

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Memorandum of Interview

Case No: 07-63

On June 19, 2008, Mark LEWIS, Managing Director, Mission Point Capital Partners, was interviewed by Special Agents (b)(7)c and (b)(7)c Office of the Inspector General (OIG), NRC, regarding a potential conflict of interest by a former NRC Commissioner. LEWIS provided essentially the following information.

LEWIS said that he worked as the General Manager for General Electric (GE) Energy from January 2005 to September 2007. LEWIS had a conversation in May 2007 with Andrew WHITE, CEO, GE, concerning Jeffrey MERRIFIELD, former NRC Commissioner, who was seeking post employment opportunities within the nuclear industry. LEWIS stated WHITE referred MERRIFIELD as a candidate who was a possible fit for the Business Development position within GE. In addition, LEWIS said that WHITE had no further involvement with MERRIFIELD's employment negotiations.

LEWIS stated that after MERRIFIELD began employment negotiation with GE, LEWIS met MERRIFIELD at Washington National Airport in early June 2007 for a 30 minute interview. During the interview, LEWIS stated that he discussed the terms and role of MERRIFIELD's employment with GE. Additionally, LEWIS did not have any knowledge of an agent working for MERRIFIELD, and LEWIS never heard of Steve ENGELMEYER, agent for MERRIFIELD.

LEWIS stated that he did not recall having any conversations with Christopher CRANE, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Exelon, concerning the referral of MERRIFIELD to GE. However, GE does solicit referrals of candidates. LEWIS explained that CRANE is well known in the industry, and CRANE's opinion would be taken into consideration.

LEWIS explained that he believed that MERRIFIELD was a good fit for the Business Development position at GE because MERRIFIELD had a deep understanding of the nuclear industry. LEWIS said that he had no direction or pressure from senior level executives within GE when he decided to offer MERRIFIELD employment. Although LEWIS offered MERRIFIELD employment with GE, MERRIFIELD declined the employment offer. LEWIS was told by MERRIFIELD that he had another offer that was of a higher profile.

LEWIS told SA (b)(7)c that when MERRIFIELD declined the employment offer, there was no attempt to renegotiate MERRIFIELD's offer. LEWIS said there were no major disappointments when MERRIFIELD declined the offer and that was the last conversation he had with MERRIFIELD.

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