

Ethan Book for U.S. Senate

November 27, 2011

Christopher J. Dodd
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Dear Mr. Dodd:

This relates to my attached letter to you of November 20, 2009 and to my related follow-ups of December 2, 2009, December 22, 2009 (directed to Barack Obama with cited copy for you) and January 19, 2010 (with copies also attached). These pertain to credible information which I received from multiple sources regarding your apparent participation during about the late 1970's in a business venture which had as its primary objective the smuggling from Latin America to the United States a planeload of marijuana.

The detail which I provided in mine of November 20, 2009 follows:

It is my understanding that during your years as an elected Congressman for the State of Connecticut, during about the late 1970's, you privately entered a partnership with a man for the importation to the U.S. of illegal drugs. The partnership involved Nick Romano who was associated with the well-known Romano Bakery in Milford, CT. A private plane with a full cargo of illegal drugs traveled from some point in Latin America to a location in one of the Carolinas. The operation however was busted by federal authorities at which point you deftly evaded responsibility and thereby allowed your partner Mr. Romano take the rap. He reportedly served several years in prison for that matter. I respectfully ask that you fully comment on this situation which is of substantial public importance.¹

Despite my proper and formal communications on this important matter of considerable public interest, I never received a direct reply from you to my inquires and requests. Rather, on January 7, 2010, you publicly announced that you would not seek another term in the United States Senate. Concurrently, on the same date, Richard Blumenthal announced that he would seek the Democrat Party nomination for the United States Senate.

Unfortunately for all, your public announcement did not effectively resolve the important issue.

Since those reasonable and diligent steps, I have learned other details regarding this matter. Nick Romano is the son of the owner of the former Romano's Bakery which was located at 204 Cherry Street in Milford, CT. It is known that Nick has a younger sister and that as


teenagers, they were observed working in the family business. Nick apparently studied law, took the state bar exam in New Haven and became an attorney. However, possibly for the events described above, he was disbarred.

It is further speculated that for him to remain silent about the full details of this matter, he was likely paid a large sum of money.

This kind of information is quite significant and it begs a complete response and explanation from you.

I respectfully request your full, prompt and courteous response.

Sincerely,



Ethan Book

¹ Other additional information indicates that the plane used in the operation was a DC-3 and that it landed in South Carolina and that Mr. Romano served a sentence of approximately five years in federal prison..

Enclosures (4)

c: Whistleblower Section,
Senate Judiciary Committee
Senator John McCain (AZ)
Congressman Jim Himes (CT)

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P.O. Box 1385 – Fairfield, CT 06825
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November 20, 2009

Honorable
Christopher Dodd
Member
United States Senate
448 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dodd:

Several years ago I heard about a matter concerning you however there then were not sufficient facts for me to be able to do anything meaningful. Just recently, I received a good set of credible facts about the same matter for which I am now compelled to take this step.

It is my understanding that during your years as an elected Congressman for the State of Connecticut, during about the late 1970's, you privately entered a partnership with a man for the importation to the U.S. of illegal drugs. The partnership involved Nick Romano who was associated with the well-known Romano Bakery in Milford, CT. A private plane with a full cargo of illegal drugs traveled from some point in Latin America to a location in one of the Carolinas. The operation however was busted by federal authorities at which point you deftly evaded responsibility and thereby allowed you partner Mr. Romano take the rap. He reportedly served several years in prison for that matter. I respectfully ask that you fully comment on this situation which is of substantial public importance.

I grew up in Maryland. I have two advanced degrees with honors including a Masters of International Management from the Thunderbird School of International Business (Glendale, AZ; where I also served as student body president) and Azusa University (Azusa, CA). After working successfully in the U.S. Peace Corps in Bucaramanaga, Colombia, I worked for six years in Latin America with Bank of America followed by one year with Bank of America in its New York Corporate Office. After nearly a year as Vice President with Connecticut Bank & Trust Co. where I observed in 1985 some problems of state activities in resource recovery, I began a limousine service business which I operate currently. From 1985 - 1987, I served a successful term as an elected member of the Town of Fairfield Representative Town Meeting. I am a direct descendent of 17th Century Irish settlers of the Colony of Connecticut.

I will greatly appreciate your full, prompt cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ethan Book Jr.

c: Senator John McCain (AZ) and Congressman James Himes (CT)

P.O. Box 1385 – Fairfield, CT 06825
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December 2, 2009

Honorable
Christopher Dodd
Member
United States Senate
448 Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Dodd:

I refer to my recent letter which I forwarded to you on November 20, 2009 via facsimile (copy attached). In that, I report on credible accounts which I received about your role in the transporting to the United States of illegal drugs. The letter contains information which presently comprises substantial moral, political and legal implications for you both as an individual citizen as well as a United States Senator. To date, I have received no direct response to my letter. It is my opinion that a non-response by you to such material constitutes a negative pregnant which further affirms the veracity of the reported accounts.

For such reasons, I am compelled to again ask for your comments regarding this situation, otherwise I ask that you immediately formally resign from your current position as United States Senator representing the good citizens of the State of Connecticut.

I welcome your reasonable comments.

Sincerely,

Ethan Book Jr.

Enclosure

c: President Barack Obama
Senator John McCain (AZ)
Congressman James Himes (CT)

Note: The original of this letter is being forwarded via facsimile no. (202) 224-1083.

P.O. Box 1385 - Fairfield, CT 06825
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December 22, 2009

Honorable
Barack Obama
President
United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

This letter is further to your copy of my letter of December 2, 2009 to Senator Christopher Dodd (copy attached) and is related to the present push of your administration for federal health care legislation.

My mentioned letter deals with an important political, moral and legal issue, that of undisputed facts which indicate that Mr. Dodd, then as a U.S. Congressman in the late 1970's, was a partner in a project of importing illegal drugs into the United States. To date, I have received no response from Senator Dodd regarding what can be termed as "weed-gate". Considering the nature of the rather specific and detailed set of facts which I have provided, it is likely that since the late 1970's, there have been many others who have received similar reports, of many others who have sent to Senator Dodd similar letters and even of various public officials who have become aware of this. Considering the nature of the situation and of how I have observed over several years that political matters tend to develop or be suppressed, I estimate that several thousand people have become aware of this situation, that Senator Dodd has received about 50 letters similar to mine, and that scores of high-level public officials had become aware of this situation even before my recent correspondence (perhaps even you and/or others within your administration).

As this might pertain to the present push for federal health care legislation, there has been much national media reporting about political favors which have been reportedly extended to several hold-out senators in return for their support for the pending legislation. I refer of course to at least \$100 million in extra medicare subsidies for Louisiana, a state represented by Senator Mary Landrieu and federal guarantee of payment of Medicaid coverage in Nebraska, a state represented by Senator Ben Nelson. While I certainly don't condone the practice of such apparent public favors in return for political support of federal legislation, I understand the motive and purpose.

What I don't understand in the context of such a questionable practice is why another item of \$100 million to fund construction of a university hospital in Connecticut was added to the mix. Senator Dodd was never known to be a hold-out for the pending health reform legislation. Is it plausible that the added motive for the "favor", ostensibly for the State of Connecticut, was intended as a political shield to insulate and protect Senator Dodd from individual accountability for his role in "weed-gate", a matter for which certainly there are many people who have been and continue to pose difficult questions.

There is an established legal term which is “deliberate indifference”. The term is often applied to government action. Is it possible that there has been a culture mentality among federal government officials of deliberate indifference to the “weed-gate” and what it really represents to the American public?

I respectfully request your full, prompt and careful review and reasonable reply to this letter.

Sincerely,

Ethan Book Jr.

Enclosure

c: Senator Christopher Dodd (CT)
Senator John McCain (AZ)
Congressman James Himes (CT)

*Note: The original of this letter is being transmitted via facsimile to (202) 456-2461.
Copies to Senators Dodd and McCain are also being transmitted via facsimile.*

P.O. Box 1385 – Fairfield, CT 06825
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January 19, 2010

Honorable
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Member
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Dear Senator Dodd:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 12, 2010 which appears to be in response to mine to you of November 20, 2009 (copy attached; for which I provided also follow-ups on December 2 and December 22, 2009). However, your three-page letter begins by saying “[t]hank you for contacting me regarding immigration reform”. My correspondences do not deal with immigration reform rather they deal with your apparent participation in what I aptly describe as “weed-gate”. Thus, your letter is fully non-responsive to the important public issues which are represented by the matter which I presented.

I must therefore again request that you promptly give a reasonable explanation to the undisputed account which I provided as “weed-gate” or that you immediately resign from your position as a member of the United States Senate representing the good citizens of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Ethan Book Jr.

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c: President Barack Obama
Senator John McCain (AZ)
Congressman James Himes (CT)