

for the record. Do any of you have any additional information apart from speculation and rumor showing that politics played a role in your transfer or management decisions in this investigation? And I address that to anybody, all of you on the panel.

Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen. No, I do not.

Mr. Chaison. No, sir, I do not.

Mr. Waxman. Mr. Stephens, sir.

Mr. Schumacher. Other than what I was told in September by Mr. Howard.

Mr. Waxman. Mr. Schumacher, let me go back to you about this contribution that you heard about from a confidential source. You are testifying under oath. If what you say is true and there's no filing, it may involve a criminal violation for not having disclosed this contribution. Would you share this information with the committee, your confidential information?

Mr. Schumacher. No, sir.

Mr. Waxman. If not the name of the source, the details that were related to you.

Mr. Schumacher. It's a confidential matter, sir.

Mr. Waxman. You're testifying before Congress. We're asking you about some matter that might involve a violation of criminal law, and it would be, I think, incumbent upon you to tell us the substance of what report you heard, if not the source. What did you hear?

Mr. Schumacher. Excuse me for a moment, sir, while I confer with counsel here.

Mr. Waxman. Yes, Mr. Schumacher.

Mr. Schumacher. OK. It's—it's third-hand information, hearsay information that has not been corroborated, sir, from a confidential informant.

Mr. Waxman. So it's not reliable information.

Mr. Schumacher. It has not been corroborated.

Mr. Waxman. I want to tell you something that you may not know, because I don't think you know our colleague, Maxine Waters, but I've known her for many, many years, and I do not believe that she would ever improperly interfere with law enforcement or an investigation, but I do know that she has had a very longstanding concern about racial profiling, and we can read from her letter to the Attorney General that she expressed her concern about any potential racial profiling, and I don't think that is in any way inappropriate.

Mr. Schumacher. May I answer you—you raised the issue about racial profiling, sir. Let me explain a little bit to you about this case. This case involved the Houston 5th ward that is inner city, known as local impact case. This case does not involve enforcement activities where uniform cars or unmarked cars are set up on major thoroughfares to interdict people. There is no interdiction going on. OK. We have maps that we can show you just how inner city the 5th ward is. So I've always been a little confused why one of Ms. Waters complaints or allegations had to do with racial profiling, but thank you.

Mr. Waxman. Well, the only thing I point out to you is I'm not accusing you or anyone else of racial profiling. All I'm saying is that Representative Maxine Waters has had a very longstanding concern about this issue, and if she raised it as a concern, I think it's perfectly appropriate for her to raise it as a concern. I don't know if she made any accusations or not. Maybe she wanted to raise it as a matter that she thought ought to be looked at, and I think that's quite appropriate, and no one should think anything other than that. I have some time left, and I want to yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. Cummings. Now, Mr. Schumacher, just out of curiosity, you have talked about Mr. Howard, is that correct? You know him?

Mr. Schumacher. I know Mr. Howard very well.

Mr. Cummings. You understand he's going to be on the next panel, do you understand that?

Mr. Schumacher. I do.

Mr. Cummings. Is he an honorable man? Do you consider him to be an honorable man?

Mr. Schumacher. Absolutely.

Mr. Cummings. Because we're going to be listening to his testimony, I don't have a clue as to what he's going to say, but since there is a question mark that has been left as to what political reasons are and whatever, the various things that you've testified to, we're going to probably have to rely on his testimony, and I was just curious as to your opinion of him. What is your opinion of him, Mr. Stephens?