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PREWITT: FRANK PREWITT
BILL: BILL BOBRICK
KEPNER: SA MARY BETH KEPNER

KEPNER: ...and, ahm, today's date is July 20th, 2004. The time is 1:02 pm. We're here with FRANK PREWITT, and he's gonna be wearing a recorder to consensually record a conversation he's gonna be having with BILL BOBRICK at the Southside Bistro. FRANK, are you making this recording voluntarily?

PREWITT: I am.

KEPNER: And we are in Anchorage, Alaska.

KEPNER: This is Mary Beth Kepner with the FBI. Today's date is July 21st, 2004. The time is approximately 11:14 a.m. I'm here with FRANK PREWITT. Ahm, he's gonna be having a meeting, lunch meeting with BILL BOBRICK, ahm, and he'll be wearing this recording device. FRANK, are you making this recording voluntarily?

PREWITT: Yes.

KEPNER: And we are currently in Anchorage, Alaska.

PREWITT: Okay. See you in a couple hours.

[background noise; whistling]

UF: Now wait a minute, wait a minute. I did, I did. No, no no no, I liked the goatee.
(Laughing)

PREWITT: Do you have my phone? I've gotta leave you guys.

UF: Oh.

PREWITT: I have to leave you.

BILL: ...KENT, it was KENT's idea to go to CORNELL. KENT's also hooking us up with TOM DOWELL.

PREWITT: Of PRINCESS?

BILL: Yeah.

PREWITT: Is that, how's that going?

BILL: That seems to be going well. What we're offering TOM DOWELL is real, this is all real stuff.

PREWITT: Mm hmm.

BILL: What we'd be doing for TOM DOWELL is grassroots lobbying to kill off the new cruise ship taxes. And we'd be getting resolutions of support.

PREWITT: From local communities where the ships come in?

BILL: Local communities all over the state.

PREWITT: Okay.

BILL: We'd do petition drives, we would do focus groups...

PREWITT: Mm hmm.

BILL: ...loan banking, and all that stuff.

PREWITT: That's a good idea.

BILL: Well and so, no, it's a real service.

PREWITT: Yeah, yeah.

BILL: And it has a component where, you know, those guys, it's tough to fight and look, TOM knows how to run campaigns...

PREWITT: Mm hmm.

BILL: ...and he's also a lawyer and does (UI). It's actually far more real work than what VECO does. VECO...

PREWITT: Yeah, I've never figured out what VECO does.

BILL: ...well yeah, they just pay him to do nothing.

PREWITT: Who? TOM?

BILL: Yeah.

PREWITT: Does he still have his consulting firm? See I thought maybe he lost his contract with VECO.

BILL: No, he's rather independent, well in my opinion. I mean if you really put him on the spot and said what do you do, I think he'd say well I review documents for them. Well they have their own lawyers to do that (laughing), so (UI).

PREWITT: So VECO, VECO just pays him. How much are they paying him?

BILL: Oh about twenty-five hundred bucks a month.

PREWITT: Geez. So.

BILL: This is not some scheme to really enrich me, see that's why I don't really want to make the ask and I don't want you to make the ask, I want KENT to make the ask.

PREWITT: Wanted KENT to what?

BILL: Make the ask, to bring this up to those boys, you know.

PREWITT: CORNELL guy?

BILL: Cause I don't want to seem, I think they seem to really like, 'cause my next quarter payment is coming up...

PREWITT: Mm hmm.

BILL: ...so I said to MARSHALL how am I doing, I said I thrive on feedback and you need to tell me, am I meeting expectations and, and he said oh no, we're very pleased with how you've done everything and blah blah blah, so I don't want to, you know, seem, 'cause I'm sure they're used to, they've already got this bias against lobbyists and they've got this bias against paying people a lot of money.

PREWITT: Yeah.

BILL: Frankly, if it's not a good thing, TOM and I have other opportunities.