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Introductory Notes:

- the Gofundme for Rama's operation is doing well: <https://www.gofundme.com/RamaSurgery>
 - **please keep the donations coming & send them to his paypal a/c with a memo**
 - **\$9, 200 is the amount today; they can now access their a/c**
- **CONFERENCE CALL: 9 – 10 PM, EST: 1 – 641-715-3650 PIN#: 353 863#**
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HARD NEWS

R: went to Cyber Café today, met 2 vets who know about the Bosnian pyramids and have been inside it with the Sasquatch people who have living spaces under the ground.

- The 2 wanted to leave Bosnia and the Sasquatch, who had heard that the military had a secret plan to capture the Sasquatch people in the area and then experiment on them, suggested that they leave the military. So the 2 vets got some help from friends higher up in the military to escape without being caught. The Sasquatch took them underground in the tunnels under the pyramid then ushered them into their space ship & an underground landing bay, and took them to Andromeda, their home galaxy.
- Spent about 2 weeks of earth time there; learned about the Andromedan culture and the Bigfoot Sasquatch people, that we are all cosmic beings interacting with each other.
- They are human, have human DNA, have children, wives just like us; are part of the Circle of Life
- they were brought back to a village about 100 miles from the military base; contacted their friends at the base and were told that they were considered MIA, died in action, there was no trace of them
- The Andromedans had given them new clothes, new identities, taught them how to change their looks, how to interact in situations where they need to shapeshift and change their appearances as required; their families were told they had died, are MIA, with no trace of them
- they told Rama they are being very low key, contacting whistleblowers and people connected with bringing out the truth concerning our galactic brothers and sisters

T: There are other military people around the world, different militaries, different countries having this experience – the contacts are going on and they are being trained to interact with the galactics. There are good military people who are cloaked within different positions in the higher ups in the military who are helping the soldiers having the experiences

R: the 2 men told him they had Cosmic Clearance just like Master Sgt. Bob Dean – meaning they know way too much on the ground, in the military

- R's sense of the experience: there are all kinds of folks coming out of the woods to interact and say "We're Here; we're part of the plan."

T: From the inside out, all kinds of organizations are being penetrated by galactics – the answer is about love – AND they asked Rama to pass the story on and that also means to us now, too

- when NESARA is enacted, these 2 men can be re-united with their families because full disclosure will have been announced
- and then the whole story can come out: the X files and the rest of the pieces of the puzzle and why Mom and Pop in Kansas who think ET s have 2 heads, etc will get the story
- and probably all the missing people from Bermuda Triangle, WW 2, the Phillipines & other such events.

• **massive floods, France Germany, Belgium**

- France: The Louvre in Paris - moving all the paintings to the top floors – an unprecedented event; - it's not about anything else but climate Change because we have been messing with Mother, and now she's messing with us!
 - the waters are 18' higher than normal and still rising
- thousands have been forced to flee

• Fresh **corruption allegations re: the FIFA organizations** - \$80 Million dollars

disappeared into various pockets

Refugee Deaths

- over 800 bodies washed ashore in Libya on a beach used by human traffickers
- **Crete** – another ship capsized with 100s more people into the sea
- the people are desperate as they can't survive in their home countries – pay exorbitant fees to get in a rickety boat and die in the Mediterranean Sea
- huge unravelling of **Mafioso ties to Trump**
 - the stories about the insanity of this man & how he makes no real sense in his statements – completely comes from the place of ego: he's pissed off one too many people
 - Mr Putin has a price on Trump's head – a serious issue!
 - there's a Russian connection too PLUS ties to New York mafia families
- **Hillary:** getting in deeper and deeper in trouble – have figured out that **she was trying to erase the whole e-mail server completely!** Have proof about it and she lied about it.
 - **Bernie is the man** – and the MSM and their owners do not want Bernie in there as he will break up the banks and Wall Street and have free education – this leads to a new way of being and insurance companies will not get rich on our backs – why do we need insurance – we are immortal beings, give or take 5 – 10,000 years or 100,000 years which is how long these temples of the living god are supposed to last!

T reads part of **David Cay Johnston's** article: 2016-05-30 Just What Were Donald Trump's Ties to the Mob? **[SEE BELOW]**

- only interested in money

Audio: CONVERSATIONS WITH GREAT MINDS: Wenonah Hauter, [Food and Water Watch/Frackopoly: The Battle for the Future of Energy and the Environment](#)

- Getting rid of protective rules, and use of gas for producing electricity has made a huge opening for fracking. Fracking is also used for oil as well.
- She talks about how deep and how far the drilling goes, about the poor quality of the pipes used, how dumping the toxic water underground causes earthquakes, how using water affects the drinking water of people around the well and in environs.
- The role of Dick Cheney
- Effect of deregulation
- Fracking takes 50 times more water than regular drilling. In many places in the country where it's dry, fracking is competing with agriculture and can outbid the farmers.
 - California is an especially tragic case: fracking waste water being used in one of the food producing counties to water food crops. This water may or may not contain radiation in CA – it does in Pennsylvania. Will be a big campaign in CA about this.

TO BE FINISHED LATER: BLESS ALL THE WHISTLEBLOWERS: Wenonah is President and CEO of this organization which has been around for a long time.

CONFERENCE CALL

- We are in for some serious repercussions that we haven't thought of yet: Thom Hartmann had on Michael Mann today – his latest book is **The Madhouse Effect** –
 - He's the inventor of the hockey stick; also knows all about the ice sheets in Antarctica if one sheet breaks off, it raises the water all around the world!

- People who live in Iceland are concerned about the Gulf Stream – could be a sub-zero freeze in all of Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries
- How fast? Not really predictable he said.

Ross: if Hillary and Trump will not be taking the White House, then they will be arrested before November?

T: we don't know it all: some things are just too big to clean up

- T & R have a friend who says he has had the exact same dream 9 times about the West Coast; the tidal wave would rise 2,000 feet and go 100 miles inland – this cannot be changed!
- And there are a number of faultlines all along the west coast of N and S America and Alaska and all the others on the other side of the Pacific rim of Fire
 - when there are problems of the Jet Stream, everyone is affected.
 - when things affect the one coast, it affects the whole world!
- As we learn to lift our vibrations higher. . . a book printed in 2013 about planting lots of green stuff
 - T learned that horses do not pull the whole root out, but cows do. Then she recalled that the Capstone in the Pyramid has seed pods in it that, once planted, can within in 48 hours grow for miles and miles; when the gourds open, zenon gas comes out: we lost that Zenon gas when the war in Atlantis affected the atmosphere – the zenon gas gives us our abilities: it also returns vegetation almost instantly – there is much desertification going on all across the planet and no one is talking about it

Ross: from the sounds of this, this will happen this year – yesterday, they said neither Hillary or Trump will make it to the White house -

T: doesn't mean something is going to happen – we don't know how it's going to happen;

- our job is to raise our vibrational field as high as we can and share what is going on with others whether they think we are cuckoo or not – it is becoming much more viable that things are coming in on the news – helpful to watch RT tv – Chris Hedges will be presenting a documentary on RT soon
- there are many things going on: and Dr Keshe is teaching people how to make star ships
 - The first law of love is to be calm and to balance the resonance of the heart with facts – things are not being given dates because the resonance of the heart and what we do to help others has to do with [the timing of] the announcements:
- All T knows – and she's been doing this since the '70s: the Rainbow Festival; the symposium – had the help of kids who knew how to do Fortran and use the huge computers; there was radio and TV but the primitive computer connections blew it wide open – they were cut off by the elite after 4 days of operation, though it was pretty much too late – they had already planted the seed of consciousness – they had Buckmiller Fuller and Dane Rudyard – there had never been such linkage on such a scale before.
 - By 1987 there was Harmonic Convergence and that anchored the Photon Belt, an anchor for the 5th Dimension.
- The Photon Belt emanates from Alcyone, the Great Central Sun in the Pleiades: it started to move closer and closer to where we are; it reached our galaxy at Harmonic Convergence at a very light level-
 - the Age of the 5th Sun had completed itself with the Photon Belt – not only was the 5th dimension here and useable, via spiritual practices, but as well the 5th dimension has been anchored.
 - Mahala even says that 7th dimension is opening right now!
- The Photon Belt is a ray of energy frequencies we are not used to – in 2006 it reached earth in a way that it was strong enough; during the 5000 year war, there was damage done to our orbit and we were thrown outside the Milky Way Galaxy. We were degrees off our axis and

were literally in another galaxy.

- It took about a year and the Photon Belt - as a tractor beam, a photon energy pathway - started to pull us inside the MWG, and that had to be done carefully. Our great Alcyone consciousness made that happen – we are still anchored in the photon belt and we are becoming aware that we are not in the same space time continuum – we are spiralling and following our sun at 200, 000 km per second
- the ancients have always known that we travelled in spirals - we were the galactic landing party missions that came in on the back side of Kuai in ancient Mu – 100s of 1000s of years ago
 - they [the galactic landing parties] were here to stay but 65 million years before that, the Annunaki were trying to take over the planet in the 5th dimension – we were still in the 5th dimension in ancient Egypt – just some of us: Mother and Ashtar
 - as people fell from the 5th to the 3rd dimension, territorial disputes got heavier and heavier; Kahotep ended up living as a barbarian in Siberia
 - The destruction of the great crystal in Atlantis moved us from being in the higher dimensions and living for 10,000 years or more, into a galactic war – then our egos got going and we wanted to take over China.
 - the beam we sent [to take out the palaces etc of Chia got redirected back to us, with the result that it] blew out the great crystal [which was our power source and sustainer of our lives] and we got blown back to caveman life.
 - Osiris and Isis picked up Kahotep in their star ship: Isis was born through a human body into an aboriginal family in Australia [where children are taught from the beginning that they are from the stars and are children of the stars]. When she was 12, Osiris [her Twin Flame] picked her up and also Kahotep and took him to Egypt with them where a remnant of Atlantis existed. They got beamed up to their own starships. Lots of star ships travelled both inter planetarily and inter galactically and the war has still been going on [in the Middle East particularly]
- Now there is an unseen war between the Secret Space Command and those who want to break away and join the good guys. Dr Greer says there are still some races who do not have Earth's interests at heart; in the Pleiades, everyone got along for ages and ages - eons - the degradation of the human spirit has also occurred -

Further discussion

BBS RADIO

MOTHER / ALCYONE [M / A]

Greetings in the Light of the Most Radiant one; in the Office of the Christ and only in the Office of the Christ, we invoke the loving energies of St Germain and the Violet Flame

We ask for great peace, no war – a pathway to seeing the peace -
in the meantime we have an amping up of the nuclear story and the “Putin bad man opposed to the West as good boys” story

Greetings, Children of Ra

- Indeed in this time of great transfiguration, all of which Tara speaks is in the Divine Plan, with this story comes to conclusion now. It is a fantastic cosmic story that began a very long time ago. You see, we are the same as the sun: plasma energy is what flows through these temples. No different, yet we made a conscious choice to drop in dimension & density to where we we are now; not a lot of fun at times.
 - When we see the results of what they have done, “they” meaning us and “us” is them - round and round it goes! It is about this divine leila of healing that is in the moment. We are in a new time, new difference, with the energies.
- T:** it is being bold about starting this off at the beginning yet a big question was raised on Conference call about the 4th arm of the Milky Way Galaxy being in the red in terms of karma, war, not so nice ET s still around – how do we expect this to change if that is still going on?
- M / A:** In spite of appearances, everything has shifted and things are getting more and more brighter and beautiful, in spite of all the horror stories
- T:** Gerry was telling us about the transformation of a friend they thought was brain dead, and she was not – she left her consciousness behind her and then got it back. Something unique going on - like the millions of people that won't get sick any more. More to the stories not being told than are being told.
- M/A:** it is about the law of love and the higher frequencies coming in that are changing physical matter, space / time – taking a quantum leap into love, it is that simple.
 - What she can share with us all is the fact that this time we are in is so magnificent to behold! All of our relatives are here and it is about lifting humanity up out of this swamp of our own thought forms that got us here – it is a challenge at best. We are very creative with our realms of infinite samsara: yet it is complete- we are in Sat Yuga.
 - Yet the edges of the Kali Yuga are still hanging about and that is why folks are chomping at the bit, waiting for the next shoe to drop. They are the next show that is in motion and how they see it is we change our point of view.
- T:** knows that there is a lot more things happening in the political thing: it's creeping in – there are investigations of both Trump and Hillary, and neither one of them will make it.
 - Yet she does not how to deal with – Greg Palast has said that they will throw all the provisional ballots in the garbage; if you are not registered as a Democrat, you cannot vote for Bernie – they will throw them away – outrageous!
- M/A:** believe in miracles in spite of all the bad news.
- T:** So many people know this is coming down but it is not being mass mediad!
 - What sells news – when people are behaving badly, when Trump calls everyone an a** hole, that makes news; that is the simple story. When there are magical things going on like them coming in, raising the frequencies and helping people heal – that makes no ratings for the networks – so maybe the networks don't need to exist anymore: how about them apples? [Mother waves bye bye]

M/A: It is at the place that unless you are in a state of grace with the frequencies at this time and you are serving 2 masters, you will find yourself serving one and it may not be where you want it to be. We are most creative with our abilities to create wherever we want to be – if you want to live in Heloca [Hell – oca], have a good time!

- They have one side of reality called the 13 families; they are playing the story out – it ends as the Hopi Prophecy says: the zig zag path to nowhere – Let it be as it is. No need to get in the way of the energies – they are doing a fine dance all by themselves!
- we need to heal the feelings of where is it – where it is in right here, right now, in this moment.

T: there is lots of stuff happening in the star systems – M: yes there is – T: huge changes going on, and we are in unknown turf in our travels, and whatever is out there that is not in alignment and is about killing and war games : that also ceases as this ceases?

- When M says all at once or nothing at all, you mean all at once?

M/A: yes –

T : does not want to hear anymore about it's natural; Nibiru is going to come in and blow up the planet; sorry, you're just in the way!

M/A: what she can say about it: the frequencies are raising everything and everyone to 12th dimension and higher; how that plays out is divine love and divine harmony.

- YetThe 13 families see it as divine chaos for themselves as they won't embrace the 12th strand of DNA; therefore the chips fall where they may, honey - let it be as it is!

T: the illusions need to be really shown as illusions, Mother!

M/A: we are seeing it as the fact that there is an illusion that we have a democracy [T] or ever did in the first place!

M/A: the reality is that we have mad men running for the office and the mad men and the mad woman is about the chaos in this divine timing scenario.

- Everything will level off and we will have a fine time, and it is about the love coming in even though they are screaming to the heavens: "store your food, get your water; the militia forces are coming for the black family."
- There are stories out there that they want to take out the Obama family at the White House – just heard about another shooting at the White House:does not know enough about it. It is about the issues at hand - the idea that the 13 families want to paint the carpet to the White House with the blood of the Obama family

T: this has been a long time situation

- on **DW news** out of **Berlin:** more than a 1000 died in those boats over the weekend – the refugees. The question was: are the people wanting to help change things or are they so numb now – they heard about this last weekend about 1000 people; things have gotten worse with another 1000 people. The answer was the people are numb and they are afraid because they think their way of life is being destroyed and don't round the circle that says the elite are behind everything!

M/A: That is coming full circle now as Trump continues to blather and take up so much air time.

- he has made too many mistakes, takes up too much air time – it is at a point that the energies are such that they are taking themselves out with every breath, every step they take. Our biggest challenge is to stay neutral and send love no matter how intense it gets – and it is intense to the max!
- It is about the cosmic love frequency that is transforming every particle, every nanite – that is why we heard the stories today that the media does not want to share the real news – it is infotainment –
- if there were to be real journalists with real stories, it would be about what is transpiring with these bodies: we are at the moment of The 4th Turning - the indigo crystal children are the heros, and the prophets get her done!
- Can't tell you how it will happen yet NESARA is the timeline that changes it; it is in this

moment: it is so blatant and in our faces. Mr Trump is doing his role to stir the pot and catalyse the energy; yet he is stirring up his own demise. Let it be as it should be. These life forms who have already sealed their fate in their own blood is their [M / A] responsibility; they will take care of the mess; we focus on ascension. That is an order!

T: It is not fair when there is no democracy!

M/A: It is about sending more love to the stories at hand, not getting caught in the drama. It is the reality of what we are experiencing - being given a view point of how to change your viewpoint! This is not where we wish to go; therefore, don't give it any energy - it will take care of itself, fizzle out and die. It is in this moment we have seen the hairpiece doing whatever it is doing which makes no sense - this is why a new level of crazy has taken up the slack. Our mission is to send love in all its forms to these . . .

T: thinks the solution is that Divine intervention is here already **M:** It is and it is happening

T: and they have done so many crimes that trying to fake it at the poll booth and throw those ballots out - won't fly; the people will be outraged.

M: things are on a razor's edge

T: She doesn't want to see people hurting themselves which they are doing at the Trump rallies and we don't know who is hired to do what to make it look good - agent provocateurs -

- They are desperate they want what they want when they want it - they want the criminal element to have control of these things
- there are rumours out there that mr hair has just a few moments left
- How that is going to solve things: he is taking himself out and the energies increase in magnitude and frequency and cannot live in a world which is coming back to wholeness and balance
- When one is consciously and maliciously spewing hate in this realm of balance, cannot remain in this realm.
- Therefore, send more love and comprehend that it is only in this moment. The frequencies are about the raising up of all of the energies in this time, and as the indigo children and the prophets get 'er done, the first law of business is to stay calm and send love to all situations at hand even as Mr Hair and Alex Jones are threatening and saying that the present sitting of members of congress and the Senate need to be killed.
- this is why she is saying she is coming with a few of her friends and equalize the playing field

T: there has to be intervention - they'll do it!

M/A: send more love: do not let the fur go up - you'll get your pound of flesh, believe me!

- At the same moment, send all of it such high frequencies of joy, expansion, divine love, neutrality; it is how we get through the eye of this needle - that is the test and the challenge - as she continues to say, she is from our future which is her past, and she knows we get it done and she cannot tell us how

Greetings in the light

M/A: Greetings in the light -

- the answers are here: use the abilities of what we have been given - no more words are needed, just do it! Do it now - that is an order.
- She is JUST putting it out here - get it done. The answers are forthcoming and it is in this time: now is the time: take a quantum leap: that's it!

T: The Collective said tonight that the gifts are part of an expanded awareness of who we are with these higher energies are much more available now

M/A: That is why she is saying - enough talking about what is: use your gifts and abilities! This is not as a school any more

T: You will intervene when folks with power over the situation? - like the thing in California - the provisional ballots all over the country are always trashed!

M/A: She comprehends what T is saying

T: There is a certain place that she must insist on justice, that rights are not denied like that

M/A: no more words: focus on the energies coming in that are shifting physical space/time, matter - take a quantum leap into the nauqual - **T:** expect the unexpected?

M/A: That is correct. JUST DO IT AND DO IT NOW!

Kadoish, kadoish, kadoish - you have the power use it!

R: has been with the oracle at Delphi, working with the flames of Lady Diana and the energy of what that represents - the energy of the hunt. Diana is the goddess of the hunt and the hunt is on, as Mother has said.

T: She's coming for her wayward kiddos!

R: And she don't mean maybe - the words are few and all Rama can see is the ocean of blood - it is what it is: send more love, blaze the violet fire.

- Remember the story when they poured the beer into the Nile river to make her stop because she was taking the humans out and she didn't stop until her father RA intervened.
- It's at that point now. It is not about death . . .

T: people are way more aware, no matter which side people are on.

- In France, a big soccer tournament is coming and the labour unions are being quashed by the government: cutting hours, lowering wages - trying to exercise very bad labour laws.
- The pilots are going to strike; half the trains are not running or running late

R: Macy's is on strike; the CEOs of that corporation are being very unfair, taking their pensions away!

T: MR said that Morgan Freeman is going to do 3 more segments of *The Story of God* - talk of millions and millions of jobs going by the wayside as everything is being robotized

R: this is the place where, when interventions comes in, it totally changes everything - which is why Dr Greer is doing what he does to shift reality at such an exponential level to get the truth out there about the lifeforms who have usurped the Gauntlet of Power - or so it APPEARS that way

T: it is outrageous - there has been a forcing of things: they want us to get used to police killing black people, get used to killing people and many other things.

R: the fact that Hair is threatening sitting Congress people and Senators: if I take you out, don't worry about it; you'll find yourself on the other side. His hitmen - like the hit squads tied in with Hillary - this is where it all shifts!

- This is where the law of love comes in - and hate will not come in: love only wins.
- Just remember: it's all about love! [In answer to T's comment] Yes - Mother is still in there somewhere!

Audio: HBO Real Time Guests: Friday June 3, 2016

<http://billmaher.tumblr.com/post/145317300886/hbo-real-time-guests-friday-june-3-2016>



The Interview:

Nick Hanauer is the co-founder and partner of the venture capital firm [Second Avenue Partners](#), and the co-author of [The Gardens of Democracy](#). In 2014, he gave a TED talk entitled, [“Beware, fellow plutocrats, the pitchforks are coming.”](#)

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The Panel:

John Avlon is the Editor-in-Chief of [The Daily Beast](#), a CNN Political Analyst and the author of [Wingnuts: How the Lunatic Fringe is Hijacking America](#). He recently [wrote](#) about Donald Trump’s attempts to revive Clinton conspiracy theories.

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Eddie Huang is the host of [Vice](#)’s [“Huang’s World,”](#) and author of the new memoir [Double Cup Love: On the Trail of Family, Food and Broken Hearts in China](#).

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Matt Welch is Editor-in-Chief of Reason Magazine. He is the co-author of the 2011 book, [The Declaration of Independents: How Libertarian Politics Can Fix What’s Wrong with America](#). His work has appeared in [The Wall Street Journal](#), [The New York Times](#), [The Washington Post](#), and several other publications. In his latest piece for [The Spectator](#), he writes about the likelihood of an Independent candidate emerging to defeat Donald Trump.

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Mid-Show Interview:

Neil DeGrasse Tyson is an astrophysicist and the Director of the [Hayden Planetarium](#). He is the host of [“Star Talk,”](#) on National Geographic, as well as a [podcast](#) by the same name. In 2014, he hosted a 13-part sequel to Carl Sagan’s 1980 television documentary, [Cosmos](#).

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Audio: Balance of Conversations with Great Minds

Audio: Max Keiser [KR922\] Keiser Report: Robots on the rise](#) June 2, 2016

<https://youtu.be/M9wQewbpG9k>

We discuss whether 'the system' can survive robots and whether a man can stand on his own, as the military industrial complex provides much of the technology behind the biggest success stories in Silicon Valley. In the second half, Max continues his interview with Professor [Robert McChesney](#) about his book, *People Get Ready: The Fight Against a Jobless Economy and a Citizenless Democracy*.

Audio: Laura Flanders

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One century after the Easter Rising of 1916, Ireland is marking a defining moment in its history: an armed rebellion against imperial rule and a week in which a few thousand visionaries took over central Dublin and declared an independent republic of equals. One hundred years on, another rising's underway against partition, austerity and poverty. Having reported from Northern Ireland in the 1980s and early '90s, Laura Flanders returned to Ireland this April, to take a look at what nationalism means today through the stories of people who've lived through the last half century. In the south of Ireland, the centenary coincides with the repercussions of an economic boom that was followed by a crash and severe cuts. The state's two major political parties took a drubbing in February's elections. In the north, voters who are still subject to British rule have endured a decade of Tory budget-slashing. Eighteen years after the signing of the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, a generation born in relative peace cast their first votes in regional elections this May. In this episode we hear from the Groves family of West Belfast whose daughter, born at the height of the so-called "Troubles", is now a Sinn Fein city councillor; Fra McCann a former IRA prisoner turned regional legislator; Fintan O'Toole literary editor of *The Irish Times*, and a range of activists who are fighting for a more humane republic for the 21st century. This episode includes photos and footage that Laura Flanders shot in the 1980s and additional photographs by Paula Allen.

The F-Word: Laura Flanders - **Men Who Move and States That Shake**

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This week, the Collective answer a question from a Lightworker who wrote in to say:

Some of us Lightworkers have only recently been fully awakened to our true Higher identities. We are constantly having an inner fight between “normal” human identity vs. our identity as a being of Divine Light.

For those who desperately miss their true Home and have constantly been praying/asking to go back there; who always felt like they were “different,” like an alien who’s been dropped off on a strange planet; who are strong empaths who feel everything, and find it too overwhelming at times . . .

What advice can the Collective give, for us to get through this challenging phase, so that we can acclimate to life as a Light Being on a third (though soon, fifth) dimensional planet, and fulfill the mission we came here to do?

The Collective: Greetings, dear ones!

This is an excellent question, and one that every Lightworker holds daily in their hands, asking intuitively for guidance, even when they do not form the exact phrases as you have done.

And we would say, that this is a challenge that is appearing on two levels.

You are indeed awakening to your true, Higher identity, and this is a blessed and miraculous moment for you, and for the humanity that experiences your Light.

Yet you are also an intermediary; you are at every moment, whether you are aware of it or not, absorbing the higher energies now coming to the Earth in increasingly powerful levels and amounts, and anchoring those higher forms of Light into Earth Herself, and into humanity’s consciousness.

And so we would say, that if you didn’t feel odd, out of sorts, out of place, and missing your real home and body many days, that that would be very strange indeed!

For it is natural for one on such a mission to feel that you were one day simply “dropped off” by your home culture, who then lifted off from the Earth’s surface and returned home without you.

And perhaps you imagine some days, when you are feeling most alone, that they were unaware of the severity of the situation, and the isolation you would find yourself in, in this Earth life.



Or that they knew you would suffer and feel alone and quite different from others, yet somehow missed the fact that they had the power to bring you home, and left you in this strange, cold, unfeeling place of some beauty but also considerable violence and chaos.

We wish you to understand, and they wish you to understand, that you were not abandoned, and that you have never been forgotten.

Nor are you consigned to feeling strange and out of place indefinitely—the very fact that you speak of other worlds and other Galactic cultures and orientations, speaks of an awakened spirit who is open to seeing themselves as a member of an intergalactic community of Light Beings!

This journey you are on has been about your own re-awakening, and the growth gained in that awakening process, on a soul level—this time, from within a human body.

For there is always an awakening, when you *leave* your body. There is always a returning and a remembering of Who you really are, and how you generally move through the Universe, including what dimensions, planets, and solar systems you prefer to inhabit.

Yet this particular awakening is occurring while you are *in* a human body—the lowest, densest, and most fragile form of physical expression in this Universe—the third dimensional expression of physicality.

You joyfully took on this astounding journey, as a powerful explorer takes on a new adventure, with vigor and great anticipation of new vistas to be explored. It was a journey that no one could dissuade you from.

Your loving soul family do in fact nearly envy (if envy were among their emotions) your experience of being physically present on Earth as this move from third to fifth dimensional reality is unfolding.

They look on with fascination and in-depth admiration at your bravery, your brilliance, your strength, your tenacity.



They see you never letting go of the ship's wheel, no matter how hard the winds blow, how much freezing rain blinds your sight, how many roaring sea monsters claw at you.

No matter what trusted colleagues and shipmates abandon you by either doubting your ability to steer to safety, or jumping ship altogether.

Your soul family are among those hovering just overhead, feeling the immensity of the task you took on, sending whatever encouragement and support they may—that which you told them would be acceptable to you, before you incarnated here, and that which they are able to offer within the constraints of the Ascension process, which cannot be done *for* a planet or Her people.

And look, friends! Look at how far you have come, how amazingly and powerfully you have evolved, in the astoundingly short time that is an Earth life.

Look at how you are aware, unlike nearly all your past lives, that you have been here many times before, and this time, to aid in Earth's Ascension.

Look at how much stronger you are now than you have ever been, in both releasing the ego-mind's need to argue, to defend, to judge, to identify as a victim, or to consider it a loss when you must release something that is no longer for your higher good.

Look at how you have come to honor the heart-mind and all its beauty and depth, in both accepting that there is Joy in life, and that it is your determination to find it, no matter the outer circumstances you are facing.

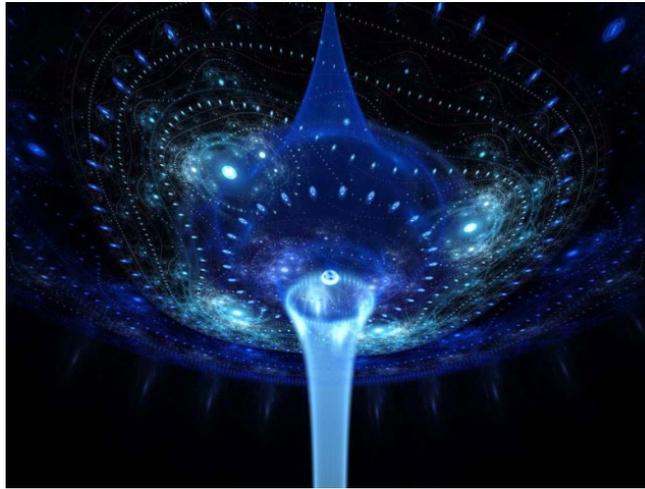
Look at how you are increasingly aware of your support team of Angelic guardians, spirit guides, and higher self, speaking and conferring with them each day as if they were friends in the room with you, for indeed they are—very powerful, very wise ones.

Look at how you are beginning to remember, even in the depths of the density that is the remains of the third dimensional Earth, Who you are in the larger sense—your soul work and identity, and your connections to those in the higher realms—those amongst the Angels, Faery, Elemental, and planetary kingdoms and Ascended Masters whom you count as your friends and colleagues in the higher dimensions.

Could you have been dissuaded from coming here, dear ones, whatever the risks? No—that was not possible, though many tried.

Most understood your feeling of urgency, that Earth had cried out for help, and that help must arrive. And that Earth's people were now ready to throw off the shackles of eons-long oppression, to claim their sovereignty once more.

And so you came, and yes, you left your loved ones, your culture, your music and dance, your beautiful star or planet or dimension, your twin flame and soul family—or at least, left the outer appearances of such.



And the miracles you have created, merely by being present upon this Earth at this time, have created the platform for nothing less than the unprecedented occurrence of an entire planet moving from the third to the fifth dimension.

This is something your Universe has not yet witnessed anywhere else.

Yet because of the bravery of Earth's people, and the Light Beings who came forth to assist them, it will occur elsewhere now, on other third dimensional planets.

And so as you consider that you are alone, that you wish to go Home, that you are feeling dispossessed and cut off from all that is real and precious to you—consider the brilliance of the miracle, that you are *able to be aware* that this is not your real home.

That is an Ascension property and process, to be aware of such, and you are living under that pressure with ongoing bravery, strength, and astounding patience.

In truth, all whom you love are not separate from you, and could never be. They are with you in all ways, at all times.

Your true Home exists in your heart, and if you will allow it—if you call it forth—the miracle of your Home life presence in your own spirit will come forward and express itself in beautiful and empowering terms.

You are also capable of meeting those on this Earth who are of your Home—your Galactic race, your culture, your soul mission.



Call out to them inwardly, and instruct your support team to connect you with them in your daily life wherever possible, and to connect you more fully with your soul family and twin flame, that you will feel and fully know their beautiful loving presence with you throughout the day and night.

And then realize, dear ones, that you can only move forward from here.

Forward into more joy, into more realization of your own strength and adaptability, into the full beauty and power and necessity of your mission, and the Love that empowers it at all times.

Namaste, friends! We wish you to know, now more than ever: You are never alone.

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2016-05-30 Just What Were Donald Trump's Ties to the Mob?

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*In his signature book, *The Art of the Deal*, Donald Trump boasted that when he wanted to build a casino in Atlantic City, he persuaded the state attorney general to limit the investigation of his background to six months. Most potential owners were scrutinized for more than a year. Trump argued that he was "clean as a whistle"—young enough that he hadn't had time to get into any sort of trouble. He got the sped-up background check, and eventually got the casino license.*

But Trump was not clean as a whistle. Beginning three years earlier, he'd hired mobbed-up firms to erect Trump Tower and his Trump Plaza apartment building in Manhattan, including buying ostensibly overpriced concrete from a company controlled by mafia chieftains Anthony "Fat Tony" Salerno and Paul Castellano. That story eventually came out in a federal investigation, which also concluded that in a construction industry saturated with mob influence, the Trump Plaza apartment building most likely benefited from connections to racketeering. Trump also failed to disclose that he was under investigation by a grand jury directed by the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, who wanted to learn how Trump obtained an option to buy the Penn Central railroad yards on the West Side of Manhattan.

Why did Trump get his casino license anyway? Why didn't investigators look any harder? And how deep did his connections to criminals really go?

These questions ate at me as I wrote about Atlantic City for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, and then went more deeply into the issues in a book, *Temples of Chance: How America Inc. Bought Out Murder Inc. to Win Control of the Casino Business*. In all, I've covered Donald Trump off and on for 27 years, and in that time I've encountered multiple threads linking Trump to organized crime. Some of Trump's unsavory connections have been followed by investigators and substantiated in court; some haven't. And some of those links have continued until recent years, though when confronted with evidence of such associations, Trump has often claimed a faulty memory. In an April 27 phone call to respond to my questions for this story, Trump told me he did not recall many of the events recounted in this article and they "were a long time ago." He also said that I had "sometimes been fair, sometimes not" in writing about him, adding "if I don't like what you

write, I'll sue you."

I'm not the only one who has picked up signals over the years. Wayne Barrett, author of a 1992 investigative biography of Trump's real-estate dealings, has tied Trump to mob and mob-connected men.

No other candidate for the White House this year has anything close to Trump's record of repeated social and business dealings with mobsters, swindlers, and other crooks. Professor Douglas Brinkley, a presidential historian, said the closest historical example would be President Warren G. Harding and Teapot Dome, a bribery and bid-rigging scandal in which the interior secretary went to prison. But even that has a key difference: Harding's associates were corrupt but otherwise legitimate businessmen, not mobsters and drug dealers.

This is part of the Donald Trump story that few know. As Barrett wrote in his book, Trump didn't just do business with mobbed-up concrete companies: he also probably met personally with Salerno at the townhouse of notorious New York fixer Roy Cohn, in a meeting recounted by a Cohn staffer who told Barrett she was present. This came at a time when other developers in New York were pleading with the FBI to free them of mob control of the concrete business.

From the public record and published accounts like that one, it's possible to assemble a clear picture of what we do know. The picture shows that Trump's career has benefited from a decades-long and largely successful effort to limit and deflect law enforcement investigations into his dealings with top mobsters, organized crime associates, labor fixers, corrupt union leaders, con artists and even a one-time drug trafficker whom Trump retained as the head of his personal helicopter service.

Now that he's running for president, I pulled together what's known – piecing together the long history of federal filings, court records, biographical anecdotes, and research from my and Barrett's files. What emerges is a pattern of business dealings with mob figures—not only local figures, but even the son of a reputed Russian mob boss whom Trump had at his side at a gala Trump hotel opening, but has since claimed under oath he barely knows.

Neither Trump's campaign spokesperson, Hope Hicks, nor Jason Greenblatt, the executive vice president and chief legal officer at the Trump Organization, responded to several emailed requests for comment on the issues raised in this article.

Here, as close as we can get to the truth, is what really happened.

After graduating in 1968 from the University of Pennsylvania, a rich young man from the outer boroughs of New York City sought his fortune on the island of Manhattan. Within a few years Donald J. Trump had made friends with the city's most notorious fixer, lawyer Roy Cohn, who had become famous as lead counsel to Senator Joseph McCarthy. Among other things Cohn was now a mob consigliere, with clients including "Fat Tony" Salerno, boss of the Genovese crime family, the most powerful Mafia group in New York, and Paul Castellano, head of what was said to be the second largest family, the Gambinos.

This business connection proved useful when Trump began work on what would become Trump Tower, the 58-story high-rise where he still lives when he's not at his Florida estate.

There was something a little peculiar about the construction of Trump Tower, and subsequent Trump projects in New York. Most skyscrapers are steel girder construction, and that was especially true in the 1980s, says John Cross of the American Iron & Steel Institute. Some use pre-cast concrete. Trump chose a costlier and in many ways riskier method: ready-mix concrete. Ready-mix has some advantages: it can speed up construction, and doesn't require costly fireproofing. But it must be poured quickly or it will harden in the delivery truck drums, ruining them as well as creating costly problems with the building itself. That leaves developers vulnerable to the unions: the worksite gate is union controlled, so even a brief labor slowdown can turn into an expensive disaster.

Salerno, Castellano and other organized crime figures controlled the ready-mix business in New York, and everyone in construction at the time knew it. So did government investigators trying to break up the mob, urged on by major developers such as the LeFrak and Resnick families. Trump ended up not only using ready-mix concrete, but also paying what a federal indictment of Salerno later concluded were inflated prices for it – repeatedly – to S & A Concrete, a firm Salerno and Castellano owned through fronts, and possibly to other mob-controlled firms. As Barrett noted, by choosing to build with ready-mix concrete rather than other materials, Trump put himself “at the mercy of a legion of concrete racketeers.”

Salerno and Castellano and other mob families controlled both the concrete business and the unions involved in delivering and pouring it. The risks this created became clear from testimony later by Irving Fischer, the general contractor who built Trump Tower. Fischer said concrete union “goons” once stormed his offices, holding a knife to throat of his switchboard operator to drive home the seriousness of their demands, which included no-show jobs during construction of Trump Tower.

But with Cohn as his lawyer, Trump apparently had no reason to personally fear Salerno or Castellano—at least, not once he agreed to pay inflated concrete prices. What Trump appeared to receive in return was union peace. That meant the project would never face costly construction or delivery delays.

The indictment on which Salerno was convicted in 1988 and sent to prison, where he died, listed the nearly \$8 million contract for concrete at Trump Plaza, an East Side high-rise apartment building, as one of the acts establishing that S & A was part of a racketeering enterprise. (While the concrete business was central to the case, the trial also proved extortion, narcotics, rigged union elections and murders by the Genovese and Gambino crime families in what Michael Chertoff, the chief prosecutor, called “the largest and most vicious criminal business in the history of the United States.”)

FBI agents subpoenaed Trump in 1980 to ask about his dealing with John Cody, a Teamsters official described by law enforcement as a very close associate of the Gambino crime family. The FBI believed that Cody previously had obtained free apartments from other developers. FBI agents suspected that Cody, who controlled the flow of concrete trucks, might get a free Trump Tower apartment. Trump denied it. But a female friend of Cody's, a woman with no job who attributed her lavish lifestyle to the kindness of friends, bought three Trump Tower apartments right beneath the triplex where Donald lived with his wife Ivana. Cody stayed there on occasion and invested \$500,000 in the units. Trump, Barrett reported, helped the woman get a \$3 million

mortgage without filling out a loan application or showing financials.

In the summer of 1982 Cody, then under indictment, ordered a citywide strike—but the concrete work continued at Trump Tower. After Cody was convicted of racketeering, imprisoned and lost control of the union, Trump sued the woman for \$250,000 for alteration work. She countersued for \$20 million and in court papers accused Trump of taking kickbacks from contractors, asserting this could “be the basis of a criminal proceeding requiring an attorney general’s investigation” into Trump. Trump then quickly settled, paying the woman a half-million dollars. Trump said at the time and since then that he hardly knew those involved and there was nothing improper his dealings with Cody or the woman.

There were other irregularities in Trump’s first big construction project. In 1979, when Trump hired a demolition contractor to take down the Bonwit Teller department store to make way for Trump Tower, he hired as many as 200 non-union men to work alongside about 15 members of the House Wreckers Union Local 95. The non-union workers were mostly illegal Polish immigrants paid \$4 to \$6 per hour with no benefits, far below the union contract. At least some of them did not use power tools but sledgehammers, working 12 hours a day or more and often seven days a week. Known as the “Polish brigade,” many didn’t wear hard hats. Many slept on the construction site.

Normally the use of nonunion workers at a union job site would have guaranteed a picket line. Not at this site, however. Work proceeded because the Genovese family principally controlled the union; this was demonstrated by extensive testimony, documents and convictions in federal trials, as well as a later report by the New York State Organized Crime Task Force.

When the Polish workers and a union dissident sued for their pay and benefits, Trump denied any knowledge that illegal workers without hard hats were taking down Bonwit with sledgehammers. The trial, however, demonstrated otherwise: Testimony showed that Trump panicked when the nonunion Polish men threatened a work stoppage because they had not been paid. Trump turned to Daniel Sullivan, a labor fixer and FBI informant, who told him to fire the Polish workers.

Trump knew the Polish brigade was composed of underpaid illegal immigrants and that S&A was a mob-owned firm, according to Sullivan and others. “Donald told me that he was having his difficulties and he admitted to me that — seeking my advice — that he had some illegal Polish employees on the job. I reacted by saying to Donald that ‘I think you are nuts,’” Sullivan testified at the time. “I told him to fire them promptly if he had any brains.” In an interview later, Sullivan told me the same thing.

In 1991, a federal judge, Charles E. Stewart Jr., ruled that Trump had engaged in a conspiracy to violate a fiduciary duty, or duty of loyalty, to the workers and their union and that the “breach involved fraud and the Trump defendants knowingly participated in his breach.” The judge did not find Trump’s testimony to be sufficiently credible and set damages at \$325,000. The case was later settled by negotiation, and the agreement was sealed.

While Trump’s buildings were going up in Manhattan, he was entering a highly regulated

industry in New Jersey – one that had the responsibility, and the means, to investigate him and bring the facts to light.

From the beginning, Trump tried to have it both ways. While he leveraged Roy Cohn's mob contacts in New York, he was telling the FBI he wanted nothing to do with organized crime in Atlantic City, and even proposed putting an undercover FBI agent in his casinos. In April of 1981, when he was considering building a New Jersey casino, he expressed concern about his reputation in a meeting with the FBI, according to an FBI document in my possession and which the site Smoking Gun also posted. "Trump advised Agents that he had read in the press media and had heard from various acquaintances that Organized Crime elements were known to operate in Atlantic City," the FBI recorded. "Trump also expressed at this meeting the reservation that his life and those around him would be subject to microscopic examination. Trump advised that he wanted to build a casino in Atlantic City but he did not wish to tarnish his family's name."

Part of the licensing process was supposed to be a deep investigation into his background, taking more than a year for would-be casino owners, but Trump managed to cut that short. As he told the story in *The Art of the Deal*, in 1981 he threatened to not build in Atlantic City unless New Jersey's attorney general, John Degnan, limited the investigation to six months. Degnan was worried that Trump might someday get approval for a casino at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan, which could have crushed Atlantic City's lucrative gaming industry, so Degnan agreed to Trump's terms. Trump seemingly paid Degnan back by becoming an ardent foe of gambling anywhere in the East except Atlantic City—a position that obviously protected his newfound business investment as well, of course.

Trump was required to disclose any investigations in which he might have been involved in the past, even if they never resulted in charges. Trump didn't disclose a federal grand jury inquiry into how he obtained an option to buy the Penn Central railroad yards on the West Side of Manhattan. The failure to disclose either that inquiry or the Cody inquiry probably should have disqualified Trump from receiving a license under the standards set by the gaming authorities.

Once Trump was licensed in 1982, critical facts that should have resulted in license denial began emerging in Trump's own books and in reports by Barrett—an embarrassment for the licensing commission and state investigators, who were supposed to have turned these stones over. Forced after the fact to look into Trump's connections, the two federal investigations he failed to reveal and other matters, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement investigators circled the wagons to defend their work. First they dismissed as unreliable what mobsters, corrupt union bosses and Trump's biggest customer, among others, had said to Barrett, to me and other journalists and filmmakers about their dealings with Trump. The investigators' reports showed that they then put Trump under oath. Trump denied any misconduct or testified that he could not remember. They took him at his word. That meant his casino license was secure even though others in the gambling industry, including low-level licensees like card dealers, had been thrown out for far less.

This lapse illustrated a fundamental truth about casino regulation at the time: Once the state licensed an owner, the Division of Gaming Enforcement had a powerful incentive not to overturn its initial judgment. State officials recited like a mantra their promise that New Jersey casinos were the most highly regulated business in American history, more tightly regulated than nuclear

power plants. In *Temples of Chance*, I showed that this reputation often owed less to careful enforcement than to their willingness to look the other way when problems arose.

In 1986, three years after Trump Tower opened, Roy Cohn was disbarred for attempting to steal from a client, lying and other conduct that an appellate court found “particularly reprehensible.”

Trump testified that Cohn, who was dying from AIDS, was a man of good character who should keep his license to practice law.

This was not the only time Trump went to bat publicly for a criminal. He has also spoken up for Shapiro and Sullivan. And then there was the case of Joseph Weichselbaum, an embezzler who ran Trump’s personal helicopter service and ferried his most valued clientele.

Trump and Weichselbaum were so close, Barrett reported in his book, that Weichselbaum told his parole officer about how he knew Trump was hiding his mistress, Marla Maples, from his first wife, Ivana, and tried to persuade Trump to end their years-long affair.

Trump’s casinos retained Weichselbaum’s firm to fly high rollers to Atlantic City. Weichselbaum was indicted in Ohio on charges of trafficking in marijuana and cocaine. The head of one of Trump’s casinos was notified of the indictment in October 1985, but Trump continued using Weichselbaum—conduct that again could have cost Trump his casino license had state regulators pressed the matter, because casino owners were required to distance themselves from any hint of crime. Just two months later Trump rented an apartment he owned in the Trump Plaza apartment building in Manhattan to the pilot and his brother for \$7,000 a month in cash and flight services. Trump also continued paying Weichselbaum’s firm even after it went bankrupt.

Weichselbaum, who in 1979 had been caught embezzling and had to repay the stolen money, pleaded guilty to two felonies.

Donald Trump vouched for Weichselbaum before his sentencing, writing that the drug trafficker is “a credit to the community” who was “conscientious, forthright, and diligent.” And while Weichselbaum’s confederates got as many as 20 years, Weichselbaum himself got only three, serving 18 months before he was released from the urban prison that the Bureau of Prisons maintains in New York City. In seeking early release, Weichselbaum said Trump had a job waiting for him.

Weichselbaum then moved into Trump Tower, his girlfriend having recently bought two adjoining apartments there for \$2.4 million. The cash purchase left no public record of whether any money actually changed hands or, if it did, where it came from. I asked Trump at the time for documents relating to the sale; he did not respond.

As a casino owner, Trump could have lost his license for associating with Weichselbaum. Trump has never been known to use drugs or even drink. What motivated him to risk his valuable license by standing up for a drug trafficker remains unclear to this day.

Trump, in his phone call to me, said he “hardly knew” Weichselbaum.

The facts above come from court records, interviews and other documents in my own files and those generously made available by Barrett, who was the first journalist to take a serious investigative look at Trump. Our files show Trump connected in various deals to many other mobsters and wise guys.

There was, for example, [Felix Sater](#), a senior Trump advisor and son of a reputed Russian mobster, whom Trump kept on long after he was convicted in a mob-connected stock swindle. And there was Bob Libutti, a racehorse swindler who was quite possibly Trump's biggest customer at the casino tables at the time. Libutti told me and others about arrangements that went beyond the "comps"—free hotel rooms and services, for example—that casinos can legally give to high-rollers. Among these was a deal to sell Trump a less-than-fit horse at the inflated price of \$500,000, though Trump backed out at the last minute. Libutti accused Trump of making an improper \$250,000 payment to him, which would have cost Trump his license. The DGE dismissed Libutti as unreliable and took Trump at his word when he denied the allegations. (Libutti was a major figure in my 1992 book *Temples of Chance*.)

Some of the dealings came at a remove. In Atlantic City, Trump built on property where mobsters controlled parts of the adjoining land needed for parking. He paid \$1.1 million for about a 5,000-square-foot lot that had been bought five years earlier for just \$195,000. The sellers were Salvy Testa and Frank Narducci Jr., a pair of hitmen for Atlantic City mob boss Nicky Scarfo who were known as the Young Executioners. For several adjoining acres, Trump ignored the principal owner of record and instead negotiated directly in a deal that also likely ended up benefiting the Scarfo mob. Trump arranged a 98-year lease deal with Sullivan, the FBI informant and labor fixer, and Ken Shapiro, described in government reports as Scarfo's "investment banker." Eventually the lease was converted into a sale after the Division of Gaming Enforcement objected to Sullivan and Shapiro being Trump's landlords.

Trump later boasted in a sworn affidavit in a civil case that he made the deals himself, his "unique contribution" making the land deals possible. In formal hearings Trump later defended Sullivan and Shapiro as "well thought of." Casino regulators thought otherwise, and banned Sullivan and Shapiro from the casino industry. But the Casino Control Commission was never asked to look into FBI reports that Trump was involved, via Shapiro, in the payoffs at the time of the land deals that resulted in Mayor Michael Mathews going to prison.

Thanks in part to the laxity of New Jersey gaming investigators, Trump has never had to address his dealings with mobsters and swindlers head-on. For instance, Barrett reported in his book that Trump was believed to have met personally with Salerno at Roy Cohn's townhouse; he found that there were witnesses to the meeting, one of whom kept detailed notes on all of Cohn's contacts. But instead of looking for the witnesses (one of whom had died) and the office diary one kept, the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) took an easier path. They put Trump under oath and asked if he had ever attended such a meeting. Trump denied it. The inquiry ended.

Taking Trump at his word that he never met with the mobsters in Cohn's townhouse saved the casino investigators from having to acknowledge their earlier failure—that from the start, they had never properly investigated Trump and his connections to criminals. They certainly had the leverage to push harder if they chose. Indeed, two of the five Casino Control commissioners in 1991 declared that the DGE showed official favoritism to Trump. Commissioner David Waters

complained that DGE did not go nearly far enough in seeking a \$30,000 fine against Trump for taking an illegal loan from his father, which could be grounds to revoke Trump's casino licenses. Waters called it "an outrage that the Division of Gaming Enforcement would take this position and fail to carry out what I understand to be its responsibility to enforce the provisions of the Casino Control Act."

Even after he got his license, Trump continued to have relationships that should have prompted inquiries. For example, he made a deal to have Cadillacs dolled up with fancy interiors and exteriors beginning in 1988, marketing them as Trump Golden Series and Trump Executive Series limousines. The modifications were made at the Dillinger Coach Works, which was owned by a pair of convicted felons, convicted extortionist Jack Schwartz and convicted thief John Staluppi, who was so close to mobsters that he was invited to the wedding of a mob *capo's* daughter. New York liquor regulators proved tougher than those in New Jersey, denying Staluppi, a rich car dealer, a license because of his rap sheet and his extensive dealings with mobsters, as Barrett's former reporting partner Bill Bastone [found in public records](#). So why did Trump repeatedly do business with mob owned businesses and mob-controlled unions? Why go down the aisle with an expensive mobbed-up concrete firm when other options were available?

"Why'd Donald do it?" Barrett said when I put the question to him. "Because he saw these mob guys as pathways to money, and Donald is all about money."

From a \$400 million tax giveaway on his first big project, to getting a casino license, to collecting fees for putting his name on everything from bottled water and buildings to neckties and steaks, Trump's life has been dedicated to the next big score. Through Cohn, Trump made choices that—gratuitously, it appears—resulted in his first known business dealings with mob-controlled companies and unions, a pattern that continued long after Cohn died.

What Trump has to say about the reasons for his long, close and wide-ranging dealings with organized crime figures, with the role of mobsters in cheating Trump Tower workers, his dealings with Felix Sater and Trump's seeming leniency for Weichselbaum, are questions that voters deserve full answers about before casting their ballots.

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