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Beware White House's Enron Whitewash:

Despite President's Denials, Enron & Lay Were Early Backers of Bush

Enron PAC & Executives Gave \$146,500 to Gubernatorial Campaign

Austin, TX: President George W. Bush revised history yesterday when he said that Enron CEO Ken Lay "was a supporter of Ann Richards in my [gubernatorial] run in 1994." While Richards received \$19,500 from Enron sources in that campaign, according to the *Dallas Morning News*, Bush received far more Lay and Enron money.

In fact, in an interview with PBS's "Frontline" taped on March 27, 2001, Lay said, "When Governor Bush, now President Bush, decided to run for the governor's spot, [there was] a little difficult situation. I'd worked very closely with Ann Richards also, the four years she was governor. But I was very close to George W. and had a lot of respect for him, had watched him over the years, particularly with reference to dealing with his father when his father was in the White House and some of the things he did to work for his father, and so did support him."

Mr. Lay and Enron's PAC were early donors to Bush's 1994 race, contributing \$30,000 to Bush's gubernatorial committee as early as November 1993. All told, Enron's PAC and executives contributed \$146,500 to Bush's first gubernatorial war chest in 1993 and 1994.

"President Bush's explanation of his relationship to Enron is at best a half truth," said Craig McDonald, Director of Texans for Public Justice. "He was in bed with Enron before he ever held a political office."

Total Enron Money To Bush's 1994 Gubernatorial Campaign Committee:

Contributions from Ken and Linda Lay.....	\$47,500
Contributions from the Enron PAC	\$20,000
Contributions from Other Enron Executives.....	\$79,000
Total.....	\$146,500

Total Enron Money To Ann Richards' 1994 Gubernatorial Campaign Committee:

Contributions from Ken and Linda Lay..... \$12,500
 Contributions from the Enron PAC \$5,000
 Contributions from Other Enron Executives..... \$2,000
 Total..... \$19,500

Total Enron Money to Bush's 1998 Gubernatorial Campaign = \$166,000.

Total Enron Money to Bush's two Gubernatorial Campaigns combined = \$312,500.

Enron Donations to George Bush, 1993-1994

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Employer	Occupation	Amount	Date
Thomas	E.	White	Enron Corp.	Chairman / CEO	\$1,000	12/6/94
Robert	C.	Kelly	Enron Corp	Co-chairman	\$1,000	12/2/94
Linda	P	Lay	Enron Corp.	Homemaker	\$10,000	12/1/94
Forrest	E.	Hoglund	Enron Oil & Gas	Chair	\$10,000	12/1/94
		Enron PAC	Enron PAC		\$10,000	11/29/94
Jeffrey	K.	Skilling	Enron Capital & Trade	President & CEO	\$1,000	10/5/94
Forrest	E.	Hoglund	Enron Oil & Gas	Chair	\$5,000	9/22/94
Linda	P	Lay	Enron Corp.	Homemaker	\$12,500	9/15/94
David		Haug	Enron Corp.	Managing Director	\$1,000	8/5/94
Walter	C.	Wilson	Enron Oil & Gas Co.	Executive	\$1,000	3/14/94
		Enron PAC	Enron PAC		\$5,000	3/14/94
G.	E.	Uthlaut	Enron Oil & Gas	Vice President	\$2,000	3/14/94
Mark	G.	Papa	Enron Oil and Gas	President and COO	\$2,000	3/14/94
Alberto		Gude	Enron Corp	VP for Info. Systems	\$2,000	3/14/94
James	G.	Barnhart	Enron Corp.	Administrator	\$2,000	3/4/94
Rebecca	P.	Mark	Enron International	Chairman and CEO	\$2,000	2/18/94
Robert	J.	Hermann	Enron Corporation	Executive	\$2,000	2/17/94
Stanley	C.	Horton	Enron Gas Pipeline Group	Chair	\$1,000	2/17/94
James	S.	Prentice	Enron Corporation	Engineer	\$2,000	2/17/94
Thad	T.	Hutcheson	Enron Oil and Gas Corp.		\$1,000	1/19/94
James	Vinson	Derrick	Enron Corp.	Sr. VP & Gen. Counsel	\$5,000	12/29/93
Thomas	E.	White	Enron Corp.	Chairman / CEO	\$5,000	12/29/93
Jeffrey	K.	Skilling	Enron Capital & Trade	President & CEO	\$5,000	12/29/93
Robert	C.	Kelly	Enron Corp	Co-chairman	\$2,000	12/29/93
E.	P.	Segner	Enron Corp	VP	\$5,000	12/22/93
Rodney	L.	Gray	Enron Global Power & Pipelines	Chair; President; CEO	\$5,000	12/22/93
Jack		Tompkins	Enron Corp.	Senior Vice President	\$5,000	12/22/93
Kenneth		Lay	Enron Corp.	CEO; President	\$20,000	12/20/93
J.	Michael	Muckleroy	Enron		\$1,000	12/14/93
Forrest	E.	Hoglund	Enron Oil & Gas	Chair	\$5,000	11/4/93
Kenneth		Lay	Enron Corp.	CEO; President	\$5,000	11/1/93
Edward		Gaylord	Enron Corp.	Executive	\$5,000	11/1/93
		Enron PAC	Enron PAC		\$5,000	10/29/93

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