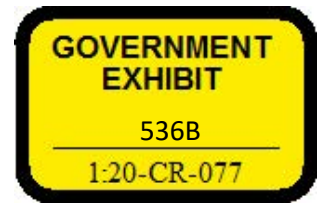


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Clark: Because back then when they go to dinner, before they did term limits and they did campaign finance reform, um, whether it was significant people that are still alive, that you know very well, that had dinner with the Governor or the candidate they'd give them a \$100,000. Whether it was FirstEnergy, name the name, they'd give them a \$100,000. And, and it was legit, right in hard dollars into their campaign. So they would do that three, four times a year and get this kind of money. Because it was all about, you took the money, it was just reported, they reported on your campaign report you got a \$100,000 from X person.

Edwards: It was unlimited.

Clark: It was unlimited. And then dickhead Voinovich after he takes, he was the most expensive gubernatorial race in 1992, it was like \$10,000,000. He comes out with Dawson and Curt, and they go, we need campaign finance reform. And I go it's interesting that you guys are doing this after you win. And they kept doing this, and who do you think they had carry the bill? Jeff Jacobson. And they all said that we're all, we're all crooks.

Householder: It was a shitty bill.

Clark: We're all crooks and we're all this and we're all that. And my attitude was, isn't that better for you to know exactly who's giving you the money, if somebody wants to give you a \$100,000 let the press go and ask questions, why'd they give you a \$100,000? Right?

Edwards: Now they're just doing it behind, behind the scenes.

Clark: No, now they're going to (c)4s.

Edwards: Mm-hmm.

Clark: And now you're never going to find out. So you, you press did that because you decided to make, to create this world of none of your fucking business. You decided to make it none of your fucking business. And that's something that is just, that's what really turned this place into the wrong attitude.

Edwards: Mm-hmm.

Clark: Um, but it's the only attitude that it has to exist now because the courts have already decided it's none of, it's none of your fucking business. It's just not. We can argue about this all night long it's, it's not your business.

Householder: So I think, I think actually we could pass campaign finance reforms right now, today. It would take the limits off.

Clark: We should.

UC Brian: Term limits?

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Edwards: How would you do it?

Householder: No, no, not term limits.

UC Brian: Campaign.

Householder: Dollars.

UC Brian: Dollars.

Edwards: How would you do it?

Householder: Simple, do it as a bill.

Clark: Right.

Householder: I would argue you've already got it.

Clark: (OV) It's, it's already. Yeah. It's--

Householder: Wouldn't you, wouldn't you rather have full disclosure?

Edwards: Negative you wouldn't make it out of the Senate--(IA).

Clark: I'd rather, I'd rather have, here you'd know what I'd rather have in, in the public environment, I'd rather have when you're out to dinner or you take a trip, let's say that you went instead of pretending that you're in Ohio. You're in the Ohio Senate, instead of pretending that we going to go to Key West to have a fundraiser, let's just call it what it is. Let's call a spade a spade. You're going down there for a free fucking trip and you're getting a \$5,000 benefit from it.

Edwards: Yeah.

Clark: Let's do a cam--, you know, put it in a campaign expenditures that you, that lobbyists paid \$5,000 for you to go.

Edwards: Now we got to worry, now we got to worry my next candidates going to beat the shit out of me.

Clark: Well but, but or you justify where you did it. Either you explain it or you--

Edwards: (OV) Or they will explain it for you.

Clark: Right so, so that I think is in itself enough. Now Bill Seitz would take, Bill Seitz would take a \$100,000 a trip. Bill Seitz if, if we had no limits, he'll fly to Dubai, first class.

(Laughter)

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Clark: Fucking first class, three fucking whores...

UC Vinny: (OV) I knew Bill.

Clark: ...three fucking whores, three fucking whores...

UC Vinny: (UI)

Edwards: (OV) He'd probably have her name on the campaign contribution.

Clark: ...and he won't give a rat's ass.

UC Brian: Yes, Neil (UI).

Householder: And Tom Patton will be flying the plane.

Edwards: (UI) be making coffee or something.

(Laughter)

Clark: Fucking Tom, Tom would be going, I mean Tom would just, you could see Tom on the floor, Tom's pants would be wet.

(Laughter)

Clark: You could, you see, why your pants wet, I mean Tom, I mean if you actually look at...

Edwards: (UI) a million dollar check over here.

Clark: ...if you look at the reports and go back twenty years on, twenty, thirty years on Tom, you'll see that he has--

Householder: \$85,000 a year like clockwork.

Clark: I, I thought it forty a year paying for shit that--

Edwards: His family (UI).

Clark: \$35,000 in, no, not thirty-five, \$27,000 in sports tickets.

Edwards: Well, he's a, he's a ticket union guy.

Householder: A ticket taker.

Clark: Yeah, a ticket taker...

(Laughter)

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UC Vinny: In a union.

Clark: ...but he still buys it from the Browns. And it's, I wish you basketball, football, okay?

Householder: \$3,500 a month to his legal counsel.

Clark: Legal counsel.

Householder: For his daughter.

Clark: His daughter.

Gray: And his former LA (UI) John Henry who makes like forty K a year off of him.

Edwards: So here's, here's the issue though that I see in passing the bill. I don't think that there's enough people in the legislature that even understand (c)4s. I bet they don't have a clue what a, if you sat down with us I guarantee the majority of, I guarantee--

Gray: (OV) If they've been attacked by one, they do. (Laughter)

Edwards: I guarantee there's, there's probably eighty legislators in the House.

Clark: (OV) But (c)4s, (c)4s aren't going to go away if you do, if you do, if you do hard dollar changes. But what I think what hard dollar changes brings, whether for expenditures or for campaigns.

Edwards: It brings light.

Clark: It brings, it brings light back in and it says to people, quit busting my balls about a \$75 dinner.

Householder: You know what I think?

Clark: Don't bust my balls.

Householder: And I was going to have this discussion with you anyway this is the, this is the perfect time to talk about it. I think, I think, uh, FES and, uh, labor needs to consider reporting on the (c)4.

Clark: Oh my God.

Householder: Coming clean. Saying, yeah it's us. It's us. It, it, it is just like I said on television.

Clark: To tell you the truth I really, at this point it's (IA).

Householder: It's an Ohio, yes, we're an Ohio corporation, that are trying to stay in business in Ohio.

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Clark: Right.

Householder: And we are Ohio employees, let us keep our jobs.

Clark: Right.

Householder: And, and go okay, I showed you mine, you show me yours.

Clark: (OV) You show me yours.

(UI)

Householder: (IA) Everybody knows who they are.

Clark: That's my guy. Thank you.

Householder: Everybody knows who they are.

UC Brian: Yeah. There's no fallout for them at all?

Householder: No, everybody already knows who they are. Everybody knows who's, who's funding House Bill Six. When presses asks me about this, what I've told them, I've said, you know who's, who's funding House Bill Six? This, this uh, early in House Bill Six, I said simple, it's Ohio company and wants, wants to stay in Ohio. And it's Ohio workers that want jobs in Ohio. Now who's, who's funding the anti? Well it's simple, out of state people that want to take...

UC Brian: Come in.

Householder: ...yeah, that's what this is about.

Edwards: So the argument then becomes, well we're telling you where our money's coming from (IA).

Householder: Yeah, show me, I showed you mine.

Clark: I'm okay with.

Householder: It's just like, you know, back in the garage in junior high. Right?

(Laughter)

Clark: Hey you know, now you know we.

Householder: (OV) Hey I showed you mine.

Edwards: That's what them New Lexington kids would do.

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UC Vinny: (UI)

Householder: I showed you mine, so you show me yours.

Clark: I need you, I need you...

Householder: They'll never do it.

Clark: ...as you well know...

Householder: (OV) That other bunch will never do it. They'll never do it.

Clark: ...(IA) no you need to, you're welcome to stop.

Edwards: Oh yeah I've actually.

UC Brian: Sorry?

Householder: They're, they're from Texas.

UC Vinny: They're not local?

Householder: They're not going to do it.

UC Vinny: They're not from around here?

UC Brian: (UI)

Householder: They are from Texas.

UC Brian: They can't, right?

Householder: So they're going to sit there and say, hmm. You know they'll never show theirs.

Clark: I it's I, I have, I'm actually at this stage we have done so much. We have, um, over the weekend after I, we have now bought out, uh, eight more signature collection firms so that number is now up to like twenty-five, twenty-six. Um, when they were talking to the signature collection firms, they said they've only collected fifty-five thousand signatures, fifty-five thousand.

Edwards: Thank you.

Clark: Now when we were doing our calculations, you know mine was showing about eighty-seven thousand.

Householder: I thought they were at a hundred twenty-five thousand.

Clark: Hmm? Well I.

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Householder: That's what I would have thought at this point.

Clark: They needed to be at, they needed to be at...

Edwards: No, I'm good.

Clark: ...at this stage now today two, two twenty 'cause remember this is now, we're almost at halfway, we're at the halfway point.

Householder: I'm alright.

Clark: There are twenty-eight days left of the, of the fifty-one, of the fifty-one days that they have to collect signatures they're at.

Householder: Neil, are they stupid? I mean if you're sitting there at fifty-five thousand...

Clark: Even if they're, if they're, but...

Householder: ...signatures right now, well, you know what.

Clark: ...(IA) they try to hire everybody.

Edwards: Let's go home.

Householder: I'm out.

Clark: So of course, today I started circulating the petition saying...

Unknown: Yeah.

Clark: ...support the General Assembly 'cause they, I had to have a vehicle to buy off people in the (UI) and I'm offering them \$25 an hour. And, uh, I'm going, son of a bitch. Either, either these guys are completely fucking stupid or they got a bunch of people going door to door.

Edwards: You need more bodies for that? You need more bodies for that?

Clark: We'll take whatever you've got. We've got people.

Edwards: I can get those, I can get some of these college Republicans.

Clark: (OV) If you got people, you need.

Householder: Could you get bread, rolls?

Clark: Did you hear what I'm saying...

Bartender: Yes, sir.

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Clark: ...you need it...

Bartender: I'll have another roll right out for you.

Clark: ...get on the phone tomorrow with me and we'll, give me the names.

Edwards: I can tell them a host of anything.

Clark: (UI) you know.

UC Brian: If you want them to go around collect signatures, they can go around.

Clark: I want, I want them collecting signatures 'cause there (UI).

Edwards: (UI, OV)

Clark: Right, right, exactly. And occasionally they walk up to somebody that's working on the other side, you can come and work for us for \$26 an hour.

Edwards: Yes.

Clark: This is a great job for you.

Bartender: You're welcome, sir.

Clark: See, what I'm saying?

Edwards: Mm-hmm.

Clark: That's all I need them to do.

UC Brian: If you ask me (UI).

Bartender: (IA) plug this (IA) for you? You can plug it right behind these chairs (UI).

Clark: You hear what I'm saying to you? Is that I need them to be able to get paid, go collect signatures, and they come across people that are collecting signatures for the other side they say--

Edwards: Is there, is there a newspaper articles on the (UI)?

Clark: There is going to be now.

Edwards: Where can they get them?

Clark: (UI) They're already tweeting about it, they're already, it's already out there.

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Edwards: In the Dispatch?

Clark: Oh yeah everywhere. Cleveland Plain Dealer (IA) we will pay--

Householder: You know, I don't think we ever had, I don't think we have to disclose.

Bartender: Just like (UI).

Clark: We're not going to, yes.

Householder: Period. I don't think we even need a disclaimer, there's no campaign going on.

Clark: I know.

Gray: (OV) Can I have another piece of bread? Can I have another piece of bread, please?

Householder: (OV) We're not trying to affect an election.

Bartender: Yes, sir, I'll have some out for you in about five minutes.

Householder: We're just saying don't sign the damn thing.

Clark: That's a constitutional right to sign a petition to say the General Assembly should. It's, it's not a campaign, it's none of your fucking business. You try to say that to Carlo and Curt is like, you know, see if they, they want to have the sex, but they want to be able to tell people they wouldn't fuck us. I tell you now, the, the problem is when you go to (UI), when you're living in his world, it's, it's really not a nice place to be. I mean, you know, your world.

Householder: Well I enjoy my world.

Clark: I know but, but, (Laughter) when you work for him, you work. You do what you're supposed to do and don't fucking whine about it. Just don't fucking whine about it.

Householder: Unless you're (UI).

Clark: When you fuck up, when you fuck up...

Householder: (IA) gets away with shit.

Clark: ...when, when you fuck up, admit it. Don't fuck up.

Householder: (UI, OV)

Clark: He hates hearing from people going, an excuse.

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

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Clark: The one thing Householder doesn't like hearing is a fucking excuse.

UC Brian: That sounds like the conversation we had out there.

Edwards: Agreed. Just to change.

Clark: Just say, I fucked up.

UC Vinny: I know somebody like that. (Laughter)

Clark: Like I said something to him three weeks ago, I, I admitted to him, I could hear his voice going, kill me. Zeiger, Zeiger.

Householder: Oh yeah.

Clark: Well he wanted to kill me...

Householder: Stupid fucking move.

Clark: ...oh, he wanted to kill me. My phone was melting in my hand. So what do you think I did? Larry, I fucked up.

Gray: I've still never heard you scream at someone like you did at Rex that one day. It was in the primary when we were having our little rough spot but (UI) and you called up Rex and he said, how much money is it going to cost me to win my election? And Rex said, well it depends, how much money do you have in your account?

Householder: (Laughter)

Gray: And after about the fifth time of him saying, what do you have in your account? You broke down and just, I will raise whatever fucking money it costs.

Clark: The one thing I've learned in all this...

Gray: You leech, I have (UI).

Clark: ...the one thing I've learned in all this (IA)...

Householder: Like having a mosquito attached to your left nut.

(Laughter)

Clark: ...there's the best thing, the best thing that Jeff said to me a couple weeks ago. One thing I've learned from you, 'cause I was, I was penny pinching on this issue a couple of weeks ago. He goes you know don't, don't. Speaker will raise whatever money we need. It doesn't really matter, he'll do it. He's already had the conversation.

(UI)

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Clark: There was--

Gray: The problem with Rex is.

Clark: You know, you know what's important about, about when you live in a world, when you live in a world of all of us with pretty big egos, pretty big, some of us are really old, who are getting older, some of you are really young.

UC Brian: Who are you talking about?

Edwards: You didn't look at me when you said that. You looked at Brain when you said that.

(Laughter)

Clark: I know you're a little bit in between. (UI)

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

Clark: The most important thing in life is to, when you guys, when you have a campaign, everybody gets in the room and they bitch and they make the presentation and you have these discussions. And when you leave that room, you do your job and nobody says I told you so. Okay, but what's also expected is that you guys your age is that you have this thing of reckless abandonment and that he did, he learned in football and he learned in sports is that you sacrifice your body for the purpose of the team. As we all get older...

UC Vinny: Leave it on the field.

Clark: ...as we all get older, people get...

Householder: Arthritis.

Clark: ...laid.

(Laughter)

UC Vinny: Leave it on the field.

Clark: And they have the pain and so they right where, where.

UC Brian: Excuse me, excuse me.

(UI)

UC Brian: Two for two. I am starting to keep score.

(Laughter)

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Clark: What really becomes important is that as you're going through this is that, 'cause a lot of us have gotten haven't, haven't been used to working for somebody who is way up here and, and, uh, demands. His demands, his expectations are twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week period, period, uh, with no exception. Whether it's by texting, by phone, you all learn that. It's the guys that want to be, Rex came from somewhere, Neil Clark came from somewhere, uh, Jeff came from somewhere, uh, Curt Steiner came from somewhere, all these guys who are accounted came from somewhere that sat next to a kid who gave them the opportunity to produce. And all that's expected, when you come up the food chain, is to produce. And as you're leaving the food chain, you're still a producer and there can be no excuses. Because in the end nobody wants to, thinking about Ryan Smith, Ryan Smith's gone.

Edwards: (OV) That's, that's President Smith to you.

(Laughter)

Householder: Not yet, not yet. He hasn't taken the damn job yet.

Clark: He hasn't taken it yet?

Householder: Shit, I don't (UI).

Clark: (OV) He's still negotiating?

Edwards: He's negotiating a package. He's trying to negotiate his pay.

Householder: (UI) I'm about ready to take it away.

(Laughter) (UI)

Clark: (UI) Oh my God, (IA) what a fucking dick.

Householder: It's over, pull the plug.

Gray: You ought to just, uh--

Householder: Look he's going to finish out his career in the House.

Clark: If I were, if I were your age, I'd be doing the exact same game you're doing. I would work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. I would do whatever's necessary, I might come up with the best creative ways to be a winner.

Gray: Alright.

Clark: And but also make sure that when you're, when it's time to criticize, you make sure you have all the room you need to make sure you fight with them and say you know it's like I said to Curt the other day. When I'm on the phone with Curt, I go, Curt, this not, is this spot not correct? Yes. Is, am, am I doing something wrong here? And he goes well my, my,

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my, my friends really don't like it. I'm going, cunt. I said, I know Curt this is what (UI).

Householder: You're not in the business (UI).

(Laughter)

Clark: (UI) When you're supposed to be doing this shit. And he said bitching and moaning about, but yet when he worked for Tom VanMeter, he would have fucking sliced your balls off. You know filleted them and fed them to you.

Edwards: So it's just 'cause he's getting older.

Clark: Because he wants the security of making sure you always have money coming in. And that's not how you survive.

Edwards: You don't play it safe, you keep doing and you keep doing what...

Clark: (OV) It's, it's Jane Cochran (PH).

Edwards: ...got you there.

Clark: Name the people. And, and so here's Carlo. Carlo and Curt are talking to each other every day and their playing with each other's butts.

Edwards: Carlo?

Clark: Carlo LoParo.

Edwards: (UI)

Householder: (OV) Carlo caught the fever.

Clark: (UI)

Householder: (OV) He caught the fever.

Clark: He caught the fever, right. And so now it's all of a sudden touchy-feely shit. I was on the phone with him outside and he goes well he, he, I already told the press. And I said, I told you not to talk to the press. Why they don't and he says, he said something wasn't true and he goes well you didn't share it with me and I said there was a reason I didn't share it with you. You couldn't have knowledge about this. 'Cause he wanted to bring Curt on the phone. I said Curt can't be on the phone. He's don't, don't put him on the phone. And it's like, it's going over their heads going. No compete clauses, contracts all this other kind of shit. You can't, Curt can't be on the phone. And Carlo called, I need his counsel and I go (IA).

Householder: (UI)

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Edwards: I can tell.

Clark: Get some balls.

Householder: He used to be a miserable son of a bitch.

Edwards: He's finally having fun.

Householder: That's why I brought him back.

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

Edwards: Glad you brought him back?

(Laughter) (UI)

Clark: Oh yeah, oh yeah.

Householder: (UI)

Clark: (OV) I tell him every day.

Householder: (UI)

Clark: I tell him every day, thank you, thank you for letting me be involved. I told him a few months ago, I said, you know, I'm just so happy that you apologized. But I don't understand is the softness of the, uh, the gray hairs are so soft. They're so used to taking care of the Randy Ludlows and all these other guys who are just the, the printed media is going away, it doesn't count today. They said social (UI)...

Edwards: (OV) It means so little.

Clark: ...it means so little. You want to play up to these motherfuckers? They're worthless.

Householder: They're on their last breath.

Clark: Right and you want to, and you want to.

Edwards: He was talking about you, you got some gray hairs, gray hairs.

Householder: Oh, I love them, I guarantee you.

Clark: (UI) is too soggy.

Householder: Grab an ankle out of the grave, buddy.

Clark: (UI) Look, this direct mail piece I wanted to do. It was so fucking cold blooded.

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(Laughter)

Clark: He's laughing.

Gray: (UI) It was so fucked up.

(Laughter)

Clark: Jeff designed it. It was so cold blooded. Jeff designed it.

Gray: Didn't Carlo say he would quit if you ran it?

Clark: Oh yeah, oh yeah, he was going to quit over it.

(UI)

Householder: I didn't think it was bad.

(Laughter)

Householder: I didn't.

Edwards: It's like the movie, just like the online ad of the guy running down in Texas.

Householder: (OV) Isn't that what I said? Isn't that what I said?

Edwards: It's like that movie, The Campaign (UI).

Householder: (UI)

UC Vinny: I like that.

Clark: Same thing for the direct mail piece.

UC Vinny: I like it.

Clark: So, so Carlo, Carlo, Carlo, Carlo.

Edwards: (UI, OV)

Clark: I think I do (UI) so Carlo, so Carlo calls.

Unknown: I've seen your guy's picture.

Clark: (OV) Pictures, pictures...

Edwards: (OV, UI) could it be uh, Siderewicz?

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Gray: Not Siderewicz, Shane (PH).

Householder: The head honcho out there.

Gray: Oh?

Edwards: Siderewicz?

Gray: (OV) This is the, the guy.

Householder: No.

Clark: Of the hundred and fifty.

Gray: (OV) Vistra, isn't it? Vistra.

Householder: The guy from Texas.

Clark: Of the hundred fifty people that they had hired, I figured from the Form Fifteen. Fifteen of them have criminal arrests. They are defined by law as criminals. They are, you know the, the, the charges that were brought against them are robbery, um, uh, domestic abuse.

Edwards: Of the how many?

Clark: Hundred and fifty people.

Edwards: They have fifteen?

Clark: Fifteen people that--

Edwards: How do you know, how'd you get this information?

Householder: Well because they have to sign up, um.

Edwards: Oh, they do?

Clark: (UI, OV) Because I'm spending.

Householder: And when they sign up, run a criminal background check.

Clark: We run a background check. Today, we have a guy that has a warrant out for his arrest.

Gray: And he's at your door.

Clark: And he's at your door. So Jeff drafts this...

Householder: (UI, OV)

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Clark: ...Jeff, Jeff of course designs a piece going, they're coming to your house, criminals (UI).

(Laughter)

UC Vinny: Ding dong.

Clark: Don't answer the door.

Edwards: They will fucking kill you, don't (UI).

Clark: Don't. Decline to sign. Don't answer the door. Okay.

UC Vinny: (OV) That's cute.

Clark: So then I try to explain to Curt and, and, uh, uh, Carlo last week. They said, what are you guys doing? I said we're, we're going to do a piece. What is it?

(Laughter)

Clark: It's really rough. How many?

Householder: How many was it?

Clark: ...how many, how many households? How many households?

Householder: (OV) I, I don't understand.

Clark: Four point nine million. Million, four point nine and, and Carlo goes...

Householder: It wasn't that tough.

Clark: ...what is it, what is it say. And I said, we just informed them that the people that are working for them are criminals. Coming to your house. Don't answer the door. Carlo goes--

Householder: With mugshots.

(Laughter)

Clark: Oh yeah, with mugshots. (UI)

Householder: (UI) a little bit. We couldn't find that many white mugshots.

Clark: There's, there's one white woman, one Hispanic, two Blacks. Okay that's--

Edwards: Should have had Chinese in there.

Householder: (UI)

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Clark: He, he says to me, he goes, uh, which was kind of funny he goes, uh, he goes, uh, we can't, um, I can't, I can't, I could, Neil I've supported everything you guys want to do, and I, I, I can't put my name on this and I said, uh...

Householder: I didn't ask you to.

Clark: ...I said, uh, you saying that you don't want to do this piece? He goes I, and Curt starts talking. I have to get off the phone guys 'cause now I have to go tell the boss that you, that you don't want to do it. That's, I got to go tell the boss you don't want to do it. So I get on the phone, we have a conference call, we look at it. Jesus Christ. So we go back today with a softer piece and Carlo approves the softer piece. So Jeff calls me and I said, good, can you take me to the bathroom and hold my dick too. Jeff, wittier than shit, goes, I don't think he'll approve of that. (Laughter) So.

Householder: You, you can't let your spokesperson dictate--

Clark: I, this is it. This is, when I was outside with them...

Householder: (OV) Can't do it. Can't do it.

Clark: ...outside with them right now, he's going you guys can't do this to me man, and I go here, here, here.

Householder: (OV) Trump wouldn't allow that, you can't do that.

Clark: I told you why I made the (UI).

Householder: Unless you want to squat to piss the rest of your life.

(Unknown): Correct.

Edwards: That's right.

Clark: I said, I said if you don't listen to me, if you don't listen to the words I'm saying to you right now. 'Cause he wanted to get Curt on the phone. I said, Curt can't get on the phone. Can't. Why not? I said think about what I'm saying to you. Curt can't get on the phone. Jeff can't be on the phone. I can be on the phone because I don't work for Generation Now. Can't be on the phone. Still doesn't get it and I go, here they're never getting on the phone and I made this decision and you need to tell the press. And he goes, well, I already called the press. And I said, did I not I text you an hour ago not to talk to the press until you talk to me? He said, well how, well how do I retract what I'm doing with the press. And I'm going goddamn it you fucking pussy, you fucking Sicilian pussy and there's no Sicilians that are pussies except him. A true pussy.

Edwards: Uh, Carlo?

Clark: Yeah.

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Edwards: He's Sicilian?

Householder: He used to work for Blackwell.

Clark: Yeah.

Edwards: Oh.

Clark: Geeze and Blackwell would've fucking skinned your face off.

Householder: He was the one that Curt went to and convinced him to attack me.

Edwards: Hmm. Curt?

Householder: Curt Steiner, he used him to attack me.

Edwards: Well, times have changed. But now he's being soft.

Clark: He's, he's, he's just too (UI).

Householder: (OV) Somebody wrote a check.

Edwards: We're talking about Joe Pesci a little bit ago and all the characters he plays.

Clark: What I'm surprised at, what I'm surprised at, and for both of them is that, okay, so even, so what they expect here is that they both either expect that Jon Husted is going to be the Governor?

Edwards: So they are worried about pissing him off?

(UI)

Householder: It's not going to piss him off, because what the hell does he care? He wants HB6 to pass.

Edwards: Yeah, but he's worried about, I don't think he likes anything that you're for. I don't think he, I think Jon Husted is so (UI, OV).

Clark: (OV) My point to you, my point to you and I, those guys, yeah they don't want to tarnish their names 'cause that, they will never have...

Edwards: (OV) An opportunity to work for him.

Clark: ...less, less, less ability, right, to meet with the press to get the message across for him. I think it's pretty simple, I think, here unless you, unless something else has happened in the last few days, it's pretty clear Mike DeWine has checked out.

Edwards: I'd say Husted's running the show.

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Householder: He's been Governor a hundred eighty days and checked out?

Edwards: He's been checked out.

Householder: (OV) How's he been checked out?

Clark: (UI, OV)

Edwards: He's been checked out. Well, you saw in the budget where how many times he flip-flopped, it's because Husted (UI).

Clark: Let's see what, let's see what, let's see what happens in the capital bill. I bet you they'll be too expensive. It will be bigger than what they thought it would be. And who negotiates it. Every time McCarthy's in a room (UI).

Householder: Oh no, I don't--

Clark: I don't want to fucking hear it.

UC Vinny: (OV) Thank you very much, (UI) unbelievable.

Edwards: I've got Dan McCarthy blocked. He can't text my phone.

UC Vinny: (OV) Potatoes are unbelievable.

Bartender: The chef's mother's potato gratin recipe.

UC Vinny: Tell him thank you to his mother.

Bartender: I will.

Clark: I'm not here to tell you what to do. I don't, I don't like him. I never liked Mike Dawson. I never liked (UI). Curt and I used to be best friends. Thirty, forty years ago.

1:59:56 [End of transcript]

2:16:52 [Start of transcript]

Clark: But that's why I took the position when Jeff did that direct mail piece. When he take that direct mail piece that I (UI) nobody actually for the people that are going to, might see it. People in the rural areas are going to love it, people in the suburban counties are going to tolerate it, people in the urban areas are going to hate it. So it's--

Edwards: Have you heard of the other side sending any signature people out (UI)?

Householder: All their money is got to be...

Cark: (UI, OV) It's, it's, they're.

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Householder: (OV) ...well they got to get in Canton.

Edwards: They got to get to forty-four counties, right?

Clark: They got to get forty, they have, they do, they have been working some of the minor counties, um--

Edwards: They're not down my way.

Clark: They're not, they're a lot in Toledo, Wood County area. Toledo, Wood County area.

Edwards: See, I thought they did Athens.

Clark: We did, we did, uh...

Edwards: Which side of Athens?

Clark: ...every day, every day we sent out a crew of two hundred and thirty-five people and we survey about two thousand six hundred sites. Every library, this that and the other. And we'd stay there to see if they have people there or they don't. So then we do a report everyday estimating how many signatures they've done, this that and the other. And--

Edwards: How many counties have you guys spotted them in?

Householder: Not very many.

Clark: Mm-hmm. I think we, the daily reports...

Householder: Franklin.

Clark: ...the daily reports, the daily reports would lead you to believe the most we can count on a given day, fifteen crews, fifteen crews. Now what I'm about, they have a hundred and fifty people out every day. And no, they have a hundred and fifty people signed up on Form Fifteens that say they want to collect, but that was from day one. Most of the people that went out for two days already quit. So that hundred and fifty is probably a hundred and twenty. Forty of those people are supervisors, so then when you start doing eighty people left, how many signatures do you think you can collect in an hour? How many can you collect in a shift? They were working in the first few weeks ten-hour shifts. Most people just work you six. So in all the math that was done, they weren't, they weren't getting where they were, so we kept saying it wasn't right. That, until last week they started advertising they needed more people. And they went to some of our subs, they couldn't get any of the A class subs, so then they picked up the B class subs, and we started hiring the B class subs and, um. The thing that's (UI) in the equation is that after the 21st they get, after they get counted, like will take about seven to ten days, they get another ten-day cure period.

Edwards: Which makes no sense. You were telling me that the other day. I don't, I don't get that.

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Clark: It's, it's, it's in the Constitution.

Bartender: (UI) sir.

UC Vinny: Thank you.

(IA, OV)

Clark: So they get a ten-day cure period. From the ten-day cure period, if they keep these people on payroll that they're building up to now, they'll get their signatures. So we have to go out on the corners and buy out their people every day. And I started doing that today, and everybody's having a fucking shit fit. Oh, it's a phony petition, it's this that and the other.

Edwards: So your spotters are out in the field? Two hundred and some spotters?

Clark: Two thirty-five.

Edwards: They're going up to these people and approaching them?

Clark: No, they can't. They have a conflict. They can't, they can't do it. 'Cause of uh, uh--

Edwards: So they call and tell you these people are here, you send other people down to try and buy them out or how does it work?

Clark: Okay. Okay. Okay.

Edwards: (Laughter) Okay.

Clark: No okay, no, oh, okay.

Edwards: Uh-huh.

Clark: Correct. Okay, they're not on that. They're, so they go out and they go do it and say here we're circulating this petition 'cause we're going to introduce a bill that to, to go say you can't have foreign ownership. We're going to go do that now and we need you to support that. So it's got nothing to do with this thing. The press is already bitching about it. But if we don't, if we knock off twenty-five names, we knock off twenty-five people collecting signatures, it virtually wipes them out in the next twenty days. 'Cause as they're adding, if I can knock off twenty-five a week, it, it ends the whole fucking thing. Ends it. That's how hard it, so in addition to the TV, the direct mail, and everything else. The hardest part is the, uh, the--

Householder: It is so important. It is so important that they're not successful. Because when the legislature votes on something, it needs to stay law.

Edwards: Yeah, well, and it's beginning of your Speakership. It sets a bad precedent for the next six years and stuff. We need to make them realize you can't be fucked with.

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Householder: That's it.

Clark: That's why you introduce bills. You introduce a bill and you make everybody-- My theory is that you introduce a bill, it'll bring them to their knees and they'll all understand that it's (UI). 'Cause I want to come in and say how can we, how can we end this?

Edwards: He doesn't just want to wait two thousand years to start fucking with his enemies. He wants to do it right away.

(Laughter)

Clark: No, I, I trust me I, I want I, I actually would like to do this sooner than later 'cause I, I think what it sends the message to everybody else is that whether it's an issue or the members, you attack the caucus, you attack a member, we're going to fucking rip your dick off. And that's why it's so important when, I mean virtually everything I've done in the last month has been just this.

Edwards: Has it?

Clark: So.

Edwards: It's very important for the future, for the next five and a half years.

Gray: (IA) just like we did last time, it sends the message where is it coming from, and why are we doing it.

Edwards: How would the, how, how would the Dems fight that bill?

Gray: I think Casey Weinstein (UI).

Edwards: Foreign ownership?

Clark: They wouldn't fight it.

Edwards: I don't know how they would even fight that.

Clark: David would prefer that we are all a lot dumber than what he thinks we are. He actually thinks that we're, that we, that he is such a good bullshitter that we actually look at him as a friend.

Householder: I let him hold the Bible. So I could keep a fucking eye on him.

Clark: Right. That's what (UI).

Edwards: He doesn't realize (UI).

Clark: (UI, OV) But that's what he, that's what he thinks, that's what he thinks. He thinks that

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we're just too fucking stupid. Um, he's doing what, what he has to do for his law firm and his own reputation. He doesn't give a fuck about the issue. He cares about, whatever, poor David. He's, he's posting. He, he did an Op Ed piece in the Dispatch about this. I mean, I mean really, get over it. David wants to do what? Promote the firm, promote the issues that he wants to do. He doesn't want to be-- Remember he used to be party chairman. How good, how, how good of a job he's doing that. These, these are not your friends. These are all your enemies and what you want to do with your enemies and where you want to place your enemies. My job is to do nothing but make sure that when we have the opportunity we beat them, and we beat them soundly. Catch them in a public area, hey, love you, you're really nice, and then in a private environment, we kill them.

Householder: Just like Luca Brasi. (Laughter)

Clark: That's it, you know? Just, I don't need this shit. You go.

Edwards: (UI, OV) we were talking about Italian Joe Pesci earlier. I got a scene in my mind of (IA).

Householder: (UI)

Edwards: The, the casino, the casino movie where he meets a banker and he says, what you don't understand about me is, you know I'm, I'm dumb, I'm stupid. I will hit, I will beat your head over a baseball bat by the time I'm serving ten, get out of jail. I'll come back and hit your head again with a baseball bat. I'm dumber than shit. I will beat the fuck out of you.

2:25:03 [End of transcript]

3:04:48 [Start of transcript]

UC Brian: Is this going to be your last gig?

Householder: I don't know.

Edwards: You what?

(UI, OV)

Householder: Depends on how I feel. Whenever I get tired or I get pissed off, I'll just go home.

Edwards: (OV) What the hell is this coach's name?

Clark: You're not going, he's not fucking going home. He's not going.

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

Clark: Don't listen to him. He's not going, he already has a number of businesses. Jesus Christ, you'd think those t-shirts just came from...

(UI)

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Edwards: Yeah.

Clark: ...Goodwill?

Gray: No, they got your name, what's his name, on them.

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

Edwards: Samuel Stoops.

Clark: He's not going home. He's going to keep running until--

Householder: They throw my ass out.

Clark: Right.

UC Brian: Think so?

Clark: He's not, he's--

Householder: They haven't thrown my ass out yet. (OV) They've tried. (Laughter)

Clark: (OV) They're not, we're not, we're not letting, we're not letting him go anywhere.

Householder: (Laughter)

Clark: There ain't no fucking way.

Edwards: How many years you think?

Clark: Well...

Edwards: Fifteen, sixteen?

Clark: ...we've got to make sure, we've got to make sure we change the law. Then we got to get your ass over in the Senate so--

Edwards: So how do you change the law?

Clark: You pass an amendment. Do a joint resolution, put it on the ballot, and we'll get it passed after we take care of--

Edwards: But when's the right time to do that?

Clark: Soon.

(At 3:05:45, UC Brian and Householder enter a separate conversation, it is separately transcribed based

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upon audio from the recording device of UC Brian.)

Clark: We just want four more years. Twelve. Twelve.

Edwards: You just change it from eight to twelve?

Clark: Yes. Right over there. (IA) Yeah, but you know, you want to have it like this.

Edwards: Not in this world. You get a paid (UI).

Clark: It's not about the pay, dickhead. Jesus Christ.

Edwards: Why in the hell do you not run for office then?

Clark: 'Cause I'm the son of a fucking convicted felon Mafia guy. (Laughter) I've been married three times. What are you, out of your mind?

Edwards: I'm trying to make my son the same.

Clark: (Laughter)

Gray: (UI, OV)

Clark: (UI, OV)

Gray: (UI, OV) my sword (UI).

Edwards: I want my son to be the next Neil Clark.

Clark: Because right. My son (Laughter) no, my father's, no, it's, it's--

Gray: I could see the attack ads.

Clark: The attack ads would be just (Laughter) just write themselves. Just, Jesus Christ. There was.

Gray: (UI)

Clark: Damn. Oh my God. You, autistic moron could write it.

Edwards: (UI) like you.

Clark: That's why, see that's why I, I, I from day one I took the role of being the backroom guy. I've never, ever wanted to run for office 'cause I knew the reality of my family's past. And it would never have made any sense so then I...

Edwards: (UI, OV) money (UI).

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Clark: ...once I, once I joined. It's not about the money! There's three types of power: personality power, money power, position power. When you put all three together, you truly are a powerful person. People that are in a position of power don't mean dick. Personality powers, the guys, the guys, you've seen a lot of these, what I just said to you. Even less. And sometimes, in the best part of this life, you never have an opportunity to get all three working together.

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

Clark: Get a person that's working all three together, and you got (IA).

UC Vinny: You're just mad you're getting old.

Clark: And that's what I always wanted to be part of.

UC Vinny: (OV) You're just getting mad you're old.

Clark: That one guy who had it all, who used it all.

UC Vinny: (OV) That's right.

Edwards: Mm-hmm.

Clark: And when they do?

Edwards: You can't fuck with them.

Clark: Oh (UI). 'Cause it's, for those of us that are.

UC Vinny: (OV) I bet they were born in the nineties, right?

Clark: I'd rather be, I'd rather be a kingmaker.

UC Vinny: (OV) I guarantee they were born in the nineties, right?

Clark: And be next to a king and to give my personal opinion, knowing when they make a decision, you back off.

UC Vinny: Right.

Clark: That's good.

UC Vinny: Still dress it.

Clark: (UI) Look at the all the guys in this Congress or maybe the Governor (UI).

UC Vinny: That's right.

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Clark: How many people knew I was in the room?

UC Vinny: That's right.

UC Brian: (UI)

Clark: So I'd rather be there.

3:08:35 [End of transcript]

3:13:55 [Start of transcript]

Clark: Okay, so what I'm going to have you do, is, um, I thought about it there. I think it's better for you to pick up the phone, call him on his cell phone. Say, I really liked meeting you, you know, tell me about this Generation Now. What's this, can I help you through Generation Now?

UC Brian: When do we do that?

Clark: Tomorrow. Next day.

UC Brian: You don't feel comfortable doing it now?

Clark: You never, you never ask for. Um, Jeff was supposed to come here from Generation Now.

UC Brian: He was supposed to be here?

Clark: Yeah, he was supposed. I told him to come out here. He, that's why I was outside before and I said, I invited you here 'cause I wanted you to, you know, give a check. You never give a politician, I mean, when you're talking about an issue, a check. Okay? You are supposed to do it before (UI). You see what I'm saying to you? In this world here, you don't give a check when you're talking about an issue here.

UC Brian: Okay.

Clark: Jeff was supposed to be here before we started and talk about Generation Now before we start. What I'm thinking is that you know, you can pick up the phone. Give you a call, give you a supplement, then you go, I really like meeting with you, what's, what's a, what's this shit you and Neil are working on? What's this stuff you're doing? He says, it's Generation Now. Can I be of help? That's all you have to say. If he says, no, you don't need to be of any help. But you know you where you stand.

UC Vinny: (OV) Whatever you say. Whatever you say, it's up to you.

Clark: It's, it's I--

UC Vinny: Whatever you say.

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Clark: He stayed a lot longer than I thought.

UC Brian: Well, that's what I was confused about. Do you think he was waiting for us to say, what can we fucking do for you? But I didn't want to do that, 'cause I didn't know if it was--

Clark: (OV) No, you did, no you, here's what. I had to write it, I had to write a two paragraph thing anyway today before I got here.

UC Brian: To who?

Clark: To him.

UC Brian: About this?

Clark: Yeah, he knows what he's here for.

UC Brian: Okay, so do you think he was expecting a pay?

Clark: Well no, no, I never told him he was getting a check.

UC Vinny: Okay.

Clark: Oh no, no he would have killed me if I was. Oh no, no, no, no.

UC Vinny: (OV) Well the reason I asked you that is 'cause you told me to bring a fucking check.

Clark: I know, because I wanted you to meet with Jeff before you came into the dinner. And Jeff and I got tied up in something else and that's when I went outside and said, you know can you swing by? And he said I, I forgot all about it. So, there was no way in hell that we're going to give a check.

UC Vinny: Yeah, I wouldn't want to give a check to fucking Jeff.

Clark: No, you have to give a check. You can't give a check to the Speaker. The Speaker can ask you for money. But I, that's why I'm asking when I think about Vinny calling him and saying, hey do, you guys were talking about this FES issue and this stuff. Now, how can I be of help?

UC Brian: That's fine.

Clark: He'll say, yeah, talk to Neil about writing a check or something like that. And if he says that...

UC Brian: Yeah.

Clark: ...then we do. If he says no, then we know that, uh, he's not, but you heard what, you heard what Jay said in the end. And see, Jay was the guy that I offered to you that would go on the boat in lieu of the Speaker.

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UC Brian: Right.

Clark: That's his, that's his number one guy. Jeff is his campaign guy, he's his number one political guy. And what was it he said in the end?

UC Vinny: That's the guy on the right?

Clark: Yeah, that's the guy that said, and what did he say? The Speaker's for the lottery and the Speaker went and said, I'm for the lottery.

UC Vinny: Yeah.

Clark: It's what the Speaker had to do.

UC Vinny: Hmm.

UC Brian: Alright, so you give him the cellphone tomorrow?

Clark: Look, I'll give it to you, you give it to him, and then--

UC Vinny: I think you should call him.

Clark: That's good, you can call too.

UC Vinny: (OV) 'Cause you speak his language.

Clark: 'Cause, yeah, he can say, you know we were laughing after, we had a great dinner, thank you very much for spending your time. Um, Neil talked about, I heard you and Neil going back and forth on this issue. I'm not sure what this issue is, but Neil's talked about it a lot. Can we be of help?

UC Brian: Okay.

Clark: You know, can you connect us with somebody that we can help. And then if Jeff calls, then we know that they're good.

UC Brian: Okay.

UC Vinny: 'Cause this would be huge. I mean, if we could get this done. I mean that hotel's...

UC Brian: Yeah.

UC Vinny: ...going to be a fucking cow.

UC Brian: Yeah.

UC Vinny: It's going to be a fucking cow.

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Clark: Oh, it's going to get done here when the pres (PH), here is your only problem. There is only one fundamental problem so. Is that this, the Senate President is a cocksucker (UI).

3:18:08 [End of transcript]

3:26:33 [Start of transcript]

Clark: I'm his...

UC Brian: You think we're good?

Clark: ...I'm actually.

UC Vinny: We've got to talk about tomorrow.

Clark: (OV) I'm actually, I'm actually his--

UC Brian: Yeah.

Clark: Actually his--

UC Vinny: We just got to talk about tomorrow and how to do this correctly. So that we leave here, I leave here with a good feeling.

UC Brian: Well, you need to leave here--

UC Vinny: I want a good feeling.

UC Brian: Well.

UC Vinny: You know what I mean? I want to leave here with a good feeling.

UC Brian: (OV) Yeah, and I need to leave here with a script.

Clark: Before you make the call, you're going to call me and I'm, you're going to write it down.

UC Brian: (OV) I agree, I'm, I'm serious.

Clark: What you're going to say is, you're going to say, hey, it's Brian, we had dinner last night.

UC Vinny: It's Brian.

UC Brian: Let me ask you this...

UC Vinny: It's Brian.

UC Brian: ...are you going to tee some of this up? Like will he expect my call? And he's not going to

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answer some random fucking 615 number.

Clark: I know but he'll, he'll listen to the voicemail. Shit, Neil and I were laughing, we were talking about it and we were laughing. But he's talking about this Generation Now and hey, is there anything I can do to help you with Generation Now? We want to help. What can we do?

UC Brian: And leave that on the voicemail?

Clark: No. Call me. I want to talk about Generation Now. I want to thank you about dinner last night. And then when he calls you, and he may not call you tomorrow but (UI).

UC Vinny: (OV) Well you talk to him in the morning? Don't you say that you told me you do.

Clark: 7:00, 7:30 every morning.

UC Vinny: Can you, can you tee that up for him in the morning?

Clark: Yeah, oh, absolutely.

UC Brian: That's what I meant.

UC Vinny: The area code.

Clark: So when he, when he, but he, as he gets through a day, he gets busy. So you can't ever, you don't discuss on the phone, um, a number. What you say is, we want to help. He'll say talk, that's great, talk to Jeff. Jeff Longstreth.

UC Vinny: Okay.

Clark: Then Jeff Longstreth will, will call. I've already set it up with Jeff what I thought the number would be.

UC Brian: Okay.

Clark: But then, then--

UC Brian: So it's a fucking shell game, okay that's fine, I don't mind.

Clark: It's not a shell game, it's about, it's about protecting...

UC Vinny: How to do it right.

Clark: ...it's about protecting the people that are your bosses.

UC Brian: Okay.

UC Vinny: It's how to do it right.

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Clark: If nobody ever gets, listen I was out on the phone out there about this guy, what I was trying to explain is when I was talking in those codes about, I told people this and I told people that...

UC Brian: Yeah.

Clark: ...and I said you can't be on the phone with ten others. These are actual people who can't be on the phone because it would be a conspiracy. (Laughter)

UC Brian: Right, yeah I did hear you say this.

Clark: (OV) And I was telling these guys. We discussed this three weeks ago and we said, as I'm going through this whole problem solving at some point you guys can't be on the phone, this, that, and the other. And what do you think they all do today when they panic?

UC Brian: (OV) Get on the fucking phone.

UC Vinny: (OV) They all get on the phone.

Clark: Oh, they want to get on the phone. I said, he can't get on the fucking phone. (UI)

UC Vinny: That's the younger generation.

Clark: He can't, he can't get on the motherfucking phone. And now they text.

UC Vinny: (OV) That's the younger generation.

Clark: Now they text, they're all proud that they're kicking the press' ass and they're going, oh look at what we did.

UC Vinny: Now does he know the number? This guy, does this guy know the number?

Clark: He doesn't know the number. Jeff knows the number. Okay.

UC Vinny: 'Cause we're ready to do that.

Clark: I know. And I told you I didn't want you to give any number until you felt a comfort.

UC Vinny: Right. That's why...

Clark: I told you that every time.

UC Vinny: ...that's why it's important.

Clark: And you keep, you keep testing me every time Vinny.

UC Vinny: No I'm not testing you, I'm just--

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Clark: (UI, OV) I'm not one of your goddamn loyal--

UC Vinny: I'm not testing you, I'm trying to figure out where we are here.

Clark: I know where you can figure out where you are. He's testing me.

UC Brian: He's fucking with you.

Clark: I told you I didn't want to take your money until I knew they wanted to.

UC Brian: How long have you known Vinny?

Clark: Oh, twenty years. (Laughter)

UC Brian: Ten minutes, see I've known him for ten fucking years.

UC Vinny: Yeah. (Laughter)

Clark: (OV) I um, I.

UC Brian: He's fucking testing you.

Clark: Here, here I was with him in Nashville. I know exactly how he talks, walks, thinks.

UC Brian: You met him at, uh, Opening Day.

Clark: Opening Day for, for a bit.

UC Brian: Yeah.

Clark: And he confronted me, and he actually wanted to play with me.

UC Brian: He wanted to fight with you, but he set you straight on, on Rhode Island (UI).

UC Vinny: (Laughter)

UC Vinny: You're my guy, you're my kind of guy.

Clark: Follows me the first fucking day.

UC Brian: (OV) You are two are fucking two peas in a pod.

UC Vinny: I don't like a bullshitter.

Clark: Nah, I didn't bull, I haven't bullshitted you yet. When I, when, when you're bitching about--

UC Vinny: I don't like a bullshitter and I like you.

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Clark: (UI) You know what's going to happen, it's not going to happen. I said, there are a lot of things that happened to him in the last two weeks and he calls me.

UC Brian: I didn't tell you about all that.

Clark: (IA, OV) any day.

UC Brian: You don't need to know about it. It was some personal stuff. It's irrelevant.

Clark: Son having a divorce, this, that, and the other (UI) attorney.

UC Vinny: You are?

Clark: No, no, but his son is.

UC Brian: (OV) No. I didn't want (UI).

UC Vinny: Oh this guy.

Clark: And so he, and so he, I picked his attorney went to all that bullshit. And he, he's busy on this HB6 thing. His staff calls me and says he doesn't do dinners. And I said, I'm only asking for one dinner in my life. I need it to be this dinner. There's, the client won't believe any excuse, so I said I need a dinner. And he did and he came in and he enjoyed himself. He had a nice meal. He ate his meal. He enjoyed everything he had, he drank, and he doesn't...

UC Vinny: (OV) The food was tremendous.

Clark: ...and he doesn't drink. He's not a drinker.

UC Brian: What?

UC Vinny: (OV) The food was tremendous.

UC Brian: Oh, he drank right here with me.

UC Vinny: The food was tremendous.

Clark: He's not a drinker.

UC Brian: He wanted me to sit up here with him.

Clark: He's not a drinker for him to even take a drink in my physical presence was a comfort level for you guys, 'cause he would never drink another, in front of other people. He does not drink in front of other people. So.

UC Brian: Good. Well, that's not a tribute to me and Vinny, it's a tribute to you.

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UC Vinny: He trusts you.

Clark: He saw this, so he saw the environment and you saw what he, he liked this, he was sitting back there with his arm back there (UI).

UC Vinny: All by himself.

Clark: ...he can sit in the restaurant, put his arms back, and he's going you know...

UC Vinny: All by himself.

Clark: ...I can go have this place, I can bring my whole fucking caucus here and I can, and not have the press.

UC Vinny: Yeah, yeah.

Clark: So it's expensive but what it is, it's really private. But in a big town, you don't get this kind of shit.

UC Vinny: It's not expensive, this is what it is. This is what it is. That's why.

UC Brian: This is not expensive.

UC Vinny: No.

UC Brian: Compared to what, no this is perfect.

UC Vinny: No. If we go out, we go out in Manhattan.

Clark: Well, no that's yeah.

UC Vinny: You go out in Newport, you're fucking dumping it.

UC Brian: Oh.

UC Vinny: And you go to all these fucking choo-choos crawling all over you trying to go to the bathroom...

UC Brian: (OV) All the time.

UC Vinny: ...and over here you got to watch what you say, you fucking, you can't be free.

Clark: You got to sit in here and say whatever you want.

UC Vinny: Over here you can say whatever you want to say and whenever you want to say it, you know what I mean, and everybody's calm and relaxed and everything.

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UC Brian: That's right.

UC Vinny: And what I like is that guy on the right knows what the fuck he's talking about.

UC Brian: He does.

Clark: Who Jay? If, if Jay if, if, if we don't get term limits, Jay will be the next Speaker.

UC Brian: Okay.

Clark: So.

UC Brian: He's young, he's young.

Clark: Yeah. Then he'll go to the Senate. I mean so...

UC Brian: Yeah.

Clark: ...he has a future, he has a serious future.

UC Vinny: What is he now?

Clark: House member and he's in leadership, number three in leadership.

UC Vinny: Oh, at that age?

Clark: Yes.

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: He's a Polish O.U. football player. He's, he's from Appalachia...

UC Brian: (OV) He's got a kid.

Clark: ...and his family owns a cable company and they're really wealthy.

UC Vinny: Oh, so he's got time.

Clark: He's got time.

UC Vinny: He got time.

Clark: He's got time, he's got talent, he's got the funding.

UC Vinny: Fazool.

Clark: He's got you know.

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UC Vinny: Got the money.

Clark: Right, he doesn't need it, he doesn't. When we were talking about all this stuff, he goes, well there's no money in this. And I go, what did I say, three kinds of power: money power, personality power, position power. If you put them all together, you're really a powerful person.

UC Brian: Sure.

Clark: If you get those all at once, you can control anything you want in life.

UC Vinny: That's right.

Clark: Even Les Wexner did, never had all three working at the same time. Never had all three working at the same time.

UC Vinny: The Speaker seems to have a lot of it going on at the same time.

Clark: He doesn't have, what he doesn't have in the minds of others is, is he has position power, he has money power. Doesn't have personality power yet.

UC Vinny: Why?

Clark: He's, he's a hard ass.

UC Vinny: Seems like he's a good old boy though.

Clark: He is a hard ass. When we, when we serve him, he lives, he lives in a world like you do and you have this high expectation of people that serve you. We all serve him, we work, keep this in mind, how old am I?

UC Vinny: Sixty...

UC Brian: Two.

Clark: Six.

UC Vinny: ...five, I was.

Clark: Sixty-six.

UC Vinny: You must've had a birthday since I seen you last.

Clark: I work, I work seven days a week from seven a.m. 'til he goes to bed.

UC Vinny: Yeah.

Clark: Period, every fucking day.

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UC Vinny: And he don't expect you to work any harder than he does.

Clark: See and what he expects is that.

UC Brian: Alright I'm going try Wellers.

(UC Brian and Bartender have a conversation in the background that has not been transcribed.)

Clark: If he's making, if he's making you money, if he's making you.

UC Vinny: You better fucking be there.

Clark: You better fucking be there. You better be paying attention. And why do you? You remember when the one person said. You picked up this conversation when I chastised the guy in a nice way about criticizing Rex. Remember he said, oh, you jumped on Rex's shit?

UC Vinny: Yeah.

Clark: Rex pisses me and Larry off. He was really mad at Rex, really mad. Rex is, Rex has made millions and millions of dollars. And I said, yeah 'cause all this shit and his creative skills have gotten really fucking weak, so the rest of us keep writing the spots and he keeps taking down his 15%. So you do like a \$2,000,000 buy, he's making a lot of money.

UC Vinny: Right.

Clark: Okay, the rest of us don't ask for that. I ask for access and the ability, 'cause I can have clients that can bring in, but he gets, he gets those kind of checks. You know, 15% of two million, that's a lot every week...

UC Vinny: (OV) Uh-huh. Mm-hmm.

Clark: ...for fifteen weeks. Think about that, that's a shitload...

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: ...of money. And so the Speaker gets pissed off at him...

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: ...'cause he won't take a risk, he's not doing shit, he goes all pussy. He rips the motherfucker's ass up.

UC Vinny: Yeah not this. He's not in the trenches with you.

Clark: And he's going, you know, fucking you know this, that, and the other. Rips his dick off. And so I go in and rehabilitate him, hey I'll be here for you. We've got to be on the phone with him every day, let's talk politics. Motherfucker has a stroke. Nobody in that, we've been

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doing this issue, they don't know the media guy had a stroke.

UC Vinny: Holy fuck.

Clark: Didn't know, we're doing the media.

UC Vinny: Now how come you're not a media guy, wouldn't you make better as a media guy? You seem like you have that grasp for that.

Clark: I want to be a lobbyist and I wanted to be a lobbyist in Ohio. I wanted to raise my kids. So Newt Gingrich came to me years ago, came to my house with Bobby Ney. They sat in my house and they said, we would like you to be our media guy. And I said, I'm not leaving my house, not leaving Ohio. I got to be here. If I go do races in California, I'm going to be gone for five months, and I'm not leaving my kids.

UC Vinny: Yeah, yeah.

Clark: So I never did. I, so I did, I did media for people on the side, the opinions that I would give to Governors and other people, I never charged for it. And so when the Speaker, um, brought me in to take care of his shit, I became, when he's busy, I get complete say. When we're working on stuff, if he says I'm busy, everyone knows you know, Neil has the final say, not Jeff. Jeff is his implementer. When it comes to the opinion, Neil has, Neil has the Speaker's proxy. And I earned that proxy because I know how he thinks. I know what he wants. When that other kid was chastising Rex, you didn't see the Speaker, he'd just nod his head, this, that, and the other. He's uncomfortable with what was happening. He's sitting there a little pissed off about that. And what did I tell the guy? When you're in a room, you criticize people in the room.

UC Vinny: Yeah.

Clark: When you're outside the room, we all make the same decision.

UC Vinny: That's right, that's exactly right. And you know what these kids don't realize? They look at you and they think that that access comes for free. When you're next to the guy, there's nowhere harder. That guy gets burned bad.

Clark: Yeah, I know.

UC Vinny: That guy gets burned bad.

Clark: He, he, oh, trust me, trust me, Larry's--

UC Vinny: That fire burns hot.

Clark: If you make, you make, you make a motherfucking mistake, you make a mistake, you're out.

UC Vinny: Yeah.

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Clark: Okay these, you make a mistake and you're stuck with it. What did I say about Machiavelli? You fuck up, you fuck up.

UC Vinny: You're no longer in the room with the boss.

Clark: And I don't care how many memos you write to the boss. You ain't writing anymore, 'cause you broke his fucking heart.

UC Vinny: Mm-hmm.

Clark: And when you break his fucking heart...

UC Vinny: Mm-hmm.

Clark: ...I don't care how many. And that's, and see that's why the book defends, he's a piece of shit.

UC Vinny: I think they don't know the story.

Clark: (Laughter) That's it.

UC Vinny: I think they're too young to know the story.

Clark: It's, that's what the story is. That is the absolute truth...

UC Vinny: They don't know the story.

Clark: ...of why, that he was banned. He's headshot.

UC Vinny: That's right.

Clark: And he came up with these, well shit, I can, I can write the next life and say, I wish I would have.

UC Vinny: (OV) That's right. I should have.

Clark: (Laughter) (UI)

UC Vinny: I could have, I would have.

Clark: I, you know, I would have done and put that into a book.

UC Vinny: (Laughter) You know what I could have been?

Clark: Yeah, do you know what I could have been?

UC Vinny: That's funny, that's funny.

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Clark: So, that's what it is.

UC Vinny: That's funny.

Clark: And so we, every day of my life when I, when he and I talk, where every, every so often we have these moments and I'll say, I appreciate everything you've done for me. And he'll say, I appreciate everything you've done for me, without you, Neil, I wouldn't be here. I know, you know what? Speaker you, you actually brought me back because I was the enemy of--

UC Vinny: You guys were arch enemies, right?

Clark: Arch enemies.

UC Vinny: Arch enemies.

Clark: Arch enemies.

UC Vinny: I remember you telling me.

Clark: Arch enemies and I was arch enemy of John Kasich. I and, and I picked the, I went with him against the current Speaker. And the, the current Speaker went on TV and said the only reason I'm not going to be Speaker is because of Neil Clark.

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: It was on Channel 4 News.

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: Six o'clock in the evening...

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: ...that's what he said.

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: So what do you think I did to my business last year? How badly do you think he hurt my fucking business? And so when he came in...

UC Vinny: Wow.

Clark: ...you know I didn't push, I didn't, I didn't push, I did not push access, alright. I didn't say, oh, I'm really close to the Speaker.

UC Vinny: Mm-hmm.

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Clark: I said to you guys, I'm working on campaigns and I'm close to him, and never tell other clients about (UI).

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