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BROWN RESPONDS TO INDICTMENT OF SR. DOOLITTLE AIDE

Calls on McClintock to Come Clean on whether he will continue to campaign with Doolittle

ROSEVILLE: Yesterday, the FBI today arrested Kevin Ring, a former lobbyist and senior congressional staffer to CA-04 Congressman John Doolittle, for his alleged role in the Jack Abramoff Congressional bribery scandal. Ring was charged in a 10-count public-corruption indictment.

According to the Sacramento Bee, the 46-page indictment of Ring lays out a long list of favors that Ring did for aides to Doolittle and for Doolittle himself, who is referred to not by name but as "Representative 5." These included tickets to sports games and concerts, free meals and fundraising help. The indictment specifies that at one point in 2000, Doolittle's then-chief of staff told Ring in an e-mail that Doolittle had said he felt like a "subsidiary" of Abramoff's firm.

During the primary, Doolittle appeared at a Capitol Hill Fundraiser for McClintock's Congressional Campaign, saying McClintock would "be a good member of Congress." Over the last few months, McClintock has given several conflicting answers to reporters about whether he would meet, accept the endorsement of, or continue to campaign with the disgraced Congressman.

McClintock's campaign director was involved in Doolittle's first known ethical transgression in office, for which Doolittle received the largest fine ever handed down at the time by California's Fair Political Practices Commission (<http://www.newsreview.com/sacramento/Content?oid=318715>).

In response to the news of Ring's arrest by the FBI, Brown Campaign Manager Todd Stenhouse issued the following statement:

"This scandal has been a difficult ordeal for our district, and our country. We hope these investigations will soon be resolved so the proud people of California's 4th District can move onto the business of electing a new Congressman committed to restoring integrity to Washington, and addressing the economic and security challenges facing our nation.

Kevin Ring's arrest also reminds us of the vastly different stances the two candidates vying to replace Doolittle have taken on the Abramoff investigation. Charlie Brown took a principled stand in 2005, campaigning to restore a higher standard of leadership to Congress. Tom McClintock sat on his hands, said nothing and did nothing.

After Doolittle announced he would retire, he joined Tom McClintock at a Capitol Hill fundraiser on April 9th. Following the primary, McClintock flip flopped repeatedly on whether he would continue campaigning with Doolittle, or accept his endorsement. By contrast, Charlie Brown stood for a fresh start for the people of District 4, and the core values of a career military officer who has spent his entire life defending our country—duty, honor, and integrity.

It's not surprising that a lifelong politician like Tom McClintock has refused to give a definitive answer about whether or not he will accept the support of Congressman John Doolittle. However yesterday's indictment of a top Doolittle staffer on bribery charges, and the new revelations about the extent of Doolittle's 'subsidiary' relationship with Abramoff beg the questions once again.

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"Doolittle Appeared at a Noon Fundraiser for McClintock," Sacramento Bee, April 10, 2008, Page A-4: <http://www.sacbee.com/111/story/850998.html>

"We're talking about doing a couple of events and we're putting them together," said Doolittle spokesman Dan Blankeburg....Stan Devereux, a spokesman for McClintock, confirmed that the campaign had set up a meeting to discuss Doolittle's support for McClintock."--June 16, 2008, PolitickerCA.

"If you're running as an outsider why would you want anyone's endorsement?" asked John Feliz, a McClintock consultant, when asked if the campaign would be receiving Doolittle's stamp of approval." June 17, 2008, PolitickerCA.

McClintock spokesman Stan Devereux told Election Central that the ongoing investigations against Doolittle would not render him a political liability: "Doolittle is still the congressman for the area, has served the district well." June 18, 2008 Talking Points Memo.

"I don't have any plans to meet with Doolittle next week and I don't have any plans to campaign with Doolittle," McClintock said by phone from Sacramento."--June 20, 2008, Roll Call (Subscription Required).

"Fourth Congressional District Republican nominee Tom McClintock will meet with Rep. John Doolittle, R-Rocklin, next week to discuss his campaign, a Doolittle spokesman said Wednesday...he (McClintock) said, ...'I certainly do welcome the intimate knowledge Doolittle has with the district...' ...The meeting is planned for June 27." June 22nd 2008, El Dorado Mt. Democrat.

"State Sen. Tom McClintock (R), running for the 4th district seat being vacated by Rep. John Doolittle (R), said Tuesday that he personally killed a meeting between him and the Congressman," June 25, 2008, Roll Call (Subscription Required).

Retired Lt. Col. Charlie Brown spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, flying rescue helicopters at the end of the Vietnam War, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sikorsky Winged S, 7 Air Medals, and 5 Meritorious Service Medals. Charlie's wife Jan is also a veteran, and their son has served four rotations in Iraq with the Air Force. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Brown also owns a California teaching credential and served 8 years on the Professional Staff of the Roseville Police Department. He is a candidate for Congress in California's 4th District.

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