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Tom:

It was good to hear from you this afternoon... Like I expressed to you earlier, I cannot begin to express my gratitude and utmost appreciation for all that you did for me as we walked through one of the country's biggest controversies of all time. Your appetite for information and the truth was an inspiration to me. I can honestly say that my career in tribal public service would not be where it is today had it not been for the expertise and knowledge that you shared with me.

The gross manipulation and fraud committed by Abramoff and Scanlon would never have seen the light of day had it not been for the tireless efforts of another Washington insider. Their demise came as a result of their own abuse of their own system – not because of naïve Natives as they often have tried to portray. I take silent satisfaction from the fact that we were a part of something far greater than us. Hopefully, we can continue working on this story so that eventually you will get the credit that you so deserve for your huge part in the exposing of this mass exploitation of Native peoples. That is my only regret in this whole story – that you never got the credit. But I can certainly understand your point. When the press would give me some credit, I felt that it was undeserved. I was constantly hoping that it didn't offend you. At any rate, here we are today. I made a great friend in the process. I'll take one good friend over fame any day. You know how they say in public service that if you can count true, sincere friends on one hand consider yourself lucky? That's true. I'm proud to say I have a Blackfoot friend from Montana I can count on!! ...

Looking forward to hearing from you again.

With every good wish,

David

- Email from David Sickey, Tribal Member of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana



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