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BANK FUR WIRTSCHAFT UND FREIE  
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WIEN, AUSTRIA

AMERICAN GRAIN COMPANY, INC.  
ATTN: MR. KEITH W. STEBBINS  
BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS, USA

THRU: WAYMARK GROUP / USA

DEAR GENTLEPERSONS:

IN REGARD TO OUR PROCURMENT OF GOLD BACKED SOVIET UNION  
ROUBLE CHEQUES, IN THE FORM OF SUR TRAVELEUR'S CHEQUES,

PLEASE ARRANGE A PRIME BANK OF THE WESTERN  
BANKING INSTITUTIONS TO ATTEST TO THE SUR  
AUTHENTICITY AND THE IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE OR  
CASHING SUBJECT SOVIET UNION CHEQUES - GOLD  
BACKED, AS WELL AS A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE  
WESTERN BANKS INVOLVED AND KNOWN TO READILY  
ACCEPT SUR CHEQUES FOR EXCHANGE AND/OR SUR  
PAYMENT.

PLEASE ARRANGE A FIRST CLASS BANK OF THE SOVIET  
UNION GROUP OF USSR BANKS TO ATTEST TO THE SUR  
AUTHENTICITY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S GUARANTEE, AS  
WELL AS THE CONFIRMATION THAT THE AUTHORIZED SUR  
CHEQUE SIGNATORY HAS THE RIGHT TO EXCHANGE OR  
REQUEST IMMEDIATE PAYMENT OF THE OFFERED GOLD  
BACKED SOVIET UNION SUR CHEQUES, AS WELL AS A  
PARTIAL U.S.S.R. LISTING OF THE SOVIET UNION  
BANKS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUANCE AND ACCEPTANCE  
AND THE CASHING OUT (PAYMENT OF - UPON DEMAND)  
OF SUBJECT GB-SOVIET UNION TRAVELER'S CHEQUES.

PLEASE CONFIRM ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF  
SECURING AND CASHING SUBJECT BANK DOCUMENTS, AS  
WELL AS USAGE OF SAME TO PURCHASE WHICH USSR  
COMMODITIES AND MINERALS, DEBT OBLIGATIONS, ETC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURTESY AND MUTUAL COOPERATION.

ANEKO CREDIT PTE LIMITED, SINGAPORE

BY: Frank B. Ingram  
FRANK B INGRAM, DIRECTOR



Certified: Return Receipt

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**EFFECTIVE, AT ONCE...**

Dear Gentlepersons:

I have personally reviewed over the past few days the above-mentioned diatribe; certainly erroneous and extremely misleading to the citizens of the United States of America as noted below.

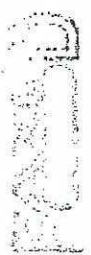
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V/109 U.S. Treasury/U.S. Customs Service Frank B. Ingram (SA32NV)  
has additional intelligence data on investigative activities on  
AMERICAN GRAIN COMPANY.

VI/120 Same as above on MS International

125 Same as above on Treuhand - Germany.

**Please Note** - In order to evaluate and control intelligence/surveillance operations on "money laundering activities and deposits," we were directed to establish several authorized USG fronts and intelligence groups to harness said alleged criminal activities.



- VII/143 FBI Associate Directors\* was fully briefed on USG sting activities of Leo E. Wanta, Waukesha County Deputy Sheriff, Shield #714 as to - Mafioso Frank Balistreri, et al  
Jerome S. Engle, AKA, ENGEL  
Falls Vending Services, Inc.  
Regency Catering, Inc.  
Quarterhouse, Ltd.
- 144 Special Agent/Resident Agent - in - charge William Lecates and SA32NV Ingram initially uncovered B.C.C.I. illegal banking activities, consisting of money laundering, military sales and arms commissions, inter alia; as this sensitive intelligence data was then forwarded to Attorney General Bill Barr.
- 158 Please obtain U.S. Treasury/Customs - Office of Special Investigations on:  
(A) Prescott Bush  
(B) Nomura (Suisse) facilities, supplied/coordinated by F.B. Ingram, Eyedent: FBI
- VIII/169 Soviet Union Rubles (SUR) is indeed a convertible currency under "Special Conditions: - as authorized.
- 170 BRINKS is a GZG authorized money counting clearing house for Wanta, ops!
- 171 ----"By men who were anything but mentally retarded," is now a continuing USG illegal conspiracy, abduction, subterfuge, and much more to be within U.S. Grand Jury, U.S. Senate Select Intelligence Committee, U.S. House Intelligence Committee, et al.
- Please Note** - That Soviet Embassies were and still are heavily involved as well as German/Suisse banking facilities.
- 172 Question - Why was the C.I.A. trading US Dollars for Yugoslavia Dinars prior to any known Balkan conflicts?
- Question - Why did Wanta transfer Kuwait Dinars by US Dollar payment in excess of multi-billion USG Dollars?
- Question - Why was Wanta investigating Suisse Banque traffic on Libyan Dinars; June and July 1993 with U.S. Federal case numbers?

Question - Why was Wanta authorized to seize stolen Citibank and Chase Prime Bank Guarantees being circulated June 1993 in Switzerland and being illegally negotiated within Suisse Banking community with special discounts?

Question - Why did AmeriTrust Corporation receive US \$162,385,000.00 into the Suisse Banques for prompt delivery of Prime Bank Guarantees under authorization of U.S. State and Treasury Departments during June and July 1993?

Question - Why did White House Counsel Vince Foster solicit the aggregate amount of US \$250,000,000.00 over 18/24 month for the Children's Defense Fund and schedule to meet July 1993 at Hotel de la Paix - Geneve?

Question - Why did Aneko Credit Pte Ltd. of Singapore Principals Kok and Wanta receive a Royal Commendation from the State of Kuwait?

Barnet Bank is Barnett Bank

173 Soviet Gold Ruble is/was legal tender since it has "gold Certificate Status."

174 Authentic Diplomatic Passports are not "Honorary" under Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961.

The 2,000 MT Purchase by New Republic/USA Financial Group, Ltd. Gesellschaft was authorized and delivered by USSR Central Bank at 1169 MT only to U.S. Treasury by Leo Emil BAHTA (Wanta), GZG intermediary! Your referenced Coppola was never involved in this GZG Au Bullion transaction!

IX/179 New Republic/USA Financial Groupe Ltd/Gesmbtt was never incorporated in Appleton, Wisconsin. Wanta is still the only legally authorized Foreign Partner with GZG sanctions.

180 U.S.State Department never stated "Wanta had any major debts and credit card problems."

Question - Who confronted whom in November 1990 and who fled? Certainly not Leo Wanta, the USSR Foreign Partner with Soviet Supreme Agreements!!

182 Wanta was never at any meeting with Gibbin and/or any associates, nor is/was Tremonti and/or Gulewicz any alleged American Confederate. Who is Rozenberg, Chernyafsky and the mysterious Omar Khan?

183 Since Wanta was never invited nor attended this referenced meeting; he would be "nowhere." In fact, it is obvious that the alleged Groupe, was attempting to illegally circumvent Wanta's legal Agreements with the Russian Government.

186 Wanta was born, June 11, 1940 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and never was in any pinball machine business in Menomonee Falls. Therefore, your irregularities are strange indeed. What alleged Senior F.B.I. official would ever confirm such RUBBISH?!!

Yes, U.S. Secret Service has files on Wanta due to his past USG candidate positions, Presidential Medal of Merit; Appointment to Presidential Task Force as Trustee, Member National Security Advisory Council; Presidential Candidate as U.S. Department of Defense, Inspector General, Commissioner of U.S. Customs Service, Assistant Secy. - Department of Labor, plus U.S. Special Operations - Office of Special Investigations (O.S.I. - I.S.A.), et al.

Wanta was never arrested, nor convicted, nor knowledgeable of any Suisse, international money laundering activities with/for any, yet unknown, Charleston Bank - Panama.

Please advise Wanta of any legal deportation particulars to the USA to stand trial for tax evasion as alleged in your book. Please define "Snake Oil Salesman and Flim-Flam Artist."

The Austrian Chancellor has no idea of any "Aggravated Fraud", nor do I.

187 What 14% favorable variance, in favour of Leo Emil Wanta or any Corporation?

Wanta never met Tremonti, period.

Amazing that your Tremonti, was a USG target initiated by Ingram and Lecates long before your listed dates. Ingram and SA233 MS Rick Reynolds never heard of your listed Gulewicz, nor as Wanta.

Reasonable and Intelligence personnel on a "need to know basis", knew that New Republic (Bush Sec. Code on Iran-Contra activities) was a USG Intelligence Operation to locate and seize Afghan - issued General Dynamic Stinger Missiles, Red Mercury (RM2020 product). Ref: USSR Fusion Bomb Investigation, MIG 29 Fulcrum Maintenance Manuals, US Dollar money laundering surveillance, and much more.

Amberhaven, Ltd. was under USG/NR-USA Covert investigation by Ingram/Lecates, et al.

- 189 --Verifies Wanta was absolutely independent of your Tremonti.  
Question - Why was Wanta completely sanctioned with absolute immunity with unlimited US Dollar control, inter alia?

It was indicated on several Intel reports that Dove Trading Groupe, was implicated with Lord Alexander, Bank of England to circumvent New Republic - WIEN Agreements, etc.

Why did Asian - Europa delay transfer of US Dollars for USR Rubles of M. Gorbachev; to prevent coup d 'etat payments in favour of President Boris Yeltsin, et al?

There was never been an covert/overt working relationships/agreements with any USG/Wanta Operations with any Mafia anywhere, nor International Partners.

- 189 Your "Mr. X" is/was no major player, only a commissioned agent of New Republic, following USG/NR-USA Corporate directives, and certainly in no position to reach any Jugular!
- 191 Is it not financially strange that USG/Wanta.ops was the only Legal Groupe to list "clean, clear, good, legal, bundled, counted, verified, packed and stamped Russian Rubles."
- 192 His Excellency, Kok Howe Kwong and Wanta due to USG covert operations had no "Confederates" as listed/noted, nor is either allowed to issue "false deals."
- 192/2 Tremonti wrote to Amberhaven, not NR-USA/Wanta about "smuggling .ops". and never heard of Himbank of New York.
- 192/3 Ingram will review "Mr. X" notes on file.  
Question - Who altered letterhead Telefon number?

- 192/5 Why is Asian - Europa the only legal principal with Russian Rubles of 70 plus Billion per mandate of Russian officials and legally successful deposits and transfers?
- 192/6 **Please Note** "Lew/Nv" notation -denoting "NV" is SA32NV (U.S. Treasury/O.S.I. - National Security. ops) As Wanta is USG operative with US Dollars.
- 192/7 New Republic is purchasing, not selling as falsely alleged, the 2,000 MT of Gold Bullion; Coppola is not at party to any GZG/USG operation, nor known to be capable financially.
- 194 What CLOUD over Wanta's head? The GZG/USG sanctions are obvious. New Republic/Wanta SEIZES weapons and nuclear material; does not sell, only directs/coordinates surveillance operational activities on Russian Fusion Bomb and RM2020 movements, inter alia.
- 195 Russia's alleged missing AU Bullion was legally transferred via Suisse Banques by Leo Emil Wanta (Bahta in Russian) to U.S. Treasury authority. Wanta never called nor knew any Coppola character.
- X/198 All Oil deals were GZG authorized exclusively in favour of Wanta operations.
- 202 What swindle and/or Wanta involvement? Wanta is US Dollar provider for SU Ruble delivery per GZG Special Agreements and authorized SANCTIONS, inter alia.
- Wanta never heard of an Alexander Doklychuk, nor any association known.
- 204 Wanta has SU Roubles by GZG Special Agreements exclusively to Wanta Financial Groupes, without any other unnecessary Mafioso Principals, yet unknown.
- XI/212 Wanta is the Counter-Intelligence operative in Europa that coordinated Special Operations, including RM 2020 Red Mercury surveillance of T.A. Trace Analysis, Morges, Switzerland, Dr. Lutz and Suisse Attorney Millie Ferrus (Lausanne) at all times - see USG/CIA Intel reports by Ingram/Reynolds (O.S.I.).



217 Dr. Lutz was testing Red Mercury and other nuclear material as discovered by Wanta Groupe, as well as Osmium 187 (OS 187) trafficking through Switzerland, and credit Suisse Banque facilities.

220 Wanta is obviously USG Intelligence in Europa and South East Asia. ops.

XIII/253 Simply inquire of Inter Pol Secretary General Ray Kendall of USG Dossier on - Intelligence Activities of:

- 1) Leo Emil Wanta (Falconbird)
- 2) Frank B. Ingram (SA 32NV)
- 3) Rick Reynolds (SA 233MS)
- 4) William Lecates (RAC)
- 5) Kok Howe Kwong (Transformer)

It is interesting to note that Leo Emil Wanta was illegally detained on July 7, 1993 in Lausanne, Switzerland for failure to pay US \$14,129.00 for a 1988/1989 State of Wisconsin tax assessment; ignoring the facts that the US \$14,129.00 was paid-in-full and settled by Wisconsin Department of Revenue Agreement, June 24, 1992.

While waiting for illegal abduction - July 7 to 17 November 1993, Wanta received chemical castration in Suisse Prison with all other inmates, contrary to numerous International Laws, USA/Canada Laws, Vienna Convention, Wisconsin Statutes, inter alia.

Wanta returned to USA by illegal and forceful abduction; whereas, a U.S. District Court on 19 November 1993, issued a full dismissal with prejudice in relation to false allegations of State of Wisconsin in May, 1993 to U.S. Federal Magistrate to abduct Wanta via U/S. State Department, Wisconsin State Attorney General, Wisconsin Department of Revenue tax agents and Suisse authorities through subterfuge, conspiracy, perjury, inter alia.

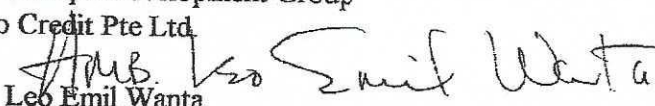
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Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely yours,

New Republic/USA Financial Group, Ltd. GesmbH  
Asian-Europa Development Group  
Aneko Credit Pte Ltd.

by:   
Leo Emil Wanta  
Principal/Directeur

cc/ As noted, 418/WSHDC .ops

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Leo E. Wania & Associates - Consultants to Management

Mr. [REDACTED]  
AMBERHAVEN LTD.  
July 9, 1990  
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However, as any good smuggler can tell you "Nothing is impossible". We will instead have the PROMSTROJBANK issue a letter that the checks are unencumbered.

Now: "Let's you and I knock the flies off", and find solutions to this valid transaction. I believe we are all singing out of the same "hymn book", but one of us is "tone deaf".

Respectfully submitted.

*Jack Tremonti*

Jack Tremonti/ by [REDACTED]

A piquant phrase in Jack Tremonti's letter to Leo Wanta, offering to sell 500 million Russian rubles on deposit to his account in the Promstrojbank in Moscow.

ХИМБАНК		
COMMERCIAL BANK OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY OF RUSSIA		
COMMERCIAL STOCKHOLDING BANK "HIMBANK"		
20, MIASNICKAJA STREET, 101851 MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION		
Issuing Office: -- OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS		
111 ALEXANDER STREET, ROCHESTER, N.Y. 14620-1105		
Letter of Indemnity/Guarantee		
Guarantee No. NB	US	Dollars
	Rochester, New York	of April 1989.
As security for a credit which you will grant to [REDACTED] we Commercial Stockholding Bank "HIMBANK", Rochester, New York office, hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you on first demand, irrespective of the validity and the effects of the above-mentioned credit relationship and waiving all rights of objection and defences arising therefrom, any amount up to [REDACTED] million hundred thousand dollars (\$ [REDACTED]), INCLUDING PRINCIPAL, INTEREST AND OTHER CHARGES, in lawful currency of the United States of America. Upon receipt of your duly signed request for payment by duly encoded telex stating that the amount claimed has become due to you by the end of the term, 12 months and 5 days from the date of issuance, April 1989. Your claim will be considered as having been made once we are in possession of your written request for payment or the telex to this effect.		
The total amount of this indemnity will be reduced by any payment effected hereunder.		
Our indemnity is valid until April 1994 and expires in full automatically if your claim has not been made on or before that date, regardless of such date being a banking day or not.		
This arrangement is governed by the laws of the United States of America.		
For and on behalf of COMMERCIAL STOCKHOLDING BANK "HIMBANK" MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION.		
..... authorized signature	..... authorized signature	Notary

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF MADISON  
I, [REDACTED], before me personally came Terry John [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED] day of April in the year 1993, before me personally came Terry John [REDACTED] to me known to be the person whose name is in the foregoing letter of indemnity/guarantee and agreement, and who executed the foregoing letter of indemnity/guarantee and agreement, and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

The mysterious "Himbank" of Moscow and Rochester, New York, offers its credentials.

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in two or three addresses in  
Moscow and from experience I know  
LOVE TO  
AND ALL BANKERS TALK AS MATTER  
WHERE THEY ARE IN THE WORLD - AND ESPECIALLY  
& PRIVATELY DECIDED TO PLAY A COUNTERFEIT  
ROLE TO CRASH THE RUBLE - IT WAS  
IN AUGUST THAT I SET UP THE TRACKING  
OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SUPPLIES OF  
RUBLES AND HOW THE EXCHANGE RATE COULD  
BE ARTIFICIALLY MANIPULATED ON PAPER  
IN SPITE OF THE PRESIDENT'S WANTED'S  
TREATIES - let them predict if they  
could, I WAS AFTER IVAN'S FUSULAR.  
SOME OF THOSE STRANGE PHASE OF SCENES  
UNINTERESTING - NAUGHTY TERMS & COUPLES  
WITH THE FLOOD - OTHER PROPOSED

Mr. X explains his "unilateral and private decision . . . to crash the ruble" in a fax to the author.

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03 OCTOBER 1990

URGENT >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>IMMEDIATE RESPONSE APPRECIATED

BANQUE PARIBAS  
ATTN: MR. DE MONTPELLIER  
TFAX - 331 429 81144  
BANK CODE - 30026  
BRANCH - 00140  
TELEX - 280263/210041

CC - [REDACTED]

REF: JACQUES SCHULTZ

DEAR GENTLEPERSONS:

HOLDING FOR IMMEDIATE BANK TO BANK EXCHANGE -

- TWENTY BILLION EXTERNAL RUSSIAN RUBLES  
TITLE OF OWNERSHIP, COUNTED/VERIFIED  
SWISS PRIME BANK, ETC.

USD 6.85/100 SUR - FOB: GENEVE BANK

TOTAL VALUE - US\$1,370,000,000.00

BANK CLOSING - 03 OCTOBER 1990

ROLLOVERS - YES, ADDITIONAL SUR 50 BILLION TODAY AND TOMORROW.

The mighty French bank Paribas is offered 20 billion Russian rubles from the American Leo Wanta in 1990. The price, \$1.3 billion, was about half the going rate on world money markets at the time.

New Republic/USA Financial Group, GES.m.b.H  
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25 SEPTEMBER 1990

CONFIRMING

PREPARED FOR: MR. AXEL DE MILLER AND ASSOCIATES  
STARL AG VADUZ  
ATTN: MR. AXEL DE MILLER

IRREVOCABLE/CONFIRMING PURCHASE ORDER NO: SUR/90.EXT.04

WE, NEW REPUBLIC/USA FINANCIAL GROUP, GmbH, ARE READY, WILLING AND ABLE AS A USDOLLAR PROVIDER WITH GOOD, CLEAN, CLEAR AND LEGAL USDOLLARS TO EFFECT THE IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE(S) OF EXTERNAL RUSSIAN ROUBLES (SUR), WHICH ARE TO BE CLEAN, CLEAR, GOOD, LEGAL, BUNDLED, COUNTED, VERIFIED, PACKED AND STAMPED IN 100 DENOMINATION BANKNOTES BY A PRIME/FIRST CLASS BANK FOR THE AMOUNT OF 100 BILLION SUR, WITH ROLLOVERS PLANNED UP TO MAXIMUM AVAILABILITY, UNTIL EITHER FUNDING IS EXHAUSTED.

COMMODITY : EXTERNAL RUSSIAN ROUBLES - CASH SUR NOTES  
EXCHANGE(S) : TWENTY FIVE BILLION SUR PER DAILY EXCHANGE  
TRANCHE, CIF: EURICH, SWITZERLAND.

EXCHANGE RATE : USDOLLARS SIX POINT SIX THREE PER 100-SUR  
MODE OF EXCHANGE : LETTER OF CREDIT, SIGHT DRAFT AND/OR SWIFT WIRE  
TRANSFER AGAINST PRESENTATION OF THE FOLLOWING  
BANK DOCUMENTS:

- A. DEPOSIT CERTIFICATES
- B. VERIFYING CERTIFICATES
- C. REPATRIATION CERTIFICATES

(ALL BANKING FEES/COSTS TO SUR PROVIDER ACCOUNT)

BANKING COORDINATES : TO BE EXCHANGED UPON SUR PROVIDER RWAD ACCEPTANCE  
OF ABOVE-MENTIONED TERMS AND CONDITIONS THROUGH  
RELEASE OF ADDENDUM A.

DELIVERY : IMMEDIATELY VIA PRIME SWISS, AUSTRIAN, N.V., OR  
OTHER ACCEPTABLE BANKING INSTITUTIONS.

SUR ACCEPTANCE : SUR PROVIDER TO ISSUE RWAD IMMEDIATELY THROUGH  
TELECOPIER - (414) 738.7007 USA OPERATIONS, IN  
FAVOUR OF NEW REPUBLIC/USA FINANCIAL GROUP, GmbH

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RAPID RESPONSE TO THIS PENDING TRANSACTION.

FAITHFULLY YOURS,  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NEW REPUBLIC/USA FINANCIAL GROUP, GmbH.

By:   
L. E. WANTA, DIRECTEUR-GENERAL, WIEN

Telecopiador - (414) 738.7007

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NEW REPUBLIC/USA  
FINANCIAL GROUP  
Ltd. Ges.m.b.H. AUSTRIA

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An obscure "Starl AG Vaduz" in Lichtenstein appears to be supplying Leo Wanta with 100 billion "clean, clear, good, legal, bundled, counted, verified, packed and stamped" Russian rubles, in cash, at 15 rubles to the dollar.

**New Republic / USA Financial Group Ltd.**  
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04 FEBRUARY 1991

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CONFIRMATION - DO NOT DUPLICATE

EL-SIRAAT TRADING INTERNATIONAL (INC) (MANDATED AGENT)  
IMPORT - EXPORT - COMM. REPS ATTN: MR. FAISAL S. KHAN, ES  
112 LAKEVIEW TERRACE, OAKLAND, NJ, USA 07436-0000

CONFIRMING IRREVOCABLE CORPORATE PURCHASE ORDER No: AU.910116.75(2X)

THIS DOCUMENT WILL CONFIRM THAT, NEW REPUBLIC/USA FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD. GmbH, IS READY, WILLING AND ABLE TO BUY/SELL/EFFECT \*2000\* METRIC TONS OF AU BULLION METAL, WITH ROLLOVERS UNDER GOOD LONDON DELIVERY (GLD), WITH USDOLLAR FUNDING BASED ON DAY OF EXCHANGE - SECOND LMER FIXING, FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ASSAY AND VERIFICATION OF AU METAL:

COMMODITY : AU BULLION IN 1/2 KG BARS, 999.5/1000 FINENESS  
HALLMARK : INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED HALLMARKS  
QUANTITY : \*\* 2000 \*\* METRIC TONNES, WITH ROLLOVERS  
DELIVERY : PER ACCEPTABLE LIFT SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED

USDOLLAR PRICING : GROSS DISCOUNT: 3.25 % NET DISCOUNT: 3.00 %

TRANSACTION CODE : AU/POL.91.SBC SECURITY CODE: GEVERS/LEON

DOCUMENTATION : CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN EXPORT LICENSES  
CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS  
CERTIFICATE OF ASSAYER  
TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES  
VERIFICATION OF FREE OF LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES


LOCATION : SECURITY VAULTS - KLOTEN, SWITZERLAND

PAYMENT TERMS : TWO BANKING DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF ASSAY AND THE PRIME BANK DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS.

NEW REPUBLIC/USA FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD GmbH, STANDS READY TO RECEIVE YOUR PRIME BANK TESTED TELEX OF AU METAL AND ACCEPTABLE LIFT SCHEDULE, WHEREAS OUR CLOSING BANK WILL CONFIRM USDOLLAR FUNDING. UPON AU SELLER GROUP ACCEPTANCE VIA YOUR RWAD, PRINCIPALS TO EXCHANGE PRIME BANKING COORDINATES TO FINALIZE THIS SPECIFIC AU TRANSACTION.

VALIDITY OF THIS METAL PURCHASE ORDER IS FOR FIVE (5) BANKING DAYS, UNLESS AU METAL PROVIDER CONFIRMS READINESS AND AVAILABILITY TO OUR PRIME BANK COORDINATES.

FAITHFULLY YOURS,  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF NEW REPUBLIC/USA FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD GmbH

By:  TELEPHONE: (414) 738.0229  
USA AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIE - L E WANTA

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Leo Wanta announces that he is selling 2,000 tons of gold in February 1991. An El-Siraat Trading International Corporation in Oakland, New Jersey, is among his prospective clients.

CLAIRE STERLING

Preisfreund's Transatlantik Foundation was buying a billion rubles from a Georg Horvath of Unitrade in Riemerling, Germany.

Preisfreund's Amberhaven was negotiating 5 billion rubles through the Atlalanos Ertektorgalmi Bank in Budapest; offering 700 million to a Van Moer, Santerre & Cie in Brussels; buying 50 million from a Faisal Finance in Istanbul via Impex in Vienna; buying 1.2 billion through a prominent Swiss lawyer in Chiasso named Francesco Campana, acting for, if not with, Jack Tremonti.

Leo Wanta was offering eight billion rubles to Volksbank in Bonn for \$544 million—a "first tranche," according to a fax from a bank officer; selling 9.63 billion rubles to a Noweka Co. through the Regio Bank in Basel, Switzerland; selling or claiming to sell 30 billion to the French bank Paribas, of which 20 billion appeared to be confirmed by the bank's director-general for foreign relations, M. De Montpellier.

Wanta was looking to buy 3 billion rubles in cash from a Sofidad in Geneva (the "French group," said Mr. X.); offering "up to 3 billion internal rubles" from his account at the Metishe Bank in Moscow; selling 50 billion external rubles to a Corep-Gestion, Sari corporation (apparently through the good offices of "the India ministry et al."); and bidding for "100 billion clean, clear, good, legal, bundled, counted, verified, packed, and stamped Russian rubles" from a Starl AG in Vaduz, Lichtenstein.

(Apart from his Metishe Bank in Russia, Wanta was using accounts with Credito Italiano in Milan, Swiss Banking Corporation in Geneva, Anker Bank in Geneva, the Dutch Algemeine Spaar in Brussels, Zentralsparkasse und Kommerzialbank in Vienna, Creditanstalt Bankverein in Vienna, and Citibank in Milan, New York, and Los Angeles.)

Jack Tremonti had dozens of supposed buy/sell deals going with Wanta and Preisfreund as well as outsiders, including an offer of "up to ten billion internal Russian ruble bank drafts" to a Basar Ltd./Presto AB in Istanbul and Stockholm. (Basar Ltd. was "the Turkish group—very big, very serious," Mr. X. said. AB appeared to be the Avenue Banque on the Champs-Élysées, where Wanta had another of his numerous bank accounts.)<sup>41</sup>

One of Tremonti's offers to Preisfreund's Amberhaven Ltd., for



half a billion rubles, came in an interesting letter from Sofia, Bulgaria. Tremonti had been bounding up and down so often on a Balkan cargo plane that "my appearance now resembles a basketball," he wrote. He was not offering external white checks or promissory notes, he said. He *was* offering internal white checks. "However, as any good smuggler can tell you, 'nothing is impossible.' . . . Now, let's you and I knock the flies off and find solutions to this valid transaction. I believe we are all singing out of the same hymnbook, but one of us is tone deaf."<sup>42</sup>

Some of their transactions had to be genuine and legal, judging from estimates of the rubles draining out of Russia between the middle and the end of 1990. "Billions of Russian rubles were purchased by Westerners at most favorable prices," said Leonid Fituni, president of Russia's Center for Global and Strategic Studies, later. "Tens of billions" was the estimate of the Soviet Central Bank.<sup>43</sup>

"I figured around seventy billion rubles were trading on the world market by late autumn of 1990," Mr. X. told me. That would have been around half of the national currency in circulation.

Looking back, the deputy head of the Russian Interior Ministry's Sixth Department, Gennady Chebotarev, conceded this. "We can agree with the figure of seventy or maybe eighty billion," he said.<sup>44</sup>

On the other hand, the paper trail was full of phony transactions never meant to be consummated. There is no evidence that the companies or individuals at the receiving end of these faxes were involved in the scam or knew its nature. Many of the several hundred faxes I saw were purely invented buy/sell orders for astronomical figures—one of Wanta's was for 500 billion rubles—sent in icily professional prose, with occasional grammatical lapses. In fact, Mr. X. explained, Wanta and his confederates were working the fax and phone methodically to force the ruble into a free-fall on world money markets, and Mr. X. was helping them. "We were beating the ruble down with paperwork, proposing false deals at low, low prices," he said. ("Leo, I desperately need phone, fax,



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