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MEMORANDUM

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From: James F. Brown, Assistant Vice President for Research

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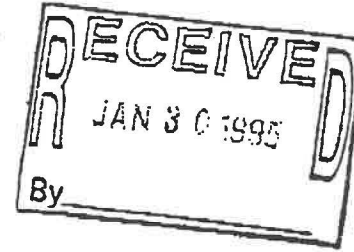
Subject: Tri-Ethnic Center *JFB*

As you can see from the attached, we have received another memo pertaining to the activities of the Tri-Ethnic Center. This memo is the basis for the scheduled meeting on February 9, 1995.

Jud and Ralph will be meeting with the two of you to discuss this matter. I will be in Washington, DC at the time. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Enclosure

JFB/jla



November 30, 1994

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you of some concerns I have regarding the way that the Tri-Ethnic Center (TEC) at Colorado State University (CSU) has been running their business. In particular using state funds to profit Rocky Mountain Behavioral Science Institute, Inc.

I have worked both at TEC and RMBSI, Inc. in the past and have noticed the relationship between the two businesses suspicious. Not only have I questioned certain things, but I have heard disturbing comments from other employees (both from TEC and RMBSI employees) implying that grant funds for CSU are benefiting (and encouraged to benefit) RMBSI, Inc.

Probably 50% of my work done at CSU (which was paid by a NIDA grant) was actually done for RMBSI, Inc. (in which there is documented proof). This work included letters to customers, media campaign work, advertising, and a grant proposal.

Not only was I working on RMBSI projects on CSU time, but I witnessed a number of other TEC employees doing the same. An RMBSI grant proposal (NIAAA) in particular was worked on by eight TEC staff totaling approximately 16 hours, possibly more, per employee in the month of August.

Some of the comments I heard over the course of my employment were as follows:

"I don't know why I am working on this project - this is RMBSI stuff," CSU Employee.

"Ruth Edwards strongly encourages RMBSI work done at CSU," CSU Employee.

"There are definitely no clear boundaries between TEC and RMBSI," Patricia Waters, Director of Professional Services for RMBSI, Inc.

"There is no **FUCKING** way they'll ever shut us down, we bring in too much money for the University" Dr. Ruth Edwards, Director of RMBSI and Researcher at TEC (during the initial investigation for fraud).

It is interesting to me the way that TEC justifies their spending of grant moneys. They seem to be incredibly clever. In fact, they were able to easily sidetrack the investigators from key people who were needed to uncover the truth during an investigation for fraud a couple of years ago.

I think that it is a crime when a federally funded institution uses money to benefit a private business. And the key people that I suspect are practicing this probable illegal act are Dr. Ruth Edwards, Dr. Gene Oetting, and Br. Fred Beauvais. All Directors at RMBSI and Researchers at TEC.

As a concerned tax payer I would like to know that my money is going where it is supposed to go and I strongly recommend a thorough follow-up investigation into the business affairs between Tri-Ethnic Center and Rocky Mountain Behavioral Science Institute.

Finally, a male CSU employee uses computer equipment purchased for CSU with grant money to exhibit pornographic pictures of nude women with female employee faces pasted onto the nude bodies shown on the computer screen for everybody to see. It is an absolute disgrace that this kind of filth is going on in a supposedly reputable institution.

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