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Logo of Perfect Wave next to state of California along with date October 10, 2002 . SUPER: California company gets a million dollar Congressional earmark. Source: San Diego Union Tribune, 2/5/06	A California company gets a million dollar Congressional earmark.	House Passed Earmark For California Defense Contractor In Defense Appropriations Bill: California defense contractor Brent Wilkes owned a group of defense including ADCS Inc. and PerfectWave Technologies, which was marketing speech recognition technology to the Department of Defense. On Oct. 10, 2002 , the House passed a budget containing the first ever earmark for PerfectWave, totaling \$1 million. PerfectWave, which had just been founded on June 14 of that same year, would ultimately receive \$37 million in taxpayer money between 2002 and 2005. Wilkes’ entities received more than \$80 million total in Pentagon contracts. [San Diego Union Tribune, 2/5/06; Houston Chronicle, 4/4/06]																
Fade up Capitol building along with the date October 18, 2002 . Fade on Roy Blunt . SUPER: Roy Blunt gets \$13,000 from company executives. Source: FEC.gov	Eight days later, Roy Blunt gets \$13,000 dollars from company executives, even though they’ve never given to him before.	<p>Days After Bill Passed Including PerfectWave Earmark, Wilkes’ Associates – Who Had Never Before Donated to Blunt - Gave Blunt \$20,000 In Campaign Contributions: On October 18, just <u>eight days</u> after the first PerfectWave earmark passed, Wilkes’ political action committee and four of his close associates – including his co-conspirator defense consultant Mitchell Wade – contributed a total of \$14,000 to Congressman Blunt’s leadership PAC, Rely on Your Beliefs.</p> <p>October 18 Contributions to ROYB:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wilkes’ flagship company, ADCS Inc. PAC</td> <td align="right">\$5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mitchell Wade, Wilkes’ co-conspirator</td> <td align="right">\$2,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Max Gelwix, the CEO of PerfectWave</td> <td align="right">\$5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Smithers, an executive at ADCS</td> <td align="right"><u>\$1,000</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/18 total from company execs</td> <td align="right">\$13,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alan Gold, former chairman of Wilkes’ charity</td> <td align="right"><u>\$1,000</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>10/18 total from Wilkes’ associates</td> <td align="right">\$14,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>On October 31st Contributions to ROYB:</p>	Wilkes’ flagship company, ADCS Inc. PAC	\$5,000	Mitchell Wade, Wilkes’ co-conspirator	\$2,000	Max Gelwix, the CEO of PerfectWave	\$5,000	Paul Smithers, an executive at ADCS	<u>\$1,000</u>	10/18 total from company execs	\$13,000	 		Alan Gold, former chairman of Wilkes’ charity	<u>\$1,000</u>	10/18 total from Wilkes’ associates	\$14,000
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		<p>Randy Beck (Wilkes' neighbor) \$1,000</p> <p>William Adams (PerfectWave investor) <u>\$5,000</u></p> <p>Total Oct. contribs from Wilkes' assoc. \$20,000</p> <p>None Had Given to Blunt Previously: Notably, none of these individuals had ever contributed to Blunt before October 18. [FEC.gov; San Diego Union Tribune, 2/5/06]</p> <p>Blunt Ultimately Received \$26,000 in Contributions from Wilkes & Associates – then Refused to Return the Money: Cong. Blunt's committee ultimately received \$26,000 from Wilkes' associates – including his co-conspirator Mitchell Wade – and companies between 2002 and 2004. Although many members of Congress who received donations from donors implicated in the bribery case announced they would return the money once the extent of the scandal was revealed, Blunt refused to return the money. [St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 12/9/05; FEC.gov]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>San Diego Union Tribune</u> Headline: The power of persuasion – Poway businessman Brent Wilkes funneled campaign donations to key lawmakers as he tried to build defense empire. [San Diego Union Tribune, 2/5/06] ➤ <u>USA Today</u> Headline: Contractor spends big on key lawmakers [USA Today, 11/29/05] ➤ <u>St. Louis Post Dispatch</u> Headline: Blunt will keep tainted donations as other vow to give them away. [St. Louis Post Dispatch, 12/9/05] <p>Springfield News-Leader Confirms Details: “This is true” said the <u>Springfield News Leader</u> concerning the fact that “Wilkes and associates contributed thousands of dollars to Blunt days after an earmark for a Wilkes company passed. None had given to Blunt previously.” [Springfield News Leader, 9/12/10]</p>
<p>Capitol and company logo replaced with Lear jet. Fade on HEADLINE: “Hill Leaders Often Take Corporate Jets”</p>	<p>Blunt then flies repeatedly on their corporate jet.</p>	<p>Blunt Accepted Private Jet Flights With Wilkes' Company: Blunt also accepted private jet flights from Wilkes' private jet company, Group W Transportation. According to the Associated Press, Wilkes used the jet flights to “curry favor with key lawmakers” such as Blunt and indicted former Majority Leader Tom DeLay. [AP, 4/9/05]</p> <p>Blunt's PAC Reimbursed Wilkes' Company for Private Jet Flight <u>ON THE SAME DAY</u> As Secret Earmark: Blunt's leadership PAC reimbursed Group W Advisors for Corporate Jet Flight on the same day as the earmark -- October 10, 2002. [OpenSecrets]</p>

		<p>No Contest: Blunt <u>Admitted</u> to Flying on Brent Wilkes' Company Jet. As reported by the Springfield News-Leader, "He did." [Springfield News Leader, 9/12/10]</p> <p>WDAF: Blunt "Doesn't Deny" Riding Corporate Jet Provided By Contractor Convicted of Bribery: "Blunt's camp doesn't deny this." [WDAF, 9/6/10]</p>
<p>Mug or head shot of Wilkes w/ HEADLINE: "Defense Contractor Sentenced to 12 Years for Bribery," <i>Source: Washington Post, 2/20/08</i> Fade on image of Blunt.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive is convicted of bribing <u>another</u> Congressman, but Blunt uses Congressional immunity to avoid testifying.</p>	<p>Former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham Pleaded Guilty to Taking Bribes: In March 2006, Cunningham was sentenced to eight years and four months in prison after pleading guilty to taking \$2.4 million in bribes and evading more than \$1 million in federal income taxes. [Los Angeles Times, 11/6/07]</p> <p>Wilkes Convicted of Bribing Former Cunningham in November 2007: As reported by the Los Angeles Times, Brent Wilkes was convicted of "bribing disgraced former Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham with cash, fancy vacations, furniture and prostitutes in exchange for help getting government contracts." [Los Angeles Times, 11/6/07]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wilkes Sentenced in February 2008: As reported by the <u>San Diego Union Tribune</u>, "Brent Wilkes, the Poway defense contractor who federal prosecutors contend was the mastermind behind the largest congressional bribery scheme in history, was sentenced to 12 years in prison Tuesday." [San Diego Union Tribune, 2/19/08] <p>Blunt Subpoenaed in Wilkes' Trial But Refused to Comply: Blunt was subpoenaed to testify in the trial of Brent Wilkes, the California defense contractor who was later convicted of bribing Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham with \$700,000 in cash and perks in exchange for millions in earmarks for his defense companies. Blunt, along with 12 other subpoenaed members of Congress, did not comply. The U.S. House lawyers argued that the Constitution protects members of Congress from being forced to disclose communications that are part of their official duties. Wilkes' lawyers had refused to disclose what questions he planned to ask lawmakers. [AP, 9/18/07]</p>