



April 22, 1991

WUCI-FM
Uhuru Communications, Inc.
56 Whitney Street
Binghamton, NY 13902

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am making a request for a copy of the WUCI-FM Public Inspection File. A reasonable amount of money will be paid to reproduce a copy of the Public Inspection File.

Attached you will find a copy of the FCC rules allowing a copy to be furnished me within seven (7) days of receipt of this letter.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

Mark Polovick

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Attachment

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Declaration of Kay Zaharis



DECLARATION OF KAY ZAHARIS

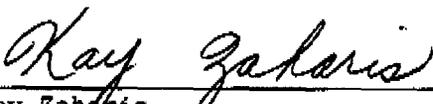
I, Kay Zaharis, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an employee of WSKG Public Telecommunications Council ("WSKG") in the position of Administrative Secretary. My responsibilities include administrative duties in the engineering and broadcasting departments.

2. At 2:20 p.m. on July 9, 1992, I arrived at 56 Whitney Avenue, Binghamton, New York, the building identified as the place where the FCC Public File for WUCI is kept. I asked the receptionist to see the public inspection file of WUCI. The receptionist asked me my name, made a phone call, looked at a sign-out sheet, and then informed me that I had to speak with Billie Anderson and she had left the office for lunch around 1:20 p.m.

3. I left the building and returned at approximately 2:50 p.m. and again inquired about seeing Billie Anderson. I was informed by the same receptionist that she had not yet returned from lunch. I then asked about the hour in which they were open. The receptionist informed me that the Opportunities for Broome office building, at 56 Whitney Avenue, opens at 8:30 a.m., but that Billie Anderson might or might not be in the office at that time. She also informed me that OFB only leased space to WUCI and had nothing else to do with the station. I needed to speak with Billie Anderson directly about any matters concerning WUCI.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 13, 1992.



Kay Zaharis
Administrative Secretary

ATTACHMENT 6

Declaration of Scott Anglehart
(Records from NTIA, U.S. Department of Commerce)

DECLARATION

I, **SCOTT B. ANGLEHART, ESQ.**, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney practicing with the law firm of Twining, Nemia, Hill & Steflik in Binghamton, New York and am admitted to practice in the State of New York.

2. In response to my request therefore, I received the attached documents by mail from K. Wayne Weaver, Counsel to the Inspector General of the United States Department of Commerce. These records regard the final investigative report pertaining to Ashimba A. Tariq of Uhuru Communications, Inc., contained in File No. 88NY16-2255. Parts of the report have been withheld pursuant to exemptions b(2), b(6), and b(7)(C) of the Freedom of Information Act.

I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: Binghamton, New York
April 29, 1991


A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Anglehart', is written over a horizontal line.

SCOTT B. ANGLEHART



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of Inspector General
Washington, D.C. 20230

AUG 17 1990

Scott B. Anglehart, Esq.
Twining, Nemia, Hill & Steflik
53 Front Street
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Dear Mr. Anglehart:

This responds to your letter of August 10, 1990 requesting access to a copy of the final investigative report pertaining to Ashimba A. Tariq, Uhuru Communications, Inc., which is contained in File No. 88NY16-2255.

We have reviewed this report under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and have determined that it must be partially withheld pursuant to exemptions b(2), b(6), and b(7)(C) of the FOIA. These exemptions are explained in Appendix A. A redacted copy of the report is enclosed.

Your administrative appeal rights, should you wish to request a review of this partial denial, are explained in Appendix B. If you have any questions, please contact Nori Huckabay, of my staff, at (202) 377-5992.

Sincerely,

K. Wayne Weaver
K. Wayne Weaver
Counsel to the Inspector General

Enclosures

APPENDIX A

EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT--5 U.S.C. §552

(EXEMPTIONS THAT APPLY TO YOUR REQUEST ARE CHECKED BELOW.)

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552(b), the Freedom of Information Act permits us to withhold information that is--

- (1)(A) specifically authorized under rules established by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified under such order;
- (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (3) specifically exempt from disclosure by statute, provided that such statute:
 - (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public so as to leave no discretion on the issue, or
 - (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular kinds of matters to be withheld;
- (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memoranda consisting of predecisional advice, opinions, or recommendations;
- (6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which constitutes a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such records:
 - (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with criminal, civil, or administrative enforcement proceedings,
 - (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or impartial adjudication,

- (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
- (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, and for a record compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source,
- (E) would disclose investigative techniques and procedures,
- (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel;
- (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by or for any agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions;
- (9) geological and geophysical information about wells, including maps.

APPENDIX B

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL RIGHTS

The Freedom of Information Act accords you the right to request a review of our determination to withhold documents from you. You may file an appeal with the General Counsel, the Department's FOIA Appeals Officer, within 30 days after (1) the date of this determination to withhold records, or (2) if some records are released at a later date, the date that the last records are released.

Plainly mark both your written request and your envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Appeal."

The appeal must contain the following information:

- your name and address,
- a copy of your initial request to us,
- a copy of the letter denying your request,
- the reason you believe that such records or information should be made available to you, and
- the reason you believe that our withholding was in error.

Mail your appeal to:

The General Counsel
Department of Commerce
Room 5879
14th & Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

For your information, the Department's rules implementing the Freedom of Information Act were published in the Code of Federal Regulations (see 15 C.F.R. §4.8).



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of Inspector General
Washington, DC 20230

MEMORANDUM FOR: JANICE OBUCHOWSKI
Assistant Secretary for
Communications and Information

FROM: FREDERICK J. PINCIARO
Assistant Inspector General
for Investigations

SUBJECT: ASHIMBA A. TARIQ
Former Executive Director
UHURU Communications, Inc.
PROGRAM FRAUD
88NY16-2255

Attached is an Abstract of Investigation which summarizes the findings of the captioned investigation.

In August 1987, JOANN ANDERSON, Program Officer, for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP), conducted an on site inspection of the radio station, UHURU Communications, Inc. (WUCI), located in Binghamton, New York. WUCI, a minority operated radio station had received a \$55,138 PTFP grant in 1986, to purchase and install broadcasting equipment, per the grant agreement.

During the inspection Anderson was only able to account for \$44,000 of the grant funds, and some documents needed to substantiate equipment purchases were missing. NTIA also received allegations that some of the equipment shown to ANDERSON during her on site inspection was not PTFP equipment.

Based upon this information, the New York Regional Office of Investigations initiated an investigation to determine the disposition of the grant funds and to determine the extent of which ASHIMBA A. TARIQ, the Executive Director of WUCI, was involved in possible criminal or civil violations concerning misappropriation or theft of grant funds.

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This investigation substantiated the following:

1. In August 1985, WUCI was awarded a \$55,138 PTFP grant. The purpose of the grant was to provide funding for equipment purchases as well as installation costs, necessary to develop a minority owned radio station.
2. The grant was paid in two installments, in the amounts of \$35,100.55 dated March 28, 1986, and \$20,037.45 dated May 5, 1986, respectively. Both checks were deposited into the WUCI general checking account, account number 36-073838-9 at Binghamton Savings Bank in Binghamton, New York. The grant recipient was not required to maintain the funds in a separate account, and the funds were intermingled with other funds.
3. Major expenditures for equipment by WUCI commenced upon receipt and deposit of the first grant check on March 31, 1986. Prior to the receipt of the NTIA grant, WUCI had received funding from the HOYT Foundation, Gannett Foundation and the New York State Council of the Arts, during 1985. These funds were utilized to pay administrative and operating expenses, with the exception of \$3,575. Hoyt Foundation Funds, used as a deposit on equipment being purchased from Quality Broadcasting.
4. The grant money was expended as follows:
 - A. \$36,070.77 was used to purchase PTFP equipment.
 - B. \$8,047.37 was used to pay administrative and operating expenses.
 - C. \$6,094 was used to pay for concert fees and related expenses of [REDACTED], a jazz performer. b6/b7c
 - D. \$3,118.33 was used to repay a loan to the Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier, located in Binghamton, New York.
 - E. \$1,700 was used to satisfy payment on a bad check made payable to another performer, [REDACTED]. b6
 - F. The remaining \$107.53 was also used to satisfy payment on another bad check written to [REDACTED].

5. It became apparent from the analysis of WUCI financial records that WUCI relied heavily on local, state and federal funding, just to meet its day to day operational expenses. The station generated very little income on its own.

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6. ASHIMBA A. TARIQ, who was the Executive Director of WUCI, had an extensive criminal background dating back to 1958. He is presently serving a two to six year sentence at the Wende Correctional Center, in Alden, New York, for possession of narcotics and criminal possession of a weapon. TARIQ, along with [REDACTED], Grants Coordinator for WUCI, who claimed [REDACTED] was TARIQ's wife, had complete control of WUCI's finances. TARIQ and [REDACTED] were also the only ones with check writing authority. Both claimed that when equipment was purchased with PTFP funds, a notation was made on the check or check stub, indicating that the equipment was purchased with PTFP funds. Only a few of the checks contained this notation.

7. Bank records were analyzed to determine if there was a theft of funds by TARIQ. On October 29, 1986, TARIQ paid [REDACTED], a private contractor, \$968.77, with a WUCI check. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] had paved the driveway at TARIQ's personal residence, and had not performed any services for the radio station. Cash withdrawals by TARIQ and checks to cash written and negotiated by TARIQ were also discovered, however the disposition of these funds could not be determined. Paula Conan, Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) for the Northern District of New York, was advised of the circumstances of the theft, however, prosecution was declined because the amount of the theft fell below the statutory minimum for 18 U.S.C. 666. Also, TARIQ was serving a two to six year sentence, for weapons and narcotics charges.

No other criminal violations were uncovered.

8. Name checks were not requested for TARIQ or his board members.

9. There was no information in the grant files to indicate what credentials, if any, TARIQ, or his board members possessed.

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10. [REDACTED] the Chief Engineer, for WUCI, who was also an engineer and board member for WHRW, the local college radio station, appeared to be the only board member who possessed the broadcasting expertise required.
11. Based on the interviews of various board members it was determined that TARIQ was given sole authority over the radio station's operation, and received very little assistance from them. The board members acted only when they discovered the station was in financial distress. While TARIQ was board president, the board membership changed several times.
12. During TARIQ's tenure, WUCI violated several of the grant requirements. Quarterly reports were not filed timely. WUCI was delinquent in filing a lien declaring the Government's interest in PTFP equipment. PTFP funds were misappropriated. Insurance on the PTFP equipment was allowed to lapse. Equipment was stolen and was not reported to NTIA during the inspection. The stolen equipment was then listed in the lien, though it was no longer in WUCI possession. When the lien was submitted to NTIA, ANDERSON had been advised of the theft of the RAMSA console. However she still approved the lien with the item on the list. Used equipment was substituted for new without NTIA approval. Other equipment was obtained but never paid for, while some equipment specified in the in the approved grant list was never purchased at all. TARIQ also signed a collateral agreement, pledging the equipment as collateral to secure a loan from the Islamic Organization of the Southern Tier.
13. When JOANN ANDERSON, Program Officer, for NTIA, conducted her on site inspection of WUCI on August 6, 1987, TARIQ had been removed by court order from his position as executive director. Still he met with ANDERSON and guided her during her inspection, though a new board of directors had taken over the station. When NTIA requested that WUCI provide documentation of equipment purchases, the station was not able to comply because the previous board of directors knew little or nothing about the equipment or the financial status of WUCI. The new board, which retained some of the old board members, found themselves in the same predicament.

14. TARIQ, however did admit that ANDERSON was shown some equipment not purchased with federal funds as evidence of grant expenditures during her inspection, and was not told this. He also stated that he along with other members, guided her during her inspection. He could not remember which board members were present.

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15. Our investigation did substantiate that some of the equipment listed in the approved grant list was on loan from WHRW during ANDERSON's inspection. In some cases, ANDERSON did not specifically identify equipment by brand name, make or model number, so it was difficult to determine what she actually saw during her inspection. The investigation did substantiate that a Collins 8 Mixing Console was purchased from WHRW. According to [REDACTED] a CCA FM Modulation Monitor, and Stereo Monitor, a McMartin RF Amplifier and an Automax were pieces of equipment on loan from WHRW. These may have been shown to ANDERSON during her inspection, however ANDERSON stated that she did not recall seeing these items.

16. An inspection of the Federal Government Priority Lien for WUCI revealed that some of the items in the lien were not seen by ANDERSON during her inspection, nor had adequate documentation of equipment purchases been secured at the time the lien was approved. Thus, the lien should not have been approved.

While it is the responsibility of the Office of Inspector General to conduct investigations to ensure compliance with the guidelines established for Department of Commerce programs utilizing federal funds, and to detect fraud and abuse within these programs, we are not responsible for the day to day administration of these programs, and are not involved in the grant decision making process. However, simple procedures such as performing credit and criminal history checks on persons applying for PTFP funds during the application process, periodic visits to the grant site, and periodic and more thorough monitoring of grant expenditures could have circumvented some of the problems encountered with this grant.

Based upon careful analysis of the facts obtained through this investigation, the following recommendations are made.

1. Background checks, credit and criminal, should be obtained for all persons applying for PTFP funds. Financial officers or other personnel, who will be handling PTFP funds within the grant applicant's organization should also be checked.
2. Grant recipients should also be required to segregate PTFP funds, from other monies to ensure proper accounting of PTFP funds.
3. When periodic reports are filed, proof of all cash outlays involving PTFP funds should be required, to establish that PTFP funds are being utilized properly.
4. The grant site should be visited periodically to ensure grant compliance, to determine if grant funds are being properly utilized, and to establish that the equipment actually exists, is being installed, and is eligible for grant purposes.
5. All supporting documentation for equipment purchases, proof of insurance, and the lien on equipment should be obtained and verified prior to the final site inspection. Any other documentation required prior to final site inspection, should be obtained before that inspection.
6. The Federal Government Priority Lien should not be approved until proof has been secured that the items contained in the lien actually exist, are in place, and adequate proof of purchase has been secured.
7. When on site inspections are conducted, equipment inventories should include identifying information such as serial number, brand name, and/or model number, so that the equipment may be matched with documentation to support purchases. Obtaining this information would help to produce a more precise picture of what was actually seen and would serve as an aid in future inspections.
8. Our final recommendation is that the grant be cancelled, that NTIA recover any funds from the station for undocumented expenses or expenditures otherwise not in accord with the grant terms, and that all identifiable PTFP equipment be secured.

Any comments you wish to make, should be made within 30 days, and should indicate any action taken or considered.

ASHIMBA TARIQ
Executive Director
UHURU Communications, Inc.
Binghamton, New York
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
PROGRAM FRAUD
88NY16-2255

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Prepared by Agent

[REDACTED]

Date

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ABSTRACT OF INVESTIGATION

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66/b7c Since the grant period had expired on July 31, 1987, the inspection was conducted to determine whether the grant funds were utilized properly. ASHIMBA A. TARIQ was the Executive Director of WUCI, while ██████████ acted as Grant Coordinator and Business Manager. During the inspection, ANDERSON was only able to account for \$44,000 of the grant funds. The remaining funds could not be accounted for. Also some documents needed to substantiate equipment purchases were missing. NTIA then attempted to secure the missing documents from TARIQ and ██████████. The documents were never forwarded to NTIA.

Later, NTIA received allegations that some of the radio equipment shown to ANDERSON, the program officer, to justify grant expenditures was not equipment purchased with grant funds, but equipment on loan from a local college. These allegations prompted a referral to the Office of Investigations, which resulted in the initiation of an investigation.

On March 2, 1988, JOANN ANDERSON, was interviewed by Special Agent ██████████. ANDERSON provided records relative to her on site visit. ANDERSON'S statements, along with the records she provided, revealed the following:

On August 6, 1987, ANDERSON conducted an on site inspection of WUCI, the recipient of a \$55,138 NTIA grant, which had expired in July 1987. The grant funds were to be used for equipment purchases and installation costs associated with the equipment. The grant period ran from August 1, 1985 to July 31, 1987. By the end of the grant period, WUCI was to have purchased all equipment and have the station operational. If these tasks were not complete by the expiration date they were allowed to request an extension.

ANDERSON found both ASHIMBA TARIQ, the Executive Director of WUCI, and [REDACTED] Treasurer of WUCI to be very cooperative during her on site inspection.

All documents submitted to ANDERSON to substantiate equipment purchases seemed to be in order, however, there were some documents missing. [REDACTED] informed her that [REDACTED] would forward the missing documents at a later date. These were never sent. After examining the equipment, ANDERSON was able to account for approximately \$44,000 worth of equipment.

ANDERSON also noted that the grant equipment was not labeled, nor was it insured.

Later, ANDERSON discovered that some of the equipment vendors had not been paid, and also concluded that some of the grant money may have been used to pay for operational expenses. In addition, she learned that TARIQ had been ousted from the radio station, and that a new board of directors had taken over. Two months after he was ousted from the radio station, TARIQ was arrested for parole violations.

In ANDERSON'S trip report dated August 6, 1987, she noted the following:

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1. All equipment was in place with the exception of a reel-to-reel tape recorder which was not purchased.
 2. The equipment was not properly labeled, so WUCI was instructed to label equipment.
 3. Most of the invoices were available but only some checks were provided.
 4. [REDACTED] was asked to provide missing documents by August 10, 1986.
 5. The station was in financial crisis.

ANDERSON also made notations on the approved equipment list if documentation was available. However, the equipment actually seen was not identified by her on this list by brand name, model number, serial number, etc. Some of the notations were questionable. The results of her inspection were inconclusive since not all documentation was provided.

In a letter to WUCI, dated August 12, 1987, NTIA requested that WUCI:

1. Provide a restructuring plan (financial strategy).
2. Obtain insurance and provide evidence of coverage.
3. Provide missing documentation.
4. Identify unpaid vendors and provide evidence of payment.
5. Provide an inventory list of equipment.
6. Apply permanent labels with inventory numbers to equipment.
7. Provide a final accounting of the grant.
8. Submit a letter indicating that the grant has been completed and equipment is installed and operating.

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The records submitted by WUCI did not satisfy NTIA's request. [REDACTED], who became the new board president after TARIQ was not cooperative, nor were [REDACTED] board members. [REDACTED] a former member of the new board advised ANDERSON that some of the equipment shown to ANDERSON at WUCI, was misrepresented as equipment purchased with grant funds when in fact the equipment was on loan from a local college. It later became apparent that [REDACTED] and some of [REDACTED] associates wanted control of the station. On August 26, 1987, October 21, 1987, and March 30, 1988, [REDACTED] forwarded documents in response to NTIA's request. The information [REDACTED] provided was incomplete, reflected equipment that was not specified per the approved grant list, and included invoices and checks for operational expenses not authorized per the grant.

Once it became evident that WUCI would not comply with NTIA's request for documentation and after receipt of allegations regarding the equipment, the case was referred to the Office of Inspector General.

An inspection of the WUCI grant file, number 36-01-55387, revealed the following:

UHURU Communications, Inc. was awarded a \$55,138 PTFP grant in August 1985. The grant period was from August 1, 1985 to July 31, 1987. The recipient's share of the cost was \$18,380. The grant (Financial Assistance Award) was signed by TARIQ on August 26, 1985.

The purpose of the grant was to provide funding for equipment purchases as well as installation costs necessary to develop a minority owned radio station.

The grant required WUCI to file a lien giving the federal government an interest in PTFP property, to timely file financial status reports on a quarterly basis, to report programmatic changes to the program officer, and not to assign or transfer the award or or any interest therein. The grant recipient was not required to maintain a separate account for the grant funds. JOANN ANDERSON was appointed the Federal Project Officer.

When the grant application was made in 1982, the station was located at 117 Hawley St., Binghamton, New York. The station later moved to 164 Court Street, also located in Binghamton, New York, in 1985. Application revisions were submitted to NTIA on January 10, 1984,

January 16, 1985, and June 3, 1985. During the application process, the station was not timely in submitting requested documentation and its financial viability was questionable. Neither TARIQ nor his board members had any business expertise. In addition, the grant file did not contain any background information or credit information for WUCI board members or personnel. The credit check showed there was no record for WUCI on file.

During the course of the grant, the following events transpired: Quarterly reports were not filed timely. A lien was not filed declaring the government's interest in PTFP equipment. Equipment was ordered and received but never paid for. Used equipment was purchased without NTIA approval. Insurance was allowed to lapse. Equipment was stolen and replaced with used equipment, without NTIA approval. Also some items specified in the grant as required equipment were never purchased. Finally, the financial condition of WUCI deteriorated.

TARIQ was given total authority over the radio station while board members remained complacent. When board members discovered that the station was in financial distress, they TARIQ ousted from his position as Executive Director, per court order dated July 30, 1987, six days prior to Anderson's visit.

INTERVIEWS OF WUCI BOARD MEMBERS AND PERSONNEL

Between May 4, 1988 and May 6, 1988, Special Agent [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Special Agent [REDACTED] U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations interviewed various board members and personnel connected with WUCI. b6/b

██████████ Former Board Member

██████████ a former board member was interviewed on May 5, 1988, regarding allegations against WUCI, which were made by ██████████ ██████████ provided substantively the following information:

██████████ was a former board member of WUCI, who resigned because ██████████ felt the board was not acting in the best interest of the station. ██████████ felt they were not cooperating with ANDERSON, the program officer, by failing to comply with her requests for documentation of equipment purchases.

██████████ believes ANDERSON was shown equipment not purchased with federal funds during her inspection of the station. ██████████ also alleged that the new board was removing equipment from the radio station, to prevent repossession by the Government no change. However, ██████████ did not know which pieces had been removed.

██████████ also stated that between June and August 1987, a production board purchased with federal grant funds was stolen. A police report was filed, however the board was never retrieved and no arrests were made. ██████████ believes ██████████ knows who has the board.

██████████ ██████████ believes ██████████ has PTFP equipment in ██████████ possession.

██████████ stated WUCI has three outstanding accounts, Northeast Broadcast Labs, Quality Broadcasting and Francisco Tower, Inc., which is owed approximately \$2,537. The station has bank accounts at the following banks:

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1. First Jersey National Bank
 2. Key Bank
 3. Marine Midland
 4. Binghamton Savings Bank
 5. Chase Lincoln First
 6. Hugh Bache Association

██████████ Disc Jockey

██████████ a disc jockey for WUCI was interviewed on May 4, 1988, and provided the following information:

1. ██████████ was formerly a student at the State University of New York (SUNY) and resided at ██████████ ██████████

2. [REDACTED] met TARIQ through SUNY disc jockeys who were working at WUCI, and began broadcasting for WUCI in August 1986, on a voluntary basis.
3. Before TARIQ was ousted from the radio station, he had complete control of the radio station. [REDACTED] could not remember any board meetings being held while [REDACTED] was a disc jockey and never saw any of the other board members at the station, with the exception of [REDACTED] who is the current station manager, and [REDACTED] who is the assistant station manager.
4. TARIQ never discussed station business and the board members as well as the staff never seemed to know what was going on.
5. Two or three months before TARIQ was ousted, he disappeared and did not come to the station for a couple of months. The station was in a state of havoc, disorganized, with bill collectors calling during broadcasting hours, demanding payment and threatening to discontinue services. When TARIQ did return to the station, he would not answer anyone's questions, and rumors began circulating that he was involved in drugs.
6. [REDACTED] who was the business manager, also did not come into the station on a regular basis. [REDACTED] dated TARIQ, and after [REDACTED] had a baby, [REDACTED] hardly came in at all.

[REDACTED] Former Grants Coordinator, Business Manager

[REDACTED] Former Grants Coordinator for WUCI, was interviewed on May 4th and 6th, 1988. [REDACTED] statement is summarized below:

1. [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] and is employed at [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] is presently married to TARIQ, former Executive Director of WUCI. They were married in August 1986, in Massachusetts.
3. [REDACTED] was formerly the grants coordinator for WUCI, and also held the posts of Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors. [REDACTED] also served as Business Manager, until TARIQ was ousted in 1987.

4. WUCI became operational in 1983, and as grants coordinator, [REDACTED] helped the station obtain grants, including the federal grant, to be used to purchase equipment.
5. The grant funds were disbursed to WUCI in two checks totaling \$55,000, which were deposited into a WUCI general checking account at Binghamton Savings Bank. A separate account was not maintained for the grant funds. Other monies were also deposited into this account.
6. Both [REDACTED] and TARIQ had check writing privileges. When equipment was purchased with federal grant funds the initials "PTFP" were written on the check or check stub.
7. WUCI also received a \$24,000 grant from the Hoyt Foundation which was deposited into a separate account. The station also has a Money Market account. [REDACTED] did not know where the account was located.
8. All WUCI records in [REDACTED] possession were picked up by [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] home, as a result of a court order. [REDACTED] provided quarterly reports during ANDERSON'S visit. [REDACTED] also would be willing to meet with [REDACTED], the current treasurer of WUCI, to organize and prepare documentation needed to substantiate equipment purchases.

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[REDACTED], Chief Engineer, Vice President, Board of Directors

[REDACTED], Vice President of the Board of Directors, WUCI was interviewed on May 4, 1988 and stated substantively the following:

1. [REDACTED] currently resides at [REDACTED] and is employed with [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] met TARIQ approximately six years ago while [REDACTED] was employed as an engineer for SUNY. At the time TARIQ was a student at SUNY and associated with the college radio station.
3. When TARIQ started the radio station, [REDACTED] served as volunteer engineer, and helped install most of the radio equipment. At present [REDACTED] still serves as Chief Engineer, and had been recently elected as Vice President of the Board of Directors. [REDACTED] first became a board member in 1985. [REDACTED] received some compensation for installation and engineering expenses. Checks may be found payable to [REDACTED] which is [REDACTED] company name.