

was the President involved in that? We wonder sometimes if there is any connection between all these contributions coming from the Far East and the President's decision to be involved in that.

The Riady group and the Lippo Group, the President made the Utah Monument a national park. What is the significance of that? The largest clean-burning coal facility in the United States, billions and billions of dollars of clean-burning coal are in the Utah Monument. It could have been mined environmentally safely according to U.S. engineers.

Who would benefit from turning that into a national park so you cannot mine there? The Riady group, the Lippo Group, and Indonesia has the largest clean-burning coal facility, mining facility, in southeast Asia. They were one of the largest contributors. Their hands are all over, all over these contributions coming in from Communist China, from Macao and from Indonesia. Could there be a connection there? We need to know. The American people have a right to know, but we do not know.

These things are of grave concern to me because some of them involve our national security, as I talked to you about earlier, the technology transfer that allows the Communist Chinese to be able to more accurately target targets halfway around the world; i.e., American cities.

These are things that we need to find out about. These are things the American people have a right to know. We have 94 people, 94 people that could shed light on this but have taken the fifth amendment or fled the country. That is a huge number.

I would like to state one more time, FBI Director Freeh said the only time he had heard of anything like this was when he was investigating organized crime in New York, the John Gotti's and so forth. This is huge. The American people ought to be outraged because national security questions have been raised. These people can help us get to the bottom of it.

The President of the United States, after this technology transfer took place, and I might add the President signed a waiver which okayed that after the Justice Department and the FBI had started investigation into the Loral Company which gave that technology to the Communist Chinese, and the FBI and the Justice Department told the White House that they did not think that a waiver should be signed because they were investigating whether or not national security had been breached or whether the law had been violated by the Loral Company, and Mr. Schwartz, the largest Democrat contributor and the largest contributor to the President's reelection committee, they did not think there should be a waiver signed.

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Yet the President, after the fact, signed that waiver, which weakened

the Justice Department investigation of the possible case against the Loral Company and Mr. Schwartz. Why did that happen?

We need to know. These people can testify to many of these issues. Yet, the President has not insisted that these people, many of whom worked at the White House, who were friends of his, testify before the Congress of the United States.

When Ronald Reagan was President we had the Iran-Contra affair, and he did not hold back any documents. The White House has been unbelievably hard to get documents from relating to any of this. He insisted that his staff come down and testify. Nobody took the fifth amendment. Yet, we have 94 people who have taken the fifth or fled the country. There is a real contrast between the Reagan administration and the Clinton administration.

National security questions need to be answered, commerce questions need to be answered, and the only person who can really force the issue is the President. He needs to tell these people to come and testify before our committee.

I do not believe the President should be going to Communist China, especially after this technology transfer took place. We need to find the answer to these questions before he goes over there. But he is taking 1,250 people with him.

He is going to go to Tiananmen Square, where they have a reception center. Members remember Tiananmen Square, where 9 years ago many young people were ground under tanks, and hundreds, possibly thousands, were murdered, and then many thousands later went into Communist gulags.

We now know the Communist Chinese government is killing people in their prisons and harvesting their kidneys, livers, and hearts, and selling them around the world for \$30,000 to \$100,000 a crack. They are getting at least \$60 million by killing people in prisons and giving their body parts for money around the world. Some of those people are probably these political prisoners who were at Tiananmen Square. We do not know.

But all these things bother me a great deal. That is one of the reasons why I think the President should not be going to Communist China.

My committee has been investigating this for over a year. I must tell my colleagues that I have a great sense of frustration, because every time we ask for documents, every time we try to get to the bottom of this, the White House throws up another stone wall. They will not give us documents. They will not let people testify, even people who have worked at the White House and are friends of the President.

All I can say is the American people ought to ask, why? Why, Mr. President, are we not allowing people to testify? Why is the President not insisting that all of these friends of his come before the Congress of the United States and tell the truth?

All we have to do is get the truth. Lincoln said, let the people know the facts and the country will be saved. We are talking about national security. We are talking about foreign entities, from South America to Egypt to southwest Asia, Macao, China, Taiwan, Indonesia, giving campaign contributions to the DNC through illegal conduits in this country.

Why, Mr. President, did these things happen? I submit that the White House cannot be ignorant of all of this, because most of these people were going in and out of the White House on a regular basis, meeting with the President, getting their pictures taken with him, going to dinners, and raising funds for him.

The American people have a right to know the facts. I hope the President of the United States will help us get the facts. If he does go to China, which I do not think he should, but if he does go to China, I hope he will ask the Chinese government to let our investigators in there.

They will not let our investigators in there to talk to the Bank of China or to find out why these Communist Chinese contributions were coming into the United States, and from whom they were coming. They will not let us in there. So if the President is going over there, I think he ought to ask the President of China to work with us to get to the bottom of this. But I doubt that that will happen.

I would like to end up by saying one more time, the American people have a right to know. As long as I am chairman of this committee, I am going to work my dead level best to get to the bottom of this so that they do have all the facts.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SHAYS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for after 12:30 today on account of attending his daughter's high school graduation.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

The following Members (at the request of Mr. ENGEL) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

The following Members (at the request of Mr. THUNE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.