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CHARLES "CHUCK" C. MCGEE (date of birth: December 27, 1969; Social Security Number: 001-68-4751), telephone number (603)223-6817, of 9 Waverly Street, Concord, New Hampshire, was interviewed at the office of his attorney, PATRICK DONOVAN, 215 Main Street, Suite 1, Salem, New Hampshire, telephone number (603)625-1254. Also present at the Proffer interview were Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorneys TODD HINNEN and JOHN LYNCH. After providing MCGEE with the identities of the interviewing agent and the DOJ attorneys and explaining the nature of the interview, MCGEE provided the following information after signing the Proffer agreement:

MCGEE stated he is currently the Executive Director for the CITIZENS FOR A SOUND ECONOMY (CSE), New Hampshire Chapter, located in Concord, New Hampshire. He has been the Director of CSE since April, 2003. MCGEE stated he interviewed for the position in January, 2003, shortly after resigning as Executive Director for the Republican State Committee. MCGEE stated his cellular telephone number is (603)496-0639, his work cell phone number while the NH Executive Director was (603)491-0229, and his home number is (603)227-0526. MCGEE has four Internet mail addresses: cmcgee@cse.org; chuckmcgee@comcast.net; cmnhgop@yahoo.com; and cmnhgop@aol.com.

MCGEE stated he attended the UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Durham, New Hampshire, and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Development in May of 1996. Also in the same year he was on the BILL ZELIFF for Governor, who lost the primary. He was the regional field director. In 1997, he sold cars for a Nissan dealership in Exeter, New Hampshire. Later in 1997 he worked on a Republican campaign located in Portsmouth, Virginia as a State Delegate. Also at the end of 1997 he worked for the ROCKY MOUNTAIN GUN OWNERS ASSOCIATION in Colorado. He stated the ROCKY MOUNTAIN GUN OWNERS ASSOCIATION was a advocacy group for finding candidates supporting gun ownership. While in Colorado in early 1998, he joined the COLORADO CITIZENS FOR THE RIGHT TO WORK as a General Staffer. The primary purpose in this position was to help candidates support the position of no union dues in order to maintain their jobs. Later in December, 1998, he was promoted to the MONTANA CITIZENS RIGHT TO WORK located in Helena, Montana, which he held until January, 1999. He helped pass legislation in

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January, 1999; became Executive Director for that organization, until acquiring the position of Executive Director of the NEW HAMPSHIRE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE.

In June, 2000, right after the state primaries were over he married "CARRIE", who worked for the pro-life organization which was in the same building where he worked in Colorado. In July, 2000, he helped run campaigns which recruited candidates for New England area, to include Senators RUSSELL PRESCOTT and ROBERT BOYCE. MCGEE stated that he served four years active duty in the United States Marine Corp as a helicopter crew chief and received an honorable discharge as a Corporal (E-4). He then began his political interests at UNH where he attended college and worked with the UNH COLLEGE REPUBLICANS.

In September, 2000, MCGEE moved into an apartment in Manchester, New Hampshire, and worked for CLIFF NEWTON out of Rochester, New Hampshire. He then returned to Helena, Montana, where they were having problems with the RIGHT TO WORK laws and later moved back to Concord, New Hampshire, in either November or December of 2000. He rented a room from AL RUBEGA at 77 ½ South State Street, Concord, New Hampshire, until March, 2001.

Prior to traveling with his wife back to Concord, New Hampshire, in March, 2001, he traveled around the Country raising money for the RIGHT TO WORK organization. He applied for a position of Executive Director at the New Hampshire GOP office working for JOHN DOWD, who had just been elected Chairman of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee. He contacted DOWD and was interviewed three times after he forwarded his resume. He was hired in that position in February, 2001. His starting salary was \$45,000. The Vice Chairman for DOWD was MARC PAPPAS.

MCGEE's duties included the overall operations of the Republican Party to include planning, media, billing, vendors, website design, strategy, and direct mail. Once a month he would meet with representatives from counties, states, and various political entities throughout the State of New Hampshire, and discussed issues such as voter file updates, fundraising, upcoming events, and financial issues.

Most major decisions were presented for approval through JOHN DOWD. Both DOWD and MCGEE could hire persons to work at their Concord office. MCGEE remembers a vendor from Florida who he and DOWD had met at a REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE (RNC) meeting named

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"DMS". McGEE stated there were two accounts held at the CITIZENS BANK for the New Hampshire GOP, one account was federal and the other was state. During election season it increased from two to four accounts. McGEE stated only JOHN DOWD had signature authority, but frequently McGEE would sign checks in DOWD's absence. No rubber stamping was allowed for signatures on any of the checks. If the checks were less than \$5,000, McGEE would go ahead and sign the checks without contacting DOWD for approval.

McGEE stated that during the election year, also entitled a "persuasive year", they (NHGOP) often had strategy meetings in Washington, DC, where JIM TOBIN, New Hampshire Regional Political Director, JOHN DOWD, and JULIE TEER, Communications Director and National Party Spokesperson, would all attend. They were raising money for the National Committees, such as the RNC and NRCC. They discussed the "Victory Plan", and closer to the election, more emphasis was placed on the "72 Hour Get Out The Vote Campaign" where JACK OLIVER, Deputy Chief, RNC in Washington, DC, assisted. One meeting he recalls JAYNE MARCUCCI was present as she was the former Executive Director for the RNC in New Hampshire from 1999 through 2001. During his tenure as New Hampshire Republican Committee Executive Director he (McGEE) and JOHN DOWD hired MARCUCCI (now JAYNE MILLERICK) to assist with the "72 Hour Get Out The Vote Campaign". Her job was to hire volunteers and get vans for transportation for the volunteers.

In October, 2002, McGEE said that JOHN DOWD told him that he "may not stay on as the Chairman", so McGEE began worrying about his job security. DOWD told him he was not going to seek re-election and JAYNE MILLERICK was advised she was a possible nominee for January, 2003. McGEE advised DOWD that he wanted to stay in his current position even though he was aware that if MILLERICK were elected she would have more conservative views compared to DOWD.

McGEE stated that KRISTY STUART worked on the books and did the accounting as office manager at the Concord office. He also stated that RUSS JOWERS raised money. JULIE TEER, Communications Director, left just prior to the November election in 2002. McGEE stated that KATE WHITMAN replaced JULIE TEER. He also stated that SARA CRAWFORD was a State Senate Race Coordinator and that GRANT BOSSE was a Public Relations Representative as well as JEFF FONTAINE.

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McGEE stated a few weeks before the election in November, 2002, his wife CARRIE showed him a flier that came into the mail from the Democratic Party. This letter gave information for voters on registration and voting procedures. It also included information on prescriptions and Medicare. McGEE stated that over the years he had decided to keep all the opposition mail that he received at his home. He remembers placing that particular advertisement in his pocket. He remembers there was a number on the paper to be used on election day, something like 1-800-WIN-DEMOCRAT. During that same week, he remembers hearing the Democrats had hired 6,000 students to go to the polls on election day. He also heard there were several people going door-to-door the weekend before the election. McGEE said he was "torqued" by this idea and because of his military training came up with the idea that "communications is as important as beans and bullets." McGEE stated he may have talked to his wife about this idea.

McGEE wanted to use this idea to block phones lines in order to stop opponents from getting through to the Democratic offices on election day. McGEE stated he may have talked to confidants: KEVIN BLIER, CHRIS WOOD, and MARC PAPPAS, and he said he wondered if this was something he could make happen.

McGEE stated he already had a phone vendor lined up to do the Get Out The Vote (GOTV), make calls on Thursday or Friday prior to the election, and contacted BOB MEYERS of TCN BROADCASTING in Utah. He told MEYERS about this idea of blocking the phone lines but was not sure how to "make it happen". MEYERS said he did not know how to do it. McGEE then contacted MIKE ONG of Minneapolis St. Paul. He worked for POLITET, or ALM, which was bought out by FLS/DCI. ONG makes fund-raising calls usually live calls and McGEE asked ONG if he could do the phone blocking idea. ONG said he could not and that he did not know anybody who could do it. McGEE then contacted BRIAN McCABE out of Concord, New Hampshire. He owns the CUSTOM SCOOP, an on-line news information site. McCABE also does clippings, contract work for DCI, or he may have worked for DCI in past years. He joked and said that McCABE'S business is sort of like a "political mafia". McCABE stated he had never heard of an idea such as this and since McCABE was well-connected in politics for at least ten years, McGEE was not sure who to call next.

The Thursday or Friday prior to election day, JIM TOBIN came into Concord, New Hampshire on the day that the President and the First Lady were arriving in Nashua, New Hampshire. McGEE

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stated that TOBIN was the Regional Political Director for the RNC at this time and he talked to TOBIN about the phone blocking idea. He told TOBIN that he wanted to disrupt the lines of the Democratic Regional Offices on election day throughout New Hampshire. TOBIN gave MCGEE ALLEN RAYMOND's name and phone number. MCGEE had the impression that TOBIN and RAYMOND had worked together in the past. MCGEE stated that TOBIN was the "lifeline to the White House" and TOBIN did not say "no" when he brought up the idea of the phone blocking on election day. This conversation was at the Office of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee in Concord, New Hampshire, and it did not last long. MCGEE stated he then followed-up by calling RAYMOND on either a Thursday or Friday and introduced himself as being referred by JIM TOBIN. MCGEE said he talked to RAYMOND discussing the facts of having regional offices in New Hampshire and that he was in charge of "commanding the troops" and that he had discussed the idea with TOBIN about the blocking of phone lines and how he got the idea from the military by blocking lines of communication. RAYMOND said it was something he could do.

MCGEE stated that he later found out that RAYMOND was the President of GOP MARKETPLACE, a political telemarketing business out of Virginia. MCGEE asked RAYMOND if there were any legal problems with this phone blocking idea and RAYMOND replied that he would check with his lawyers and call MCGEE back. MCGEE stated that RAYMOND also asked him if he wanted the calls to be made all day. During this particular conversation MCGEE gave him no specific numbers to call, but MCGEE told him there would be five or six numbers to call in Manchester and other more accessible and populated areas in New Hampshire. RAYMOND also asked MCGEE if the callers were to leave a message or just hang up. MCGEE told him he did not know which to choose. RAYMOND decided to just have hang-up calls.

MCGEE stated that he thought there was no reason to contact any legal representative from New Hampshire, but he knew that DAVE VICINANZO was the legal counsel for the New Hampshire GOP. RAYMOND did not ask MCGEE about TOBIN's involvement. MCGEE waited for RAYMOND to call back about his lawyers' response of the legalities of this issue and also to discuss the phone line capacity and number of operators needed. MCGEE knew that the Republican party had lots of "hard money", or cash, left for this project and was not sure how much this plan would cost. MCGEE stated there were fewer restrictions on the hard dollars that were coming in closer to the election, which included monies from

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donations and cash transfers. McGEE stated that DOWD was the only one to authorize any wire transfers of funds, but he did not discuss with RAYMOND or mention the cost of this project on their first conversation.

McGEE believes he told CHRIS WOOD, KEVIN BLIER, MARC PAPPAS and JEFF FONTAINE about the idea. McGEE said he told DOWD in person at his office that this was something he thought was important. He knew it was something DOWD had to approve. McGEE stated he had a good relationship with DOWD, but DOWD recently had a lot of his own personal financial problems and was out of the office quite a bit. McGEE stated that DOWD did not initially like this idea, was hesitant, and asked McGEE how it would be helpful. DOWD often gave McGEE a lot of leeway and referred to McGEE as ruthless. McGEE had a good relationship with DOWD. He stated that DOWD did not ask McGEE if he had talked or discussed this with anyone else.

On Friday or Saturday, just prior to the election, or maybe even the Monday just before on November 4, 2002, DOWD told McGEE he would call Attorney VICINANZO to establish the legalities of this idea. At this point, McGEE said he had not contacted RAYMOND back to give him the go ahead. On Monday, according to McGEE, DOWD came into McGEE's side of the office in Concord, leaned against the wall and said, "I talked to DAVID (DAVID VICINANZO), did a preliminary review and DAVID didn't like it, and mentioned something about "denial of service" some electronics or elections law, but was not sure if this idea fit." McGEE said that he and DOWD left it at that and DOWD never said "no" do not go ahead with the idea or project. DOWD knew McGEE had not yet heard back from RAYMOND. DOWD gave him the "okay" to go forward.

McGEE said he was excited about the idea as he now had the go ahead. Over the weekend, he was in the Manchester office talking to MARC PAPPAS about the idea who also thought it was a great, aggressive idea. PAPPAS gave McGEE the Manchester Firemen's Union number to add to his list of numbers to call on election day. He stated the Firemen's Union was very active in the Democratic political arena. McGEE said he also was in the Concord office on Sunday before the election and he remembers faxes were coming in from various phone vendors. He remembers a call from BOB MEYERS.

RAYMOND called McGEE back probably on Monday afternoon and RAYMOND told McGEE that his attorneys had no problem with the idea. McGEE said that RAYMOND's attorneys were "cool" with the

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idea and made reference about an "interference of communication lines," but RAYMOND said there would be no problem with proceeding.

McGEE said during this conversation with RAYMOND they discussed how much it would cost, which was approximately \$15,000. At that point RAYMOND said he needed the numbers to be called on election day. McGEE pulled the numbers off the Democratic web page and the Manchester Firemen's number from a mail piece that he had from MARC PAPPAS, and also some numbers from former Governor SHAHEEN's web page. He typed up the numbers on his computer, printed a copy, placed it with the payment at his office in Concord. He then placed it in a FedEx or overnight-type package and sent it to GOP MARKETPLACE, attention ALLEN RAYMOND.

McGEE later called JOHN DOWD on his cell phone early in the evening to let him know about what he was doing. DOWD asked McGEE if something came up on election day and they needed to stop this phone blocking would it be possible. McGEE told DOWD it would be and DOWD then gave him the go ahead. McGEE said that when he either FedEx'd or sent via UPS the check, he had KRISTY STUART assist him. McGEE said he signed the check with JOHN DOWD's name and later FedEx'd it on Monday evening November 4, 2002. McGEE said he is not sure if DOWD called him later that evening. He believes that when Mayor RUDY GUILIANO was arriving in Nashua, he may have received another call from DOWD. There were no other calls that evening relating to this matter. He remembers talking to JAYNE (MARCUCCI) MILLERICK that evening, but he did not tell her. He said she had a more conservative view on politics and he did not think she would like the idea.

Early morning Tuesday, election day, at about 6:00 or 6:30 a.m. early voting had begun at the City Hall in Concord, New Hampshire. McGEE went to City Hall with a sign for Governor BENSON and he met with some other citizens there at the election poll. GOP City Chairman JEFF NEWMAN showed up, and McGEE talked with him about an hour. While he was at the polls, JOHN DOWD called him on his cell phone. He said that DOWD told him, "We can't do it", meaning the phone jamming operation. McGEE did not have RAYMOND's number on him so he had to drive over to his own office which was about 8:00 or 8:30 a.m. McGEE believes he had two numbers for ALLEN RAYMOND and he called both. No one answered. JEFF NEWMAN was with him when he made the call. McGEE said he felt frantic trying to get through to RAYMOND. He said that NEWMAN thought the phone jamming idea was clever. He finally reached RAYMOND at approximately 9:00 or 9:30 a.m. He told RAYMOND, "JOHN says we

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can't do it. Stop and pull the calls." MCGEE is not sure if he left messages to end the calls prior to speaking in person with RAYMOND. MCGEE said he told MARC PAPPAS that he had to end this and PAPPAS was upset they had to cancel. PAPPAS was in the Manchester office on election day. He believes he also told CHRIS WOOD and JEFF FONTAINE who were at the Concord office. MCGEE said he remembers there were some kind of problem going on in Bedford, New Hampshire, on election day involving New Hampshire State Prosecutor BUD FITCH.

Later in the day, MCGEE ran into DARRYL HENRY, Director of the American Gas Association, who said something like, "I heard the phone project got canceled. I had the chamber pick up where you left off." MCGEE was surprised to hear this and did not ask him about this, but wondered how he knew about the numbers or if this was just a joke.

MCGEE stated he never talked to CHRIS CUPIT at GOP MARKETPLACE in Virginia.

After election day was over, MCGEE got a call from JOHN DISTASO, a reporter from THE UNION LEADER, the day before an article came out in the paper. DISTASO asked him if he had ever heard of GOP MARKETPLACE. MCGEE said that he had not thought about them for so long that he told DISTASO he had never heard of them. When DISTASO refreshed his memory about the phone calls, he described the ALLEN RAYMOND outfit as GOP MARKETPLACE, MCGEE said that he remembered that no calls had ever been made. MCGEE then called JAYNE MILLERICK and told her that DISTASO called him and she was very upset as she was the current Chairperson of the New Hampshire Republican State Committee and she was reportedly the only person designated to speak with the media. MCGEE told her he thought the phone blocking had been called off and canceled and never had taken place on election day. MCGEE said that MILLERICK told him to find the check and the copy of the check on the www.fec.gov website. This all occurred the day before the article came out in the newspaper.

Also, on that same date, he may have discussed the conversation he had with DISTASSO with DOWD and PAPPAS. The following day, February 7, 2003, the article came out in the newspaper. MCGEE stated that MILLERICK did not show up to the office until about 11:00 or 12:00 in the afternoon. MILLERICK came in and said that she had spoken to the governor about the article and that "McGEE had to go." MCGEE was upset as he did not have an

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opportunity to discuss the issue with Governor BENSON. There were two options for McGEE, he could either get fired or resign with a \$6,000 bonus and get paid until the end of February. He chose the latter. McGEE found out at this meeting with MILLERICK that the calls had been made and also by reading the newspaper articles which came out earlier that day. There were a few other articles written about this incident during February, 2003. JENNIFER WROBLESKI replaced KRISTY STUART as the Office Manager about this time at the New Hampshire Republican State Committee office in Concord, New Hampshire.

McGEE said that he believes, according to his day planner, that he spoke with JIM TOBIN the last week of January at a RNC meeting located in Washington, DC. He said his wife worked for BRIAN McCABE who was a friend of JIM TOBIN. Therefore, TOBIN may have had knowledge about what was going on. He said he called TOBIN on a fairly regular basis requesting money for their offices in New Hampshire. He always saw him at the regional RNC meetings in D.C.

(At this time the interviewing agent showed a copy of the check to McGEE and he said the handwriting was all KRISTY STUART's except the signature which was his own, which was signed JOHN DOWD.)

Also, during this proffer interview, cell phone records were provided for review and by DOJ Attorney TODD HINNEN as well as the FEC reports. No additional information was provided by McGEE.

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