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Re: US v. Martin Armstrong - Failure to Produce Critical Information and Receiver's Work Paper Conflicts

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am writing you to outline our preliminary findings after review of the Receiver's work papers that were produced to us approximately one month ago. I also want to express my disgust at the fact that, after six years of working on this case, we have yet to receive the discovery for which we have made repeated requests, and for which there has been virtually no substantive response.

First, with regard to the Receiver's work papers, although we have yet to perform a full examination, and although we still have not received a full set of work papers, our preliminary conclusion is that (1) the Receiver's work papers contradict the Government's allegations of losses in the indictment, and (2) the Receiver's work papers are not theoretically sound in their calculation of losses. Of even more concern is the wide disparity in allegations and calculations of "trading losses" in various versions of the Indictment and the Receiver's analysis. More specifically,

- By simply adding the trading losses for all of the various accounts and comparing the
 totals to the allegations in the Indictment, we find that the Receiver's current
 calculation of losses for the period from November of 1997 through August of 1999 is
 approximately \$171 million. This compares with \$267 million in "trading losses" for
 the same period as alleged in paragraphs 26 and 33 of the Superseding Indictment.
- Notably, in the original Indictment in this case, in paragraph 6, the Government claimed that the "trading losses" for the same period was approximately \$368 million.
- Not surprisingly, in attachments A and B to this memorandum, we see that the
 Receiver was having some difficulty in calculating the losses in even one individual
 account. Attachment A, which was earlier produced to FCL, shows that the receiver
 calculated the trading losses for the Fixed Yen account 32011 for the period from

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November of 1997 through August of 1999 at \$295 million (print date Sept. 8, 1999). Now, as shown in Exhibit B, the Receiver apparently has recalculated and found that (print date January 3, 2007) the account had net trading gains of approximately \$1.8 million.

- Since the obligations on the Princeton Notes were Yen denominated, the ultimate
 determination of whether the investor accounts were winning or loosing is dependent
 upon the dollar to yen conversion rate a rate that had been moving favorably for
 Princeton during most of the period in question. The Receiver apparently does not
 consider the conversion rate. Thus, with a favorable conversion rate of dollars to yen,
 the total liability to investors may be significantly smaller than as would appear from
 the Government's allegations.
- In attempting to tie the Receiver's work papers back to the Republic Bank of NY
 trading account statements, although we have yet to perform a thorough review, we
 have noted that the Receiver has not consistently incorporated trading information
 into their analyses.
- Separately, from a "big picture" perspective, even though we have not been presented the Receiver's work papers for calculations relating to the pre-1997 periods (periods for which the Superseding Indictment claims Mr. Armstrong lost \$283 million [\$550 million in paragraph 33, less the above noted \$267 million], we do have an e-mail of March 3, 1998 attached as Exhibits C (last sentence of page 3) showing that Republic Bank of NY calculated Princeton's net gain as of February 20, 1998 at \$14 million. In a separate Republic Bank of NY e-mail of March 4, 1998, Republic Bank of NY again confirms that the cumulative liquidating value for all Princeton positions was approximately \$14 million. Thus, in contrast to the Government's allegations of loss, the e-mails from Republic Bank of NY show that Mr. Armstrong's trading record reflected gains as late as February of 1998.
- Our limited review of the accounts in question has always caused us heartburn as the number of trades, cancelled trades and other information about Republic Bank of NY's internal controls – or lack thereof – as well as findings in other ancillary proceedings suggest that Republic or its agents were defrauding the Princeton accounts.

I now think I understand why – after six years of working on this case – <u>none of our production requests have been answered.</u> The Government clearly cannot establish the financial allegations in their Indictments.

FCL's requests for documents necessary for an appropriate analysis of the data in this case go back to April through June of 2001. Attached as Exhibit E are pages 2 and 3 of a

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June 2, 2001 memorandum to Martin Siegel, Esq., then the lead counsel for Mr. Armstrong's defense, indicating the documents that FCL determined to be required for Mr. Armstrong's defense. It is my understanding that subpoenas have been served for substantially everything that was demanded nearly six year ago. It is also my understanding that supplemental subpoenas and requests have also been served and/or made for information obtained in other ancillary proceedings in the intervening six years. Aside from the partial piece of the Receiver's work papers obtained last month, virtually none of the subpoenas or requests have been answered or enforced by the Court. FCL has consequently been in a "holding pattern" of six years on this case, waiting for the forthcoming documents and information, while Mr. Armstrong has been incarcerated without trial.

As for our plans going forward, I will keep you apprised of further findings with respect to the documents produced by the Receiver. It would be helpful and save the government fees if we could have the <u>full</u> set of work papers. And it would also be helpful if we could obtain them in electronic format. After all, it was ultimately the corpus of the Receivership that was billed for the compilation work and the assistance in crafting the indictment. One would think that we would have obtained access to the work papers years ago.

Conclusion

There are at least three major implications from these findings. First, we need to receive documents that we have been requesting for the last six years because not only the Government's allegations of fraud, but also its computations, appear to be flawed. Second, whereas the Government has been alleging significant trading losses attributable to Mr. Armstrong, other documents suggest that at least as of February of 1998, the relevant Princeton accounts reflected gains. Third, based on the documents provided to us by the Government, it is questionable why Mr. Armstrong would have pled to a crime that may not have occurred.

Please call if you have any questions or comments regarding this letter. It is best to reach me on my cell phone at (703) 217-4091.

Sincerely yours.

Michael M. Mulligan

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We have itsel numerous discussions on KYC concerning. Marty Armstrong and Princiton Economics. In order to

resolve some of the open points, Martin Hovance, the RNYSC Compliance Officer, and myself placed a telephone call

to Marty Amistrong on February 17th. I Introduced Hovanics to Amistrong and explained that we were undergoing

our annual audit by KPN/G and that RNYSC handed to address KYC adherence. I indicated that KPN/G had requested

KYC information on the various Princaton accounts

Armstrong was pleasant and cooperative. The key points he covered were:

- each account set up reliacts one lender and there is one account for each traunch of debt provided.
- all of the lendars are major institutions, they are all foreign and there are no retail or high net worth individuals
- There are no debtinicities under 6 months; most are issued for 5 years, a couple for 10 years and all are for a food rate
- the average interest paid was a 15 point premium
- there is no equity participation or equity "kickers" to the lenders (i.e., fixed interest only)
- all trading is proprietary and controlled by Princaton
- all bond/note holders are true lenders
- bond holders have a guaranteed yen return. Princeton fully invests the proceeds in FNMAs (or other US government
- securities) and hedges the currency risk per Princeton's view of the Yen/Dollar outleak
- · Princeton guarantases the principal and interest to the lander
- the Yen deposit rete in Japan is around 1% today
- this is basically the same approach as the \$500 mason Letter of Credit deal Princeton has been discussing with RNB
- except that here the Princeton gueranty replaces the Letter of Credit
- if there were a Leiter of Credit guarantying the note the rate would be out 50 to 100 basis points

After consideration of these responses we realized that there were two areas which needed to be clarified. One was the

interest rate. A 15 basis point premium seemed small. The other was to understand exactly which entity was the debt issuer and which entity issues the guaranty. If the guaranter was Princeton Economics International Ltd (PEI), does Ametrong provide any financial data to give comfort to the lendars.

On February 23rd. Martin Hovence and I placed another call to Armstrong with some follow up questions.

- -We discussed the interest rates. Armstrong said the interest rate was a small premium over the 1 IPCR rate
- Armstrong confirmed that there is a special purpose vehicle for sech note and that the guarantor is Princeton Sconomics

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 we discussed that there were questions raised as to whether financials on PEI were provided to potential lenders or

what made them comfortable. Armstrong said no financials were provided. We probed whether Armstrong had

financials and whether he would provide them to us. Armstrong was very emphatic and insisted that he did not and

would not disclose financials.

We still were unclear as to how the interest worked and still had concerns about why investors would buy these bonds.

withour receiving financial information.

On February 25th I had a further conversation with Armstrong. I explained that I needed to clarify my understanding of the interest rates paid on the Yan denominated notes. I also explained our difficulty in understanding why institutions would deal with him without some financiate to back up the guaranty.

Armstrong confirmed that interest on the debt is based on the Japanese Yen interbank rate. The interbank rate is a premium of 50 to 100 points over what rates are locally available on Japanese Treasury paper and other forms of Yen deposits. Armstrong pays a premium of say 15-25 basis points over the yen interbank rate (which is 75-125 basis points over attembre.)

yen rates) and then converts the yen to US dollars and invests in US instruments (say FNMAs). His agreed is on average 550 basis points. He then decides the currency fiedge and he receives any currency gain or loss. He pointed out that the money he will be returning to lenders at the end of March came to him when the Yen conversion.

rate was 117 or 118 and the current rate is 127 or 128. (hence, a gain of 10 year per dollar).

Amistrong also noted that as of his bonds are approved by the Japanese Ministry of Finance (MOF). (This is a requirement on all bonds sold in Japan)

On the topic of disclosing Princeton's net worth he was most refuctant. He said everyone he deats with in Jessen knows

Princeton. Princeton has been in Japan over 12 years. Armstrong said during this time most US broker dealers have started up and closed down and left a bed impression on Japanese institutions, but he remained

He again said he does not provide lenders any financials. When I tried to put a favor and get something from him he atili said no.

He said we know he owns Cresvele, a broker dealer, and he said it was "public intowledge" that there was \$40 million in capital in the Japanese Cresvele entity and that there was \$10 million in the US. Cresvele entity. (We subsequently received an audited statement as of 4/28/97 on Cresvele US confirming this). He said he had bought the Japanese Cresvele entity and invested capital at the request of the Japanese MOF. Since both the Japanese and US Cresvele entities are wholly owned by the guarantor, PGI. Amistrong suggested that this information supports the perceived credit worthiness of PEI as a guarantor.

. Armstrong further stated that one of the reasons he deals with Republic is that he does not view Republic as a potential competitor. In the peat he has dealt through people like Paine Webber & Prutential and they studied what he

was doing and found out who his clients were and they then approached his clients directly with similar property.

On February 26th I contacted Cresvale International (US) LLC, the US antity Armstrong referred to and

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spoke with Joe
Rendazzo (a former employee of RNYSC) and asked about the structure of dwnership. Later in the day
he faced are
an organizational chart reflecting the structure of ownership reflecting PEI's 100% ownership. Marty
Hovance is attempting
to get Dun & Bradstreet reports on all of these entities and I have requested credit information from our
local Republic offices
in Hong Kong and Japan.

We also did an analysis of Princeton's securities positions and outstanding mergin requirements at quarter ends in 1997 and on February 20, 1998. Outstanding securities positions averaged \$547 million (\$570 million as of 2/20/98). The average margin requirement (typically 4% of net outstanding futures positions) was \$19.7 million (\$13.1 million as of 2/20/98). Also, the average liquedting value of the futures positions shows a net gain of \$13.4 million for these points in time, with a high point of \$38.1 million gain, a low point of [-\$2.7] million loss, and a net gain of \$14.0 million as of 2/20/98.

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