It was good to finally talk to you. I have attached your itinerary, list of invitees, House Ethics form and the personal data form. We are collaborating this with our sister organization, Turkish Federation of the Midwest, that's why you'll see their names on the ethics forms instead of MAFTAA." Okay, if the Federation of the Midwest was going to take on the role of doing the paperwork and helping you out, do you know why Serdar was sending ethics forms to the staffers?
WITNESS: It was because they might not know Suleyman? Instead of Suleyman, Serdar was taking the role to connect them.

MR. SOLIS: But Suleyman would have been the person submitting the forms on their behalf.
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: When you would – when you or Serdar would get questions from staffers, or would you get questions from staffers about itinerary or hotels?
WITNESS: Of course. They ask a lot of questions. Like what's going to happen, what kind of country is this, are we going to be safe, do we need any shots when we go there? Tons of questions. That's why we do like orientation, make sure that there is no question in their mind and that they're safe you know.
MR. SOLIS: When you got those questions, did you ever send them to Kemal to answer?
WITNESS: No. Those are basic questions. Like what is the itinerary and we already got the itinerary like hotel information, those are all they ask about basic questions.
MR. SOLIS: You know we spoke to some other people, you know we spoke to Mr. Turhan for example, he said that because Turquoise Council was planning everything, he sometimes didn't know the answer to questions that staffers would bring to him about logistics and planning and hotels and all of that, so I'm wondering if that helps jog your memory if you reached out to Kemal to answer any questions.
WITNESS: No, because I wasn't the one talking to staffers. Serdar was always keeping touch with them.
MR. SOLIS: Could he have reached out to Kemal to ask him questions?
WITNESS: No. If there were any questions he could ask me.
MR. SOLIS: I want to show you another document. This is LGT_0404 –
WITNESS: What is that number that you're saying?
MR. SOLIS: It's at the bottom right hand corner, that's just a number we use to identify documents. This again, I believe is an email from Serdar to a staffer.
WITNESS: It says Jackson.
MR. SOLIS: Yes.
WITNESS: Oh, Jackson-Tufts.
MR. SOLIS: And I want to direct you to the second paragraph," as far as the hotel in Istanbul, our agency in Turkey hasn't sent me the forms regarding our domestic travels and hotels, but as soon as they send them to me, I'll share them with everyone." Is the agency in Turkey, is that Bakiad?
WITNESS: Bakiad. He's referring Bakiad. He may not know what Bakiad is, like an agency. He doesn't --
MR. SOLIS: When you would organize these – this trip in particular or other trips, do you ever explain to the staffers who Bakiad is or what it is?
WITNESS: Of course, I remember because they were…if everything goes smooth and they compare trips with other trips and they say, you know our trip was perfect, I mean what happened – how did it happen, you know I say we're working with an organization here; they were the ones helping us to you know book the hotels and everything. We're

very clear about it like what we're doing in Turkey, who we are, what our – starting from Gullen movement, from A to Z we explain everything to them.
MR. SOLIS: Do the staffers or the members whoever you sponsored, at any point, do they ever ask how Bakiad is funded or how Bakiad helps you pay for some of the travel?
WITNESS: No, they didn't' do that.
MS. BREWINGTON: Do they ever ask general questions about how is this trip funded, who's paying for the trip –
WITNESS: Of course they ask in the beginning you know like and of course they ask who are you first and starting from the –
MS. BREWINGTON: And what do you tell them?
WITNESS: We explain everything! This is Turkish-American organization, this is how we funded, this is our mission/vision, and this is what we're trying to do. We're trying to be clear I mean we live in United States you know…how to be clear as possible.
MR. SOLIS: Did anybody ask with this trip about who was paying for it?
WITNESS: I wasn't with those staffers. I don't know what kind of questions they asked Serdar. Serdar has more information than me.
MR. SOLIS: One second, I'm going to – hold on.
MS. BREWINGTON: Did Serdar ever express to you that people he was traveling with had asked those questions about the funding of the trip?
WITNESS: No, never. Because in the email it show me says, Turquoise Council is sole sponsor. My phone is ringing…it could be my wife because my son – can I just see –
MR. SOLIS: Absolutely. We'll stop the recording for a moment.

MR. SOLIS: Alright, we are back on the record. I want to show you another email; it is numbered GD_0043, again, this is an email from Serdar, it's Friday, May 17th. And this is only a week or so before you leave for Turkey and Azerbaijan, and actually I just want to get that clear for a moment. You went to Turkey first, correct?

WITNESS: Did we travel to Azerbaijan first or Turkey first? I personally went to Turkey first maybe spent one day in Turkey, then traveled to Azerbaijan. If you are asking me personally?

MR. SOLIS: Yeah or the staffers that you worked with, do you know if they went to Turkey first?

WITNESS: They… I don't know their schedule. Serdar was taking care of them and then…did he explain or he didn't explain? Beause I have to take a look there…

MR. SOLIS: Yeah, just whatever you know.

WITNESS: I don't know. I don't know if they went to Turkey first. I feel like I have to tell you…explain more.

MR. SOLIS: That's okay. Who paid for your Travel?

WITNESS: Turquoise Council.

MR. SOLIS: Turquoise Council. Who paid for your hotels?

WITNESS: Turquoise Council. Because it was ready when we arrived there.

MR. SOLIS: Okay. So I want to direct you to the text here with this email. Again, this is GD_0043. This is only a week or so before the trip. Serdar writes, "Please let me know as soon as you can once you receive an approval so that we can finalize the reservations abroad," and the subject is "Ethics approval?" again, this is along the lines of the last question I asked. And one of the last questions I asked was, if Suleyman and the Federation of the Midwest is helping you organize this, and they are taking on the staffers to submit the paperwork, why are you… why is Serdar and MAFTAA still interacting with the staffers about ethics approval?

WITNESS: We were just trying to make sure that whoever we invited to the trip is… you know they're our invitees, you know we initiated inviting them, just wanted to make sure everything is going clear and they are in line with the Ethics and everything

MR. SOLIS: If you initiated inviting some staffers first, why would you miss the deadline? Or, you know, how did that play out where you missed that?

WITNESS: It was… I guess it was because of me I was busy at that time with my organization so… it could be that one personally I was…

MR. SOLIS: So you had reached out to some staffers inviting them to this convention?

WITNESS: Not me personally. I actually sent… I could have sent some emails I found those emails, who I invited. And I was busy with other local State Senators and Delegates. Serdar, you know, much involved with the US Congress. That's normal I mean if you don't put everything… cause it's at the stage where people are going to decide to come or not. It's a group of people, we have to put them together and we could be late. I remember in the past we miss one deadline and we couldn't do that trip.

MR. SOLIS: Here's another email here; it is numbered LGT_0429. And this is again, an email from Serdar to a staffer. This is May 17th. And he writes, to the staffer, "would you able to contact Ethics about the status of the application normally we were supposed to wait for approvals before we purchased the tickets, but there was a miscommunication with our sister federation. And they went ahead and purchased the tickets and now we realize that Hill staff hasn't received the approvals yet." Do you recall this situation?

WITNESS: No.

MR. SOLIS: What would… this says, "miscommunication with our sister federation." What sister federation? Who is that?

WITNESS: I guess he is referring to Midwest.

MR. SOLIS: And it says, "they went ahead and purchased the tickets." I didn't think that Midwest purchased any tickets.

WITNESS: Or, "normally we were supposed to wait for approvals before we purchased the tickets, but there was a miscommunication with our sister federation. And they went ahead and purchased the tickets and now we realize that Hill staff hasn't received the approvals" I don't recall. Like you want me to guess something or….

MR. SOLIS: Nope, I don't want you to guess. I don't want you to guess. Here is another set of documents. Take a look at those. This is GD_0035 through 40. So this appears to be flight itineraries for one of the staffers. And this was sent by Serdar on May 19th, do you recall these itineraries and seeing them at all?

WITNESS: I wasn't dealing with the….no.

MR. SOLIS: So who was dealing with them?

WITNESS: Serdar was dealing make sure that their tickets purchased and…

MR. SOLIS: Well earlier you told me that, you know, that he doesn't sort of take action without you having a –

WITNESS: Right. This is…. He doesn't need to ask me those questions because the tickets… I mean, that's his responsibility to make sure that, you know, people are getting their tickets and, I mean.

MR. SOLIS: So you may not have seen these flight itineraries?

WITNESS: No, I mean I seen those flight itineraries…or did he… I wasn't even CC-ed here.

MR. SOLIS: You know this set of itineraries shows a couple of different staffers I believe and it does show some trips.

WITNESS: We invited our guest like 10-15 just as far as I remember just 4 of them decided to come. Glen was one of them. Yeah I know Glen.

MR. SOLIS: Yeah so for example, Glen. It shows him leaving D.C. on Friday May 24th arriving --

WITNESS: Istanbul and…

MR. SOLIS: Arriving in Istanbul on Saturday May 25th, and then it looks… it appears that he stayed in Istanbul for a few days and then departs to Baku, Azerbaijan on Tuesday May 28th. And then on June 1st –

WITNESS: No, it says depart from Istanbul… let me see. Yeah, first they arrive at Istanbul, stay couple of days, looks like… yeah three days later they fly to, yeah.

MR. SOLIS: So does that jog your memory as to whether or not the staffers went to Turkey first before Baku?

WITNESS: Yeah it looks like they went to Turkey first.

MR. SOLIS: So why wouldn't you have known that if you sponsor congressional travel and you bring people to Turkey pretty often and you work with Bakiad, you know. Why would you not know if these staffers went to Turkey first?

WITNESS: If you arrange like four or five trips a year, you may not remember everything, but this past in 2013 two and a half years ago. If I had the time I would work and prepare myself and then come and you know… could give you a more clear answer, but you know.

MS. BREWINGTON: But would Serdar have talked to you about this before sending this email to the staffers?

WITNESS: As I said he doesn't need to talk to me because this particular issue, I mean, itinerary set and this was his responsibility to make sure that tickets ready and send it to him. We already separated the groups I wasn't… I was dealing with my local people and he was dealing with those people. And from that point he had to make sure that everything is working I mean he doesn't need to ask me. I mean, of course, if there is a question and if he is stuck with something, you know, sending tickets to a staffer. He doesn't need to ask me; I can communicate with them directly.

MS. BREWINGTON: You wouldn't have to discuss the itinerary or just pre-trip planning or… ?

WITNESS: I don't even remember if I had their orientation.

MS. BREWINGTON: You wouldn't remember what?

WITNESS: Because we had orientation for every group, I wasn't even at their orientation. I wasn't there.

MR. SOLIS: Can I direct you to the fourth page there? It's marked GD_0039. Should be the next page, at the bottom there? Do you see NIL Travel?

WITNESS: Yes, NIL Travel.

MR. SOLIS: Did you know who NIL Travel is?

WITNESS: They were the ones giving the tickets. Turquoise Council was working with them.

MR. SOLIS: And how do you know that?

WITNESS: Because we were asking, like you know, because I was… I had another group and I was asking like, "who's going to buy the tickets? Like are you guys going to buy the tickets?" They said it's very complicated, just directly contact with them.

MR. SOLIS: Who's them?

WITNESS: Turquoise Council, like Kemal and you know they said just directly contact with NIL Travel and you know send your itinerary and they are going to purchase the tickets. I mean they are going to arrange the tickets.

MS. BREWINGTON: So Kemal told you to discuss the tickets with NIL Travel?

WITNESS: NIL Travel directly. Reducing the work amount instead of working with Turquoise Council asking them all the time. I mean ask them directly and arrange all our tickets.

MR. SOLIS: So did Turquoise council give NIL money to buy the tickets?

WITNESS: I'm sure that they did, because we didn't give any money. They were the ones covering.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know who Bahri Caliskan is?

WITNESS: I used to live in New York for 5-6 years. I know him. I didn't work… did I work with him in the past? I don't remember. I know him personally.

MR. SOLIS: Does he know Kemal?

WITNESS: Of course they do, they work together almost.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know if he knew him on a personal level?

WITNESS: I don't think so. Because he's in New York, I don't think so on the personal level. But after this trip I'm sure they know each other very well.

MR. SOLIS: And you know just to be clear Kelly had asked you about conversations with Kemal about NIL Travel. And just so I'm clear, the local group that you work with

when it was time to pay for the tickets to sort of you know finalize the itinerary, you talked to Kemal?

WITNESS: We talked to Kemal and said like' "how are you guys going to purchase the tickets?" And they said just contact the NIL Travel and give them all your information and they are going to, you know, organize all your tickets.

MR. SOLIS: And you said, "Someone had mentioned it was very complicated?"

WITNESS: Complicated…

MR. SOLIS: Yeah a minute ago….

WITNESS: I mean I'm guessing that inside of Turkish Council is getting all of the information again, trying to purchase all the tickets. They might, you know, reduce the work hours and everything and they said "okay just contact them directly and get your tickets." It's not… Turkish Council…ticket directly go to tickets.

MR. SOLIS: Go directly to NIL Travel.

WITNESS: Directly to NIL Travel.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know what SOCAR is?

WITNESS: SOCAR… I know what SOCAR is.

MR. SOLIS: What is SOCAR?

WITNESS: State Oil Company of Azerbaijan.

MR. SOLIS: Were they at the convention?

WITNESS: Yes, I saw their logo… I saw…yeah, their logo at the convention.

MR. SOLIS: Were… was SOCAR ever mentioned at those meetings? The meetings at the convention when you met with the sister organizations?

WITNESS: I don't recall.

MR. SOLIS: You're saying that Kemal never mentioned SOCAR at all at the meeting?

WITNESS: No.

MR. SOLIS: Did anybody ever mention SOCAR?

WITNESS: No.

MR. SOLIS: Are you sure?

WITNESS: I don't remember. Let me put it that way, yeah I do not remember.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know if Kemal knows people from SOCAR?

WITNESS: If they… their name at the event, their logo is at the event, then I'm sure he knows them.

MR. SOLIS: Independent of that, do you know if Kemal knows people who work at SOCAR?

WITNESS: SOCAR visited the United States and they came to Washington, D.C. and I was…but I don't remember when was this, but it could be one of our conventions. They came as a guest and they were there and Kemal was there too.

MS. BREWINGTON: One of what conventions?

WITNESS: In our Turkic-American conventions that we organize every year annually. They came as a guest.

MR. SOLIS: Who invited them?

WITNESS: I'm sure Kemal invited them. I didn't even invite them.

MR. SOLIS: You're sure Kemal did?

WITNESS: I was …. I don't know; let me put it that way because I don't want to speak on behalf of anyone; I do not know.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know if Kemal knows people who work at SOCAR? I mean he's your friend for a long time. Your wives speak you said you know him very well.

WITNESS: If he invited people to our convention I'm sure he knows people from SOCAR.

MR. SOLIS: Was… at the convention was SOCAR or people who work at SOCAR making speeches or presentations?

WITNESS: I don't recall.

MS. BREWINGTON: What was the overall presence of SOCAR at the convention do you remember?

WITNESS: I actually didn't see a lot, I mean I saw their name. There were volunteers who were helping but I didn't ask them like what did they do and if they work for SOCAR, I didn't ask them. No, I didn't see a lot of their presence there because I saw

BP's, I saw SOCAR's emblems or logos at the convention. There wasn't like.... And we stayed there like 2-3 days I guess. 3 days or 2 days. It was a very short period of time.

MR. SOLIS: Suleyman Turhan who was, you know president of the Federation of the Midwest. So he submitted the paperwork on behalf of not only his sponsor travelers but also the travelers you invited as well, correct?

WITNESS: Yeah four staffers.

MR. SOLIS: Four Staffers? And Mr. Turhan's organization, the Federation of the Midwest, didn't have the money to pay for his invited staffers and your invited staffer's right?

WITNESS: I don't know at that time their account, but Kemal... let me put it... Turquoise Council promised us that they were going to cover it.

MR. SOLIS: Well I can tell you that Mr. Turhan said that he didn't pay his or his organization did not pay.

WITNESS: You see I mean...

MR. SOLIS: Right. So, bearing in mind that you are having conversations with Mr. Turhan about organizing and getting these people invited, maybe not organizing, but in communications with these staffers to get them to Turkey and Azerbaijan, why did Mr. Turhan submit the paperwork on behalf of the Midwest if Turquoise Council was paying for the trip?

WITNESS: I mean as I said before, it's like... Turquoise Council cannot cover everybody. It's your sister organization and you are asking your help and they're the one trying to help the organization. I mean help the convention. That's why... like we did too, as MAFTAA . We tried to invite people too.

MR. SOLIS: And as someone who signs the Ethics forms right, you understand the ethics forms you've seen the Ethics forms?

WITNESS: Right, of course, I've signed them.

MR. SOLIS: Are you aware on the ethics forms that you sign it with an expectation that when you say, "I am representing that I am the sole provider of funds for this trip" under you know penalty of 18 U.S.C. 1001, I mean are you aware of that signature that you give on the forms?

WITNESS: I don't recall, but if I see it I would you know of course I read it before I sign.

MR. SOLIS: I mean are you generally aware of that when you sign these forms, you're representing that MAFTAA is the sole provider of funds for the trip?

WITNESS: Of course.

MR. SOLIS: Do you know then why Mr. Turhan would've signed the document to the Ethics Committee that the Federation of the Midwest was the sole provider of funds when they weren't?

WITNESS: I mean you should ask him not me.

MR. SOLIS: We did ask him, but I want to know if he talked to you about it?

WITNESS: No, that's the problem he didn't talk about it. He didn't talk anything about this case; I didn't even hear of that.

MR. SOLIS: And when you say that's the problem, what do you mean that's the problem?

WITNESS: I mean I didn't talk to anybody I don't know what was his answer. I mean I'm not sure how to answer that question. I mean ask him directly.

MR. SOLIS: So Mr. Turhan knows.

WITNESS: I can -- if you want me to guess, if it will help you for me to guess I can guess.

MR. SOLIS: No, I don't want you to guess. I want you to…

WITNESS: But then if you want me to straight that's --

MR. SOLIS: Yeah I just wanted to know….

WITNESS: But everybody trusted Turquoise Council that you know they were going to pay today or later whatever the cost was in Azerbaijan.

MS. BREWINGTON: You said that leading up to this travel there was an initial meeting in the beginning of 2013 talking about it and organizing it. Were there follow up meetings before the actual trip where this was discussed? How the forms would be filled out?

WITNESS: I don't think… we didn't have any other meetings.

MS. BREWINGTON: You only met in April, 2013?

WITNESS: I don't recall what I remember as I said it may not be February 2013, January-February.

MS. BREWINGTON: Early 2013, Is that fair?

WITNESS: Early 2013 it's fair. Because I check my emails because first email I sent was in February, which means that you know after the meeting I took an action. And I really don't remember any other meetings that we had.

MS. BREWINGTON: You don't remember having another meeting until the trip itself?

WITNESS: I don't remember I really don't… if I … no I don't remember. We could have done, but I don't know, I don't remember.

MS. BREWINGTON: Did you ever ask questions maybe telephone calls or emails to Kemal or others about how these forms would be filled out?

WITNESS: Of course…. Which forms?

MS. BREWINGTON: The travel forms. The approval forms, sorry.

WITNESS: We didn't fill any forms as MAFTAA.

MS. BREWINGTON: But you had to talk to the Midwest.

WITNESS: They were the ones that had to fill out all the forms. We didn't fill out any forms.

MR. SOLIS: Right, yeah and I just want to know what Mr. Turhan would've said to you about filling out the forms when he wasn't paying for the travel...it was Turquoise Council.

WITNESS: I mean we didn't discuss that we just ask him to add names, you know, and then they add the names. I didn't ask him, "How did you fill out this form?" No.

MR. SOLIS: I think we are pretty much wrapped up. You had mentioned to our staff here that you had some trouble with emails? That there was a server that had broken in some way?

WITNESS: No, first call that we get from Helen and when she asked us it's like you have to get us all MAFTAA's email and like a month ago we moved everything from older website, because our website was hacked like 5 times last month. So we were afraid that we were not going to get any email from the server. Then Serdar and I checked our Gmail and we found everything in Gmail account. Then we provided everything then.

MR. SOLIS: Great. Do you know about how many emails there are?

WITNESS: I put like maybe 20-30 emails. Started up with 40.

MR. SOLIS: Are there any conversations with Kemal?

WITNESS: I check Kemal's name if there… I can give you guys my password if you guys want to check. I couldn't find any conversation with Kemal.

MR. SOLIS: When you speak with him do you usually speak over phone, over text message, email?

WITNESS: Over phone, yeah.

MR. SOLIS: How often do you speak to him?

WITNESS: There is no like, "Lets speak every week"; whenever there's something, we speak.

MR. SOLIS: So you don't speak every week?

WITNESS: No, we don't speak like every day. We are a good friend, but that doesn't mean I see him like every day or every week or every month.

MR. SOLIS: You said you saw him…

WITNESS: He came to our convention; I saw him.

MR. SOLIS: This year?

WITNESS: It was March 18th and I saw him very small period because there were like 500, 600 people or and I said "Hey."

MR. SOLIS: Who was he talking to?

WITNESS: I guess some guests. He was talking with some guests or something.

MR. SOLIS: Was Ozkur Yildiz there?

WITNESS: Ozkur, no I wasn't… no. Of course Ozkur was at the convention.

MR. SOLIS: I meant in 2015 in March 17th was Ozkur there?

WITNESS: Ozkur was there of course.

MR. SOLIS: Was he speaking with Kemal?

WITNESS: I didn't see.

MR. SOLIS: So Kemal was there speaking with some guests, but did you talk to Kemal at all?

WITNESS: I just briefly just because I haven't seen him for a while said, "Where the hell you been?" I come and you know that's it. Maybe less than 30 seconds.

MR. SOLIS: Did anybody at the convention talk about this trip and the convention in 2013 in Baku?

WITNESS: No.

MR. SOLIS: Nobody mentioned it?

WITNESS: Nobody that's will I'm literally…

MR. SOLIS: Did anybody mention they had been contacted by our office?

WITNESS: I mean once, Suleyman mentioned that … but I really didn't pay attention.

MR. SOLIS: What did he say?

WITNESS: They were in some investigation and you know he was going to come to Washington or something? Did he come here I didn't even know that. I just…

MR. SOLIS: No, we spoke to him in Chicago.

WITNESS: You spoke to him in Chicago? I don't know. You guys traveled to Chicago? He didn't mention, none of them mention that's the… I mean just as I said Suleyman mentioned that there's some Ethic, there's some...it was involved with MAFTAA so… I wasn't sure what was he talking about.

MR. SOLIS: I think that is all that we have for you. Do you have any other questions Kelly?

MS. BREWINGTON: I think that's it.

MR. SOLIS: Well thank you very much for your time. Do you have any questions for us?

WITNESS: If you guys give me what's going on like what is going to happen, what is this? I mean, I just read it. It is about the convention or is it about Kemal or is it about what? What did we do wrong?

MR. SOLIS: Nobody is saying you did anything wrong. Our review is just based on this trip, it's based on the convention, it's about the sponsors, who paid for it, things like that. All the questions we've asked you and all the documents we've shown you are all related to those issues.

WITNESS: Okay.

MR. SOLIS: So… alright well thank you very much.

# EXHIBIT 98

# **BAKİAD ile** Council of Turkic American Associations
# İŞBİRLİĞİ PROTOKOLÜ

**Protokolün Tarafları ve Süresi**

Bu protokol Boğaziçi Atlantik Kültürel Dostluk ve İşbirliği Derneği ile Council of Turkic American Associations arasında yazılı metin sonundaki imzalanmış 15 Şubat 2013 tarihten itibaren 2 yıl geçerli olan bir anlaşmadır. Bu protokolde taraflar Boğaziçi Atlantik Kültürel Dostluk ve İşbirliği Derneği ile Council of Turkic American Associations olup, kısaca BAKİAD ve CTAA olarak isimlendirilmistir.

**Protokolün Amacı**

İş bu protokol ile Türkiye ve Atlantik ülkeleri arasında eğitim, sosyal, kültürel ve sanatsal girişimlerde bulunmak, geziler organize etmek, işbirligi yapmak, bir dostluk köprüsü kurup diyaloğun temini ve kültürler arası uzlaşma sağlamak amaçlanmaktadır.

**Protokolün Kapsamı**

BAKİAD ile CTAA arasında imzalanarak uygulamaya konulan işbirliği protokolü aşağıdaki maddeleri içerir.

1 BAKİAD, yukarıda belirlenen amaçlar doğrultusunda, vakıf/dernek yönetiminin öngördüğü kişileri, kendilerinin belirledigi tarihte ülkemize gönderecektir.
2 Gelecek misafirlerin;

• Havaalanı alımından başlayarak yurt içinde tüm transferleri,
• Kalacakları yerlere ulaşımları,
• Kalacakları yerlerin daha önceden rezervasyonlarının yapılması,
• Ülke içindeki yerlere yapılacak yolculuklarla ilgili biletlerin alınması,
• Telefon açma, para çekme, döviz değişimi gibi işlemlerin yapılmasına yardımcı olunması,
• Seyahat firmaları ile yapılan gezilerde yolcuların kişisel güvenliklerinin temini ve yol sigortalarının temin edilmesi,
• Turistik yerler icin gezi rehberinin temin edilmesi,
• Gezi sonunda tekrar havaalanına bırakılmasına ve gerekli diğer her türlü organizasyonun yapılmasını BAKİAD üstlenecektir.

3 Bir üst madde (Madde 2) belirlenen hizmetler karşılığında BAKİAD hiçbir ücret talep etmemektedir. Ancak grupların Türkiye'ye geliş-gidiş masrafları muhatap kurum tarafından ödenecektir.
4 BAKİAD(Madde 2) de belirttiği tüm organizasyon işleminde istediği seyahat şirketi, otel, motel, hotel, rehber, yapım şirketi ve benzeri kuruluşlarla çalışma serbestiyeti içinde olmakla beraber, muhatap kuruluştan gelen teklifler değerlendirir.

5 CTAA'nın Türkiye'de ayarlamış olduğu randevularda BAKİAD'ın ismininde kullanılması zorunludur. Randevuların, ilgili randevu makamı ve tarihi 15 gün öncesinden BAKİAD'a gönderilmelidir.
6 Ülke halkların karşılıklı gezilerinin daha verimli geçebilmesi için bu organizasyonlar öncesi katılımcılara kendi ülkelerinde oryantasyon verilmesi tavsiye edilir.
7 Türkiye'ye getirilecek misafirlerin getirilen kurum tarafından ülkelerinden ayrılmadan önce ferdi sağlık ve kaza sigortalarının yaptırılması gerekmektedir. Herbir katılımcı için Medical Disclaim Formunun doldurulup imzalatılması gerekmektedir.
8 Taraflar karşılıklı olarak anlaşmak kaydı ile bu protokole yeni maddeler ekleyebilirler, mevcut ya da eklenmiş maddeleri kaldırabilirler.
9 Bu anlaşma, taraflardan birisi tarafından diğer tarafa anlaşma fesih yazısı göndermeden tek taraflı olarak fesh edilemez. Anlaşmanın fesh edilmesi için taraflar arasında yazılı mutabakata varılması gerekir.
10 BAKİAD, yurt dışında yapılacak Türkiye'yi tanıtım ve festivallerinde muhatabı olan kuruluşa Türkiye ile alakalı tüm resmi ve gayri resmi işlerde yardım edecektir. Konuyla ilgili iki tarafında uygun gördüğü ayrı bir anlaşma yapabilecektir.
11 Bu protokol 15 Şubat 2013 tarihinde imzalanmıştır.
12 İş bu protokol 12 maddeden oluşmakta olup imzalandığı tarihten itibaren 2 yıl geçerlidir.

Kurum:
CTAA
Council of Turkic
American Associations

Yetkili:
Furkan Koşar
Başkan

[redacted]

Kurum:
BAKİAD
Boğaziçi Atlantik Kültürel
Dostluk ve İşbirliği Derneği

Yetkili:
İrfan Sarı
Başkan

[redacted]

BAKİAD
Boğaziçi Atlantik Kültürel Dostluk ve İşbirliği Derneği

[redacted]

# COOPERATION PROTOCOL

## **Between BAKIAD** and Council of Turkic American Associations

### Parties and Duration of the Protocol

This protocol is an agreement signed between Bosphorus-Atlantic Association of Cultural Cooperation & Friendship (BAKIAD) and Council of Turkic American Associations and it is valid within 2 years after the signing date of February 15, 2013 located at the end of the written text. The parties in this protocol are Bosphorus Atlantic Association of Cultural Cooperation & Friendship (BAKIAD) and Council of Turkic American Associations, and they are referred to as BAKIAD and CTAA in short.

### Purpose of the Protocol

With herein protocol, it is aimed to embark on educational, social, cultural and artistic enterprises, to organize trips, to cooperate, to establish dialog and to provide intercultural reconciliation by building a bridge of friendship.

### Scope of the Protocol

Herein protocol that came into force after being signed between BAKIAD and CTAA, contains the following items.

1. BAKIAD will send the people that are seen fit by the management of the foundation/association management to our country, on the date that they determined themselves.
2. BAKIAD will undertake;

- All the domestic transfers starting with airport pick up,
- Transportation to accommodations,
- The booking of accommodations beforehand,
- Purchasing the tickets for domestic travels,
- Assisting with activities such as making telephone calls, withdrawing cash and exchanging foreign currency,
- Ensuring personal security of the passengers at the trips with travel companies and obtaining travel insurance,
- Providing a travel guide for touristic landmarks,
- Transferring to the airport at the end of the trip and organizing for anything that might be necessary for the arriving visitors.

3 BAKIAD demands no payment for the services described in the item above (Item 2). However the groups' travelling expenses to and from Turkey will be covered by the concerned institution.
4 While BAKIAD is free to work with any travel company, hotel, motel, guide, production company and similar organizations it desires for all specified (in Item 2) organizational activities, the proposals of the concerned institution will be evaluated.
5 BAKIAD's name must be used in all appointments arranged in Turkey by CTAA. The related office and date of the appointment must be sent to BAKIAD 15 days in advance.
6 Giving orientation to the participants in their own countries prior to these organizations is advised so that the reciprocating trips of nationals are more effective.
7 Personal health and accident insurance of the visitors that will be brought to Turkey must be bought by the concerned institution before departing from their countries. Each participant should fill and sign the Medical Disclaim Form.
8 The parties can add new items to this protocol, remove existing or added items, if the parties mutually agree on it.
9 This agreement cannot be terminated unilaterally unless one of the parties sends agreement termination letter to the other party. The parties should reach to a written agreement in order to terminate the agreement.
10 BAKIAD will assist the corresponding institution in all official and non-official business regarding Turkey at the festivals and promotions of Turkey that will be held overseas.
11 This protocol was signed on February 15, 2013.
12 Herein protocol consists of 12 items and it is valid within 2 years after the signing date.

Institution:
CTAA
Council of Turkic
American Associations

Authorized by:
Furkan Koşar
President
[Signature: *Furkan Koşar*]

Institution:
BAKIAD
Bosphorus-Atlantic Association of
Cultural Cooperation & Friendship

Authorized by:
İrfan Sarı
President
[Signature: *İrfan Sarı*]

[Stamp:
**BAKIAD**
**Bosphorus-Atlantic Association of Cultural Cooperation & Friendship**
Altunizade Mh. Okul Sk. Altunizade Sitesi
Tel: 0
]

# EXHIBIT 99

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE JIM BRIDENSTINE

**3/26/2015**

WRIGHT: This is Nate Wright I'm here with Bryson Morgan from the OCE. We're interviewing Representative Bridenstine. It's March 26th, 2015 we are in Representative Bridenstine's office. And I'm just going to go straight to some of the questions because I know your time is valuable. Do you know Kemal Oksuz?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I do, yes.

WRIGHT: How did you meet Mr. Oksuz?

REP BRIDENSTINE: So he was introduced to me. I met him for the first time in Houston, Texas. I was… I went down there to do a number of different things. But I met him through a gentleman named Orhan, who I met at the Turkish Raindrop House, in Tulsa Oklahoma. Group of Turkish folks that are constituents of mine and wanted me to talk to all of them and I did. And then I met him and he introduced me to Kemal.

WRIGHT: Do you remember when that was?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I mean it's on all the records that we gave you; I don't know the date was, it was in 2013 early 2013, sometime, it was Baseball season. I think if I remember right I think I went to a baseball game at Rice.

WRIGHT: How often do you interact with Mr. Oksuz?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Very rarely. I've met him in Houston. I've met him on the Hill maybe once or twice. But I mean I vary rarely see him.

MORGAN: It is a situation where he reaches out to you or do you reach out to him?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Usually he reaches out to me…. I think, I mean…

MORGAN: Do you know… or your Chief of Staff right?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right.

MORGAN: He initiates the contact?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Sure, yes that's correct.

MORGAN: Who do you understand him to be? What sort of roles does he play? What Organizations is he affiliated with? Sort of, in your mind who is Kemal Oksuz?

REP BRIDENSTINE: So, he is just a friend of a friend kind of. And he's involved in, I don't know what the organization is, but it's the like some Turkic Chamber of Commerce or something like that, down in Texas.

WRIGHT: Is it the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians?

REP BRIDENSTINE: That could be it I don't know.

MORGAN: And when he's… you said you've had contact with him a couple of times on the Hill. Do you remember why he was on the Hill or…?

REP BRIDENSTINE: He generally advocates for issues related to Azerbaijan. We've had conversations about the state partnership program between the United States and Azerbaijan. The state of Oklahoma has a partnership program where we have our national guard, you know senior level officials, go to Azerbaijan and we have, you know, from Agriculture, we have University, you know, professors and things like that go to Azerbaijan. And so the state partnership program between the state of Oklahoma and Azerbaijan is unique to Oklahoma that's the only partnership program that the State of Oklahoma has. And so he likes to talk about those types of things, he likes to talk about the Southern Corridor Pipeline which is important for the energy security for, you know, eastern and central Europe it originates in the Caspian see. Goes, you know, that's where they, you know, where the Shockdanese Oil Plate is. And they take that and they put that oil in a pipeline and the goal is to eventually have that pipeline go all the way over to Europe without going through Russia. So we've had that conversation before and how important that is and political support for that project especially as it relates to the aggressiveness of Russia. Things like that.

WRIGHT: Is most of his focus on Azerbaijan?

REP BRIDENSTINE: That's pretty much all I've ever known him for. When I did my trip, I just, I went to Azerbaijan and I came home. There was no other destination.

WRIGHT: Yeah, he talked about travelling through Turkey beforehand but you didn't?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I did not.

MORGAN: When he… you said he's been talking, you say advocates on Azerbaijan issues and also mentioned him talking to you about the Southern Energy Corridor. Do you know who he's advocating on behalf of? Is he doing that in a capacity as an employee of somebody or is he doing that as a representative of that Turkish Chamber of Commerce? Do you know what, sort of, hat he's wearing when he's doing that?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I honestly don't know. I just figured he's a guy that loves, you know, whether it's Turkey or Azerbaijan, you know, that I figured that he was…. I don't know, he's advocating, from my perspective he's advocating on behalf of Azerbaijan but I don't know what entity he's representing.

MORGAN: You don't know if he's doing that in the capacity like a representative of the Azerbaijani Government or SOCAR or any other entity?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know. I know that when I went to Azerbaijan there was a whole lot of government officials involved in that on their side so he must have some relationship with people there to organize all that or it was already organized and maybe he was just, you know, encouraging members like me, that have a state partnership program, or what have you, to go.

WRIGHT: Were you under the impression that he also had help organizing the convention from in Azerbaijan itself?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't have any idea on that. I didn't get that impression one way or the other. So I don't know.

WRIGHT: but there were a lot of… Just that there were a lot of government officials from Azerbaijan that attended the conference.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Oh yeah and they took us to the Azerbaijani Parliament. We met with the Azerbaijan President. So….

WRIGHT: Are you familiar with the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians, TCAE.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Not really

WRIGHT: Are you familiar with the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan or AFAZ?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Not really, it rings a bell but I'm not familiar with it.

WRIGHT: Do you know Kemal Oksuz role in either of those organizations?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know.

MORGAN: So let's focus in a little bit more on that 2013 trip to Azerbaijan. I think you were fairly new to congress at the time. Do you recall when you first heard about the convention when you first perhaps received an invitation to go? Do you know when that was?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yes, I'm trying to think.

MORGAN: I mean we do have some… maybe some documents might help.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah please.

MORGAN: I'd rather you not speculate. We have a document that can refresh your recollection we'll give you that.

WRIGHT: Handing you a document marked THJB 00173 and this one might be helpful to read a little first.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay.

MORGAN: Start on 176.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Read in reverse starting on the very very back?

MORGAN and WRIGHT: Yeah.

MORGAN: It starts off at March 14th 2013 email from you to Mr. Oksuz it appears.

REP BRIDENSTINE: So great getting to know you last night. So obviously this was March 13th 2013 so it looks like I got to know him on the night of March 13, 2013.

MORGAN: Do you recall what that event was? What it was about? What you are referring to there?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I think it might've been a phone call. But I honestly don't know. It probably was a phone call but again I don't know because I'm looking here. Cause the first time I ever met him I was in Houston.

MORGAN: So that email you sent you say, "I could arrive in the Afternoon Tuesday April 30th," you're sort of talking about a visit to Houston in advance of the trip to Azerbaijan.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right

MORGAN: So it seems that you know on March 14th when you sent this email, you had already been invited or the trip to Azerbaijan had been mentioned.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right, that must be the case.

MORGAN: So do you think that would've occurred on that phone call?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know and I don't even… and it must be a phone call because I clearly recollect going into the restaurant and trying to find this gentleman and not knowing what he looked like.

MORGAN: Okay, that would've been that April in Houston?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah that would've been in Houston.

MORGAN: Okay so let's talk about that just to get the timeline down. So you went to Houston on or about April 30th and your purpose of going down there… do you recall your purpose of traveling down to Houston was?

REP BRIDENSTINE: A number of things my brother lives there. And I went to Rice University and they had a baseball game and you know I try to put a number of things together.

MORGAN: I'd imagine.

REP BRIDENSTINE: And ultimately we went down and we made that work where I could meet him at the same time.

MORGAN: You said it was at a restaurant?

REP BRIDENSTINE: It was I don't remember the restaurant. I know that's the next question … does that matter?

MORGAN: No I'm just trying to get the details of it down as much as possible.

WRIGHT: We may have shown you THJB 00368. This might jog your memory. What do you remember of that April and May?

REP BRIDENSTINE: There you go. So let's see you want me to read this for the recording?

WRIGHT: No that's fine.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay.

WRIGHT: Just trying to jog your memory to help out the timeline and the events. Do you remember why you were down there discussing the convention at all?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I remember talking about coming, how important it was because of Oklahoma's relationship to Azerbaijan. I remember talking about how important it was this trip. I don't remember talking about the convention specifically. In fact when I thought I was going to Azerbaijan I didn't. I didn't know that it was going to be as big of an event as it was. You know what I mean? Like I was thinking it would be a couple of people and I was thinking I was doing this on behalf of my constituents that are in the National Guard and things like that.

MORGAN: So …How did… at some point you became aware that there's an ethics approval process for trips and is… are those issues that you handed off to somebody else in your office or were you personally involved in that process of getting the trip approved?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah, after, you know, figuring out that I was going to go. I turned it over to Joe and I don't.… I turned it over to Joe and I don't know who he might've involved in the process but we definitely turned it over to Joe completely.

WRIGHT: Did you have conversations with him about looking into the trip anymore or looking into any of the organizations behind the trip?

REP BRIDENSTINE: We… what I did is I said run it through Ethics that's all I knew to say. Run it through Ethics make sure it's all good and as far as I know Joe took every last precaution and ran it all through Ethics and it got approved.

MORGAN: Were you personally involved in any of the correspondence with the Ethics Committee to get the trip approved?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't think so. No. In fact I would, I don't want to state definitively, but I'm pretty confident that Joe handled all of that, to the extent that I signed forms and things like that.

MORGAN: What was sort of your understanding of who it was that was taking you on this trip? Who was paying for it?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Well I knew that there was this organization and the way it was explained to me was an organization that advocates on behalf of the people from Azerbaijan. And we're talking about Americans that are from Azerbaijan. The Diaspora if you will. And that it was similar how, you know, AIPAC takes people on trips kind of thing. And I said okay if it's all on the up and up we'll be happy to go and we got approval from Ethics and so that's….

WRIGHT: Did you have any conversations with Kemal about getting approval from the Ethics Committee?

REP BRIDENSTINE: He gave us a lot of the information that we needed to submit to the Ethics Committee that ultimately got the approval.

WRIGHT: I want to turn you attention to the front page of that first document that we handed you. And on it Joe asks about who are the primary sponsors and who are the secondary sponsors for the trip.

MORGAN: This is just for the record this is THJB 00173 is what you're looking at.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay.

WRIGHT: Do you remember any discussions about who was sponsoring or who was organizing the travel to the convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: It was one of those groups you mentioned earlier. I would… again this was 2 years ago almost… so I would guess it was one of those groups.

MORGAN: I mean just to be clear, you know, this is an email you were not on but this was an email chain that appears to be, you know, looking at the entirety of the email chain, is, you sort of handing off the trip approval and ethics process over to Mr. Kaufman and him going forward to asking some questions.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah.

MORGAN: Just to give you some context there don't mean to spring an email before you that you haven't seen before but we were just wondering, you know, and Joe Kaufman as he sends this email to Kemal asking for the program for the convention the primary sponsors, secondary sponsors, we just want to know if that was prompted at all by conversation or an email you had with Mr. Kaufman in which you told him to ask those specific questions?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No I think and I don't know but I think Joe started working with the Ethics Committee they started telling him what he needed to do. He started trying to get the information he needed. It looks like Kemal here so that we could get everything approved.

MORGAN: How frequently did Joe Kaufman check in with you on how that process was going or give you updates?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Not at all I mean I signed documents, you know, if I remember right I signed documents.

MORGAN: Yeah I believe that's so.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah but I mean… he handled it and I wasn't quite frankly worried about it I was trusting Joe to do the right thing and it looks like that's what he was trying to do.

MORGAN: No if we… [inaudible] it's our standard….

WRIGHT: We don't mean to imply that Joe did anything wrong in this. [inaudible] we're just, you know…..

MORGAN: We tend to ask very detailed questions just to make sure we are understanding it from all potential aspects. Not to suggest we're focusing on… we don't mean to suggest that something happened that you're saying didn't happen. So you know in general we talked about who was paying for it taking you there. And in your mind the purpose of the convention… what was sort of the high level view of it was? You said you thought it was going to be a relatively small thing?

REP BRIDENSTINE: My purpose was to go and learn more about this country that we have a state partnership program with, and that our National Guard sends people too, and that Oklahoma State University sends people too. And I have a church in my district that sends missionaries there. And I have heard you know that they had an interest as well. And so I made an effort to go. As far as the Convention goes I was not aware it was going to be as big as it was. There was a lot of people there. You know my intent was to go to this country that was relevant to my state and my district.

WRIGHT: Did you have any reason leading up to the convention or the trip to question who was paying for it?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah so that's in… they explained to me that people take trips to Israel with AIPAC and that there's a process to go through to get it all approved. And this is the same thing.

MORGAN: Who explained that to you? Who was that?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Just my Chief of Staff. Just that it's the same process. And I'm like whatever that process is we'll go through that and get it approved. But I do specifically remember having the conversation because your question was did you ask about… and I remember having the conversation, you know, how does this work? It's an organization like AIPAC. I mean I remember hearing that. And AIPAC does this kind of thing regularly. So….

WRIGHT: I'm handing you a document THJB 00185. This is part of the paper work that was put together to submit to the Committee on Ethics. And I believe this is part of the paperwork that Kemal put together.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay.

WRIGHT: Do you remember reviewing this form?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yes.

WRIGHT: And this lists TCAE as the only sponsor did you have any reason to question that?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No. No, not at all. I mean I didn't question it. I mean the goal was to make sure this was approved by Ethics and that's what we did.

MORGAN: Did Mr. Kaufman or anyone else on your staff raise any questions or doubts about any of the information on this form?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Well that's why we ran it through Ethics. We wanted to make sure it was filled out, it was complete and that we ran it through the people that would do the approval meaning the Ethics Committee. But you know, our objective was to get it approved by doing all the right, you know, steps in the process.

MORGAN: Did Mr. Kaufman ever mention to you that he was looking into whether or not some private oil companies were also sponsoring this or were involved? Did he mention that to you at all?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No.

MORGAN: Okay, Did you ask him to do… do you recall, I mean other that saying generally get this approved by Ethics and make sure it's approved by Ethics and those types of conversations, do you recall any specific conversations with Mr. Kaufman or anyone else in your staff about this Turquoise Council organizations role or AFAZ their role or maybe Conoco or BP or you know energy companies. Do you recall any specific conversations?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't.

MORGAN: Okay.

WRIGHT: Did you know that Joe Kaufman reached out to Conoco Phillips to ask them about both their sponsorship and the role that TCAE and AFAZ were playing in the convention.

REP BRIDENSTINE: I was unaware of that.

WRIGHT: And I realize you're not on this but… so you may have no knowledge of this. I'm showing you a document OCE COP 08.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Should I read this back to front as well?

WRIGHT: The main part I wanted to focus on is the top part. So the context is that Mr. Kaufman, who we understand previously worked for Conoco Phillips, had some discussion about their sponsorship and had discussions with Kay Larcom and up at the top where he talks about there probably not sure of all the Ethics rules, excuse me this is Kay Larcom writing this, "Probably not sure about all the Ethics rules he's being invited as a guest to a meeting he would go for free. They have to be able to say who was paying since we are listed as sponsors he wants to know what our role is, whether we would be paying for his trip. It is difficult to find out who these host organizations are AFAC and TCAE. If this is a cover for Either SOCAR or the Azeri Government he needs to know." Do you remember any conversations about this? These questions?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No I've never seen this or heard of this.

WRIGHT: Does it surprise you that these questions were being raised?

REP BRIDENSTINE: So this is somebody at Conoco Phillips that's asking this?

WRIGHT: Yes.

MORGAN: Yeah this is Kay Larcom at Conoco Phillips emailing another Luna Orlup, who was also a Conoco Phillips employee at that time, relaying to Mrs. Orlup which she says were questions raised by Mr. Kaufman.

REP BRIDENSTINE: So what did….

MORGAN: Take your time, if you want to read that top email again take your time to… it appears that, well at least, Kay Larcom was writing here that and we spoke to Mrs. Larcom she told us that Mr. Kaufman wanted to know if AFAZ or TCAE were covers for SOCAR or the Azeri Government. And we're just… What we want to know from you is if that was, if you were aware that Mr. Kaufman raised that question if that was a conversation that you had with Mr. Kaufman?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No I had… no.

WRIGHT: Does it surprise you that he raised the question?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No but I think it's appropriate that he did right?

MORGAN: Oh we're not saying this to suggest this is inappropriate.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right no. I was… I'm learning about this for the first time right now and I'm glad he asked the question so I mean it looks like he was trying to do the right thing and I'm glad he was trying to do the right thing.

MORGAN: This is document OCE COP 007. The top there is what appears to be a response to Mr. Kaufman to his questions. In which he was essentially told that at least Conoco Phillips was not a sponsor. Was that message ever relayed to you?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No

MORGAN: We were just not sure if it was a situation where he's vetting this, Mr. Kaufman was vetting this, and not keeping you in the loop or this was you.

REP BRIDENSTINE: I'm learning this for the first time and I'm… he's asking I think important questions I wouldn't even know to ask these questions.

MORGAN: Sometimes that's what Chiefs of staff are for. Yeah we don't mean to at all suggest that asking those questions was inappropriate.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay.

WRIGHT: Did anyone… Do you remember anyone from Conoco Phillips reaching out to you… So this document they tell you they are not sponsoring the convention. Do you remember any discussions later either before the convention or perhaps at the convention with them telling you no we are in fact sponsors of the convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: That Conoco Phillips is a sponsor?

WRIGHT: Yes.

REP BRIDENSTINE: No I never had any conversations like that.

WRIGHT: Do you know….

REP BRIDENSTINE: Were they a sponsor?

WRIGHT: They were yes.

MORGAN: Well to be clear, it's actually… they were a sponsor… were identified at the conference as a sponsor sort of in the common usage of the word sponsor. That doesn't necessarily mean that they were a sponsor as the Ethics Committee and the travel rules define the word sponsor. It's a fairly technical definition. So when we say they are a sponsor they did

provide funds to be listed as a sponsor in the public sort of signage at the convention. I don't know if you recall….

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember any of that.

MORGAN: A big banner behind the speakers on the stage where several entities were identified as being involved.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah I don't remember Conoco Phillips. I do remember being interested because Conoco Phillips has a huge presence in my district. Phillip 66 and Conoco Phillips, they've split now but I remember being interested in what their equities are in the region. Just from a constituency kind of representation interest and at the time I remember being told that they I guess they had interest or I read it online they had interest in the North Arabi... or in the North Caspian Sea and that they had… I think they sold it all a number of years before I ever went on the trip so but I do remember looking into that to find out what the equities were in the region that were appropriate to me representing my constituents.

MORGAN: And do you recall your looking into that something that occurred during the convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Actually now that I think about it. It might've been after the convention.

MORGAN: But you remember seeing somehow their involvement at the convention and that triggered in your mind a need to sort of how that relates to your constituents.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah I honestly don't know when I learned of that but I do remember thinking that I've got a constituent with equities over there and I remember thinking that those equities have all been sold and it's all irrelevant. Cause I remember reading an article online about how they had lost a ton of money and they got rid of whatever investment they had in the North Caspian. And I had… sorry go ahead.

WRIGHT: Sorry I was going to ask you, were you at all involved in the process in obtaining Visas to Azerbaijan?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Not that I remember.

WRIGHT: Were you aware that SOCAR was processing the Visas to Azerbaijan.

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember.

MORGAN: We are… We're fairly far along in our investigation, we've reviewed a lot of documents from particular some of the outside entities that were involved in this and so just were you at all aware that AFAZ was organizing the convention under a contract you had with SOCAR?

REP BRIDENSTINE: See, when you say "AFAZ" I'm not....

MORGAN: Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan, sorry.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay, so no. I'm not aware really about them.

WRIGHT: Or their role in the convention or travel to the convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: When I hear... I'm going to tell you what I think of this... when I hear AFAZ and then I look at this name on this document you just gave me, Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians, I would've... in my mind I would've thought they were the same thing. I don't know what the difference is between the two of them. You know what I mean?

MORGAN: Why would they be the same entity? Is that... I mean we understand Kemal had a role in both was it they were sort of Interchangeable entities?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I think of... and again I don't, maybe I'm not looking into it enough or something but I just see them as... and I couldn't even, you know, tell you what the names of the organizations were if I didn't see them on the piece of paper. So my knowledge or depth of knowledge of what these organizations are is very shallow. And what I would say is to me when I think of organizations like this. I think of just an organization trying to build relations between the United States and another country and there's diaspora in our country that might have an interest in making sure that those relationships are strong. You know, so is one of them nefarious? I'm asking you, can I ask that question?

MORGAN: I wouldn't say it's our position to say nefarious or not, let me give you a little more context.

WRIGHT: Maybe we can ask this way. Would it surprise you that all but less than ½ a percent of the money that went through AFAZ in 2013 was solely for this convention and travel to this convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: That would.... I guess that would surprise me now that I've seen this document and I've seen the sponsor of the event.

WRIGHT: Would it be surprising if 90 percent of the money that AFAZ had in 2013 was from SOCAR pursuant to a contract to organize this convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Is it surprising? I don't know.

MORGAN: Is that news to you? Is that something you were aware of?

REP BRIDENSTINE: It is... but I don't....

MORGAN: It is... Well we just asked two questions so... that's news to you?

REP BRIDENSTINE: It is. But I don't…

MORGAN: Prior to us saying that you were not aware that AFAZ had that type of agreement with SOCAR?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Correct, that is correct.

MORGAN: Okay.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Again I don't know what would even be appropriate. Is SOCAR not allowed to help these organizations? I don't even know.

MORGAN: Well that's one of the issues here. You know as I think our notification we gave you as the nature of review. I think that in some of the evidence and documents we've gathered suggests that there may have been a level of involvement by SOCAR and by the Azerbaijani Government that rendered the trip potentially problematic. And so you know our job is to look at that issue from all the various angles and with respect to our interview with you we're trying to figure out what you knew about that. If that was something you didn't know about or if you did know about. So just because we ask very pointed questions if we have… you know if I had a specific email showing you with knowledge of that, I'd show you that and give you a chance to respond. You know, I don't have that type of email so what I'm doing is just asking you a blanket question just so we as investigators can check a box that says "we asked Representative Bridenstine if he was aware of SOCAR's money going to AFAZ. He said he was not aware."

REP BRIDENSTINE: I honestly was not aware. Is.. see I was thinking TCAE according to this document that was the trip sponsor. AFAZ you know I'm not familiar with what that is. They told us that the trip sponsor was TCAE and we, I guess Joe sent, that to Ethics and got approval.

MORGAN: And you didn't have any reason to question that?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right. I mean I just figured that Ethics had done this kind of thing before this was what they do. And so we went with what Ethics said was appropriate.

MORGAN: Right and just to be clear congressman by asking the question, I hope we are not coming across as suggesting that you did have knowledge. For us it's just as important for us to get a no answer as a yes answer. Because we don't have any stake in how this comes out our interest is to just do the review as thoroughly as possible. So a "no" is just as relevant to us if that makes sense.

REP BRIDENSTINE: You don't. Sure

WRIGHT: And we also don't want to be in a situation where you know just as much as asking you these questions. We don't want to be in a situation where we can't answer you know we can't say we put for questions about it you know what might raise suspicions in your mind. You know we want to know, not only did you know but you know if you had reason to be suspicious.

So that's what a lot of our questions are trying to get at as well. Is there any reason why you may have been suspicious about the nature of these organizations?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah I wasn't suspicious I thought it was like a Turkish Chamber of Commerce kind of thing in the United States and that they were trying to build relations between our two countries and the people within our countries. I have constituents that are Turkic and I have constituents that have a state-partnership program and I have constituents that do exchanges with agriculture and you know we went over there for that reason. And we did town hall events about it. I mean, we did a town hall with hundreds of people about how important Oklahoma is to Azerbaijan. And you know we try to be very transparent about everything we are doing.

MORGAN: Certainly, We understand from the documents and from talking with Mr. Kaufman that you were presented with a couple of rugs while you were over there, so we just wanted to ask you some questions about how it was you disposed of those rugs. Not meaning to suggest you did anything improper at all with that. We want to run through for the record sort of the steps and how they were received and disposed of ultimately.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yes, okay.

MORGAN: You got, I think it was, two rugs while you were in Baku, Azerbaijan is that correct?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yes

MORGAN: And do you know who gave them too you? Were they wrapped up with a note or a bag do you recall?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know.... Yeah they were in a bag. I don't remember two rugs let's see. I remember a rug I don't remember two of them.

WRIGHT: Just for the recorder. Representative Bridenstine is looking at THJD 00080.

REP BRIDENSTINE: There might've been two in the same bag maybe there were two... I honestly don't remember but I do remember when I got here I had a big red bag and I took it into Joe's office and I said "I don't know if we can accept this or not but if we can't we need to send it back and I said you need to deal with this."

MORGAN: Did the bag have any labeling on it indicating who it was from? Or how did you sort of figure out who had given you a rug? I mean....

REP BRIDENSTINE: It was in my hotel room when I got back from one of the events that day.

MORGAN: Did that strike you as odd?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Not really cause everyone else was walking out with them too. And you know I was brand new so I just thought it was a nice gesture and I thought I'd let Joe figure out

how to deal with it. I didn't, you know, go and insult them and hand it back right away. I didn't know what to do so I gave it to Joe and said find out what the rules are and if we have to give it back we'll do that.

WRIGHT: And other attendees received rugs?

REP BRIDENSTINE: uh-hu.

MORGAN: And the bag didn't have… the bag didn't have a label on it indicating who it was from or a note in it or anything like that?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember. I remember it was maronish-redish and it…

MORGAN: You know, some of the people we've talked to specifically about these rugs were under the impression they were gifts from SOCAR. Did you have any reason to believe that it was a SOCAR Gift?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know, I don't remember. All I wanted to do was make sure if we are not supposed to accept this gift that we would give it back. Who gave me the rug? I don't know, it was in my hotel room so I didn't want to go say, "hey here's your rug back." I wanted to find out what the rules were and then deal with it. And we did, I think we dealt with it very well actually.

MORGAN: So the ultimate… so yeah just to be clear for the record, the ultimate disposition of the rugs was that it appears they were returned to Mr. Oksuz. Is that your understanding?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember but it seems like that would probably be appropriate.

MORGAN: You don't still have them?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't still have the rugs. I only remember one bag if there were two rugs in there I don't remember.

MORGAN: Okay we'll just call it the bag, just to make sure we are clear on that.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay Sure.

WRIGHT: Did you have conversations with other attendees at the convention people talking about where the bags were from or whether or not they could accept the gifts of the bag?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember any specific conversations. I do remember thinking I don't know if I can accept this or not. I remember thinking that and I remember, you know, I don't remember any specific conversations. I'm sure I must have talked to somebody but I don't remember.

WRIGHT: Once you realized that you'd have to return the rugs do you remember reaching out to anyone else who traveled with you on the convention to talk about we need to give this bag back?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I let Joe deal with all that. You know I set it in his office and I didn't do anything after that.

MORGAN: Were you involved in getting the rug…. Well were you involved in appraising, getting the appraisal for the rug or rugs?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I did…Oh, no that's okay okay

MORGAN: Does that help?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah, so I took it home.

MORGAN: You flew directly to Tulsa right?

REP BRIDENSTINE: That's right I flew directly… I was

MORGAN: Not directly correct because there's no direct flight from Tulsa to Azerbaijan.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right but I didn't come by way of DC. I went home. And, I don't remember what the dollar figure was but there was a dollar figure associated with whether or not I could keep it. If I remember right I called Joe or somebody up here and so we took it to Amadys I think, Amadys it's like a Persian rug facility in Tulsa and we asked him what it would be worth. And they didn't know they wouldn't give me a number and so I took it back to Joe and I was… that's when I set it in the office. Amadys is a Persian rug facility in Oklahoma.

MORGAN: Okay, So the…

REP BRIDENSTINE: I can't remember what they…. I remember thinking the guy was very loose about what it might be worth and he couldn't put a number on it. I was like well I'll take it back. Cause I hadn't come back to DC yet if I remember right. And…

MORGAN: Well lets… before you… instead of just speculating maybe some documents will refresh your recollection of this a little bit. This set here. You've got that? Oh you've already got that in front of you there.

REP BRIDENSTINE: That's right.

MORGAN: THJB 80-82. This is 81 and 82 is the form for disclosing gifts from Foreign governments and international organizations pursuant to the FGDA. Were you involved in filling out this form? Or was this something that Mr. Kaufman would've exclusively handled?

REP BRIDENSTINE: yeah he handled this yeah he handled this. Now I do, I mean I remember going to Amadys and I remember… I don't remember the exact dollar amounts that are listed here. It says $2500-$3500 but obviously that's very high and we brought them back.

MORGAN: It says here that the donor government or international organization on line 4, Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan. Do you… was there a conversation with Mr. Kaufman about how it was AFAZ that should be included on that line as opposed to Turquoise Council or some other organization?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know. I don't remember questioning that.

WRIGHT: Do you remember any discussions with Kemal Oksuz about these rugs after you came back or about the bag generally after you came back?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't want to say… I don't remember. I don't remember.

MORGAN: I just want to… the reason I ask this question is, you know, bag shows up in your hotel room you're not sure who it's from then there's a form that specifically state's it's from the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan. So I think we are trying to understand how we go from not knowing who it's from to making a representation that it's from AFAZ. Wondering how that was determined it was AFAZ to include on the form, does that make sense?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah if there… it might've been on the bag I don't know.

MORGAN: You weren't involved in a conversation about which name to put on that line for AFAZ or TCAE? You don't recall having a conversation about that?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No I don't. I don't remember a conversation about that at all.

MORGAN: Okay. And then just to sort of… piece this issue together.

REP BRIDENSTINE: My concern was giving them back. I mean that was what I was concerned with.

WRIGHT: Yeah it seems that… THJB 00350 this is part of your conversations with the Committee on Ethics regarding these rugs and whether or not these can be accepted and I realize you aren't on this but this is the advice that was given to Mr. Kaufman.

MORGAN: That advice was essentially the rugs had to be returned. It's down at the second paragraph, the underlined portion. Where [ someone's name] writes that the rugs must both be returned to the AFAZ. Do you recall… did Mr. Kaufman notify you of this email did he forward this email on to you or did he in a conversation of phone call say it looks like we can't keep the rugs? Do you recall any… how you found out that you couldn't keep them?

REP BRIDENSTINE: It must've …. I don't know but it must've been a phone call because I knew I brought that big red bag back. I brought it here.

MORGAN: So was finding out that you couldn't keep them. What prompted you to bring them here?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I wouldn't've brought them here I don't think if I would've known that.

MORGAN: Makes sense. So you found out somehow from Mr. Kaufman that you couldn't keep them so you brought them here and then your instructions to Mr. Kaufman were to do whatever Ethics Committee said to do with them?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Right

MORGAN: And then…. I think our documents indicate and our conversation with Mr. Kaufman indicates the rugs were ultimately sent to Mr. Oksuz so… is that your understanding as well?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Absolutely I don't know because I wasn't the one who sent them I'm assuming… he told me they got sent.

MORGAN: Did you get any other gifts while you were in Baku?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Not that I recollect.

MORGAN: There've been…some of the documents we've seen, they don't specifically name you as recipients but some things the some of the other attendees may have received like a crystal tea set, scarves, DVD Box Set discussed by the president of Turkey. Do any of those ring a bell for you?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't recall any of that.

WRIGHT: And some of these may have been gifts that were given when other attendees departed. I understand you departed a day early is that correct?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah that sounds right. People were coming and going the whole time so I don't remember.

MORGAN: Just tying up a bit of a loose ends here. That April 2013 trip down to Houston, where you first, at lease in person, met Mr. Oksuz, like you said in a restaurant, whs that a fundraising event do you recall what that event was? Or was it just a meet up?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No the first time I met him there was no fundraising.

MORGAN: Okay Do you recall a fundraiser breakfast at Mr. Oksuz's home, does that ring a bell?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah.

MORGAN: And when would that've been?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember I could go back and look at the calendar.

MORGAN: We may have a….

WRIGHT: Yeah it may be that first document or I don't know which ones I gave you…. At the bottom it should be 368.

MORGAN: Here it is it might be easier if I hand it to you there. See if that rings a bell.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yep, so what's the question?

MORGAN: So you recall that event taking place, that was not, was that during that April 2013 trip to Houston? Do you recall?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't remember if it was on that trip or another time I would've gone to Houston.

MORGAN: Do you frequently go down to Houston?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Well my brother lives down there; Rice is down there I've done a number of events down there with Rice University and other things. But I don't remember when this specific fundraiser took place.

WRIGHT: Do you have much interaction with Kemal when you're in Houston?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Let's see, so I met him at the restaurant once, we did the fundraiser once and I think during that fundraiser… that trip… I probably don't have all the trips straight in my mind which ones occurred when but we visited there's like a cultural center he took me to… kind of a little town hall with some Turkic and other folks. They had everything and Pakistanis there those sort of things. And so those are the three times I've seen him in Houston, and then on the Hill I've seen him maybe once or twice, at least two times. I've met him on the Capital Hill Club on at least two occasions.

WRIGHT: I want to ask about one that is close in time to after the convention. THJB 00336 and I'm not sure if you actually did meet with him in relation to this discussion but this is Kemal Inviting you to a briefing in July 2013 at the Hiat on Capitol Hill about the Southern Gas Corridor. The invitation itself is on the second page.

REP BRIDENSTINE: "Here is a list on Monday evening, they're getting to DC"… Was this to me?

MORGAN: Yeah it appears so. It's address, "Jim it was great to talk to you on the phone…"

REP BRIDENSTINE: "They are getting to DC for the briefing and reception of the Southern Gas Corridor on Thursday July 18th. Yeah, look forward to seeing you and Joe at the reception." Okay

WRIGHT: Do you remember attending the briefing and reception?

REP BRIDENSTINE: There's a number of these different types of things. So they've done… I've gone to a… yeah what is the date on this? July 14th?

MORGAN: It appears to be about a Thursday July 18th reception so 2013

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah Okay. July 18th? Yeah, the Hiat Regency on Capitol Hill, "Look forward to seeing you and Joe at the reception."

MORGAN: And you can look over to THJB 00336 to see how Mr. Kaufman appears to have responded. Says Kemal thank you for your email we will be in touch with you concerning this week's schedule. Jim arrives in DC tomorrow but we should be able to provide information to you prior to that event. And the Mr. Oksuz response saying "by the way here's a list of guests." A couple of SOCAR executives and a few other people. Does that refresh your recollection of there being that reception?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Yeah but I go to so many different of these things… yeah I'm sure I must have gone. I can go back and look at the calendar.

WRIGHT: I mean, do you know who organized that reception?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I have no idea.

WRIGHT: Do you remember if Kemal organized the reception?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know.

WRIGHT: Do you remember if the Breakfast…. It sounds like he is inviting you to do this breakfast, do you remember if this breakfast actually occurred?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know.

MORGAN: This is a… from that second page there in that initial email where he says, "by the way Jim will you be available for breakfast for the delegation at the Member Dining Room either on the 16th or 17th."

REP BRIDENSTINE: Where's that?

MORGAN: It's on that THJB 00337.

REP BRIDENSTINE: The Members Dining Room either on the 16th or 17th. The members, that's the Members Dining Room in the capital.

MORGAN: I believe that's what it's what it is referring to.

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't… I've eaten at the Members Dining Room only a handful of time. I don't think I did it with these folks. I'm very confident I did not eat in the Members Dining Room with Kemal ever.

MORGAN: The reason we ask these questions, you know, to give you a bit of context. We have reason to believe from the documents we've seen, that SOCAR played a fairly signifigent role in that convention. There appears to be some ties and Mr. Oksuz. And then… so to the extent we've been able to identify instances in which you may have been presented with information. Giving you reason to believe that Kemal and SOCAR are closely related. We want to ask you about those and see what you recall. Does that make sense? I gave you a little of the context.

REP BRIDENSTINE: It does but I don't have any idea what his relationship is with SOCAR. But I would remember if I had breakfast with him in the Members Dining Room. And I don't remember having Breakfast with him in the Members Dining Room.

MORGAN: So, you know, in that vein you understand what we are trying to understand. Were you… you were aware I imagine by attending the convention that SOCAR had a role in the convention at some capacity. Right I think you saw, probably saw SOCAR Representatives there you say their logo prominently displayed.

REP BRIDENSTINE: One of the reasons for going was to learn about the importance of energy independence for eastern and Central Europe and how this Pipeline plays a role in that. And I would imagine SOCAR is a big player in that pipeline.

MORGAN: But have you… had you connected SOCAR to Mr. Oksuz in your mind as him being a representative of them or some vested interest?

REP BRIDENSTINE: My connection with Kemal is just as an advocate for Azerbaijan, an advocate for, you know, kind of a Turkic, you know, cooperation kind of thing. So no as far as him being associated with SOCAR I don't have any knowledge of that.

WRIGHT: Did you see any you know any indications that SOCAR may have been involved in putting together either the itinerary or the, you know, the transportation within… during convention?

REP BRIDENSTINE: That SOCAR was involved in that?

WRIGHT: Yeah

REP BRIDENSTINE: That they put together the itinerary?

WRIGHT: Yeah would do things like be involved in, you know, transportation to and from. We understand that at least one of the Hotel rooms SOCAR had a desk for attendees where they had volunteers there to help…

MORGAN: Check in booth or something like that.

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't know, I don't remember that.

MORGAN: So just to get it sort of on the record sort of clear question. Were you aware… did you have any reason to think that the source of the money for your travel and your participation in the convention that the source of that money was SOCAR?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't have any reason to believe that it was but to the extent that it was, I don't know that I would know that that was wrong. But you know it didn't dawn on me that SOCAR was involved in that.

MORGAN: Okay

WRIGHT: Have you had any communications with Kemal recently?

MORGAN: Like the last few… since our review began, last couple of months?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I don't think so.

MORGAN: He hasn't reached out to you to discuss our investigation?

REP BRIDENSTINE: No not at all.

WRIGHT: No emails, voicemails, nothing?

REP BRIDENSTINE: Nothing.

WRIGHT: We have reason to believe that at least some of the trip sponsors have been reaching out to congressional travelers to the convention to discuss our investigation so we are trying to….

REP BRIDENSTINE: No, nobody has called me at all.

WRIGHT: Okay, alright.

MORGAN: We are just going to take a moment to review our notes here and see if we have any other questions but in the meantime while we are doing that is there anything you think our board should be aware of while they review this?

REP BRIDENSTINE: I think the main thing is I'm trying to represent my constituents. I was presented an opportunity to go to Azerbaijan because there was an important reason for me to do so. I'm on the Armed Services Committee, I've got a National Guard interests that do a lot of

things over there and I went. You know, I told Joe make sure we run this through Ethics and we do everything appropriately. It appears as though he did everything appropriately and we got the approvals and obviously we got a rug that gave me a little bit of concern and so we gave it back. I do recall, now that you show me these documents I did take it to find out if it was worth too much and it appears that I decided it was. And you know all I remember is the big red bag. I don't remember there being two rugs, maybe there were two rugs. There must have been but there was only one that really sticks out in my mind and it was big and red. And I … maybe the other one just wasn't significant or something but we obviously gave them back. At the end of the day it wasn't that big of a deal for me.

MORGAN: Do you have any other questions? Okay I think… unless there is anything else you want to say for the record, we'll go ahead and stop the recording.

REP BRIDENSTINE: Okay, thank you.

JIM BRIDENSTINE
1ST DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

216 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-2211

2448 EAST 81ST STREET, SUITE 6150
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74137
(918) 935-3222

# Congress of the United States
## House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–3601

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Bridenstine.House.gov

Facebook.com/CongressmanJimBridenstine
Twitter.com/RepJBridenstine

April 8, 2015

Mr. Bryson Morgan
Investigative Counsel
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3rd Street, SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Nate Wright
Senior Investigator & Law Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3rd Street, SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Morgan & Mr. Wright:

Please find attached an errata sheet based upon review of the transcript of my March 26, 2015 interview.

Sincerely,

Jim Bridenstine

Attachment

cc: Paul J. Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress as Amended

ERRATA SHEET

| Page | Line | Correction | Reason |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 4 | replace "Kamal" with "Kemal" (throughtout transcript) | spelling |
| 1 | 18 | replace "vary" with "very" | spelling |
| 2 | 12 | replace "see" with "sea" | spelling |
| 2 | 13 | replace "Shockdanese Oil Plate" with "Shah Deniz oil play" | transcription error |
| 11 | 7 | replace "Phillip 66" with "Phillips 66" | transcription error |
| 11 | 7 | replace "Conoco Phillips" with "ConocoPhillips" | spelling |
| 18 | 26 | replace "lease" with "least" | transcription error |
| 19 | 23 | replace "Capital" with "Capitol" | spelling |
| 20 | 8 | replace "Hiat" with "Hyatt" | spelling |
| 21 | 2 | replace "capital" with "Capitol" | spelling |
| 21 | 10 | replace "information." with "information" | transcription error |
| 21 | 11 | replace "Giving" with "giving" | transcription error |
| 22 | 10 | replace "know" with "known" | transcription error |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

This errata sheet is submitted subject to 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (commonly known as the False Statements Act).

Witness Name: Jim Bridenstine

Witness Signature: [redacted]

Date: 4-9-15

JIM BRIDENSTINE
1ST DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

216 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-2211

2448 EAST 81ST STREET, SUITE 5150
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74137
(918) 935-3222

# Congress of the United States
## House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–3601

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Bridenstine.House.gov

Facebook.com/CongressmanJimBridenstine
Twitter.com/RepJBridenstine

April 8, 2015

Mr. Bryson Morgan
Investigative Counsel
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3rd Street, SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Nate Wright
Senior Investigator & Law Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3rd Street, SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Morgan & Mr. Wright:

I have reviewed the transcript of my March 26th interview. Given more time, reviewing previous communications, and searching online, I've recalled some additional details to provide for you. The attachment to this letter provides my further responses. These additional responses are given subject to 18 U.S.C. §1001 (commonly known as the False Statements Act.)

Sincerely,

Jim Bridenstine

Attachment

cc: Paul J. Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

Attachment
March 26, 2015 Bridenstine Interview: Additional Information

**Item 1:** WRIGHT: How did you meet Mr. Oksuz?
WRIGHT: Do you remember when that was?
MORGAN: Do you recall what that event was? What was it about? What are you referring to there?

*When asked this question, I believed I met him in Houston for the first time. After reading some old emails and searching online, I believe I met him first at an event in Washington D.C. I searched online for Turkic events in D.C. on March 13, 2013. Here is the event where I believe we first met: http://turkicamericanalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/TAA-Newsletter-Volume-3-Issue-3.pdf At this event, we must have talked about a trip to Houston and Azerbaijan.*

**Item 2:** WRIGHT: How often do you interact with Mr. Oksuz?

*Since the interview I've tried to remember all my Washington interactions with Mr. Oksuz. As explained above, I believe I first met him at a Turkic American Convention dinner on March 13, 2013. Since then I believe I've met with him on two or possibly three occasions:*

1. *Over coffee at the Capitol Hill Club*
2. *At breakfast or lunch at the Capitol Hill Club with a delegation from Azerbaijan*
3. *Possibly at another breakfast or lunch at the Capitol Hill Club*

*Additionally I believe I have seen him in passing at three or possibly five other events:*

1. *At a commemoration of the "Khojaly Tragedy"*
2. *At a dinner hosted by Azerbaijan's ambassador*
3. *At a breakfast session that was part of the 2013 U.S.-Kazakhstan convention.*
4. *I might have seen Mr. Oksuz at breakfast sessions held as part of the 2014 U.S.-Azerbaijan and U.S.-Kazakhstan conventions but I don't remember if he was present at either breakfast.*

**Item 3:** MORGAN: Do you frequently go down to Houston?
WRIGHT: Do you have much interaction with Kemal when you're in Houston?
MORGAN: Just tying up a bit of loose ends here. That April 2013 trip down to Houston, where you first, at least in person, met Mr. Oksuz, like you said in a restaurant, was that a fundraising event do you recall what that event was? Or was it just a meet up?

*In my first term, I made five (5) trips to Houston. On two (2) of the trips, I had interaction with Kemal. (As noted in Item 1, I believe I met Kemal in Washington a Turkic American Convention dinner on March 13, 2013.) Among other things, the April 2013 trip to Houston included:*

1. *Dinner at a restaurant (With Kemal and Orhan from the Oklahoma City Turkish Raindrop House)*



15-5211_01181

2. *A fundraiser at Kemal's house the next morning*
3. *A tour of the Turkish Raindrop House in Houston*

*I then toured Rice University and went to a Rice baseball game with my brother.*

*I made a trip to Houston in December, 2013. Among other things, it included:*

1. *A fundraiser at Kemal's house*
2. *A town hall with the Turkish American Chamber of Commerce at the Turkish Raindrop House in Houston*

*These and other trips were also related to NASA, the space industry, energy, the Fair Tax, Rice University, and visiting my brother.*

**Item 4:** WRIGHT: Have you had any communication with Kemal recently?

*The last time I recall seeing him was at a dinner in downtown DC hosted by the ambassador from Azerbaijan on February 3, 2015. I just said hello.*

**Item 5:** MORGAN: It says here that the donor government or international organization on line 4, Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan. Do you...was there a conversation with Mr. Kaufman about how it was AFAZ that should be included on that line as opposed to Turquoise Council or some other organization?

*As I was working with Joe to fill out the blanks on the FGDA form, it appears I requested from Kemal via text information on who gave me the rugs. Kemal replied with AFAZ. This is how we filled out the form and sent the rugs back. The texts have been provided to the OCE.*

**Item 6:** MORGAN: Did you get any other gifts while you were in Baku?

*When this question was asked I did not recollect other gifts. From my interview on March 26, 2015, I recalled there was interest in a tea set and CDs. I asked my wife if she remembered these items.*

1. *We have the six-cup (porcelain, not crystal) tea set at home; it has never been unpacked. I believed the tea set to be a souvenir from the Azerbaijan government. I recently checked online and found the set priced at $84.99 (URL: http://www.houzz.com/photos/2242574$/Turkish-Coffee-or-Espresso-Cup-and-Saucer-Set-mediterranean-tea-sets.) While this dollar value is below the $350 limit of the FGDA, I did not list the tea set in the FGDA disclosure I submitted to the Committee on July 17, 2013.*

2. *My wife remembers the music CDs (not DVDs) and says she threw them away. I did not list them on my FGDA gifts disclosure submitted to the House Ethics Committee on July 17, 2013.*

3. *We also have a hard back Azerbaijan picture book. An online search shows a retail value of $44.48. (URL: http://www.abebooks.com/9789528803060/Azerbaijan-Mehriban-Aliyeva-President-Heydar-9528803060/plp. While this dollar value is below the $350 limit of the FGDA, I did not list the tea set in the FGDA disclosure I submitted to the Committee on July 17, 2013. I don't remember if I purchased the book or if it was a gift.*

**Item 7:** Morgan and Wright asked me about a reception regarding the Southern Energy Corridor that occurred on July 18, 2013.

*I do not remember attending the event. Joe says he attended, but doesn't remember me being present. Joe may have gone on my behalf.*

**Item 8:** MORGAN: So just to get it sort of on the record sort of clear question. Were you aware...did you have any reason to think that the source of the money for your travel and your participation in the convention that the source of that money was SOCAR?

*No.*

# EXHIBIT 100

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REPRESENTATIVE YVETTE CLARKE

**4/14/2015**

MS. EISNER: This is April 13, 2015. I am Investigative Counsel, Helen Eisner, joined by Deputy Chief Counsel, Paul Solis. We are here with Representative Yvette Clarke. This is review 15-8048. We have given the Congresswoman 18 U.S.C. 1001 and she has signed the acknowledgment form.

MR. SOLIS: The only change I'll make is that it's April 14.
MS. CLARKE: Okay, I thought so.
MS. EISNER: Yeah, I was –
MS. CLAKRE: Just want to make sure.
MS. EISNER: Key facts here, okay. April 14th. Alright, we'll go ahead and get started. Are you familiar with an organization called the Council of Turkic-American Associations?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: And what is that organization?
MS. CLARKE: As far as I know, they are a non-profit organization that provides insight into the Turkic region, information about the – I guess the issues that impact Turkish-Americans, primarily in my interactions with them, but also advocate for sort of what they call a Turkic union, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and a couple of other nations that formed this union with them.
MS. EISNER: And when did you first become aware of that organization?
MS. CLARKE: Very early in I would say…2010.
MS. EISNER: 2010.
MS. CLARKE: Mhmm.
MS. EISNER: And do you remember how you became aware of them?
MS. CLARKE: Sure. My district was redistricted in 2010 to extend into an expansive Turkish community and I was reached out to by a number of the Members of this organization to introduce me to the Turkish community within my district and that's where our relationship began.
MS. EISNER: And who do you normally communicate with? I'll call them CTAA if that's okay.
MS. CLAKRE: Right.
MS. EISNER: That organization.
MS. CLARKE: I regularly interact with Suleyman Turhan. I can't pronounce it well, but I can give you his information and Furkan.
MS. EISNER: Okay, Furkan. And who's Suleyman Turhan. Do you know what his position is there?
MS. CLARKE: No, I don't.
MS. EISNER: And Furkan, do you know what his position is?
MS. CLARKE: I don't know formal titles.
MR. SOLIS: Is his last name Kosar?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.

MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. EISNER: And how often do you interact with them?
MS. CLARKE: Occasionally. It's not like you know, there's a specific timing. There's an event in the Turkish community, they'll reach out, invite me…and that's basically it.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Would they reach out individually to you? Would they reach out to staff?
MS. CLARKE: They reach out to me and to staff.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And so, Furkan Kosar, you know does he – is it usually Furkan that you interact with or is it Suleyman? Is it both of them?
MS. CLARKE: It's both of them. Suleyman is more locally in my district and Furkan does interactions here in Washington for the most part.
MS. EISNER: So when you say he's locally in your district, is it kind of an umbrella organization that has a separate offices in your district?
MS. CLARKE: I think so. I'm trying to remember if in fact there is a…an organization, a smaller organization that's under the umbrella, but I don't have a good sense of the name of that organization. I get the sense that there is a local…affiliated, if you will.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Do you know a gentleman by the name of Saim Gagirici? Saim is S-A-I-M. Saim, perhaps.
MS. CLARKE: I think I might? If that's the person I'm envisioning in my head. It's not someone I interact with regularly.
MS. EISNER: You're envisioning him in your head; was there kind of any interaction that you had or was there a time that you met him?
MS. CLARKE: Here in Washington, I think.
MS. EISNER: Would that have been in your office or at an event?
MS. CLARKE: No, at an event.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: I certainly met him in Turkey, if this is the same gentleman.
MR. SOLIS: He does work with Mr. Kosar and I think he assists him a lot of the time when Mr. Kosar is you know conducting events or whatever. Saim, I think that's how you pronounce his name, he's frequently with him and assists him so –
MS. CLARKE: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: If that helps you recollect at all.
MS. CLARKE: If that's the same person, sure.
MS. EISNER: Okay. But do you – he was at the convention, you remember that he was there? I don't want to –
MS. CLARKE: I'm not certain.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: I'm not certain.
MS. EISNER: Okay. How about – are you familiar with an organization called the Turkic-American Alliance.

MS. CLARKE: Yes. And I think I might be mixing up the two organizations.
MS. EISNER: Yeah, they're very similar sounding organizations so I think they go by TAA a lot and the other organization that we've been talking about goes by CTAA, so, there are similarities.
MS. CLARKE: Okay.
MS. EISNER: Do you know – you know, what do you know about the Turkic-American Alliance?
MS. CLARKE: It's all conflated for me so I'm not certain the distinction between the two.
MS. EISNER: How about a gentleman by the name of Faruk Taban. Does that name sound familiar?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. If you were you know, this organization the Turkic-American Alliance, when would you have interacted with them?
MS. CLARKE: Well to be quite honest with you, again, I'm not making the distinctions between the two organizations so it's hard to tell.
MR. SOLIS: As far as we can tell, it's the umbrella organization here in Washington, D.C. that for example, the Council of Turkic-American Associations in New York, it's a member of that sort of broader, national level, the Turkic-American Alliance, so I don't know if that helps at all either, but…
MS. CLARKE: Somewhat.
MR. SOLIS: Maybe. Yeah.
MS. CLARKE: And it's not…
MS. EISNER: How about an organization called the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians?
MS. CLARKE: I've heard of that organization, but I don't interact with them.
MS. EISNER: What do you know about them?
MS. CLARKE: Not much.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Where would you have overheard something about them?
MS. EISNER: For some reason, they're standing out as one of the organizations in Baku.
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, as far as we can tell, they were… they held themselves out as a main organizer of that conference, that convention.
MS. EISNER: Any individuals stand out as a part of that organization? The Turquoise Council?
MS. CLARKE: No. No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. I'm just going to continue with a few more organization questions. How about an organization called the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Sometimes they're referred to as AFAZ.

MS. CLARKE: Don't know them.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And then, a man by the name of Kemal Oksuz? Does that name sound familiar?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Just a few more general questions about processes in your office. SO when someone receives an invitation for privately sponsored travel, what's the process? How does that get reviewed?
MS. CLARKE: They go directly to the Ethics Committee with it.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Do they come to you with it?
MS. CLARKE: Yes. So of course, they'll ask me, "well do you want to do this trip, you've been invited." And I'll say, "well…let's vet it through Ethics Committee." The Turkish community has been reaching out to me for a while. I think they've done several Member trips and my schedule didn't accommodate it. This particular trip, my schedule finally made my – made me available, so we then went to Ethics with it.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Now before going back to Ethics, so before going to Ethics, do you go back to the organization, the person, the private organization that invited you and ask any questions so you can prepare to talk to ethics?
MS. CLARKE: No. Not really. Not necessarily. This…you know, it had been something that's been requested a number of times and so it was to visit Turkey. Let's be clear on that. It's to go visit Turkey, which is where my constituents are from and so I said okay, let's you know… let's vet it through Ethics.
MS. EISNER: How about just generally, not talking specifically about this trip, but you know I'm sure you get invited –
MS. CLARKE: I don't go on many trips.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: So…
MS. EISNER: So, I mean just generally even with other trips, would there be a process for asking about sponsorship?
MS. CLARKE: I'm really relying on Ethics then the information provided by the organization to give me guidance on it. I never really, necessarily go into sponsorship.
MR. SOLIS: Are you deciding before you go to Ethics, you decide whether you want to go or not?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. SOLIS: Okay. So, and you tell me if I'm wrong, the request will come in to your staff, your staff will sort of brief you on it, and you'll make – you guys will make the decision internally whether or not it's something you want to do –
MS. CLARKE: Of course usually, the organization will reach out and say, "we're planning a trip, would you want to go?" And you know, I'd say, "well let me look and see what my schedule will accommodate and then we have a process for vetting all requests" and then I turn it over to staff.

MR. SOLIS: What's some of the aspects of your vetting process? How you do that?
MS. CLARKE: That I do?
MR. SOLIS: Yeah. You or your staff.
MS. CLARKE: I don't do any particular type of vetting. The one question that I ask is, is it a non-profit organization that's hosting.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: And then we go through Ethics from there.
MR. SOLIS: And I want to get this straight too. The Turkic organization, the CTAA, you believe had asked you previous times to go and you hadn't been able to go because your schedule didn't accommodate that –
MS. CLARKE: Right. I don't, I try not to typically travel in an election year. So it's usually an off period that I will travel.
MR. SOLIS: And then this specific request for the trip we're talking about, it initially was just about Turkey? It didn't include Azerbaijan?
MS. CLARKE: The trip was primarily about Turkey. At some point during the conversation, there was… well, there is a conference or something taking place in Baku, we might want to go there. That was basically it.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. And you think that the same people, CTAA, provided that information, that additional information about Baku?
MS. CLARKE: Yes. I'm pretty sure they did.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. EISNER: Do you know specifically who that conversation would have been with?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. What did you understand sort of the primary purpose of the trip to be?
MS. CLARKE: Of my trip?
MS. EISNER: Yes, the trip… the invitation that you –
MS. CLARKE: Okay, so my trip was to become acquainted with Turkey. To find out more about the cultural and morals of the people, where my constituents have come from primarily, meet with Turkish officials, get a sense of what Turkey was like. You know, my constituents sort of prided themselves at that time, with a sort of a more secular, civil society than most, I guess, Muslim countries and wanted to give me some insights to that.
MS. EISNER: How about kind of generally, beyond your – the reasons that you just decided to attend, what do you think the purpose of the entire trip, the convention was?
MS. CLAREK: I really wasn't keyed in on the convention. I just thought that this was part of the region that they represented. I really didn't know the convention portion of it until I was actually in Baku.
MS. EISNER: And then once you were in Baku, did you start to get a sense of you know, what is this convention, what are they trying to do here?

MS. CLARKE: Not really. I was there for maybe about 48 hours, if that? And so, you know, I – first of all, when we arrived, if I remember correctly, it was the anniversary of its independence for Baku so, there was a welcoming reception and a celebration of the independence of Azerbaijan. The next day I think we may have attended an assembly of some sort, which is where it became somewhat clear to me that there was some sort of convention because that's where I ran into other colleagues who were on a different trip. And so you know, well colleagues, you know convention…
MR. SOLIS: You mean Members?
MS. CLARKE: Members, right.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: Members. And then, we met with some of the officials of Baku of Azerbaijan and then I was headed back to Turkey.
MS. EISNER: Well we definitely want to get into some of the details of you know, exactly that – your experience when you were over there. I think we might lay a little bit more of the groundwork. We're kind of leading up to your attendance there and it's great. It sounds like you have a lot of information to share about actually being – well 48 hours on the ground in Baku, so we'll talk about that.
MS. CLARKE: I wouldn't say 48 hours. I would say 48 hours between travel from Turkey to Azerbaijan and then returning to Turkey.
MR. SOLIS: Very quick trip.
MS. CLARKE: Yeah, it was a very, very quick trip.
MS. EISNER: There was a U.S. – Azerbaijan convention in Washington in 2012. Did you attend that convention?
MS. CLARKE: A convention?
MR. SOLIS: I think it was the same title? It's called the U.S. – Azerbaijan Vision for the Future; the same one that's in Baku? We believe that they had the same convention –
MS. CLARKE: If it was a convention, if there were a reception part of the convention, I may have attended that, but that I can't recollect completely.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Was it common to attend receptions organized –
MS. CLARKE: Receptions, yeah. I've attended a number – the Turkish embassy, I've attended receptions there for various nations within this Turkic Alliance, if you will.
MS. EISNER: I see. I'm going to start I think, showing you some documents and talking those through. This is THYC_0158, just for the benefit of our recording here. And I will give you a moment to look at these just in case you're not familiar with that. There you go. So, this is an email to Shelley Davis in 2012. I'll just give you a second to look at that.
MS. CLARKE: Mmk.
MS. EISNER: So this is an email from Saim saying –
MS. CLARKE: Saim.

MS. EISNER: Saim Cagirici, who is listed as program director for CTAA and it's to Shelley Davis. What – who is Shelley Davis?
MS. CLARKE: He's my Chief of Staff.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And, I think earlier you said this gentleman, Mr. Cagirici, do you know who he is?
MS. CLARKE: I'm…not you know, somewhat? I mean…I'm not – like I said, if it's the same face that I'm associating with the name, I have a sense.
MS. EISNER: Understood. So, this is an invitation to take the trip and you talked a little bit about how –
MS. CLARKE: Is this an invitation to me or to Shelley?
MS. EISNER: Well, this is – you are cordially invited, so it's to a member of your staff, your office so –
MS. CLARKE: Right, so it's not to me.
MS. EISNER: It does seem to be directed towards –
MS. CLARKE: Shelley Davis.
MS. EISNER: Yes. Do you know if Shelley Davis took the trip?
MS. CLARKE: I don't think so.
MS. EISNER: Do you know if there was any communication with you directly about attending this trip?
MS. CLARKE: No. Not that I'm aware of.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And you didn't attend, is that correct? This trip to Turkey, in 2012?
MS. CLARKE: 2012…No. I only did one trip to Turkey, which is the one we're talking about today.
MS. EISNER: Okay. So, and we talked a little bit about this, but for the 2013 – the trip to Turkey and the convention in Baku, how did the conversations start about attending this trip?
MS. CLARKE: Which trip?
MS. EISNER: The trip to – the whole trip. So I'm talking about the trip to Turkey and Baku, generally.
MS. CLARKE: The trip to Turkey was because I have declined to attend many of the other trips based on scheduling, but initially it was you have constituents, we'd love to have you in Turkey.
MS. EISNER: Did you receive an invitation to attend the trip?
MS. CLARKE: I'm pretty sure I did, but I can't recall off the top of my head.
MS. EISNER: So you don't know who that invitation would've come from?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Did you have any meetings with any individuals before this trip? And I'm saying the trip collectively, as in the Turkey portion and the Baku portion –
MS. CLARKE: Meetings –

MS. EISNER: Meetings about the trip, about the itinerary, about the substance of the trip.
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Did you have any discussions about sponsorship of the trip?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Who attended the convention? Did you attend with staff? Did you attend with family?
MS. CLARKE: So, from my recollection, there was a staff CODEL taking place at the same time and my – I had a staffer who took the staff CODEL and so when I arrived in Baku – they were on a separate I guess itinerary from myself and so when I got to Baku, that's when I ran into my staffer.
MS. EISNER: Who was the staffer?
MS. CLARKE: Mark Lee.
MS. EISNER: And what position did he have?
MS. CLARKE: He's my LA for international affairs.
MS. EISNER: Okay. So I'm going to go ahead and keep showing you a few documents to talk about. So this is THYC_0236-0237. Now again, this is from Mr. Cagirici who is program director for CTAA. It's an email to Shelley Davis and like we talked about before, this is directed toward Shelly Davis. I recognize that you're not on this email chain, but it is to a member of your staff. So in that second paragraph it says, "you are cordially invited to participate in a Congressional staff educational seminar in Turkey and Azerbaijan fully sponsored by our organizations, Council of Turkic-American Associations." Did you have any conversations about what "fully sponsored" means?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Did you talk to Shelley Davis about that?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Do you know if Shelley Davis inquired into the statement on what "fully sponsored" meant?
MS. CLARKE: I don't know.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Who did you understand to be paying for travel for your trip? The Turkey trip and –
MS. CLARKE: Who did I understand?
MS. EISNER: Who did you think was paying? You know there was somebody who was going to be paying to send you on this trip, who did you think it might've been?
MS. CLARKE: I assumed it was a non-profit organization that invited me.
MS. EISNER: Okay and which non-profit organization?
MS. CLARKE: I can't recall. I'm mixing up CTAA and TAA, so one of the two of them or…both.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Let's see, so it's either CTAA or TAA?

MS. CLARKE: I'm thinking whichever is locally affiliated with New York, would be the organization I would've assumed was paying for it.
MS. EISNER: Now I mean, you had some back and forth about attending this trip, this was I guess – we talked about sort of not a full 48 hours, but there was a period of time you were in Baku, there were – how many days were you in Turkey as part of the trip?
MS. CLARKE: That's a good question. I can't remember off the top of my head. The time difference was like crazy.
MS. EISNER: Yeah, I'm sure. So it was a series of days –
MS. CLARKE: Yeah.
MS. EISNER: Four or five days?
MS. CLARKE: I want to say five? Maybe four… five?
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: Yeah. More than four, but… because we spent a lot of time in Turkey.
MS. EISNER: Okay. You know, it looked like you were going to be spending about a week on this trip.
MS. CLARKE: Yes, I would say so. I would say that makes sense. A week to ten days, I would say.
MS. EISNER: Okay. So you probably got some itineraries, some background information about the trip; did you have, any understanding of who was responsible; who was in charge of organizing and who you would go to with questions?
MS. CLARKE: The folks who accompanied were Suleyman and Furkan.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: And so any questions that I had, any information that I received were with those two gentlemen.
MS. EISNER: Okay. So we talked about Mark Lee.
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: Do you know who sponsored his travel?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Let me give you ML_0079-81. So, it looks like and this was the primary trip sponsor form that Mark Lee provided. So it looks like he was sponsored by this organization, the Turkic-American Alliance and it seems like your communications were with this other organization, CTAA.
MS. CLARKE: Mmk.
MS. EISNER: So do you know why you would've been sponsored by different organizations?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Did you have any conversations with Mark, once you discovered he was going on the trip about the organizations that were sponsoring you?
MS. CLARKE: No.

MR. SOLIS: You said you didn't really get a chance to talk to Mark until you were in Baku, right?
MS. CLARKE: Right.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: That's when we first ran into each other.
MR. SOLIS: Did he go to Turkey too, before Baku?
MS. CLARKE: Yes, he did. Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. So you guys must have had totally separate itineraries, then.
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: 'Cause you were both in Turkey at the same time, but you didn't get to see each other, right?
MS. CLARKE: Not until like towards the end of the trip.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. So a couple of days in Turkey and Baku, then back to Turkey, right?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. EISNER: I'm going to provide another document which is THYC_0146-0149.
MR. SOLIS: We don't have much more documents for you so just –
MS. CLARKE: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: We realize it's a little painstaking to go through.
MS. EISNER: Yes, lots of detail here, so.
MS. CLARKE: Oh, okay.
MS. EISNER: So this is an email exchange from Mr. Cagirici to Michael Rohn.
MS. CLARKE: Rohn.
MS. EISNER: And who is Michael Rohn?
MS. CLARKE: He was formally my scheduler.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And also Shelley Davis is on this chain.
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: And it's about getting a certificate of Congressional recognition for the trip?
MS. CLARKE: Mhmm.
MS. EISNER: And Michael asks, and this is on the second page which is 0417, for a little bit of background information about the convention and the associations.
MS. CLARKE: Mhmm.
MS. EISNER: So, the responses here, lists you know, talks about this organization, CTAA, which we've been talking about –
MS. CLARKE: Yeah.
MS. EISNER: It also talks about the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians.
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: And the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan.
MS. CLARKE: To the convention.

MS. EISNER: Yes. Do you know why he provided the information and this is Mr. Cagirici providing this information about these other organizations – there's Turquoise Council and Assembly of Friends?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: By any chance, you would've seen that –
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Michael or Shelley would've shared that with you?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. EISNER: Do you know if those two organizations were involved in the convention or planning the convention in any way?
MS. CLARKE: I don't know those details.
MS. EISNER: Okay. As Paul said, not too many more forms, but I'm going to give you a few more. This is THYC_0019. This is the travel form that you provided for our office.
MR. SOLIS: Have you seen that before?
MS. CLARKE: I think in just gathering the forms for you.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Would your staff have put that together then at the time of the convention? Of the trip?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Would they have consulted with you on filling that out?
MR. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. So Shelley probably submitted that to the Committee?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: And the form lists the Council of Turkic-American Associations as the sponsor; is there any reason to question that statement?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. So we're going go into some detail I think about the Turkey portion, which we've talked about a little bit. But you know, some specifics there, so, who arranged for the ground transportation in Turkey when you were traveling around the country?
MS. CLARKE: Who arranged for it?
MS. EISNER: Yeah, who's responsible –
MS. CLARKE: I didn't ask. I'm assuming the sponsoring organization did it.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Who seemed like the sponsoring organization when you were in Turkey?
MS. CLARKE: Again, in terms of the names of the organizations, I can't say. I can say that Furkan and Suleyman were sort of my chaperones, if you will. Hosts.

MS. EISNER: So they were the chaperones both in Baku and Turkey. They were involved?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Did you guys have, when you were sightseeing around and touring around, did you stop and get lunch and things like that?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: How did that get paid for? Was somebody paying for you or did you pay out of personal funds?
MS. CLARKE: No, someone paid for me.
MR. SOLIS: Okay do you know who that would've been?
MS. CLARKE: I can only assume –
MR. SOLIS: Right, it's hard to remember a bunch two years ago, so that's fine.
MS. EISNER: We understand. I guess we've heard some information that there was an organization called Bakiad who was involved in the ground in Turkey as a part of the trip? IT's spelled B-A-K-A-I-D. Does that organization sound familiar at all?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: It's B-A-K-I-A-D.
MS. EISNER: Oh, I-A-D. Apologies.
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, didn't hear anything about them?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. What about, probably the same answer, but hotels while you were there in Turkey, was that all taken care of as well?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: So moving on to Baku, the Baku portion. You know, who seemed –was it Furkan again and Suleyman who seemed like they were you know, the tour guides and leading everything there?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: And who were you traveling with? Were you with other members of Congress? Were you alone?
MS. CLARKE: One other member from Congress.
MS. EISNER: Who was that?
MS. CLARKE: Leonard Lance.
MS. EISNER: Where did you stay when you were in Baku? What was the hotel?
MS. CLARKE: I can't recall at the top of my head. I remember it was like this fancy place; that's the most I can remember.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Was it a Hilton, a Four Seasons? Does any of that ring a bell?
MS. CLARKE: Not sure.
MS. EISNER: Do you know who booked the hotels?
MS. CLARKE: No.

MS. EISNER: Do you know where either Suleyman or Furkan were staying? Were they staying in the same hotel as you?
MS. CLARKE: I think they were staying in the hotel. Pretty sure they were.
MS. EISNER: Okay. We've talked a little bit about your itinerary while you were there, but if you could just kind of go through, what you did during that short period of time you were in Baku?
MS. CLARKE: In Baku?
MS. EISNER: Yes.
MS. CLARKE: I remember we arrived in the evening. Checked in and then went to this independence reception? And that was that evening. The next day was like the full day of activities. So, I recall stopping by the convention, leaving the convention, having lunch with – I think it was, I don't know what they call it, president or prime minister of Azerbaijan, left that and went to sort of their… if I remember correctly… all I can remember about this particular place we went to, was that it was a former KGB location and I think we met with some of their defense ministry and some other folks there. I was on the homeland security committee at the time so you know, we were just sort of – I… my questions were directed from that perspective so I kind of think it was the defense ministry. We may have met with a few more ministers? And that was the end of that day, the following morning we went back to Turkey.
MS. EISNER: Okay. The lunch with the president or prime minister can you tell us a little more about that? Who was there? Where it was?
MS. CLARKE: So there were a number of… I think there were a couple of members there, if I remember correctly. The prime minster or president, or which they use to refer to as head, some of his staff were there as well, and it was really more of a welcoming reception. It wasn't heavy or issues on policy if I remember correctly, that's really…
MS. EISNER: Did it seem like there were a lot of State officials there? Representatives from Azerbaijan?
MS. CLARKE: Not a lot. No. There were more members –
MS. EISNER: There were a few? Some?
MS. CLARKE: Maybe… yeah.
MS. EISNER: How many people attended that lunch?
MS. CLARKE: I would say about 20 people.
MS. EISNER: 20, okay. And did you speak at any point during the convention in the portion of Baku?
MS. CLARKE: Yes, I did. You know, U.S. wants to be you know, partners with Azerbaijan and sort of the development, that sort of thing.
MR. SOLIS: Was that in a big lecture hall, or was that –
MS. CLARKE: The big lecture hall.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: The big lecture hall.

MS. EISNER: Do you remember who asked you to speak?
MS. CLARKE: I think Furkan may have? I know that he said that members will be making presentations, that sort of thing and so that expectation was derived. You know, I just had the expectation and I saw members sort of greeting, then I realized, "oh, okay."
MS. EISNER: So for the portion of time that you were in Baku that you were at the convention itself, did it seem like that there was you know, somebody who was responsible for the convention, someone who was organizing the whole convention?
MS. CLARKE: I wasn't paying that much detail to it, I was pretty much just sort of in the moment and it was just one in a series of activities that I was participating in.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And did you attend, some people have told us that they have attended an event at the Gulustan Palace. Does that sound familiar as a part of the – I think it was on May 28th, which probably doesn't mean too much to you, two years back, but it was an invitation that came from the U.S.-Azerbaijan Inter-Parliamentary Working Group and it was also hosted by the American Friends of Azerbaijan. Does that sound familiar?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Is there any –
MS. CLARKE: I'm wondering if it could be the same reception that I attended on the independence of Azerbaijan?
MS. EISNER: Oh, okay. Did it seem like that was at a palace type structure, some building that would've been an official state building?
MS. CLARKE: Azerbaijan is a pretty opulent place; I can't really you know…distinguish yeah.
MS. EISNER: As we understand. Yeah. Okay. And did the convention have any corporate sponsors?
MS. CLARKE: That…I'm not certain of. I know their oil company, you know was there. I don't know of any other organizations or groups or companies necessarily.
MS. EISNER: And when you say their oil company. Is that their state oil company of Azerbaijan? Or SOCAR? That's what –
MS. CLARKE: SOCAR, yes.
MS. EISNER: So how did you know that they were there? Did you see officials there?
MS. CLARKE: Furkan told me.
MS. EISNER: Oh, okay.
MR. SOLIS: What did he tell you?
MS. CLARKE: SOCAR is their oil company, their oil rich nation and they're getting into the energy production, there seems to be some dispute between them and might be Armenia about the Caspian Sea which is where the oil is drawn from; that was basically it.
MS. EISNER: Okay.

MR. SOLIS: Do you remember talking to anybody from SOCAR? Any executives or employees who work there?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Some people have told us that when they walked into the convention, there were big banners and signs, including the sponsors, and that SOCAR was one of the listed sponsors. Do you remember seeing SOCAR branding anywhere during the convention?
MS. CLARKE: Vaguely, yeah. I mean…yeah.
MS. EISNER: Did you attend a lunch on May 30th, which was part of the itinerary for some members with the SOCAR executive team?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. So, in addition to SOCAR, were there any other companies that might've acted as sponsors or that you recognized from branding?
MS. CLARKE: I can't recall.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Any U.S. companies, I guess BP?
MS. CLARKE: No. I don't remember seeing any U.S. companies.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Do you know the process by which you retained a visa to go to Azerbaijan?
MS. CLARKE: No, I don't.
MS. EISNER: Do you remember any discussion back and forth about your passport being expired and making sure to get passport documentation in order to attend the convention and the trip?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Would your staff have been the people to assist in giving all that paper work –
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Would that have been Shelley or somebody else?
MS. CLARKE: It could've been – might've been Shelley.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Were you aware that SOCAR, the State Oil Company was processing your visa? In order to sponsor you to enter –
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Few more documents. So, first I am providing THYC_0022, which is the member-officer post-travel disclosure form. And I also am providing documents which I've pulled from the Clerk's website which are the public filings with regards to this trip. They include the member-officer post-travel disclosure form, primary trip sponsor form, a letter from the Committee on Ethics. Look at that as well. So, one of things we noticed is the publicly available forms here, they're signed 6/24/2013 and then for the one that was produced to our office, it's signed August 1, 2014. Do you know why there would be a difference?

MS. CLARKE: This is an amendment. This is an amended one from what I can see. One is the original and one is the amended.
MR. SOLIS: Right and it looks like the amendment does actually mention Baku on it?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: And so was that an attempt to…recognize that you actually took a trip to Baku? Do you remember thinking about filing the amendment or having discussions with your staff about, "let's do an amendment to represent Baku on the form", do you recall that?
MS. CLARKE: I don't recall.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. If you don't recall making the amendment, do you know who would've done it?
MS. CLARKE: Looks like staff did.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Would that have been either Shelley or Mike?
MS. CLARKE: Or Mike. Mhmm.
MS. EISNER: We do actually have an email that was part of your production. It's THYC_0116-0117, which is from August 5, 2014. Right around the time of this documentation. So these are emails back and forth between Mr. Cagirici and Shelley Davis and Shelley Davis says and this is on the first page, 0116, he says, "I apologize for continued questions and or assistance." Do you know if there was any back and forth between them, continued questions or assistance?
MS. CLARKE: I don't know.
MS. EISNER: Do you know what he would be referring to?
MS. CLARKE: I don't know.
MS. EISNER: So, going back and looking at all these forms that I provided for this email, you know, are these forms that you would've reviewed before they were filed?
MS. CLARKE: Not necessarily.
MS. EISNER: Now given kind of the conversation we've had about the convention and the people who were leading you around, this form says, "sponsor is the Council of the Turkic-American Associations."
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: Did you question whether or not that group was the sponsor? Did you have any reason to question that?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Did you know that not all Members who were traveling as a part of the convention and to Turkey were sponsored by CTAA?
MS. CLARKE: Well, I only knew of one Member that was traveling to Turkey so I can't speak to any other members that may have traveled to Turkey. And I didn't know that they had a different sponsor, no.
MR. SOLIS: Are you talking about Mr. Lance?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.

MS. EISNER: Were there any conversations and I know that you were traveling only with Mr. Lance, well were there any other conversations with Mr. Lance or with other Members about who's the source of sponsorship for this trip?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Or for the Convention?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Do you know if CTAA, the organization we've been talking about, has made any recent payments with regards to your travel or the trip?
MS. CLARKE: Recently? What do you mean by recent?
MS. EISNER: Recently, within the last few months, any payments that relate to your travel or the trip?
MS. CLARKE: To Turkey?
MS. EISNER: Yes. Or to Baku.
MS. CLARKE: No, no.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Were there any communications about the trip or payment?
MS. CLARKE: Recently?
MS. EISNER: Recently.
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: Not to my knowledge.
MS. EISNER: Great. Thank you. We're going to sort of transition to a slightly different topic here. Did you receive any gifts during the convention?
MS. CLARKE: I received a tea set.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: Chai cups.
MS. EISNER: Who was that tea set from?
MS. CLARKE: I'm not certain.
MS. EISNER: What was the context in which you received the tea set?
MS. CLARKE: When I was leaving Baku, I believe Furkan presented it to me.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Was it like six cups, eight?
MS. CLARKE: Six.
MR. SOLIS: Six. Okay.
MS. CLARKE: Three of which broke.
MR. SOLIS: On the trip back home?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: That's too bad. Was it you know, would you call it like a nice tea set or sort of something that looked like you could kind of buy at a local store, was it –
MS. CLARKE: I thought it was nice.
MR. SOLIS: You thought it was nice?

MS. CLARKE: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: What about any other gifts? Any rugs?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: We've been talking to a lot of people and different members and staffs and other people who attended the convention, a lot of people say that they received rugs in their hotel room. So they left for the day, to attend the convention, and came back and there was rugs there like Azerbaijani rugs. Do you recall seeing that?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Do you recall seeing anyone walking around with rugs? It seems like they were in maroon, carrying cases.
MS. CLARKE: Yes, I do.
MS. EISNER: Who was walking around with them?
MS. CLARKE: I don't recall that.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Did you have any conversations with them about you know, what is in that maroon carrying case or anything?
MS. CLARKE: Really wasn't paying attention.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: What about Mark? Did he know – when you left Baku and then you went back to Turkey and you guys are talking, did he mention if he got anything like a rug or a tea set or anything?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: How about silk scarves? Did you receive?
MS. CLARKE: Yes, but in Turkey. Not in Baku.
MS. EISNER: In Turkey? Okay. Who gave you the silk scarf?
MS. CLARKE: Suleyman.
MS. EISNER: Suleyman. Did he give it to you directly? Was it in your hotel room?
MS. CLARKE: No, he gave it to me directly.
MS. EISNER: Okay. What about a DVD box set from the president of Turkey?
MS. CLARKE: DVD box set? No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. You might not remember that one.
MS. CLARKE: Yeah, but I don't think so.
MS. EISNER: A brief case?
MS. CLARKE: No. A brief case? No.
MS. EISNER: CTAA thought they might've provided you with earrings? Is that something you remember?
MS. CLARKE: Earrings…not that I can recall.
MS. EISNER: Okay. For the tea set, do you still have the tea set?
MS. CLARKE: I have three of them.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Where are they – are they in your home? In your office?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.

MS. EISNER: Okay. Did you get the tea set appraised? Do you have an idea of how much it might be worth?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And for the silk scarf, did you – do you have silk scarf?
MS. CLARKE: Yes.
MS. EISNER: Okay. Did you have any – did you file any paperwork related to those two items?
MS. CLARKE: No, I didn't.
MS. EISNER: Okay. And any conversation with staff about them? About their value or anything like that?
MS. CLARKE: No. I didn't think they were much value.
MS. EISNER: Yeah, sure. So a few more documents to go through.
MR. SOLIS: Well we just – did you talk to Furkan or Suleyman in the past year or so?
MS. CLARKE: Yes, I have.
MR. SOLIS: You have. What did you talk to them about?
MS. CLARKE: They are part of an organization called the Gülen movement?
MR. SOLIS: We've heard about that.
MS. CLARKE: And you know, they've been talking about the clamping down on journalists. It's an interesting time that we were in Turkey because they would begin, what some people would label it, a Turkish spring, if you will? And at that time, they were concerned about the Gülen movement and Mr. Gülen not being able to come back to Turkey and then…they were somewhat supportive of the government at that point in time and then they sort of have gone south since then. And they feel like they're being persecuted so they've been talking to me about their concerns around that.
MR. SOLIS: Did they at all, I think Helen asked you this earlier, did they at all mention the trip in any way in the past two years or three years since the trip happened?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Did they mention at all to you, any contact from our office? About our review?
MS. CLARKE: No, well once I found out I haven't said anything to them and I don't know whether they felt comfortable saying anything to me, so…
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MS. CLARKE: But they haven't.
MS. EISNER: Have you gotten any requests from them to help with the movement or help in any sort of official situations?
MS. CLARKE: You know…I wouldn't say help, but there's sort of an awareness of what is taking place. They're constantly bringing some awareness. There was some recent reception on Capitol Hill and I'm trying to remember the country, there's a nation that's part of their Alliance where there was an atrocity and they sort of commemorate the loss of life on the Hill each year.

MR. SOLIS: I think that is actually the organization we've talking about, the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan. They do that national sort of awareness day of that atrocity or genocide that happened.
MS. CLARKE: Yes. Right.
MR. SOLIS: And I think some members have brought that up that they recently did something.
MS. CLARKE: Yeah.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Given that, do you recall anybody from that organization that you spoke with at that meeting on Capitol Hill?
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: No.
MS. CLARKE: At the reception?
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, at the reception.
MS. CLARKE: No.
MR. SOLIS: Okay.
MS. EISNER: I don't know if you have any further questions. We can – if there's anything –
MR. SOLIS: Yeah, if there's anything –
MS. EISNER: Anything that you think we should know as a part of this review that we haven't covered…
MS. CLARKE: No. I mean you know… all I can say is that, I spent more time in Turkey and trying to understand that connection to my district than I you know, I went to Baku because I was invited. I wasn't curious. It wasn't a curiosity of mine so I wasn't as engaged there as I was in Turkey.
MS. EISNER: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Only other question I have was, when we first started talking to you about the first process of getting invitations, you talk about it with staff, decide if you want to go and then you go to Ethics? Do you remember any conversation you had with Ethics about the approval process or did they have any questions for you about who the sponsors were or what your trip was going to look like?
MS. CLARKE: No. Not to my knowledge. I really rely on the Ethics Committee to you know do the vetting and it was my understanding that this was not the first time, this organization has taken members so I just sort of assumed that they had that background.
MR. SOLIS: Sure, okay.
MS. EISNER: Okay, well I think with that we'll stop the recording.

Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress as Amended

## ERRATA SHEET

| Page | Line | Correction | Reason |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 32 | Suleyman Aydogan | incorrect name |
| 1 | 34 | Suleyman Aydogan | incorrect name |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |

This errata sheet is submitted subject to 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (commonly known as the False Statements Act).

**Witness Name:** Yvette Clarke

**Witness Signature:** Yvette D. Clarke

**Date:** 22 April 2015

# EXHIBIT 101

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

| | |
|---|---|
| IN RE: | Representative Yvette Clarke |
| REVIEW #: | 15-8048 |
| DATE: | April 14, 2015, updated April 16, 2015 |
| TIME: | 12:00 PM to 12:10 PM (approximate) |
| PARTICIPANTS: | Paul Solis |
| | Helen Eisner |

SUMMARY: Representative Yvette Clarke's Chief of Staff, Shelley Davis, called Investigative Counsel Helen Eisner approximately twenty minutes after the Congresswoman left the OCE's office following an in-person interview on April 14, 2015. Shelley Davis explained that the Congresswoman had additional information to provide following the interview, and connected the Congresswoman to the telephone call. The Congresswoman made the following statements:

1. The Congresswoman explained that after leaving the in-person interview at the OCE she recalled additional information about the trip that was responsive to the OCE's questioning.

2. The Congresswoman received a briefcase while traveling in Baku in 2013. She believes it was provided to her by Furkan Kosar of the Council of Turkic American Associations. The briefcase was small and black. The Congresswoman does not recall where the briefcase is currently and does not recall having it in her possession when she returned to Washington, DC.

3. The Congresswoman received a carpet during the Baku portion of the 2013 trip. The carpet, which she described as a prayer rug, was left in the Congresswoman's hotel room near her bedside. She described the rug as composed of synthetic material. The rug is currently in her apartment in Washington, DC.

4. On April 16, 2015, Shelley Davis contacted Helen Eisner to report that the carpet was approximately 8 ½ by 11 inches in size.

This memorandum was prepared on April 14, 2015 after the telephonic interview that occurred that day, and updated on April 16, 2015 following a phone conversation with Shelley Davis. I certify that this memorandum contains all pertinent matter discussed with the witness.

Helen Eisner
Investigative Counsel

# EXHIBIT 102

JIM BRIDENSTINE
1st District, Oklahoma

216 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2211

2446 East 81st Street, Suite 6150
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137
(918) 935-2222

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Bridenstine.House.gov
Facebook.com/CongressmanJimBridenstine
Twitter.com/RepJBridenstine

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–3601

RECEIVED
2013 JUL 18 PM 2:59
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

July 17, 2013

The Honorable Mike Conaway
Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Linda Sanchez
Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Sanchez:

As noted in the attached Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments or International Organizations Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 7342 (FGDA), during my May 25-30, 2013 House Ethics Committee-approved trip to Baku, Azerbaijan, I was given two area rugs. The rugs, made in Azerbaijan, were presented by AFAZ, the Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan, in appreciation of my participation in the 2013 U.S.-Azerbaijan Convention in Baku.

Turning down these gifts could have caused offense or embarrassment or could have otherwise adversely affected United States foreign relations, therefore I did not seek to return these gifts.

Appraisals secured in the U.S. estimate the market value of these rugs at $3,500 and $2,500 respectively. These rugs have not been used and are stored in my Washington, DC office.

I have elected to turn over the larger rug appraised at $3,500 to the Clerk of the House for the Clerk's disposition.

Concerning the smaller rug appraised at $2,500, I request the Committee's permission to retain it for official use, specifically for display in my Washington, DC office or District office for such time as I serve in the House of Representatives. I also request that the Committee grant me the option to purchase the rug retained at fair market value not later than when my service within the House of Representatives concludes.

Sincerely,

Jim Bridenstine

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

# Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments or International Organizations Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 7342 (FGDA)

1. **NAME OF RECIPIENT:** Rep. Jim Bridenstine

2. **POSITION OF RECIPIENT:** Member of Congress

3. **NAME AND POSITION OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM** (if different from recipient):

   Name: Joseph Kaufman Position: Chief of Staff

4. **DONOR GOVERNMENT OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION** (use a separate form for each government or organization):

   Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (AFAZ)

5. **NAME AND POSITION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO PRESENTED THE GIFT, AWARD, OR TRAVEL:**

   Name: Unknown Position: Unknown

6. **WHAT WAS RECEIVED** (check and complete appropriate subsection or subsections)
   *Note: For the years 2011-2013, "minimal value" is defined as $350.*

   a. ☑ **Tangible gifts, decorations, or awards** of more than minimal value (describe):

   Two area rugs made in Azerbaijan, one appraised in the U.S. at $3,500 and the other appraised at $2,500.

   Estimated value in U.S. at time of acceptance: $6,000 total

   Disposition or current location: 216 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515

   *Note: If you wish to retain an item of more than minimal value for official use, you must separately write to the Committee with that request.*

   b. ☐ **Travel or travel expenses of more than minimal value paid for or provided directly by the foreign government or international organization** (including transportation, food, lodging, and entertainment) (describe):

c. ☐ **Travel or travel expenses of more than minimal value for which you were reimbursed** by the foreign government or international organization (including transportation, food, lodging, and entertainment) (describe):

7. **CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH GIFTS OR TRAVEL WERE ACCEPTED**
(*e.g.*, that refusal of tangible gift would cause donor embarrassment or travel was consistent with interests of the U.S.):

The gifts were unsolicited, delivered to Rep. Bridenstine's hotel room. Because the gifts were made in the context of the 2013 U.S.-Azerbaijan Convention, an annual gathering celebrating the strategic relationship of the U.S. and Azerbaijan, it was likely that returning the gifts could cause offense, embarrassment or could have otherwise adversely affected United States foreign relations.

8. **DATE(S) OF ACCEPTANCE** (for travel, give inclusive dates travel occurred):
May 27-28, 2013

**Signature:** Jim Bridenstine

**Office Address:** 216 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515

**Date:** July 17, 2012

**Submit ORIGINAL form** (with original signature) **to:**

Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103

*Version date 3/2011 by Committee on Ethics*

# EXHIBIT 103

Gift from TCAE : 6-26-13
Conversation with Ethics Committee
(Wendy)

Described gift received by JTH during
his trip to Azerbaijan, 6X9 (approx)
rug presented by TCAE in Azerbaijan.

Wendy will get back to me after
researching TCAE's status and balance
of gift rule considerations.

Private source —

No conflict

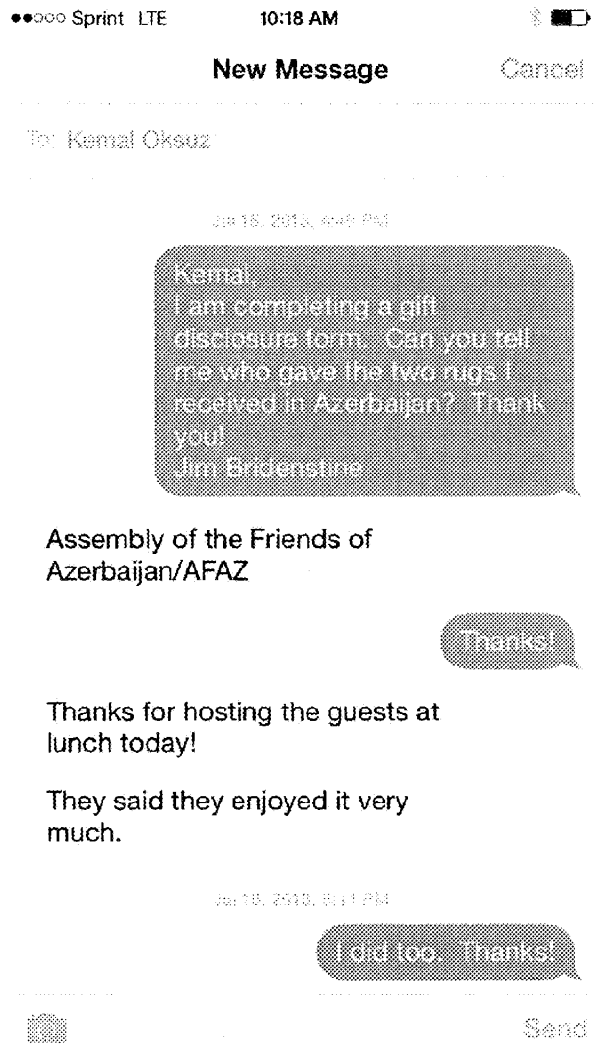
Cannot buy "buy down" by separating
large rug from small rug.

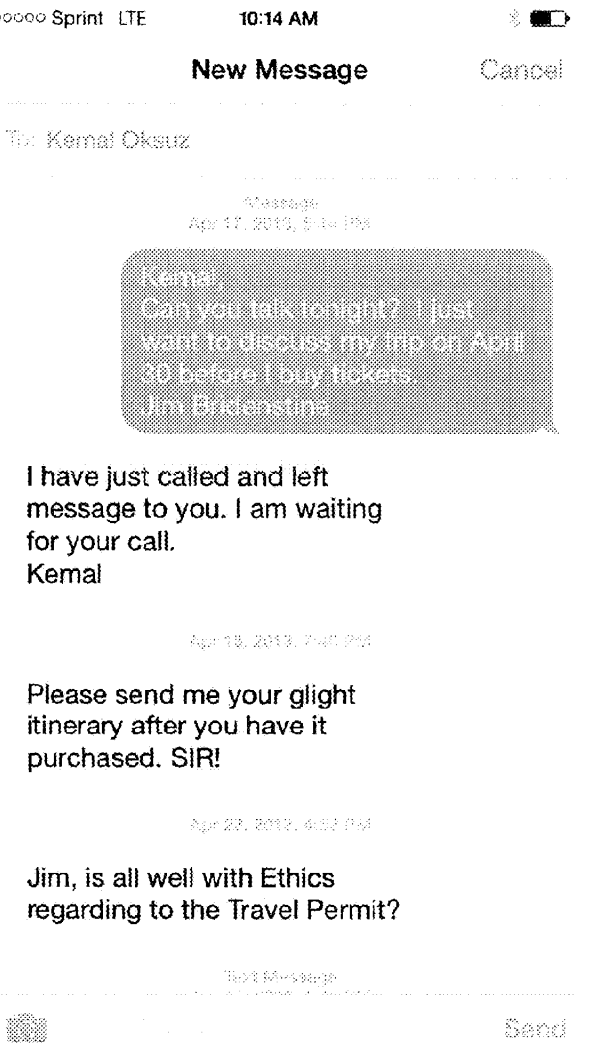
Called Michelle, left message 6-26-13 AM.
Advised rugs will have to be returned.

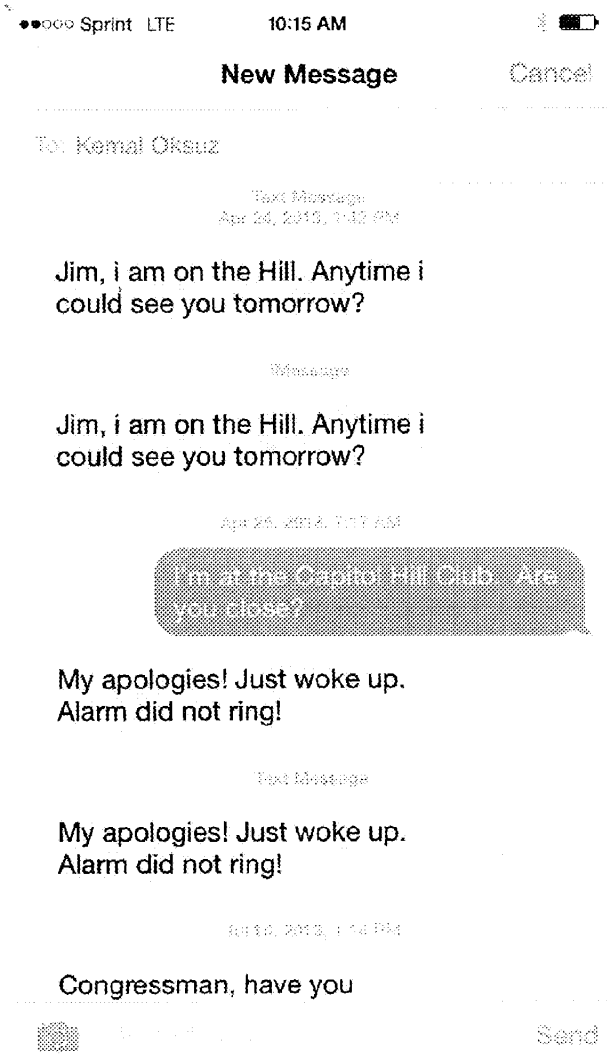
# EXHIBIT 104

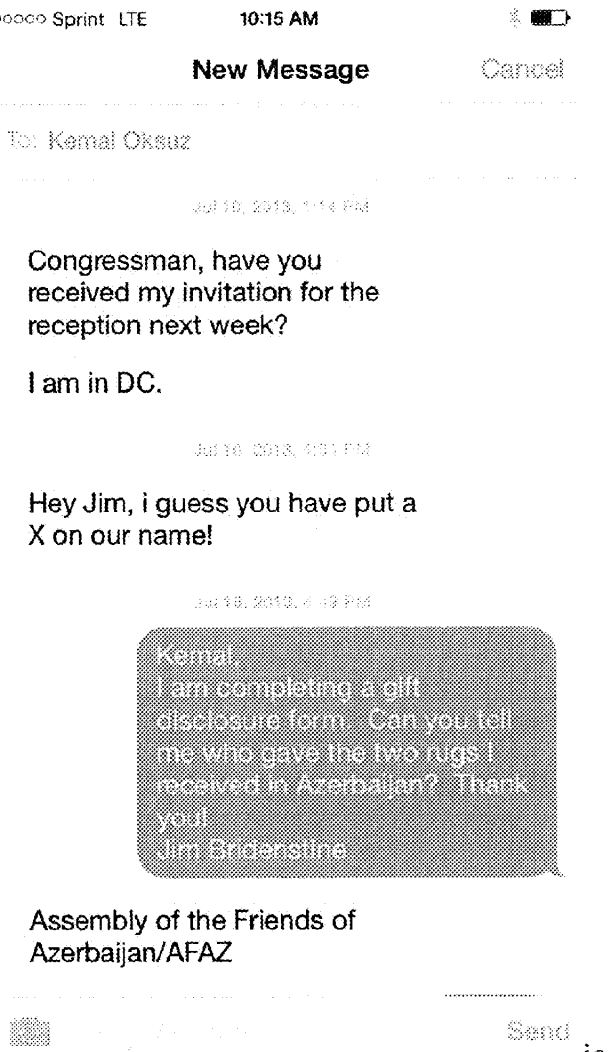
## Kaufman, Joseph

**From:** Jim Bridenstine <[redacted]@gmail.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 31, 2015 11:23 AM
**To:** Kaufman, Joseph
**Subject:** Text Messages




Sprint LTE 10:15 AM
New Message
Cancel
To: Kemal Oksuz
Text Message
Apr 24, 2013, 3:42 PM
Jim, i am on the Hill. Anytime i could see you tomorrow?
Message
Jim, i am on the Hill. Anytime i could see you tomorrow?
Apr 25, 2013, 7:07 AM
I'm at the Capitol Hill Club. Are you close?
My apologies! Just woke up. Alarm did not ring!
Text Message
My apologies! Just woke up. Alarm did not ring!
Jul 10, 2013, 1:14 PM
Congressman, have you
Send


Sprint LTE 10:15 AM
New Message
Cancel
To: Kemal Oksuz
Jul 10, 2013, 1:14 PM
Congressman, have you received my invitation for the reception next week?
I am in DC.
Jul 16, 2013, 6:31 PM
Hey Jim, i guess you have put a X on our name!
Jul 18, 2013, 4:49 PM
Kemal,
I am completing a gift disclosure form. Can you tell me who gave the two rugs I received in Azerbaijan? Thank you!
Jim Sinderstine
Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan/AFAZ
Send

jo

# EXHIBIT 105

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF REP. BRIDENSTINE'S CHIEF OF STAFF

**3/26/2015**

MR. WRIGHT: This is Nate Wright; I'm here with Bryson Morgan. We're interviewing Rep. Bridenstine's Chief of Staff and it is March 26, 2015. You're currently the Chief of Staff for Representative Bridenstine, is that correct?

WITNESS: That is correct.

MR. WRIGHT: How long have you been in that position?

WITNESS: Since Congressman Bridenstine was sworn in on taking office in 2013.

MR. WRIGHT: What are your some of your general responsibilities as Chief of Staff?

WITNESS: Well, to manage the staff particularly in regard to hiring, to review work performance, to act as the advisor to the Congressman, to coordinate with our District Director and his staff on matters that are important for us to understand here in Washington.

MR. WRIGHT: What was your previous position?

WITNESS: Well I was retired prior to coming to work for Congressman Bridenstine. I worked for Conoco Phillips, the energy company, for nearly 36 years and retired from that position in May of 2009.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know Kemal Oksuz?

WITNESS: I do.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians?

WITNESS: I know of the Turquoise Council; I'm not familiar with their operations.

MR. WRIGHT: And are you familiar with the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan?

WITNESS: I'm familiar with the organization's name; again, I do not have any familiarity with how they operate.

MR. MORGAN: How do you know Kemal? Do you recall when you first met him?

WITNESS: Well, the first mention I heard of Mr. Oksuz was I believe, in a March 25, 2013 email from Congressman Bridenstine, indicating that he had met Mr. Oksuz and the Congressman asked me to help coordinate a pending trip to Azerbaijan that the Congressman had discussed with Mr. Oksuz.

MR. MORGAN: What did you understand Kemal Oksuz's position to be? Or role to be in regards to that conference?

WITNESS: Well, it…at the front-end of course, I didn't know very much, but my initial impression was that he, in his position is I believe, president of the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians, was helping to…well was inviting in this case, Congressman Bridenstine to participate in the conference that TCAE was somehow engaged with, it was not clear to me what the nature of their engagement with the conference was. I saw Mr. Oksuz as the person extending an invitation to attend the conference, but I really didn't have any understanding of how TCAE was sponsoring or engaging with others in that regard.

MR. WRIGHT: Generally, what's the process in Representative Bridenstine's office to review invitations for privately sponsored travel?

WITNESS: Well, we…we have had very few of them. This certainly was the first one.

MR. MORGAN: It certainly *was*?

WITNESS: Yes, it was. So we were I guess 90 days…less than 90 days into the Congressman's service when this matter came up. So I think this was the first time I had ever handled a travel request and so…I learned about the process of requesting Ethics Committee approval for privately sponsored travel and became familiar with the pre-travel form containing the high-level details – the two page cover form if you will, and became aware of the documents that needed to be attached, but behind that would be prepared by the primary trip sponsor, so…

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: So you mentioned that your first interactions with Oksuz, was back around March of 2013 regarding this – I'm showing you a document now, that's Bates labeled THJB_00173. And I think if you go ahead and take some time to take a look at that, and I believe towards the last couple of pages is what you were talking about there.

WITNESS: Yes. The, I guess page 3 of this document, is the note from Congressman Bridenstine to me with also addressed to Mr. Oksuz, just advising me that the Congressman is working to arrange a trip to Azerbaijan departing on May 25th, returning on May 31st, pointing out we need to submit papers to the Ethics Committee and asking me to work with Mr. Oksuz to be sure we have everything required for the Ethics Committee.

MR. WRIGHT: What did you understand was the primary purpose to the convention?
WITNESS: My understanding was that it was to focus on the relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan and I guess coming from the energy industry, I assumed that there would be significant discussion about energy since oil and I think gas

production is a significant part of the Azerbaijani economy so, I thought it was an international relation with a component of energy.

MR. WRIGHT: So Kemal Oksuz and TCAE sponsored the Congressman's travel to Baku?

WITNESS: They identified themselves, TCAE, as primary trip sponsor.

MR. WRIGHT: And you were the point of contact for --?

WITNESS: I was. Congressman Bridenstine asked me to serve in that role.

MR. WRIGHT: And I noticed – and I think this is part of your effort to fill out these forms, you asked him on the first page of this document, for information about who was the primary sponsor, who was the secondary sponsor.

WITNESS: Yeah. I'm not sure what I had in mind using the term secondary sponsor, I'm not sure that that is a term that the Ethics Committee uses, but yes. Those were items that I understood were needed to satisfy the requirements to the Ethics Committee.

MR. WRIGHT: And now I'm showing you a document marked, THJB_00177. I think this is a continuation of that email chain. And Kemal responds that TCAE is the primary sponsor and AFAZ is the title organizer.

WITNESS: Yeah, I see that.

MR. WRIGHT: What did you understand title organizer meant?

WITNESS: Frankly, I don't know that term. I don't know what that means and I have no recollection of that question arising when I read this email.

MR. WRIGHT: And do you remember ever inquiring further with Kemal about what AFAZ or TCAE's role in the convention as?

WITNESS: I never inquired. I…I did not have a reason to do that and did not make an inquiry.

MR. WRIGHT: Showing you a document marked THJB_00182. This is one of the attachments to this previous email –

WITNESS: Right.

MR. WRIGHT: And then you can see on page 2, that it lists the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan as an organizer…

WITNESS: I'm sorry. Where does it –

MR. WRIGHT: Down near the very bottom.

WITNESS: Oh I see. Yes, I see it.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And as also included in the attachments for what was to be given to the committee, this is THJB_00185; that's the travel disclosure forms that I think you referenced previously and this was completed by Kemal Oksuz.

WITNESS: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: So both of these documents were disclosed – were part of the disclosures to the Committee.

WITNESS: That's correct.

MR. WRIGHT: And this document that I just showed you, the privately sponsored travel forms, they don't indicate AFAZ's role in the conference. Do they?

WITNESS: They do not.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

WITNESS: I don't think it occurred to me at the time, perhaps I had not looked at the…the previous documents you handed with the outline of the convention, I don't think that it ever occurred to me that there was reason why AFAZ should be listed on the travel request form instead of only the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians.

MR. MORGAN: Do you recall receiving this privately sponsored travel form from Mr. Oksuz?

WITNESS: Yes, this is the one that I had attached to the travel request.

MR. MORGAN: Do you recall reviewing it, taking a look at it, seeing what he had put on the form?

WITNESS: Yes. I scanned through the document when we received it.

MR. MORGAN: I mean, you do understand that there appears to be a little bit of disconnect here in the email from Kemal mentioning AFAZ as a…and he calls it a secondary title organizer, the itinerary listing AFAZ as an organizer and yet this form not including AFAZ on it in any capacity. Do you recognize that – do you see what we're getting at here? It looks like that information is being provided, at least AFAZ's role is being presented to you, yet it's not on this form. Can you help us understand that or anything else that you think can help us understand?

WITNESS: Bryson of course, Mr. Oksuz prepared this form, not us. And when we received the form, I having never been involved in the preparation of this kind of document before, I don't think that I recognized it in either instance that you're referring to that the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan had a role…equal to TCAE and might need to be listed as the sponsor. That never occurred to me if I…perhaps I simply overlooked it or regarded this as an informational document, but I …at the time I did not see any-- recognize any discrepancy between the private trip sponsor travel certification form and the other documentation that we had received from Mr. Oksuz.

MR. MORGAN: And the document THJB_00182, this program agenda that we showed you –

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. MORGAN: That was submitted to the Committee on Ethics as well?

WITNESS: I believe so. I think we included a copy of that entire document to you and as I recall it, it was included.

MR. MORGAN: If AFAZ had been included on the private sponsored travel certification form, would that have been a red flag for you? Would there be any reason you can think of why AFAZ would be left off of this certification form?

WITNESS: I have no idea why they would've been left off. And it probably…I didn't recognize that it might need to be there or that it wasn't there, so it didn't raise any red flags for mea t the time.

MR. MORGAN: And you can't think of any motivation why it was left off?

WITNESS: No, I cannot. I'm not aware of any motivation for doing that.

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: Who did you understand was paying for the travel for Representative Bridenstine?

WITNESS: I understood that the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians was paying for all the travel expenses that were listed on the primary travel certification form – private sponsored travel certification form.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you have any reason to question who was paying for it?

WITNESS: I did not. This is a …as I said this was the first time we had been through this process and I was relying completely on the veracity of the completeness of the documents submitted to our office. I was focused on getting the first couple of pages

correct and being sure we had attached all the other documents that the committee would be expecting to see, but I was not focused on verifying information that was presented to us by Mr. Oksuz.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you do any research into TCAE or have any discussions with Kemal about the organization?

WITNESS: I did not.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you look to see if they had sponsored congressional travel previously or?

WITNESS: No, I did not do that.

MR. MORGAN: Did you have any reason to question TCAE's ability to pay for the travel?

WITNESS: No Bryson, I did not. I …made the…I guess tacit assumption that if someone is offering to pay for this sort of travel that they have the resources to do it and simply took that as a matter of assumed fact.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you reach out to corporate sponsors for the convention?

WITNESS: No. With one exception, I think because of the my background as a former employee of Conoco Philips, and knowing….I think I was perhaps aware that there...I think I may have looked back at the prior years' event, I think that there was maybe something on the web and noticed that there were some energy companies that had participated in the event and I think I called Conoco Phillips, maybe not about sponsorship, I don't recall calling them about their role, but I think I tried to contact them just to understand a little more what the event was about.

MR. MORGAN: We have some documents that I think will refresh your recollection of that interaction with Conoco Phillips.

MR. WRIGHT: I'm showing you the document OCECOP_001.

WITNESS: Okay. I didn't recall the details on this.

MR. MORGAN: We can give you as much time as you want to refresh your recollection there that's why we have the documents.

WITNESS: Okay. I reviewed it. I'm sorry, go ahead Nate.

MR WRIGHT: Do you remember why you reached out other than to ask about their sponsorship?

WITNESS: My best guess, I'm not having a clear recollection of this, I remember this interchange now that you show the document to me, but I really don't recall what might've triggered the question about the nature of the sponsorship. Maybe it was something I saw in the prior year's program, but –

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I think we have something that might jog your memory. So I'm handing you a document, OCECOP_07 and then also document THJB_00012.

MR. MORGAN: So, on the middle of page 7 there, when you emailed Kay Larcom, you said, "document attached signing COP as sponsor at the bottom of page 2, call me when you can. I'm trying to understand the objectives of this event" and then there's THJB_00012 and 00013 it appears to us to be that attachment, if you could take a look at that and see if this is a document that you recall was the attachment to that email. Second page there…

WITNESS: Oh, okay. So who attached the – did I attach this? Or Conoco Philips attach –

MR. MORGAN: We believe this is the attachment that you sent to Kay Larcom.

MR. WRIGHT: This is included in the paper documents that you --

WITNESS: Oh, okay.

MR. WRIGHT: Submitted to our office. So we think this was a version of the itinerary that's similar to the one that was disclosed to the Committee. This one lists out –

WITNESS: Yeah, I'm sure—when I was looking at this, I was not thinking of who was putting money into them, but rather who had firsthand knowledge of what the event was, and what the objectives for the event would be because I had not received independently from any other source, any real insight as to what would transpire at this event. I think my focus here was to try to really understand what the nature of the discussion would be, particularly around the energy component of the meeting, but I was not…I just wanted to say, I was not focused in terms of close of money or who was supporting the event financially.

MR. MORGAN: We received documents from Conoco Phillips and we've spoken to Kay Larcom. Let me show you this document, OCECOP_08, 09; you know I'll tell you, frankly, Kay Larcom's recollection of those interactions seems to be a …that it was very specifically focused on a financial role of Conoco Phillips. The top of this page –

WITNESS: Really?

MR. MORGAN: This is not an email you are included on, but there is an email on 08 from Kay Larcom to another person at Conoco Phillips saying, "this is the

Congressman's first term (referring to Representative Bridenstine), they're probably not sure about all the ethics rules. He's being invited as a guest at the meeting, he would go for free; they have to be able to say who's paying, since we're listed as sponsors, he wants to know what our role is and whether we would be paying for his trip; it is difficult to find out who these organizations are, AFAZ and TCAE, if this is a cover for either SOCAR or the Azeri government, he needs to know."

WITNESS: Okay.

MR. MORGAN: Her recoll—Kay Larcom's recollection when we spoke to her, was that you had specifically asked her if AFAZ and TC were covers for SOCAR or the Azeri government. Do you recall asking her that question?

WITNESS: I do not.

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

WITNESS: I don't think I would've been clever enough or experienced enough at the time to ask that kind of question.

MR. MORGAN: And just to be clear, asking these—asking that type of a question, is not…is not necessarily a bad thing. Right? That to an extent suggests you're doing the due diligence and making sure that the trip does comply with regulations. I don't mean to imply that asking that type of question would be an issue.

WITNESS: Well, I understand, Bryson.

MR. MORGAN: Your interaction with Conoco Phillips to your recollection was not focused on their financial role or AFAZ or TCAE being a front for the …SOCAR or the Azeri government?

WITNESS: I do not recall having that focus in this exchange of emails.

MR. WRIGHT: I'm going to take you back real quick to the last one, OCECOP_07, and specifically to the top of that and she says, this is Kay Larcom writing to you, "this is the same group who hosted a similar meeting in Washington, D.C. last April." And then it says, "Conoco Phillips is not sponsoring in the Baku event".

WITNESS: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: Did Conoco Phillips ever explain why they weren't? Why they made this decision?

WITNESS: To not sponsor?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

WITNESS: No. I don't think I had any discussion with them on their decision to not sponsor the 2013 event. I guess this does align with my recollection that I had gone back and looked at the prior years' information to try to understand who was participating in the event, but again…my interest in this…really had nothing to do to the best of my recollection with financial sponsorship or contributions, but rather on what the nature of the event and the likely discussion would be.

MR. MORGAN: So on that…that being your objective, what did you find out? What did you learn about the nature of the event, subjectively?

WITNESS: Not a lot. I knew from my history with Conoco Phillips they had interest in the Caspian at one point. At this juncture, I believe that the company had divested or sold or ended its participation with oil and gas activities in the Caspian so…I think I was simply going back to energy company that had been involved in the previous event in asking for their explanation as to what this event was and what the nature of the discussion would be. And of course I went to Conoco Phillips for this kind of inquiry versus other energy companies simply because of my familiarity with the company.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you reach out to other sponsors that are listed on that form?

WITNESS: I…don't believe so. I have no recollection of talking to anyone from Conoco Phillips.

MR. WRIGHT: Did anyone from Conoco Phillips reach out to you when their decision to sponsor changed and they decided to sponsor?

WITNESS: No, they did not.

MR. MORGAN: Were you aware that they had at one point decided to sponsor?

WITNESS: The 2013 event?

MR. MORGAN: Yes.

WITNESS: No I was not aware that they had elected to sponsor the 2013 event. And…I don't…believe I had any focus on what sponsorship really meant, certainly nothing in terms of how that would affect anything we were doing with the Committee on Ethics.

MR. MORGAN: So…what conversations did you have with Representative Bridenstine about this? As you're going through the process to prepare the forms, as you look into the purpose and objectives of the event, did Representative Bridenstine know you were taking those steps?

WITNESS: I don't think so. Jim and I had very little conversation about the mechanics and the details of preparing these documents and I don't think I described to him the

process that I was going through and pulling these things together. I'm quite sure that he did not ask me about it.

MR. WRIGHT: Did he ever raise concerns like, "we should try to figure out what these organizations are" anything like that?

WITNESS: No. I think Jim had a lot on his plate at the time and I think getting to understand the job as a new member of Congress had a lot of things on his mind and this one, I think is something he was simply turning over to me to handle and I was putting it together, but without much background with…no background really how this process works. I was doing the best job I could with my understanding of what we needed to do, but looking into the organizations including TCAE was not something I was doing. I was taking their representations as being complete adequate for the purpose.

MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I'm going to assume – well, in my experience, members of Congress receive a lot of requests to go on privately sponsored travel. They turn down a lot of those requests as well. Do you have a sense of why this was a trip that interested Representative Bridenstine?

WITNESS: Well, as you know, he has a military background and the state of Oklahoma has state partnership program between Azerbaijan and the Oklahoma National Guard; that may have been one component and that there's a type act of Oklahoma through an official government program. And Azerbaijan is of course in an interesting region in the world with Russia on the North and Iran on the South and I think Jim is interested in that part of the world former Soviet states from a geo-political military power structure and also he's very interested in energy politics and obviously Azerbaijan is kind of an unusual position in terms of their energy resources and there appear – I don't know that we were…I wasn't focused on this at the time, but there appears to be some tension between Russia and Azerbaijan because of competing political interest on energy supply.

MR. MORGAN: Did Representative Bridenstine – did you or Representative Bridenstine ever have a conversation and this is you know, before the trip, did you ever have a conversation about TCAE and what that organization was?

WITNESS: No. I don't believe so, Bryson.

MR. MORGAN: And AFAZ? Did you have a conversation about AFAZ and what that organization was?

WITNESS: No. You know, as you pointed out, AFAZ's name appears on the agenda, the high-level agenda for the meeting, but frankly the – I think the first time I really remember of AFAZ registering with me was, as we were in the process of returning these gifts that the Congressman had received and – we can go into that later –

MR. MORGAN: Yeah, we'll talk about that. I think we'll move right into that.

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, so Representative Bridenstine was given two rugs during the convention -- showing you a document THJB_00080. And this is your paperwork to the Committee on Ethics regarding those two rugs.

WITNESS: Right. And I –

MR. MORGAN: 81 is the form for disclosing those gifts from foreign governments. 81-82 is that form.

WITNESS: Right.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know if other attendees at the convention also received rugs?

WITNESS: I don't. Congressman Bridenstine indicated that these rugs were delivered to his hotel room, while he was not there and he was uncertain as to where they had come from. So…Ji--

MR. WRIGHT: What –

WITNESS: I'm sorry, go ahead.

MR. WRIGHT: What – So in the letter it says that he believes that they were from AFAZ, what led him to believe that they were from AFAZ?

WITNESS: You know, I'm not entirely sure. Perhaps it was…perhaps it was labeling on the bags that came in? I don't know that for sure.

MR. MORGAN: So how did this come up? When did you first learn about the rugs?

WITNESS: I guess when the Congressman returned from the trip and he…he mentioned I think that he had received these gifts and they were with him when he returned to Tulsa and returned directly from Azerbaijan to Tulsa, actually a day earlier than the agenda called for, you know then I think we had a conversation around these rugs and I recognized that we needed to ascertain the market value of these to understand how these would fit within the House gift rule. And so, they were appraised in Tulsa and once we understood, we reveiwed the values of these rugs, they were delivered to our Washington office with the expectation that they would be returned.

MR. WRIGHT: Who did the appraisal? Do you remember?

WITNESS: I'm not sure I ever heard any name. There was a dealer in Tulsa who handles these kinds of rugs who was consulted to get us a notion of what the value would be, but I don't know the name of the firm.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And as the letter indicates, Representative Bridenstine believed that he was able to accept them under the Foreign Gifts and Declarations Act –

MR. MORGAN: So who – let's back up a little bit here; was it your task to figure out how to properly dispose of the rugs, figure out how they fit within the rules?

WITNESS: Yeah, I was serving that role.

MR. MORGAN: Okay. Who else was helping you with that?

WITNESS: No one.

MR. MORGAN: Were you having – before you…this is July 17, 2013; I want to give you another document. I want to see if you can help me understand the timeline here. This is THJB_74. This is June 26, 2013; are these your handwritten notes?

WITNESS: They are.

MR. MORGAN: So this is June 26, about a month before and at the top it says, gift from TCAE, that's a conversation with the Ethics Committee, Wendy? Was Wendy a person on the Ethics Committee?

WITNESS: Yeah, I think she's a staff attorney.

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

WITNESS: Or I know that she is because I've visited with her on other matters.

MR. MORGAN: It says, "Wendy will get both…or something to me?"

WITNESS: Get back to me.

MR. MORGAN: "Get back to me after researching TCAE's status and backhand something –"

WITNESS: And balance of gift rule considerations. So I think…I think –

MR. MORGAN: And at the bottom it says, "Call Michelle; left message 6:20 – 6:13." Who's Michelle?

WITNESS: Michelle is the Congressman's wife. I think at this point, the rugs were in the Bridenstine's – in their original bags at the Bridenstine residence and had I think at this time, the appraisal had been done so we were monitoring values and we – I was still uncertain I guess at this point as to the gift rule because gifts from government are certainly handled very differently than gifts from other entities and I think we were

advised later on that this was really given – that the source of the gift was inappropriate rule to operate under.

MR. MORGAN: Did Wendy from the Ethics Committee get back to you?

WITNESS: I think there was another individual who I believe emails are included from who ultimately got back to us on this.

MR. WRIGHT: Carol Dickson?

WITNESS: Carol Dickson.

MR. WRIGHT: On document THJB_00305 –

WITNESS: Right.

MR. MORGAN: I want to…if you can help us sort of understand this since we're tying this up, these notes as of June 26, 2013, it appears that you were under the impression that the rugs came from TCAE.

WITNESS: Right.

MR. MORGAN: But the form for disclosing gifts from foreign government lists, AFAZ as the provider of the gift, of the rugs.

WITNESS: That is correct.

MR. MORGAN: I'm just wondering how that change occurred. Did at some point, you clarify with Representative Bridenstine, were you told, "no, it wasn't TCAE; it was in fact AFAZ that gave them"? Or how…why the sort of difference?

WITNESS: Yeah that's a reasonable question. I don't think that information came from the Congressman, but I don't recall how we determined that AFAZ was the don –

MR. WRIGHT: Did you reach out to Kemal?

WITNESS: Probably. I'm guessing that must've been the case because the Congressman had no knowledge of who was giving these gifts and I suspect that when I was in the process of actually preparing this form for disclosing gifts from foreign government or international organizations, I was thinking that we – TCAE might have been an international organization, I didn't know the technical meaning of that term, but I suspect I made an inquiry to Kemal and said, "hey the Congressman got these presents in Baku, can you help me understand who gave these things because we're needing to understand how to proceed with them."

MR. MORGAN: Do you *think* that conversation occurred or do you recall, specifically recall that conversation?

WITNESS: I do not recall, but I think it probably occurred, but I can't say that it actually – that it was actually the mechanism, Bryson.

MR. MORGAN: How – so tell me the decision to ultimately disclose it to the committee as a gift from foreign government – how is that decision made?

WITNESS: I think that…I think that we certainly understood that AFAZ or TCAE for that matter, was not a foreign government, but again, this is brand new territory for me and I think reading the title of the form, I was operating off the international organizations piece of thought that these are probably international organizations so we – I chose to go down this path.

MR. MORGAN: So it was …it was not on the advice of the Ethics Committee that you go down this path?

WITNESS: No. No. I think this was a determination that I made knowing the background as I had come to know by the time we put this letter together.

MR. WRIGHT: Would you have talked to Kemal about this?

WITNESS: Well, I think that's possible, Nate, but again as Bryson's inquiry indicated, I have no recollection of actually talking to Kemal about this, but he would almost certainly have been the person I would've gone to ask this kind of question because I have not dealt with any other person in regard to this trip.

MR. WRIGHT: You said that you thought that AFAZ was potentially an international organization under the definition, just wondering in terms of sort of your knowledge of AFAZ, but before and after interactions like this, would it surprise you to learn that in 2013, almost less than half the percent of the money that AFAZ -- that went through AFAZ was for sponsorship for this convention?

WITNESS: Half the percent sounds like a small amount, but I don't think I had any expectations of what AFAZ's financial capabilities or disposition of its financial assets were because I had not looked into AFAZ and tried to understand its operations.

MR. WRIGHT: Would it surprise you that 90% of its funding for 2013 came from SOCAR?

WITNESS: Yes, it would.

MR. MORGAN: Were you aware that SOCAR entered into an agreement with AFAZ to organize that 2013 convention?

WITNESS: No, I'm not aware of that – was not aware of it.

MR. MORGAN: So, what led you to – just want to make sure we're clear here for the record – what led you to think that AFAZ was an international organization?

WITNESS: Well, first Bryson, as I indicated earlier, I don't know now and didn't know at the time what an international organization is in the context of this particular form.

MR. MORGAN: Right.

WITNESS: I was just supposing, I guess that trying to find the proper channel for asking the questions here and disposing of the rugs that we were going down the correct path and later was advised by Carol Dickson that we were not.

MR. MORGAN: Right. Let's go to that, I think that's THJB_00305. This is an email from Carol Dickson to you on August 5, 2013 in which she informs you that AFAZ is not an entity of the Azerbaijan government, but instead it's a private company incorporated in Texas as such and FGDA report is not appropriate. Essentially, she advised that the rugs were not able to be accepted under any provision of the gift rule, is that correct?

WITNESS: That's my understanding, yes.

MR. MORGAN: They must be returned to AFAZ. How did you relay that message to Representative Bridenstine?

WITNESS: I don't recall a specific conversation, but I think I just told Jim that there was no way under the House gift rule, that these gifts could be accepted or retained for official use. So I think I just communicated to the bottom line to Jim to advise that he needed to return these and there was never a question about returning them once that knowledge had come to us.

MR. MORGAN: And you said there was never a question about returning them; it was your understanding that Representative Bridenstine had no objection to following the Committee's advice?

WITNESS: Oh, yes! That's entirely right. He was trying to understand what the Ethics Committee guidance on the matter like this, would be.

MR. MORGAN: So then how did you proceed in returning those rugs?

WITNESS: They were in the Washington office waiting a resolution in this matter and we sent them via FedEx or another courier service to Mr. Oksuz after inquiring…advising him that we cannot accept the gifts and inquiring what address they should be sent to.

MR. WRIGHT: And why…so, I'm showing you a document THJB_00308. This is a copy of text messages exchanged between yourself and Kemal. Did you regularly communicate with Kemal throughout this time period?

WITNESS: There was a series of interactions, Nate, as I'm sure you've seen from the emails surrounding this trip in making the arrangements and Kemal was really the sole contact that I had about all the discussions planning the trip and then responding to any other matters that came up as part of the trip.

MR. WRIGHT: As part of this text message, you say, "AFAZ gave the rugs" and then you also talk about shipping them to TCAE's address.

WITNESS: Right. I think I referenced TCAE because they were identified as the primary travel sponsor for this and I assumed that we would need to continue working through that entity that had represented that they were the travel sponsor and Mr. Oksuz was the official representative of that organization. And I don't think I had any understanding of what relationship existed or did not exist between AFAZ and TCAE, but since we had been doing all this travel planning with TCAE, I felt like Mr. Oksuz was the gentleman who could handle this whole matter for us.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you know Mr. Oksuz's relationship with AFAZ?

WITNESS: No.

MR. MORGAN: Just going back here, the instructions from Carol Dickson at the Committee was very specific; I mean it was underlined that, "two rugs must both be returned to the AFAZ".

WITNESS: Okay. I…we did not have any personal contact information for AFAZ. I'm not aware that we had a name and so…I was expecting that Kemal would affect the return these rugs to AFAZ.

MR. MORGAN: Okay. So what you're saying here is, you planned to ship the rugs to TCAE –

WITNESS: With the expectation that –

MR. MORGAN: That they'd be returned to AFAZ.

WITNESS: That they would be returned to AFAZ.

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

MR. WRIGHT: And then at the bottom of this, Kemal says, "Please ship them to" – I believe this is his home address?

WITNESS: It is his home address.

MR. MORGAN: How do you know it's his home address?

WITNESS: Because the Congressman was at one point invited to attend a breakfast at Kemal's home and this is the address that was identified as his residence.

MR. WRIGHT: And…you then sent a letter, this is THJB_00085, to Mr. Oksuz.

WITNESS: Yeah. This was a letter that accompanied the shipment of the rugs to Mr. Oksuz.

MR. WRIGHT: And you understood that Kemal was going to give the rugs back to AFAZ?

WITNESS: Yes. That was my expectation and I didn't know what his relationship, if any, to AFAZ was, but as the person who had extended the invitation for the trip, had worked with us consistently to put together the details of the trip, I considered him to be the point of contact who could handle matters related to this trip on the back end as well as the front end.

MR. MORGAN: Did you reach out to any other member offices? Members who had traveled to the 2013 convention, you know chatting with other Chiefs of Staff or other members to say, "Hey did you guys get these rugs as well? How are you handling this?"

Were there any sort of lateral conversation like that?

WITNESS: No, there was none.

MR. MORGAN: Do you know if other members or if other Hill staff who attended the 2013 convention received rugs as well?

WITNESS: I do not know.

MR. MORGAN: Did the Ethics Committee mention that to you that others were in the same situation as Representative Bridenstine?

WITNESS: No. You know, having attended industry events over the years, I know that sometimes there will be tokens of appreciation given, certainly nothing on this scope – on this value, I've never seen, but it would not have surprised me to learn that other participants on this trip had received similar gifts, but I never made that inquiry.

MR. MORGAN: Did Representative Bridenstine receive any other gifts while he was at the 2013 convention?

WITNESS: None that I'm aware of.

MR. WRIGHT: When you talk about going…being at different industry events, are you talking about that in your capacity as a Conoco Philips employee previously?

WITNESS: Yeah. Just going to industry events and I may have mischaracterized that. I just know that sometimes where there are events, let's say the energy industry or the automobile industry that I also had in some experience with, that there will be small tokens of appreciation you know some sort of logo item that would be distributed to all of the attendees. I never had any experience with a gift of high value being given like the one we're talking about here.

MR. MORGAN: So did that raise any red flags for you?

WITNESS: The high value?

MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

WITNESS: Well –

MR. MORGAN: I mean you're a Chief of Staff. Within most Chief of Staffs' view, is there a role to sort of protect their member? Watch their member from these types of issues – being put in these types of situations? Did it concern you? Did it cause you to think, "oh what's going on with this convention; a couple of thousands of dollars of rugs are showing up in my member's hotel room, this is a bit concerning." Did you have a reaction like that? Were there conversations like that?

WITNESS: No, I don't think so. I think our sole desire was to ascertain the value of these gifts and make the appropriate disposition.

MR. MORGAN: Did it cause you…did it concern you in the sense that you, thereafter, were more concerned or had a heightened awareness about Representative Bridentstine's interactions with Kemal or with AFAZ or with TCAE?

WITNESS: I guess, not really because I didn't know whether Kemal had any personal involvement with the delivery of these gifts to Mr. Bridenstine. I…so I guess I was not making a linkage in my own mind between the fact of this gift and Kemal and how we ought to be thinking about Mr. Oksuz.

MR. MORGAN: Did Kemal at any point express surprise that they, that the rugs, had to be returned or concerned?

WITNESS: No and I believe in fact, we got a message from him that said he understood that it was his intention to abide by the ethics rules. There was never any expression of displeasure or concern that I recall.

MR. WRIGHT: Is that…are you referencing THJB_000308? The text messages you exchanged?

WITNESS: Oh…yeah. That's exactly it.

MR. WRIGHT: Did he ever talk about there may be issues with other members with Kemal and the gifts?

WITNESS: No. There was never any conversation with Kemal regarding any other members or staff members.

MR. MORGAN: Did you have any reason to believe that the rugs were gifts from SOCAR?

WITNESS: No.

MR. MORGAN: I'll tell you that we have spoken to other individuals who received the rugs, who have told us that it was their understanding the rugs were a gift from SOCAR. But that is not – your understanding you had no knowledge that SOCAR was a potential source of the rugs?

WITNESS: I have no knowledge of SOCAR's involvement and I never…saw any information that would've led me to that conclusion.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know – did you have any information about SOCAR's role in the convention?

WITNESS: No, other than simply seeing their name on the agenda for the meeting, Nate. I did not have any insight as to their role. I know that they're the state oil company as I understand, but I didn't have any understanding of how exactly they participated in organizing or supporting this event.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know Kemal's relationship with SOCAR?

WITNESS: No. I do not.

MR. WRIGHT: I want to ask about – just sort of to get a bigger picture of your…of your relationship with Kemal and your offices' interaction with Kemal. So I understand that you…this is document THJB_00368. So this is end of April beginning of May, Kemal hosted I believe a fundraiser and a breakfast for Representative Bridenstine in Houston?

WITNESS: Yes. That is correct.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you remember traveling with him to Houston for this?

WITNESS: I did not.

MR. WRIGHT: Do you know if there was any communication about this convention, you know that this was roughly a month before the convention, was there any communication about the convention that you're aware of?

WITNESS: Not so far as I know, Nate. I do remember seeing a note concerning this trip to Houston, where the Congressman was hoping to meet the president of Rice University because the Congressman's an alumnus of Rice and visiting the James Baker Center, but I have no knowledge of any conversations that time concerning the convention.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And then it looks like, showing you a document marked THJB_00120 and it looks like there were discussions about Kemal hosting an event in Tulsa in late June or early July. Do you remember if an event was hosted?

WITNESS: I don't know. I remember you know, on the basis of this note that there were those discussions, but I'm not sure whether anything in Tulsa ever came together as a result of these discussions.

MR. WRIGHT: Also showing you a document, THJB_00336. And this is Kemal inviting Representative Bridenstine to a briefing and reception at the High-end on Capitol Hill. Did you know that this particular briefing was hosted by AFAZ?

WITNESS: Uhm, no. I believe I attended this reception and the focus of the reception was I think, the southern corridor gas pipeline? Basically, an update on the status of that project, but I don't recall seeing anything about AFAZ or being aware of any AFAZ involvement in this.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay. And Kemal also, on the second page there, asked Representative Bridenstine if he would be willing to host the Azeri delegation visiting for this reception, do you know if he did host the Azeri delegation?

WITNESS: What would that mean in your understanding, Nate? I'm not sure what hosting –

MR. MORGAN: That's kind of what we're hoping you can explain to us –

WITNESS: Oh, I see. Yeah…I don't know what that would've meant actually, Bryson. I think the only contact the Congressman had with this delegation, was at the reception at the Hyatt on New Jersey and he and I attended, listened to the people who were presenting there, and as far as I know that was the extent of the Congressman's engagement with these folks.

MR. WRIGHT: A lot of the people that he lists is guests that are part of the Azeri delegation are SOCAR executives. Did that raise any flags for you about Kemal's relationship with SOCAR?

WITNESS: No, it didn't. It didn't surprise me that the national oil company of any country whether it's an Alstead oil in Norway or SOCAR in Azerbaijan, would be engaged in trying to promote and energy project within the company so, it…I was not surprised to see these high-level executives coming to Washington and promoting their project and the country's energy business and again, I think you asked about whether I…had any thoughts about Kemal's relationship with these folks…I think I assumed that Kemal was…uhm…had some sort of public relations or government relations function with these folks, but that was all I had…was thinking about.

MR. WRIGHT: And that's why you thought it was Kemal reaching out saying, "Jim will you be available for breakfast with the delegation member's dining on the night of the 16th or 17th –

MR. MORGAN: Did that breakfast occur? Do you know?

WITNESS: I don't know. Jim doesn't always attend everything he's invited to attend so, I wouldn't have been there, but I don't know if it occurred or not.

MR. WRIGHT: I'm showing you a document, THJB_00057. This is the post-travel disclosure form you received from Kemal. Did you ever discuss this with him?

WITNESS: With Kemal? No. I simply took this form and completed the post travel report that we were required to submit to Ethics.

MR. WRIGHT: Did you have any reason to question anything on the form?

WITNESS: I guess the thing that would've occurred to me was that the expenses that were listed I think were lower than initially identified on the pre-travel forms, but it appears to me that there was nothing else that is notable about it.

MR. MORGAN: And you, I think you mentioned earlier in our interview that Representative Bridenstine cut his travel short by a day?

WITNESS: Yeah, he needed to be back home a day earlier than the original itinerary would have allowed, so prior to the trip, the itinerary was adjusted to allow him to be home a day earlier than had originally been suggested.

MR. MORGAN: It looks like the private sponsor travel form originally submitted before the trip, listed the dates of travel is May 25th through May 31st. This post-travel disclosure form lists the date of return as May 30th, so these on this post-travel form that represents the actual dates traveled, which would reflect a one day short –

WITNESS: That is correct. These were dates actually traveled and I know Bryson that we received two different forms and one was completed on out of date form and it may

have reflected May 31st I didn't bring my documents along so I can't look at it, but there was a second one that we had received I thought it reflected the agreed upon return date.

MR. WRIGHT: And with these expenses on this post-travel disclosure form, did you ever check the expenses with any of the records that you had?

WITNESS: I had no records to check them against. Other than what we had been given as an initial estimate on the pre-travel notification. I think I looked at them and said, these appear to be the same order magnitude the expenses and I didn't see any need to check into them.

MR. WRIGHT: Representative Bridenstine's spouse was initially invited to attend and she did not –

WITNESS: She did not.

MR. WRIGHT: And there was also discussion about Representative Bridenstine visiting and traveling through Turkey before his trip to Azerbaijan. It…that didn't happen – was there any discussion about why he wasn't going to travel to Turkey?

WITNESS: I don't … I know the decision was made early on. The itinerary would focus only on Azerbaijan. I think Jim just had no interest in being gone that long and there was never any intention on his part to include Turkey on the itinerary.

MR. WRIGHT: Have you had any recent communications with Kemal?

WITNESS: I'm trying to remember the last time I saw him.

MR. MORGAN: Any communications in the last…let's say the last three months?

WITNESS: Uhm…Yeah I did see him at a dinner downtown here in Washington that was hosted for…fairly large number of members and staff members. Members were seated in one room, staff members in another room. Again, the focus was energy related –

MR. MORGAN: Do you know who was hosting that meeting?

WITNESS: Bryson I don't remember, but I might be able to determine who was hosting that.

MR. MORGAN: Do you know what capacity it was that Kemal was there?

WITNESS: I don't know what capacity he was attending –

MR. MORGAN: Was he an attendee, organizer…

WITNESS: I just remember seeing him there and saying hi to him, but I don't think I…I don't recall what his represented role within that dinner might have been.

MR. WRIGHT: Did he ask you at all about this investigation?

WITNESS: No.

MR. WRIGHT: Has he sent you any documents regarding this investigation?

WITNESS: He has not.

MR. WRIGHT: Any contact in any way about this investigation?

WITNESS: No. No contact of any kind regarding this investigation.

MR. MORGAN: Okay. You said no contact with Kemal about the investigation, have you had outside of Representative Bridenstine's congressional office, our office, the ethics committee, been in any contact with anyone else about this investigation?

WITNESS: No. We've regarded it as a confidential procedure and I have not talked to any other offices or any other persons other than our congressional staff regarding this matter.

MR. MORGAN: One of the reasons we ask this is because we do have…there have been a number of instances in which reported sponsors have been reaching out to offices to discuss our investigation. So that's a little bit of the context to that question, but that's not anything that you've heard of?

WITNESS: No. I've not heard of reports of those kinds of contacts with other offices and certainly there haven't been any in our office.

MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well I reviewed my notes, I think I asked all the questions I have. Nate, I'll give you a second as well. While Nate reviews his questions, is there anything else you think our Board should take into consideration?

WITNESS: It appears to me that…you're doing a very thorough and methodical investigation of this matter and it seems to me that with a level of diligence of detail that you're applying that you will secure the information you need to make an appropriate determination.

MR. MORGAN: Well if you want to supplement what you've told us here today, that invitation is open. If you're thinking about it today or you know tonight or sometimes go, "Oh, maybe I should clarify one point" or, "Oh I do remember conversation with someone", feel free to let us know.

WITNESS: Certainly. I will feel free to do that. I appreciate the opportunity to come in and visit and I hope this had been somewhat helpful. I'm afraid that you know, trying to recall details of events two years passed in some case may be a little bit shaky, but if I recall things that I think it would be important for you to know about, I'll certainly give you a call.

MR. MORGAN: Okay. Well, we…you know our office is in no way, well we want to do a thorough investigation that's our only interest in the matter. So you know, answers that, "no, no conversations occurred" are as valuable to us as answers that conversations did occur. We appreciate your being forthcoming and coming in and I think unless you have any other questions, that will be the end of the interview.

WITNESS: Thank you.

JIM BRIDENSTINE
1ST DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

215 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
(202) 225-2211

2448 EAST 81ST STREET, SUITE 5150
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74137
(918) 935-3222

# Congress of the United States
## House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515–3601

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE ON
SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

Bridenstine.House.gov

Facebook.com/CongressmanJimBridenstine
Twitter.com/RepJBridenstine

April 8, 2015

Mr. Bryson Morgan
Investigative Counsel
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3rd Street, SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Nate Wright
Senior Investigator & Law Clerk
U.S. House of Representatives
Office of Congressional Ethics
425 3rd Street, SW, Suite 1110
Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. Morgan & Mr. Wright:

Please find attached an errata sheet based upon review of the transcript of my March 26, 2015 interview.

Sincerely,

Joe Kaufman
Chief of Staff

Attachment

cc: Paul J. Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel

PRINTED ON RECYCLED PAPER

Subject to the Nondisclosure Provisions of H. Res. 895 of the 110th Congress as Amended

ERRATA SHEET

| Page | Line | Correction | Reason |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 4 | strike "an" | context |
| 3 | 5 | replace "relation" with "relations" | transcription error |
| 5 | 23 | replace "mea t" with "me at" | word separation |
| 7 | 28 | replace "close" with "source" | transcription error |
| 9 | 19 | replace "from" with "other than" | context suggests "other than" |
| 10 | 15 | replace "complete" with "completely" | context suggests "completely" |
| 10 | 22 | replace "type act" with "tie back" | transcription error |
| 10 | 28 | replace "we" with "there" | transcription error |
| 12 | 1 | replace "we reveiwed" with "we reviewed," | spelling & punctuation |
| 12 | 26 | replace "backhand" with "balance" | transcription error |
| 13 | 1 | replace "6:20-6:13" with "6-26-13" | transcription error |
| 13 | 6 | replace "government" with "governments" | transcription error |
| 14 | 2 | delete "we -" | transcription error |
| 14 | 30 | replace "the" with "a" | transcription error |
| 14 | 32 | replace "the" with "a" | transcription error |
| 15 | 26 | delete "to" | transcription error |
| 16 | 2 | replace "this," with "this" | punctuation |
| 18 | 2 | replace "on" with "of" | transcription error |
| 18 | 3 | replace "on" with "of" | transcription error |
| 20 | 23 | replace "High-end" with "Hyatt" | transcription error |
| 21 | 4 | replace "and" with "that" | transcription error |
| 21 | 7 | replace "is" with "as" | transcription error |
| 21 | 11 | replace "Alstead oil" with "Statoil" | transcription error |
| 21 | 12 | replace "and" with "an" | transcription error |
| 24 | 11 | replace "passed" with "past" | transcription error |

This errata sheet is submitted subject to 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (commonly known as the False Statements Act).

Witness Name: [redacted]

Witness Signature

Date: 4-8-15

# EXHIBIT 106

| | |
|---|---|
| **From:** | Dixon, Carol </O=U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/OU=U.S. HOUSE/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=COMMITTEES/CN=STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT/CN=CAROL.DIXON> |
| **Sent:** | Monday, August 5, 2013 3:43 PM |
| **To:** | Kaufman, Joseph <[redacted]@mail.house.gov> |
| **Subject:** | Rep. Bridenstine - rugs |

Joseph-
I called about the two rugs Rep. Bridenstine received on his recent trip overseas. The staff assistant in the office said to try you by email because you are out of the office for the month. He submitted a foreign gifts report indicating that he had been given two rugs by the Assembly of the Friends of Azerbaijan (AFAZ), and a separate request to the Committee to retain one of the rugs for official use. A foreign gifts report like the one he submitted is for reporting gifts from foreign governments over minimal value (currently $350) accepted on behalf of the United States pursuant to the Foreign Gifts & Decorations Act (FGDA). The AFAZ is not an entity of the Azerbaijan government, but instead is a private company headquartered in Texas. As such, an FGDA report is not appropriate, because there is no gift from a foreign government to report. The companion request for an advisory opinion is also inappropriate because it is requesting to keep a gift from a foreign government for official use under the FGDA, and there is no such gift. (If they had been from the Azerbaijan government, the FGDA report would have had to name the specific name & position/title of the individual presenting them; those are statutory requirements).

Instead, the two rugs are gifts from a private entity (AFAZ), and must be acceptable under one of the terms of the regular House gift rule (House Rule 25, cl. 5), not the terms of the FGDA statute. Unfortunately, there is no provision of the gift rule that would permit the acceptance of such a high-dollar gift from a private entity. Thus, the two rugs must both be returned to the AFAZ. There are also no provisions of the gift rule that would let the Congressman retain such a gift for use in the office, even on a loan basis, similar to what the Committee can permit under the FGDA.

Please give me a call if you would like to discuss.

- Carol

Carol E. Dixon
Director of Advice & Education
House Committee on Ethics
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
[redacted]
[redacted]@mail.house.gov

# EXHIBIT 107

**From:** Joe Kaufman <[redacted]@aol.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 12, 2015 2:28 PM
**To:** Kaufman, Joseph <[redacted]@mail.house.gov>
**Subject:** Baku Rug Return, 10-6-13 Text Messages

---

Kemal, I sent rugs to address you provided via FedEx. Will likely arrive Thursday or Friday, Oct 10 or 11. A signature will be required when package is delivered. I've enclosed a letter in a clear plastic pouch attached to the box. Both rugs are in the same box. Please let me know when they arrive.

Concerning dates for an event in Houston, are Nov 6 or 7 possibilities for you?

Best regards,

Joe
Sent from my iPhone

Thanks Joe! I will let you know after they arrive. Unfortunately Nov 6-7 does not work. I will be returning from Azerbaijan and Turkey on Nov 8th.

# EXHIBIT 108

| | |
|---|---|
| **From:** | Travieso, Amy </O=U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AMY.TRAVIESO> |
| **Sent:** | Wednesday, June 19, 2013 11:50 AM |
| **To:** | Gabello, Dominic <[redacted]@mail.house.gov> |
| **Subject:** | RE: Turkey CoDel Question |

Forgot the main one.....

- Turkish rug (provided at the hotel in Baku from the US-Azerbaijan conference)

Amy A. Travieso

**From:** Travieso, Amy
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 19, 2013 11:49 AM
**To:** Gabello, Dominic
**Subject:** RE: Turkey CoDel Question

Gifts:

- Purple silk scarf (was given as a departing gift from Baku)
- 6 piece crystal tea set (given as departing gift from Baku)
- 2 cup tea set ( given as gift from first dinner in Istanbul)
- Painted plate (gift from hosts of dinner and boat ride in Istanbul)
- Herbal Turkish tea box (provided at lunch)
- Small carpet (received in Azerbaijan from the border security meeting)
- Piece of jewelry (each item varied per guest) from the host of the boat ride/dinner
- DVD box set on the President of Turkey from the SOCAR reps

Amy A. Travieso

**From:** Gabello, Dominic
**Sent:** Friday, June 14, 2013 11:01 AM
**To:** Travieso, Amy
**Subject:** RE: Turkey CoDel Question

Hey do you have a list of the gifts, etc for financial disclosure next year?

**From:** Travieso, Amy
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2013 3:16 PM
**To:** Gabello, Dominic
**Subject:** Re: Turkey CoDel Question

# EXHIBIT 109

## Eisner, Helen

**From:** Patricia Fiori <[redacted]@up-law.com>
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2015 6:22 PM
**To:** Eisner, Helen
**Cc:** Lydia Lulkin; Greg Holger
**Subject:** RE: OCE Review Document Follow Up

Helen – In response to your request for documentation regarding gifts received during the trip, we have consulted with the Congresswoman's office to review all information regarding gifts received on the Azerbaijan and Turkey trips. The following list of gifts below is also being provided to the House Ethics Committee. This list includes more items than those listed in the June 19, 2013 email (Subject: Turkey CoDel Question) which you used as a basis for reviewing gifts during your interview of Congresswoman Grisham.

During the trip to Azerbaijan, she received:

- Small wool rug
- 6-piece, glass tea cups
- Medium sized silk rug
- Silk Scarf, purple
- Black tea
- Boxed DVD Set on the President of Azerbaijan.

In Turkey, she received:

- Turquoise earrings
- Two-cup tea set
- Stationery and pen
- Tickets to Palace of Eye and Sofia
- Glass gold painted plate
- Framed tile

Congresswoman Grisham's fiancé and a member of her staff, Deborah Armstrong, both of whom were traveling with her, also received gifts. As to the Azerbaijan gifts, he received a briefcase and also a paperweight and stationery items. With regard to the Turkey gifts, he did not receive such items as jewelry, plate, or tea set, etc. but instead received a paperweight. Ms. Armstrong received the same gifts Congresswoman Grisham received, as listed above for both Azerbaijan and Turkey.

As you know, the House Ethics Committee (May 20, 2013 letter) approved the trip to Azerbaijan and Turkey. That approval noted that it was permissible to accept gifts of $350 or less tendered by a foreign government as a souvenir or mark of courtesy. After the trip, Congresswoman Grisham's staff determined that none of the gifts listed above exceeded $350 in value. The valuation was based on internet research by staff and on assurances by the Turquoise Council that the value of the individual gifts did not exceed $350. (In addition, none of the gifts appeared to be worth more than that amount.) Given that the trip occurred so long ago, staff has not been able to locate any written documentation regarding these valuations, nor can staff locate any other documents, such as notes, cards or certificates that came with the gifts, or any thank you communications.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thanks, Pat

*This message is intended only for the use of the Addressee and may contain information that is privileged or confidential, including information subject to statutory confidentiality provisions. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please erase all copies of the message and its attachments and notify sender immediately.*

*Patricia A. Fiori*
*Utrecht, Kleinfeld, Fiori, Partners*
*1900 M Street, NW, Suite 500*
*Washington, D.C. 20036*
[redacted]
*Lydia Lulkin, Legal Assistant*

---

**From:** Eisner, Helen [mailto:Helen.Eisner@mail.house.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2015 12:12 PM
**To:** Patricia Fiori
**Cc:** Lydia Lulkin; Greg Holger
**Subject:** OCE Review Document Follow Up

Hi Pat,

Thanks for your help arranging our interview with the Congresswoman earlier in the week. As we discussed, we would appreciate if you provided any documentation the office may have regarding the gifts received during the trip. This would include the internal valuation and tracking documents, and any other information that was saved related to the gifts, such as notes and cards that accompanied them.

Thanks for your help.

Best,

Helen

Helen Eisner • Investigative Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives, Office of Congressional Ethics • Helen.Eisner@mail.house.gov • P.O. Box 895, Washington, DC 20515-0895 • Office: (202)-225-9739 • Fax: (202)-226-0997

www.oce.house.gov

# EXHIBIT 110

# TRANSCRIPT OF INTERVIEW OF AEI SCHOLAR

**2/19/2015**

MR. SOLIS: This is Paul Solis, Deputy Chief Counsel of the Office of Congressional Ethics. I'm joined by Bryson Morgan from the OCE. I'm also joined by Luke Strange from AEI and AEI Scholar. We have gone over some of the background of the interview with AEI Scholar. We let him know that 18 U.S.C 1001 applies to our conversation. He has signed the acknowledgement form understanding that the law applies. It is February 19, 2015. And so we will begin the interview. So, again AEI Scholar, this is about this conference in Baku in 2013. You attended that conference, correct?

WITNESS: That is correct.
MR. SOLIS: What were the dates that you attended that conference?
WITNESS: I don't remember the exact dates. It was I believe in late May and I stayed in Azerbaijan, uh, I stayed in Azerbaijan for several days afterwards.
MR. SOLIS: Did you go anywhere else besides Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: No, but I did not attach myself to the conference for the entire time I was there. I mean, uh, let me phrase that more clearly. I attended the conference, but I also did other activities beyond the scope of the conference - which had nothing to do with the conference.
MR. SOLIS: So, how did you learn about this conference?
WITNESS: I was invited by the Turquoise Council. I--I believe it was called the Turquoise Council or the Turquoise Foundation, which was Houston based.
MR. SOLIS: Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians? Does that sound familiar?
WITNESS: I believe so, yes.
MR. SOLIS: Who from that organization reached out to you?
WITNESS: The first name was Kemal. I believe the last name was Oksuz or something to that effect.
MR. SOLIS: Did he say his position…with the organization?
WITNESS: I believe that his email had a signature to it, but I do not recall the exact--the exact title.
MR. SOLIS: Was…so was it only over email? Did he give you a phone call?
WITNESS: I believe my conversation with him was only over email. I believe I was actually overseas at the time when we were corresponding with regards to this.
MR. MORGAN: Was that the first contact you've had with Mr. Oksuz? Had you known him previously?
WITNESS: I had not known him previously. However, my background academically, and also when the time I was in government service relates to Iran and therefore, I had written about and followed Azerbaijan closely…in that capacity. So…I'm not -- I don't recall meeting Kemal before, or hearing from him before, but it was not my first, if you will, interaction with Azerbaijan.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. Did you know why you got invited? Did Mr. Oksuz say in his email, or-or you know, or in any other circumstance, why, you know, he targeted you to come to the conference?

WITNESS: My understanding is because I've written on Azerbaijani affairs before, and specifically with regard to Azerbaijan-Iran relations.
MR. SOLIS: Why did you decide to go?
WITNESS: I had never been to independent Azerbaijan before. I've been to Iranian Azerbaijan before, to upper east. And therefore, I…I wanted to go. Basically the conference became a mechanism by which, go to Azerbaijan, first to educate myself further on some issues relating, for example, Caspian Sea security. But in addition, while there, I gave a lecture at Khazar University. There's a poster for it right there, relating to Iranian issues in Azerbaijan. And I also took the opportunity to meet with various Azerbaijani think-tank officials, in, pursuit of some writing, which I was doing on Shiite communities outside of Iran.
MR. SOLIS: And again, primarily, or initially…with his reach out to you by email in the invitation, what did you understand the purpose of the conference to be?
WITNESS: The purpose of the conference to my understanding was, was simply to discuss Azerbaijani security issues as they affected the U.S.-Azerbaijan relationship.
MR. SOLIS: Did Mr. Oksuz mention that members of Congress or other public officials would be attending?
WITNESS: I do not recall him suggesting that. No. I don't recall him suggesting that. Although, I mean I…I understood the conference would be a large conference. My world frankly is not the Hill and so I was more concerned on what I would be required to do which - so that I could prep for the panel.
MR. SOLIS: Who…did he offer pay for the trip...for the conference?
WITNESS: I believe that he offered transportation and honorarium.
MR. SOLIS: Did you accept the transportation and honorarium?
WITNESS: Yes, I did.
MR. SOLIS: And that came from the Turkish Council? The TCAE?
WITNESS: Here…I'll stop here for some background.
Mr. SOLIS: Okay.
WITNESS: I've written a great deal on Turkey. And one of the items in Turkey, which was a policy concern to me, was the Fethullah Gulen movement. Now I understood, and probably after a quick Google search, that the Turquoise foundation, or whatever its formal name was, was affiliated with the Gulen organization. Therefore, I asked around--this would not be to the Hill, this would be within the think-tank community and I was told, although I cannot remember specifically from whom in the think-tank community, that the Turquoise Foundation was organizing the event, but the sponsors of the event were a variety of companies and corporations including SOCAR.
MR. SOLIS: I think we will--we'll get to that. I have some specific questions on that.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: So, before you left to go to the conference, who did you speak with? Any attendees who would actually be at the conference?

WITNESS: I believe I spoke with Alex Vatanka from the Middle East Institute, who also works on Iran-Azerbaijani affairs and perhaps Brenda Shaffer, who also is a long-time Azerbaijan watcher.
MR. SOLIS: Did Alex and Brenda go on the trip and to the conference?
WITNESS: Yes, they did.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know if they were also funded or sponsored by TCAE, the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: I presume, that the conference, as frankly is normal, provided transportation and an honorarium to whomever was speaking.
MR. MORGAN: Do you know specifically who provided that? Like, so who purchased your ticket, who paid your honorarium? Was it the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: All my dealings were through Kemal. I did not talk to any corporate sponsors directly. Therefore, the tick--I remember scanning my passport, sending the scan of my passport for the purpose of ticketing to Kemal and I believe that, the honorarium check came through Kemal. Simply because that's where the eventual tax form came from.
MR. MORGAN: Wait, the tax form came from Kemal?
WITNESS: From the Turquoise…
MR. MORGAN: From The Turquoise Council.
WITNESS: Correct.
MR. SOLIS: And you said the transportation to, what about hotels while there?
WITNESS: Oh, hotels while there.
MR. SOLIS: Okay, okay.
WITNESS: Yes, I'm sorry.
MR. SOLIS: So the flight, hotels…
WITNESS: Yes, hotels while there, for the duration of the conference. For my additional time there, that expense was through research grants and had nothing to do with the Turquoise foundation.
MR. SOLIS: Who traveled with you? Did anybody?
WITNESS: I traveled individually. And I met other--I mean I didn't know who was there until I arrived.
MR. SOLIS: You mean you didn't take a friend, or family member or anything like that?
WITNESS: No, I did not.
MR. SOLIS: If you could, the best of your recollection, kind of describe the itinerary. You know once you got there, what happened, who did you meet with, what were some of the events that were planned?
WITNESS: Okay. I remember arriving in Baku at like 3-4 in the morning, in the middle of the night. (Having flown through Turkey). I did not get out of the airport in Turkey. It was transit only. I got to the hotel shortly before dawn, slept for several hours. It was then, that I found the program beyond that which I was told to prepare for, which was the

panel on which I was speaking, which again had to do with Caspian Sea security. There was some cultural programming, which was basically a, a bus - a mini-bus trip or bus trip in and around Baku immediately. My understanding is that, some people arrived before I did and therefore had an extra day of this. I wasn't aware of that, but my schedule was constrained by other things that I needed to do. So I remember going to a museum, going to - one was the museum of the Azerbaijani flag. Another was a museum that had a collection of samovars. Then the conference was I believe a couple of days. It was in a rather large convention center. And I remember President Aliyev speaking. There…
MR. SOLIS: The president of Azerbaijan?
WITNESS: Correct. There were, I—I remember noticing that there were a number of, of U.S. Congressman – some retired, some currently serving. There were far more state representatives. To be frank, I often times would escape into the hallway and talk either to Azerbaijani officials, whom I found more interesting or to my think-tank colleagues. When I would have breakfast, lunch or dinner, I would find myself hanging out with think-tankers rather than members of Congress. Again, I don't deal with members of Congress in, on a day-to-day basis. So, it wasn't my world.
MR. SOLIS: Who spoke at the conference?
WITNESS: In this regard, could you just clarify - I mean are you asking specifically asking about Congressman or are you asking about Azerbaijani officials?
MR. SOLIS: I guess you could answer generally. Either on panels or in a large scale setting. I mean who generally is doing the speeches?
WITNESS: The panel, in which I sat, had maybe, 6 or 7 people. I don't remember Congressmen sitting on that panel. It was more think-tank experts and Azerbaijani, lower ranking government experts. There were a number of talks in the large lecture hall, in which many current or former Congressman spoke for perhaps 3 or 4 minutes at a time. Those were more speeches delivered rather than panels in which there would be questions and so forth. The President of Azerbaijan spoke. There were a few break-out sessions. I believe, excuse me if I'm getting the name wrong, David Plouffe, one of the American political strategist spoke, I simply migrated from break-out to break-out when I wasn't there.
MR. MORGAN: Were you generally aware of who was getting honorarium and who wasn't? Did you have a sense of that?
WITNESS: The only sense I had was with regard to-within the think-tank community. And this is more assumption because it's seldom that people will go anywhere if their plane ticket is not provided and if they're speaking, then most people will receive an honorarium… for the preparation and so forth.
MR. MORGAN: Did you know whether or not the members of the Congress received honorarium?
WITNESS: I had—no. No. I simply did not know nor did I ask.

MR. SOLIS: You know, given that you spent most of your time with think-tank folks and --
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: You know those people you generally deal with, did you happen to talk to any members of Congress? Former or current?
WITNESS: I remember sitting on the farewell dinner, I sat at a table – it was a round, circular table, so there may have been about 8 of us there. And I remember sitting 1 or 2 people --1 person sitting next to me or 2 people down, was a congressman from New Jersey, but I don't really remember his name. I mean it was just polite chit-chat – "where are you from? I'm from Philadelphia." He was from New Jersey and so we just chatted about the Phillies and that was that.
MR. SOLIS: Nobody told you sort of how they got there or who paid for their trip to get to Baku or anything like that?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: Did you generally have any awareness through other channels from anybody else talking about it - how the members got there?
WITNESS: Not the members, no.
MR. MORGAN: Were there any more exclusive events within the conference, like VIP receptions or those types of --
WITNESS: I believe that there was a VIP lunch for the members of Congress, to which I didn't go.
MR. SOLIS: We talked about some of the speeches that were given to more of the general assembly. Did SOCAR…anybody from SOCAR talk to everybody at the conference?
WITNESS: I don't recall anyone from SOCAR talking to everyone from the conference. I do remember on a panel which I moderated I believe, that there was a representative from SOCAR talking about these southern energy corridors.
MR. SOLIS: Who sponsored the conference? You know, with your understanding?
WITNESS: My understanding when I asked based on my concern about the Gullenist organizations, was that the Gullenist organization, the Turquoise Foundation was -- to make an analogy, they were the party planners. They were the organizers. But the funding, my understanding was coming from the major sponsors to the conference, which I believe was SOCAR. The only reason I came to this conclusion was from asking around when I got the invitation to other think-tank types, who were going.
MR. SOLIS: Why did you ask around?
WITNESS: Simply because I was hesitant to--I'd been…I had been invited in the past to other…trips by the Fethullah Gullenist Organization – not to Azerbaijan, but to Turkey because I write critically on Turkey, or I have written critically on Turkey. And at that point, the Fethullah Gullenist organizations, tended to be allied with the Turkish

government. They no longer are. I was hesitant about the appearance of being co-opted by the Fethullah Gullenist organizations.
MR. SOLIS: When you were asking around, were your questions pointed to SOCAR? "Is SOCAR paying for this?"
WITNESS: No. I believe my question was, and I can't remember to whom I asked this, was "what's the back story to this? Is it the Turquoise Foundation who is sponsoring this?" And I was told, "No. The sponsor is SOCAR."
MR. SOLIS: Do you recall at all, who told you that?
WITNESS: I don't recall, but I believe it was within the think-tank community just because that's generally who I speak with in these circles.
MR. MORGAN: Do you have a sense of why, if it was SOCAR, if it was the real sponsor, why SOCAR wasn't directly issuing the invitation to you? And directly paying you?
WITNESS: The short answer is, and this is supposition, simply put – the Turquoise Foundation and other Gullenist organizations tend to, tend to just be much better organized in the United States and therefore in a much better position to issue invitations as they were based in the United States.
MR. MORGAN: What are some - can you give us a broader…just sort of a sense of these Gullen organizations that Turquoise Council is one, but what are some of the other groups?
WITNESS: There's one in Washington, called the Rumi Forum.
MR. MORGAN: Okay.
WITNESS: I don't recall all the names, but there's a, I mean a Gullenist business council, I think called--the acronym is TUSKON, T-U-S-K-O-N. But basically when it comes to any organization, whether it's Turkish, Azeri, Iranian, Iraqi, if I don't recognize the organization, I like to see what that organization is all about and confirm who they are.
MR. MORGAN: Yeah, that makes sense. So…do you have any sense of the broader relationship between SOCAR and the Turquoise Council? Do you know if this was just a one-time collaboration on this conference or are they fairly allied in their efforts in the U.S.?
WITNESS: There was a conference in Washington last year, which was the re-iteration of the same conference. My understanding is that the Azerbaijanis would like this sort of conference to occur every year. And for that, they use the Turquoise Foundation and outside the bounds of the conference, I had met with the Azerbaijani American Chamber of Commerce, which is based in Baku. Because again, I stayed--I took advantage of the airfare and stayed several more days at my own expense in order to conduct my own research and in meeting them, the explanation I received as to why the Turquoise Council organized this was simply because they were the best organized in the United States.

MR. SOLIS: If I read to you some names, you know some other organizations and see if you recognize these names -- the Assembly of Friends of Azerbaijan, sometimes known as AFAZ?
WITNESS: That sounds familiar, but I can't, I mean I would have to Google it.
MR. SOLIS: As far as we can tell through, at least from public reporting from pictures and things like that, they were one of the two, sort of stated, conference organizers.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: So, on the billboards, along with the Turquoise Council.
WITNESS: Right. I mean, when I would be giving a speech on a panel, as with many high-profile conferences, there would be a list of sponsors both in the program and on the backdrop to the, to the dais.
MR. SOLIS: So…so AFAZ? Do you know anything about their relationship with SOCAR, or the TCAE, the Turquoise council, do you know generally about the -- who runs the organization?
WITNESS: No.
MR. SOLIS: What about the Turkic American Alliance? Have you heard about them?
WITNESS: I believe that's a Gullenist organization, but again I… I would need to reconfirm.
MR. SOLIS: And just the best you can, if you've heard of them, or if you…you know, whatever you know about the Turkic American Federation of the Midwest?
WITNESS: That I'm not as familiar with.
MR. SOLIS: The Turkic American Federation of the Southeast?
WITNESS: Not…not familiar with.
MR. SOLIS: The Council of Turkic American Associations?
WITNESS: I believe I saw their name on the program or something, but I--I just assume that these are the nature of the Fethullah Gullen movement is that they have a lot of subordinate organizations.
MR. SOLIS: And that's sort of my next question. Given your understanding of this Fethullah Gullen movement and the Turquoise Council, is it your understanding that the Turquoise Council is sort of, the umbrella organization for all of these smaller entities?
WITNESS: For, it's my understanding that they may be the umbrella for some of the organizations. I'm not sure. I would tend to see them less as a superior organization and more as a brother organization. For example, to the Rumi council which is based in Washington D.C., which I tend to have more interaction with, not frequently, but run into their people more simply because they're Washington D.C. based.
MR. SOLIS: You mentioned that, and we'll get into this in a little bit, but you mentioned about SOCAR and some other entities who were the sponsors of the conference. Who were the other entities besides SOCAR that you can recall?
WITNESS: Off hand, I do not recall there were…I believe just some energy firms, but that's not the main focus in my study. I know SOCAR simply because I mean they're the

major Azerbaijani energy organization, but I could not tell you the constituent groups. I would need to look at a picture and to see who was on the background to the dais
MR. SOLIS: What about some sort of the larger energy companies worldwide? BP, Chevron, Conoco Philips?
WITNESS: I do not recall. Again, I would need to look because I tend to focus much more on politics than on the energy issue and I tend to focus much more on the Iran issue. And Shiism, than I do on the energy and trade pipelines. It's just not my world.
MR. SOLIS: Did you see Mr. Oksuz at the conference?
WITNESS: I believe I bumped into him briefly, but I don't believe I…I mean I would think I was in the hotel lobby and he passed by.
MR. MORGAN: The part of your trip that overlapped with members of Congress, was that limited to the conference?
WITNESS: Correct, yes.
MR. MORGAN: Okay so wherever you went after that, on your own travel, you weren't with members of Congress or interacting with them?
WITNESS: Correct.
MR. MORGAN: Okay.
Mr. SOLIS: Were there any lobbyists, federal lobbyists at the conference?
WITNESS: That, I would not be able to tell you simple because I don't know who the lobbyists are.
MR. MORGAN: Do you recall any involvement from Caspian Drilling Company?
WITNESS: I do not recall on any involvement. That's not to deny involvement, I just don't recall.
MR. MORGAN: I'm going to tell you that from some of the pictures we saw, I think SOCAR and Caspian Drilling were listed as main sponsors, but that doesn't jog your memories at all--to them having a prominent or a less prominent role?
WITNESS: I remember SOCAR as having a prominent role. I remember them not being the only prominent sponsor. But again I don't spend my days in the energy and oil field –
MR. SOLIS: Right.
WITNESS: And therefore, most of these names are not names that I would have ready recollection on.
MR. MORGAN: That's fine. I mean we're asking, just to the best of your recollection what you recall.
WITNESS: No…no. Actually, Luke, there is a green book there. There's a chapter on Azerbaijan and Iranian Shiite relations with Azerbaijan in here that was the focus of my additional time and frankly at the conference, I would be cornering Azerbaijani officials to ask questions relating to my interests, perhaps more than theirs.
MR. SOLIS: And in that light, you're talking to Azerbaijan, members of the government, the national assembly, things like that?

WITNESS: I talked to members of their national assembly. I mean parliamentarians and…yes.
MR. SOLIS: Did they talk about the government's role in the conference?
WITNESS: They did not.
MR. SOLIS: Do you know sort of independently, about the government's role in the conference?
WITNESS: I do not know, independently about the government's role in the conference. I assume – with the pres – and this is an assumption, with the president of the Azerbaijan speaking and also the nature of Azerbaijan, that there would be governmental involvement.
MR. SOLIS: As far as funding, organization-do you have any specifics?
WITNESS: I have no insight into that. The organization, my understanding was, was conducted through the Turquoise Council.
MR. SOLIS: Okay. And you said that SOCAR played, I think the word you used was, played a prominent role in the conference. What gives you the basis to believe that, other than you know, you spoke to some people before you left and SOCAR, a representative spoke on one of the panels, what else would lead you to believe that they played a prominent role?
WITNESS: What else would lead me to believe they played a prominent role would simply be their listing on the backdrop to the dais - as, or in the program as a major sponsor.
MR. SOLIS: After you came back from the trip or from the conference in Baku, did you talk to anybody about the conference, your experience there?
WITNESS: I had someone from the Houston Chronicle - I think the Houston newspaper, had called me at one point, but other than that, shorter answer, no.
MR. SOLIS: This is just, this is a reprint, this is a quote that we had publicly…take a look at that…at least you know, as it is online and it's out there in public that you gave to this Turan Azerbaijani News Agency. Do you recall interviewing with them?
WITNESS: Yeah I mean vaguely yes, now that you mention.
MR. SOLIS: As far as we can tell, that occurred some-time after the conference in June 2013.
WITNESS: Perhaps, yes.
MR. SOLIS: Was it by phone or email?
WITNESS: I presume it was by email, but I do not recall.
MR. SOLIS: Take a look at that paragraph there.
WITNESS: Mhm…Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Does that look like your words? Did you—say?
WITNESS: Yes. That does look like my words.
MR. SOLIS: Sort of generally, after you take a look at this quote, wha--what's the intent behind it and sort of, what's it all about?

WITNESS: I forget the question that was asked, but I mean my response and how I responded, I was focused more on the issue of the role of the Turquoise Council and the precision with regards to that role.
MR. SOLIS: In that third sentence, when it says they were hired by the sponsors to organize the conference, I think you already answered this, but just to be clear, who were the sponsors?
WITNESS: My understanding was that the sponsor was SOCAR and whoever else was listed in the program in the dais.
MR. SOLIS: And so along that same line, "organizing travel and hotels", is that also SOCAR and the other entities?
WITNESS: Well the person, the group doing the organization, would be the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians. There's a difference between the organization and the funding which is what I'm trying to annunciate.
MR. MORGAN: And your basis of knowledge, for you know, you said SOCAR was the main sponsor; Turquoise Council did not contribute any funding to the conference, what was the basis -- basis of your knowledge?
WITNESS: It would have been conversations with other think-tankers, conversations with the American- the AMCHAM – Chamber, the American Chamber of Commerce as well as the program itself.
MR. MORGAN: Okay…and when you say the program itself, you mean --
WITNESS: that I received once I – registered…
MR. MORGAN: The actual, physical paper --
WITNESS: (inaudible)…in Baku, and I did not receive the program in this spec, I mean the complete program until I arrived in Baku. What I received before, was my role in speaking on a specific panel about Caspian Sea Security.
MR. SOLIS: So what did AMCHAM say about it?
WITNESS: Uhm…
MR. SOLIS: About this idea about SOCAR sort of sponsoring -
WITNESS: I just got the sense that there was some institutional jealousy that they would've preferred to be the vehicle by which conducted the organization.
MR. SOLIS: Who did you speak with from AMCHAM?
WITNESS: That I don't recall. I went to a lunch they sponsored just to talk to various people there. I don't remember who exactly was the leadership of AMCHAM.
MR. SOLIS: You said you got the sense that they would've rather been the organizers opposed to the Turquoise Council.
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: Was that a direct -- how direct was that statement? Or is that just a feel-
WITNESS: It was just a conclusion that I came to after conversing with of course so many Americans present in Azerbaijan, this was a topic of conversation.

MR. SOLIS: At the end there of your quote, it says it "raises some questions", what did you mean by that?
WITNESS: The, again, I believe in the hindsight, and this is a couple of years ago… that I was questioning why they would work through the Gullenist Organization rather than a more secular organization.
MR. MORGAN: Is AMCHAM known for having similar organizational capacity as the Council?
WITNESS: Afterwards, I forgot who told me this, but the answer people said was, that they were not.
MR. MORGAN: That they were not…
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. MORGAN: Okay. Do you have any other insight into why SOCAR would've hired the Council as opposed to gone through other entities?
WITNESS: No. My understanding is that the Council it was simply very, very well organized in the United States.
MR. MORGAN: Did you have any sense of - you said well organized - did you have any sense of what their funding levels were?
WITNESS: No.
MR. MORGAN: For their activities in the US?
WITNESS: No I do not.
MR. MORGAN: Okay. Because you said here in the quote, that the Turquoise Council did not contribute any funding to the conference.
WITNESS: That was my understanding based on conversations at the conference.
MR. MORGAN: Okay. And what were those conversations like? Do you remember any specific conversations?
WITNESS: I mean just over lunch and dinner or in the hallways or in the airport when we were going through passport control and I was meeting other think-tank analysts who were there.
MR. MORGAN: Did you have any conversations along those lines with Mr. Oksuz or anybody from the Turquoise Council?
WITNESS: No. Not directly, no.
MR. MORGAN: Not directly. Ok. You, I mean, the next sentence you said they were hired by the sponsors to organize the conference? And I want to… what I'm trying to get at is, it's a perhaps subtle distinction, but important, you know hiring if SOCAR, was hiring Turquoise Council to act as its agent in organizing the conference, sort of one thing and another relationship might be that SOCAR is just a long-time funder of the Council and the Council independently decided to host this conference… do you have any sense which of those scenarios it was?

WITNESS: My understanding and this is based on an assumption, would be the former of those two and that assumption is based on the program itself, which I do not recall – I mean, which I believe, listed SOCAR as the sponsor.
MR. MORGAN: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: Were you presented with any gifts when you got to the conference?
WITNESS: When I got to the conference, no.
MR. SOLIS: After the conference then?
WITNESS: Yes. There was a small carpet.
MR. SOLIS: Small carpet…and who did the carpet come from?
WITNESS: The carpet was left in my hotel room when I wasn't there. And talking to other people, again not government officials, but my peers, they said that they received similar small carpets.
MR. MORGAN: Do you know if the members of Congress and the attendants received those carpets?
WITNESS: I do not know.
MR. MORGAN: Would you assume that –
WITNESS: I wouldn't make an… I would not…There would be a difference in my mind between panelists and attendees.
MR. MORGAN: Okay.
WITNESS: I was talking to fellow think-tank panelists.
MR. MORGAN: And they received similar gifts as well?
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. MORGAN: Okay.
MR. SOLIS: And when everyone started talking about it did anyone talk about where they thought the rug came from?
WITNESS: Well, when you talk about everybody, I stayed on with other people beyond the scope of the conference because if we're going to be in Azerbaijan, we might as well make the most of it to conduct our research outside the bounds of the conference. And so I, when you're talking to everyone, we're talking about think-tank peers, just so that's clear. And my understanding is it would just come from the organizers of the conference. A party favor if you will.
MR. SOLIS: You talked about Mr. Oksuz emailing you –
WITNESS: Yes.
MR.SOLIS: About this…do you have any documents relating to the conference?
WITNESS: What do you mean by documents?
MR. SOLIS: Like do you have emails, do you have letters, records of your attendance?
WITNESS: I would have I mean that Azerbaijani visa and stamp in my passport and I believe the sponsor on the Azerbaijani visa was SOCAR…which was…which -- the visa was issued at the airport. The cards -- I don't save my emails that long in answer to your question. The email uhm…with regards to the visa, I…in March of 2013, when the

organization of this was coming into play, I was onboard the USS Kearsarge so I had limited access to email. I email – I had to wait until 3am when the bandwidth was optimal in order to send the scan of my passport. The scans of the passport were necessary to book the tickets and arrange the visa. You only get a visa in Azerbaijan when you come to the airport. It's a pre-approval process and so when they put the passport in the page, I'm sorry, when they put the visa on the page of my passport, it listed the sponsor as SOCAR. But other than that, and God knows where in my attic there would be a program, just in the box of all the other former programs and stuff if I saved it, that would be the only documentation that I would have and then of course things like the poster which was post-conference, from my lecture at Hazar University.

MR. SOLIS: And you mentioned the email from Mr. Oksuz - did that email, anywhere in that email, was SOCAR mentioned?

WITNESS: No. I don't believe it was

MR. MORGAN: And when you sent the scan of your passport that was to Mr. Oksuz?

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. MORGAN: I'm wondering if you can give us a little more context. You said it listed the sponsor, that your visa listed the sponsors as being SOCAR, is that…

WITNESS: Yes.

MR.MORGAN: What does that tell you about SOCAR's involvement in your travel? Does that mean they helped arrange it?

WITNESS: It tells me they helped sponsor the visa.

MR. MORGAN: They sponsored the visa.

WITNESS: Yes.

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

WITNESS: That beyond that, it would be supposition, I don't know. I mean… I tend to look carefully at issues like visas when they're stamped on my passport. I'm not sure that everyone does.

MR. SOLIS: Again, given that the circle of people you are talking to, is the think-tank community there, did anybody, at all, mention the same sort of visa stamp by SOCAR that they had as well?

WITNESS: No. It was not a topic of conversation at 4 in the morning when we arrived. We were generally just pretty tired.

MR. MORGAN: Is it some sort of requirement in Azerbaijan that a government entity or state of entity sponsor your visa? Do you know sort of the range of who could've been that sponsor?

WITNESS: That would be a presumption that I would just have to check at Azerbaijan visa regulations. In many former Soviet Republics, there is a sponsorship requirement, but not in all.

MR. MORGAN: Okay.

MR. SOLIS: One thing that I sort of want to get straightened in my mind is, I mean you get the email from Mr. Oksuz that the Turquoise Council was going to be sponsoring your travel and as far as tax records, you know you believe… your understanding is that they paid for your travel to the conference, right?
WITNESS: I can say with certainty that they paid for my travel to the conference on Turkish Air through Istanbul.
MR. SOLIS: And then, to go to your quote, where you said "the Turquoise Council Americans and Eurasians did not contribute any funding to the conference..?"
WITNESS: I'm sorry, they arranged. They… booked my travel.
MR. SOLIS: They booked your travel?
WITNESS: Yes. That is--I apologize. It is my understanding that the Turquoise Council booked and arranged my travel and my hotel reservation for the period I was at the conference. For the period when I was doing my own independent work, I booked my own hotel.
MR. SOLIS: And so that was the distinction between booked the travel and paid for the travel, the funds… the source of the funds to pay for the airfare, do you know where that came from?
WITNESS: The distinction -- that is the distinction. And the analogy in my mind would be that the Turquoise Council acted as an organizer, almost as an event planner and my understanding based on asking questions of people was that the sponsor, SOCAR, and perhaps others, provided the money for the Turquoise council to act as the event planner. I don't know the details of what transpired between those two. I--my main concern was simply not to be co-opted by a Gullenist organization.
MR. SOLIS: Would AEI have records of… of you know receipt for this, for the airfare from either SOCAR or from the Turquoise Council? Is there some sort of documentation that you believe, that shows who actually, whose account the money came from to pay for the travel?
WITNESS: I could say with certainty that AEI would not, simply because this was done individually. And the short answer is, no. I mean, my, again to be blunt, my concern would be flying Turkish air, that I receive mileage credit for star alliance, but beyond that I would've thrown everything out once, once the conference was over.
MR. SOLIS: I think that was it. You mentioned spoke to Brenda?
WITNESS: Yes.
MR. SOLIS: What's Brenda's last name?
WITNESS: Shaffer.
MR. SOLIS: Shaffer? And what organization is she with?
WITNESS: She was with, I believe, University of Haifa in Israel.
MR. SOLIS: And Alex?

WITNESS: Uh Alex Vatanka, who I think is with Middle East Institute. There were also people from CSIS, from Heritage, and from other think-tanks around there – or at least a dozen of us, I don't remember.
MR. SOLIS: And those are the people when you talk about, and Bryson asked you, you know about, when you form the basis of understanding about SOCAR's role and involvement, you said it's through conversations through people.
WITNESS: I mean I cannot specifically say it was conversations with those people, simply because this is approaching two years ago and I do not remember those conversations. However, when I was in Azerbaijan, I certainly talked to them and I considered them knowledgeable about Azerbaijan. And therefore, all I can say is that it might have been and I forget exactly who I was speaking to when I was trying to get to the bottom of the Turquoise Council.
MR. SOLIS: Bryson, you have any other questions?
MR. MORGAN: I think that's it.
WITNESS: Okay.
MR: SOLIS: Alright, I think that's it. We'll conclude the interview.
WITNESS: Okay.

# EXHIBIT 111

# The International Bank of Azerbaijan Republic

## KÖÇÜRMƏ HAQQINDA ƏRİZƏ №1369
## FUNDS TRANSFER REQUEST
## 13 May 2013-cü il

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lazım gəldikdə telefonla əlaqə saxlamağınız xahiş olunur<br>If required please call on | | Debitləçdirəcəyiniz bizim hesab №<br>[redacted]<br>Please, debit our Account № |
| Test açarı<br>Test Key | 15 | |
| Göndəriş nömrəsi<br>Reference No | 20 | |
| Məbləğ xarici valyutada (rəqəm və yazı ilə)<br>Amount in foreign currency(in figures and in writing) | 32A | 750,000.00<br>( SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND USD 00 CENT) |
| Valyuta<br>Name of Currency | 32A | USD |
| Vəsait köçürən müştəri<br>Originator | 50 | State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic |
| Göndərənin bankı<br>Originator 's Bank | 52D | ABB ASC "ABB Premyer" Müştəri Xidməti,805250<br>,9900001881 |
| Vasitəçi bank (SWIFT, adı, ölkəsi, şəhəri,şöbəsi)- müxbir hesabı<br>Intermediary bank correspondent account No | 56A | |
| Benefisiarın bankı (SWIFT, adı, ölkəsi, şəhəri, şöbəsi)<br>Beneficiary's bank (SWIFT,name, country, city, branch) | 57 | Swift Code:[redacted]<br>Wells Fargo Bank, ABA [redacted]<br>US |
| Benefisiar (adı, ünvanı)<br>Beneficiary (name,address) | 59 | Assembly of the Frends of Azerbaija (AFAZ), |
| Benefisiarın hesab nömrəsi<br>Beneficiary`s Account : | 59 | Account No.[redacted]<br>IBAN: |
| Ödənişin təyinatı<br>Details of payment | 70 | Sponsorship invoice No 1 dated 09.05.2013 |
| Xahiş edirik köçürmənin bütün xərclərini və komisyon haqqlarını<br>All bank charges and commissions are from: | | -bizim hesabımızdan<br>our account No.[redacted]<br>-benifisiarın hesabına aid edəsiniz<br>Beneficiary`s Account № |
| Bank üçün köçürmə haqqında əlavə informasiya<br>Additional information for the Bank | 72 | |

IMZALAR M.Y.
İdarənin rəisi [redacted]

Baş mühasib [redacted]

SIGNATURE SEAL

| Bank tərəfindən doldurulur | FOR BANK USE ONLY | |
|---|---|---|
| əməliyyat şöbəsi | beynəlxalq hesablaşmalar şöbəsi | Mühasibat |

SOCAR00001356

15-5211_01273

# EXHIBIT 112

K. Michael Conaway, Texas
*Chairman*
Linda T. Sánchez, California
*Ranking Member*

Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania
Patrick Meehan, Pennsylvania
Trey Gowdy, South Carolina
Susan W. Brooks, Indiana

Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico
Michael E. Capuano, Massachusetts
Yvette D. Clarke, New York
Ted Deutch, Florida

ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

# U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Daniel A. Schwager
*Staff Director and Chief Counsel*

Jeanne White
*Administrative Staff Director*

Jackie M. Barber
*Counsel to the Chairman*

Daniel I. Taylor
*Counsel to the Ranking Member*

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6328
Telephone: (202) 225-7103
Facsimile: (202) 225-7392

May 8, 2013

The Honorable James F. Bridenstine
U.S. House of Representatives
216 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Azerbaijan, scheduled for May 25 to 31, 2013, sponsored by the Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently $350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of $350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

KMC/LTS:tn

# EXHIBIT 113

K. Michael Conaway, Texas
Chairman
Linda T. Sánchez, California
Ranking Member

Charles W. Dent, Pennsylvania
Patrick Meehan, Pennsylvania
Trey Gowdy, South Carolina
Susan W. Brooks, Indiana

Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico
Michael E. Capuano, Massachusetts
Yvette D. Clarke, New York
Ted Deutch, Florida

ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Daniel A. Schwager
Staff Director and Chief Counsel

Jamie White
Adjudicative Staff Director

Julie M. Barber
General Counsel

Daniel J. Taylor
Counsel to the Ranking Member

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6328
Telephone: (202) 225-7103
Facsimile: (202) 225-7392

May 8, 2013

The Honorable Leonard Lance
U.S. House of Representatives
133 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey and Azerbaijan, scheduled for May 24 to June 1, 2013, sponsored by the Council of Turkic American Associations.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $350 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently $350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of $350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

K. Michael Conaway
Chairman

Linda T. Sánchez
Ranking Member

KMC/LTS:tn

# EXHIBIT 114

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

2013 JUN 11 PM 3:55

**U.S. House of Representatives**
**Committee on Ethics**

# MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Leonard Lance

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None ☒
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 5/24/13 Return: 6/1/13
   b. Dates at personal expense: _____ *or* None ☒

4. Departure city: Newark Destination: Istanbul Return city: Newark

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Council of Turkic American Assoc

6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Conversations centered on Turkey's political, economic and cultural interests in relation to the United States.

7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):
   a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
   b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
   c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; ***and***
   d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.

8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒
   b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER: X Leonard Lance

DATE: June 10, 2013

*Version date 2/2013 by Committee on Ethics*

7