

IN THE MATTER OF:

OP GRAND

**RECORD OF INTERVIEW**

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**INTERVIEWEE:** NORM RIX

**INTERVIEWER/S:** DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI

**LEGAL OFFICER:** THERESA HAMILTON

**RE:** OPERATION GRAND

**FILE NUMBER:** MI-05-2482

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LEGAL OFFICER:

RE: OPERATION GRAND

NR = NORM RIX  
KB = DETECTIVE INPSECTOR KEN BEMI  
GR = GREG RIX  
UI = UNINTELLIGIBLE

1 KB The time now is 1:08 pm on the afternoon of Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2005. I'm  
2 present in the office of Mr Norm RIX. Rix Developments at Ashmore and I intend to  
3 conduct an electronic record of interview that will be recorded by audio tape with Mr RIX  
4 in relation to a current investigation that the Crime and Misconduct Commission  
5 Brisbane is undertaking pertaining to the Gold Coast City Council elections of March  
6 2004. For the purpose of voice identification I'll ask every person present here starting  
7 with myself to state their full and correct name. My full name is Kenneth William BEMI I  
8 am a Detective Inspector of Police currently performing duties at the Crime and  
9 Misconduct Commission in Brisbane, your full name thanks Norm  
10  
11 NR Norman Colin RIX, Director of ... my business  
12  
13 KB And your name  
14  
15 GR Gregory (ui) RIX, Director of the family business  
16  
17 KB And your relationship to Norm  
18  
19 GR My father is ah Norman Colin RIX  
20  
21 KB And Norm you're happy to have your son present here during this interview  
22  
23 NR Yes, I am  
24  
25 KB Can you please state your current address  
26  
27 NR 56 Rapello Avenue, Isle of Capri  
28  
29 KB Can you spell that for me  
30

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31 NR I got a bit mixed up R A P E L L O Avenue  
32  
33 KB And your date of birth please  
34  
35 NR 1<sup>st</sup> March 1935  
36  
37 KB And can you explain your current role of your company here, what's your role in the  
38 company  
39  
40 NR I'm a developer  
41  
42 KB And in relation to the operation of the company  
43  
44 NR I would be the Managing Director  
45  
46 KB And, how long have you been operating the company for  
47  
48 NR I've been in business since I was 25 or 26  
49  
50 KB Your date of birth  
51  
52 NR 1 March 1935 about 45 years, I suppose  
53  
54 KB So you've been in the development industry for a substantial number of years you also  
55 mentioned to me earlier on that you were alderman (ui)  
56  
57 NR Yes, I was  
58  
59 KB How long ago was that  
60  
61 NR I think I became an alderman at '74 and I think that um I um (ui) in '83  
62  
63 KB Hmm, and your company Rix Developments here it develops any specific um, ah,  
64 structures of buildings at all is it residential, is it commercial, is it a mixture  
65  
66 NR Basically it's a mixture. We started off as housebuilders and then we've gone through  
67 then to doing street shopping centres and all sorts of buildings like that and now we do ah  
68 subdivision on land turning cow paddocks into residential blocks  
69  
70 KB So suffice to say that you're the top man of the company here  
71  
72 NR Yes, I am  
73

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74 KB Do you agree that earlier on today I had a telephone conversation with you and you  
75 agreed for me to call you back later on in the day and we've made a time to interview you  
76 today this afternoon  
77  
78 NR Yes, I do  
79  
80 KB As I said earlier on the Crime and Misconduct Commission is currently investigating a  
81 number of matters that pertain to the Gold Coast City council elections that were held on  
82 the 27 March 2004 if I could just draw your attention to a well to the elections did you  
83 know any of the candidates at all  
84  
85 NR Yes, I did  
86  
87 KB Could you outline what candidates that you knew  
88  
89 NR Well it's going back a while now but I certainly knew Roxanne SMITH I suppose  
90 Roxanne SCOTT, I'm sorry, that would be the one you're referring to are you  
91  
92 KB Yep  
93  
94 NR Probably knew others as well  
95  
96 KB That is the ah main person or the main candidate you had dealings with Roxanne SCOTT  
97  
98 NR SCOTT, I would say so  
99  
100 KB Can you tell me what dealings that you had with her  
101  
102 NR She came in here and spoke to me and said that she wanted to run as a a councillor and  
103 basically asked my advice how she'd, she'd go about it and spoke to me of her concerns  
104 in the community, and I was quite impressed with her sincerity  
105  
106 KB (overtalking)  
107  
108 NR (overtalking) Quite a nice young lady  
109  
110 KB Why, why did she approach you did you know her  
111  
112 NR No, I didn't  
113  
114 KB Never met her before  
115  
116 NR Look, I don't forget I was a previous alderman and I suppose in the community we're  
117 pretty well known as you would expect I was born here as I said and my children were

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118 born here and my grandchildren were born here so I suppose we've got a little bit of  
119 respect of the community so I suppose she came and spoke to me because of that  
120  
121 KB So when was the first time that you met Roxanne SCOTT  
122  
123 NR I don't really recall it was probably maybe a month or two months before the election I  
124 suppose she said that she was going to run against Dawn CRICHLOW that in itself that  
125 impressed me because Dawn CRICHLOW in my opinion is not what I'd call an astute  
126 alderman  
127  
128 KB Did Roxanne SCOTT simply turn up here or did she make a phone call to you  
129  
130 NR I don't recall to be honest I know she came in here one or two occasions and we spoke,  
131 spoke for some time really  
132  
133 KB So that was the first time you ever met her so when she came in here you spoke, spoke  
134 about what in particular  
135  
136 NR We spoke about the council and perhaps what I had done when I was an alderman she  
137 told me that she's running against Dawn CRICHLOW and um what she had in mind, I  
138 believe, for the, for the community if she was elected, I was quite impressed with her  
139  
140 KB What type of assistance was she seeking from you during that meeting  
141  
142 NR I don't really know if she was actually seeking assistance at that time I was impressed or  
143 maybe I said to her well I'll, I'll assist you in some way and I'll pay for your how to vote  
144 cards or something like that yeah, well it seemed it wasn't important at that time  
145  
146 KB Sure  
147  
148 NR As you would expect, if it had've been important obviously I would have taken some  
149 notes on it but you're not to know as you would understand  
150  
151 KB And you haven't got any ah notes on that particular meeting with her  
152  
153 NR No, no I, I, speak to a lot of people I don't know how many people I've spoken to today  
154 well, a lot of people that I do business with I don't take notes on them  
155  
156 KB Did you have any diary entries at all  
157  
158 NR No, no, I haven't no, just like I didn't know you were coming in today  
159  
160 KB So it could have been the case that you offered to assist her financially, she didn't, did she  
161 request that financial assistance

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162 NR I don't, I, I don't, I don't know I don't think so maybe I suggested it I don't know, she  
163 may have asked, she may have said, look, I need some assistance to which I would have  
164 volunteered but I don't quite remember that point to be honest  
165  
166 KB (overtalking)  
167  
168 NR I, I was happy to assist her just the same because she seemed like a very nice young lady  
169 and quite sincere I still think she is I haven't changed my mind because her name's been  
170 in the paper and all sorts of things like that  
171  
172 KB Was any amount agreed upon  
173  
174 NR Yes, I said that I would give her \$5,000 I didn't say I'd give her I had to make \$5,000  
175 available to assist her and her campaign or how to vote cards or something like that I  
176 think I said  
177  
178 KB How many meetings would you have had with her  
179  
180 NR Oh, maybe, two, I think, maybe a couple I think she might have rung me up once or twice  
181 too I think  
182  
183 KB These meetings occurred prior to the March 2004 election  
184  
185 NR Yes, they did or they might have occurred during it I'm not quite sure  
186  
187 KB So you agreed to make a donation of \$5,000 towards her election campaign can you tell  
188 me the arrangements in relation to that donation  
189  
190 NR Yes, um, Mel CHALMERS, is a friend of mine he acts for my family as you would  
191 understand I didn't want every Tom, Dick and Harry coming in here looking for funds so  
192 I rang Mel CHALMERS and said to Mel CHALMERS that I'd spoken to Roxanne  
193 SCOTT and um I've made certain funds available to her for her campaign for her how to  
194 vote that type of thing and you should also understand that I didn't want to get totally  
195 involved in the campaign because I'm going to upset other candidates some of which  
196 would be successful and some of which would be unsuccessful and by supporting a  
197 particular candidate basically I'm going to upset somebody as you would understand but I  
198 didn't want to do that this is why I did it through Mel who acts for us anyhow  
199  
200 KB And that \$5,000 was deposited in what kind of account, do you know  
201  
202 NR It was deposited in Mel's trust account  
203  
204 KB And do you know who that account was with at all  
205

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206 NR I'm sorry  
207  
208 KB His trust account  
209  
210 NR His trust, I suppose it'd be his trust account I suppose  
211  
212 KB Do you know when those funds were deposited into  
213  
214 NR Not just off hand no, I don't  
215  
216 KB Trust account  
217  
218 NR But I, it, it would've been a cheque we would have written out (overtalking) but it's not  
219 important I don't believe  
220  
221 KB (overtalk)  
222  
223 NR Because I, I, admit that I did put the \$5,000 in there  
224  
225 KB If I was to suggest to you that funds were received by Mr CHALMERS on the 7 January  
226 2005  
227  
228 NR That would probably be right I've got no reason to doubt that  
229  
230 KB I'm just trying to put in perspective the time frame  
231  
232 NR Right that's OK went to the election in March wasn't it  
233  
234 KB 27 March  
235  
236 NR That's right yes so that was (ui) what I said about two months beforehand  
237  
238 KB And what were your instructions to Mr CHALMERS in relation to the distribution of that  
239 those monies in the fund  
240  
241 NR I don't exactly know that there would have been  
242  
243 KB In the trust account I should say  
244  
245 NR Yeah, that's right, I don't know exactly what there would have but it would have been  
246 something along the lines that I want to assist Roxanne SCOTT, she's running against  
247 Dawn CRICHLOW, I'm quite impressed with her there's, there's an amount of money  
248 there she can draw up to that amount of money to assist her in her campaign something  
249 like that it would have been

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250 KB Did you issue instructions to Mr CHALMERS in relation to what portion of funds would  
251 be used for what purpose or did you issue any specific instructions like that  
252  
253 NR No, I don't think so she was running a campaign and I was put a limit on it, it was only  
254 \$5,000 she obviously needed more than that to run a successful campaign but I was quite  
255 happy to work with her  
256  
257 KB So you basically left it up to Roxanne SCOTT to ...  
258  
259 NR Yeah, that's right, yeah, I'm not gonna put limitations on her  
260  
261 KB Draw from the funds in any way she saw fit  
262  
263 NR That's right  
264  
265 KB So.. Roxanne SCOTT could withdraw or access any amount from the  
266  
267 NR Yes up to \$5,000, that's right  
268  
269 KB Account ...and you mentioned before that ah you are aware that she may have used a  
270 portion of the funds at least to um assist her with printed material  
271  
272 NR Yes, that's right, it's all part of her campaign  
273  
274 KB Do you know if the total of your donation was accessed and actually distributed on  
275 various services, like the whole amount  
276  
277 NR (ui) I should imagine it would have been,  
278  
279 KB Yeah  
280  
281 NR I have no reason to doubt, I've never got any change (laughs)  
282  
283 KB So you weren't advised at all that there was some money left over as a result  
284  
285 NR No, is there  
286  
287 KB Of the election campaign  
288  
289 NR Is there, by the way  
290  
291 KB I'm not sure on that I'll double check  
292  
293 NR (laughs) if there is would they let me know please

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294 KB So, if I went through some of the ah company's that are required to be paid as, as a result  
295 of the monies in the trust account would you be aware of those at all, like Final Graphics  
296 or you wouldn't have specific (overtalk)  
297

298 NR I've got no, no, no,  
299

300 KB Right because you said before that you left, left it up to Roxanne SCOTT how she would  
301

302 NR Yeah, sure I don't, I know nothing about any of that  
303

304 KB Disperse the funds  
305

306 NR That's right. She can spend it any way she likes but she's got a limit on her of \$5,000 if  
307 she decides to spend that money on printed material or whatever it might be it's up to her  
308

309 KB Did you ever receive a phone call, can you, can you recall receiving a phone call from Mr  
310 CHALMERS in relation that he was trying to get your consent that Roxanne SCOTT  
311 wanted to access the balance of the monies to be and for the monies to be paid directly  
312 into her account for her campaign  
313

314 NR No, I can't doesn't mean to say it never happened. See, it, it, these things just weren't  
315 important at that time Ken, so why would I  
316

317 KB Yeah  
318

319 NR Remember something so (ui) as that I just wouldn't remember it, it may have happened it  
320 may not I don't know  
321

322 KB Sure I, I, guess another way of phrasing that was that ah Mr CHALMERS rang you up one  
323 day informing you that Roxanne SCOTT said she wanted the balance of the monies to be  
324 paid directly into her account for her campaign  
325

326 NR Ken, I played golf with Mel CHALMERS  
327

328 KB Right  
329

330 NR We're probably playing golf together when he might have mentioned it to me I don't  
331 know as far  
332

333 KB Yep  
334

335 NR I'm concerned she had \$5,000 she can do what she likes with the \$5,000 and I was quite  
336 prepared to see her get on it because I think she was a good candidate and I trust Mel so  
337 I'm quite certain Mel hasn't got any of it

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338 KB So summing up you deposited \$5,000 into trust account of Mal CHALMERS  
339  
340 NR Yes  
341  
342 KB That was for the sole purpose of Roxanne SCOTT using that money all or part of that  
343 money for her election campaign  
344  
345 NR Yes  
346  
347 KB In relation to any other candidate could they access any of that money at all  
348  
349 NR No, cause I specifically for Roxanne SCOTT, they cannot  
350  
351 KB (overtalk)  
352  
353 NR I never authorised anybody else but somebody else use that money, no  
354  
355 KB Did you make a donation to any other candidate that was running in those elections  
356  
357 NR Not to my knowledge, not to my knowledge these things weren't important at the time  
358  
359 KB Were you aware of a group of candidates that were running as a ticket or part of a block  
360 at all prior to the 27 March 2004 the elections  
361  
362 NR No, I don't think so really I don't think so there's all sorts of rumours during an election  
363  
364 GR We, we won't take, we would never take part in that  
365  
366 NR We wouldn't, we'd never be party to that  
367  
368 KB Just your, your knowledge of it  
369  
370 NR No, we would never be party to anything like that  
371  
372 GR We do our own thing (ui)  
373  
374 NR That's right, we're individuals, we don't ...  
375  
376 KB If I can show you a receipt from Mel CHALMERS Company solicitors that's a receipt  
377 dated the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2004 and it's for the sum of \$5,000 is that the donation that you're  
378 referring to  
379  
380 NR I suppose so, there's only one donation  
381

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382 KB Yep  
383  
384 NR So that, that, that would be it yes  
385  
386 KB This notice here that Family Assets Pty Ltd is that part of the  
387  
388 NR Yes, yes, it is we trade under the name of Rix Development but there's a group of about  
389 four or five companies and we just use that as a trading name Rix Development but  
390 Family Assets is one of our companies, it owns this building you're sitting in  
391  
392 KB And I asked you before if you assisted any other candidate or candidates for that election  
393 and you couldn't recall assisting anyone else  
394  
395 NR Not to my knowledge  
396  
397 KB Correct me if I'm wrong I think that's what you said  
398  
399 NR Yeah, that's right, yeah, I, I, did say that no, not, not to my knowledge  
400  
401 GR We only ah distributed \$5,000 to Mel CHALMERS that was it to going to Roxanne sorry  
402 Mel CHALMERS didn't receive any other funds, if that's what you're asking (ui)  
403  
404 KB Yep  
405  
406 GR No other funds went to (ui) at all  
407  
408 KB Can you recall receiving a phone call from Tony HICKEY at all would have been around  
409 December 2003 in relation for a crest, for a um a request for funding for a candidate or  
410 certain candidates running in that election  
411  
412 NR I didn't no did I  
413  
414 GR He may have rung me. I have knowledge that ah Tony HICKEY, HICKEY Lawyers um  
415 were seeking to um to put together a ah fund of which we immediately said we were not  
416 interested  
417  
418 KB So you think he may have (overtalk)  
419  
420 NR (overtalk) I have, I haven't spoken to anyone  
421  
422 GR I have knowledge of it, I have knowledge that Tony HICKEY whether it's come through  
423 my father who says he doesn't um doesn't have that knowledge or it came through me but  
424 I do remember um our (ui) being asked would we be interested and the answer was no  
425

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426 KB Right, right, so you can't recall specifically receiving a phone call from Tony HICKEY  
427 and nor neither can your (overtalk)  
428  
429 GR No, I cannot  
430  
431 NR (overtalk)  
432  
433 GR (ui) I know, our company was approached  
434  
435 NR But irrespective of that  
436  
437 GR We said no  
438  
439 NR We have not put any money in to Lionel, Lionel BARDON fund  
440  
441 GR Lionel BARDON  
442  
443 NR We have not done that  
444  
445 GR (ui)  
446  
447 NR Nor would we do it  
448  
449 GR Was no, was not  
450  
451 NR And even (overtalk)  
452  
453 KB To that request from Tony HICKEY  
454  
455 NR If, if, there was one  
456  
457 KB Correct  
458  
459 GR No, I have knowledge that we definitely were asked and the answer was no we were not  
460 interested cause our family doesn't it's not the way we would operate  
461  
462 KB Is there anything else that you would like to state in relation to this current investigation  
463 any other information that you think may be relevant  
464  
465 NR Well I, I, I, I, think quite frankly the journalist of the Bulletin is on side with Dawn  
466 CRICHLow and the others and you're sitting here because of that  
467  
468 GR We haven't spoken to Roxanne SCOTT subsequent to the interview  
469

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470 NR No, I haven't spoken to her at all  
471  
472 GR No, no conversations have had no um letters or telephone conversations at all since the  
473 elections  
474  
475 NR You know something I don't know (laughs)  
476  
477 KB No, no, I'm just asking you that's all just a, a standard question I ask that's all, yeah  
478  
479 NR Oh that's all, OK  
480  
481 KB No it's not to test you or put you on the spot or anything, so  
482  
483 NR Maybe we're watching too much television  
484  
485 KB And you just mentioned then that you haven't spoken to Roxanne SCOTT since the  
486 election  
487  
488 NR No, not to my knowledge, I haven't I don't think so I wouldn't Ken I wouldn't even  
489 recognise her I don't think anymore  
490  
491 KB Did you receive any other requests from Roxanne SCOTT for additional donations at all  
492  
493 NR I, I, I, don't, I don't think so did she  
494  
495 GR No (ui) cause your instructions were to Mal that, that the ceiling was \$5,000 and that's it  
496  
497 NR Well, I'm lucky she never got in  
498  
499 GR (ui)  
500  
501 NR Well if she had've got in I could be in more trouble  
502  
503 GR Are you in trouble mate I'm asking the question for you Ken, sorry  
504  
505 KB It's OK  
506  
507 NR Ah, ah.....  
508  
509 GR I (ui)  
510  
511 KB (overtalking here) Cybill does she work here at all  
512  
513 NR No, Cybill is Mel's secretary

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514 KB Oh right OK no, I just see a, a message written that's all  
515  
516 NR Yeah, no, Cybill is Mel's secretary she's about, she's older than I am but terribly efficient  
517  
518 KB From Cybill...  
519  
520 GR I won't, I won't tell her you said that, that she's older than you I'm not entirely sure that's  
521 the case  
522  
523 KB So you can't recall Roxanne SCOTT phoning you after the funds were deposited and  
524 asking for all the funds to be placed in her accounts she would have done that through  
525 Mel CHALMERS  
526  
527 NR I'd, I'd imagine so, so it wasn't see it's not a big deal all I wanted to do was help  
528 someone who I believed to be sincere and I believe that Dawn CRICHLOW is a bit of a  
529 rabbit you can't be more straight than that and she's running against Dawn CRICHLOW  
530  
531 KB And your dealings with any development applications with Council at all have you had  
532 any recent problems or anything you'd like to comment on in respect of that  
533  
534 NR Oh absolutely how much time have you got, absolutely we, we've got major problems  
535  
536 GR Your tapes not gonna be (ui)  
537  
538 NR That's OK  
539  
540 GR You should never ask this question now, I have to sit here and listen (ui)  
541  
542 NR I've got major problems with Council major two years to get a development application  
543 out of the Gold Coast City council that's a major problem  
544  
545 KB Right, right  
546  
547 NR We outlay our money we have to wait two years for a permit, that's a major problem I can  
548 go on and on and on  
549  
550 KB With this current, with this current council  
551  
552 NR Yes, they, they give you a, a development approval plan and then they change their mind  
553 after you got a development approval plan  
554  
555 GR (ui) talking about it  
556

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557 NR Then if that's not bad enough we go out to tender and we haven't gone out for tender  
558 council changes it's mind in relation to various planning issues it's made sort of our  
559 tenders a, as, as you'd understand invalid I could go on and on and on  
560

561 GR What about sewerage  
562

563 NR Well the sewerage is another problem you don't want to hear about that but do you  
564

565 KB No, that it's just to get your view on it generally without the specifics  
566

567 NR No..  
568

569 GR We are having major problems with Gold City Council at officer level even as we're  
570 sitting here  
571

572 KB Alright  
573

574 GR (ui) Wednesday not with councillors at an officer level because the council rarely and a  
575 lot of this to do is because they're investigations going on and you know all of this the  
576 council's coming to a standstill people now don't want to make decisions they don't want  
577 to do anything and quite frankly we're caught up in all of it and it's come to a bottleneck  
578 and we can't get anywhere and we're paying to pump our sewerage to Coomera at the  
579 moment on a month to month cause Council two and a half years ago was supposed to  
580 put a sewerage line and they still haven't put it in  
581

582 KB Alright  
583

584 GR OK, to the bottom line are we getting any advantages from council that's what you're  
585 asking no, we in fact we are livid and upset with council that we can't get on with what  
586 we do for a living  
587

588 KB Right, thank you  
589

590 NR And if you want to check go out to the council and check on us we do our business  
591 through the offices of the Gold Coast city council, we do not go to the councillors unless  
592 we have a major problem and if you want to know what's the last time we met with the  
593 councillors... could be... I don't know... a year ago  
594

595 GR (ui) we're having that much problem well we will be shortly meeting with them again on  
596 the sewerage problem  
597

598 KB Alright  
599

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600 GR But are we, are we getting favourable treatment or have we asked for any favours the  
601 answer to that is no we have not and in fact we are quite the opposite we're having a lot  
602 of trouble with council  
603

604 KB Yeah, if I can just ask you one more question did you at any stage make any donation to  
605 what was termed by the commonsense fund or the Lionel Bardon Trust Fund  
606

607 NR Never heard of the Commonsense Fund never heard and we certainly did not make a  
608 donation to the Lionel Bardon Fund  
609

610 GR No  
611

612 NR Did not do so  
613

614 GR Our answer to that is as I have stated when it came through my father the request or I took  
615 the call from Tony HICKEY it was no, no  
616

617 NR (ui) I tell you  
618

619 KB If you doesn't appear that you took the call then if I can just direct this at yourself can you  
620 recall the content of that conversation at all from by Tony HICKEY to yourself  
621

622 NR No, but I can imagine that it would have been explained ah, the concept of the fund and,  
623 and the purpose of the fund and my answer would be the same today because I know my  
624 family policy is that no, my family doesn't get involved in those things if we want to ah  
625 make a donation to a candidate we will do it ourselves  
626

627 KB Were the words, or was the phrase Lionel BARDON trust fund used or commonsense  
628 fund  
629

630 GR I've never heard it until just a few minutes ago the term of commonsense funds, first time  
631 I've ever heard that saying as for the Lionel BARDON trust fund, no, the first knowledge  
632 I have of the Lionel BARDON trust fund the name was when I read about it in the paper  
633

634 NR Let me make something clear to you I believe that it's my right it's my money if I see a  
635 candidate that I like then I should have the right to be able to assist that candidate it's not  
636 up to an outside party to select candidates and want to know then whether I want to  
637 contribute to a fund for certain candidates, it's my right to decide on which candidate I  
638 want to select for council and which ones I'm impressed with that's what I'd like to do so  
639 we would never under any circumstances become party as it were to outsiders telling me  
640 what, what they're going to do  
641

642 GR Yep, I think it's important to say that it's not because my family um have suspicions that  
643 the fund was illegal or, or was going to do something corrupt

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644 NR That's right  
645  
646 GR It's that our family policy is that, that my father and I will make that decision  
647  
648 KB Appreciate that but just to clarify it your fairly sure that you would have had the  
649 conversation with Tony HICKEY not yourself Norman in relation to that or is it possible  
650 either way or  
651  
652 GR Well, I, well, no, no, I'm not prepared to say that because my I have the knowledge  
653 because it's been  
654  
655 KB Sure  
656  
657 GR About the family business has been involved and I'm not convinced that I spoke to Tony  
658 HICKEY, my father's saying he can't remember it but if you, if you if (ui) I will have to  
659 say that I did not speak to Tony HICKEY  
660  
661 KB Sure  
662  
663 GR So it can only mean it was my father  
664  
665 NR It wasn't me  
666  
667 GR Well, you don't remember so....that's, that's now all going in circles alright  
668  
669 KB No, that's fine  
670  
671 GR But the bottom line is the answer I know is no that's the answer cause  
672  
673 NR We, we wouldn't be a party to that  
674  
675 GR It's against our family policy  
676  
677 NR I want to chose the people that I believe are going to be sincere and do a decent job I'm  
678 not gonna contribute to an outside party who's gonna support candidates that I may not  
679 even like I'm not gonna do that that's silly isn't it  
680  
681 KB Alright, well, look I thank you again for making yourself available and partaking this  
682 interview and ah also yourself and ah just for the purpose of the record do you agree that  
683 ah ah you're agreeable to have your son here present during the interview in fact I, I  
684 believe you wanted him here  
685  
686 NR Sure, sure, sure  
687

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688 KB Sure  
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690 GR (overtalk)  
691  
692 NR It's a family business  
693  
694 KB Right  
695  
696 NR You'll find my other daughter in there she's the secretary the other over there she's my  
697 receptionist, it's a family business  
698  
699 KB And is what you've told me here today true and correct to the best of your knowledge  
700  
701 NR Yes it is  
702  
703 KB And yourself  
704  
705 GR Yes  
706  
707 KB And you're happy with the way the interview was conducted  
708  
709 NR Yes, I was  
710  
711 GR Yeah (ui)  
712  
713 NR Yes (laughs)  
714  
715 KB Thanks a lot, the time now is 1:38 pm on the afternoon of Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October  
716 2005 this interview is now concluded. Thanks gentlemen  
717  
718 TAPE ENDS  
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