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Congressman Denies Bribery Charge

Calls office search 'outrageous intrusion'

(AP) — A congressman under investigation for bribery says he will not resign in the face of allegations that he was videotaped accepting \$100,000 from an informant, telling reporters, "There are certainly two sides to this story."

Meanwhile, Democratic Rep. William Jefferson, called an FBI search of his Capitol office "an outrageous intrusion."

The FBI revealed Sunday that Jefferson was videotaped accepting \$100,000 in \$100 bills from an FBI informant. Agents later found the cash hidden in a freezer, according to court documents.

Asked if he took a bribe, Jefferson declined to answer. He also declined to talk about the vid-

eotape or other details alleged in an FBI affidavit presented to a judge as evidence for a warrant to search his office Saturday night and Sunday.

Jefferson, an eight-term congressman who turned 59 in March, maintained his innocence and said he plans to continue voting in the House. "I expect to run for re-election, but that's a matter that's down the road," he said.

He called the weekend search of his Capitol Hill office "an outrageous intrusion into separation of powers between the executive branch and the congressional branch, and no one has seen this in all the time of the life of the Congress."



Rep. William Jefferson, D-La., makes a statement upon his arrival at Washington's National Airport, Monday, May 22, 2006. (AP photo)

A historian with the Senate Historical Office said there is no record of any member's congressional office being searched.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, asked about the Jefferson search, said he understands the concerns raised about FBI agents raiding a congressional office.

"I will admit that these were un-

usual steps that were taken in response to an unusual set of circumstances," Gonzales said.

The search warrant affidavit spells out special procedures put in place to ensure the search did not infringe on privileged material. The procedures include use of a "filter team" of prosecutors and FBI agents unconnected to the investigation. They would review any seized items or documents and determine whether the documents are privileged and therefore immune from the search warrant.

If the status of a document is in doubt, the filter team will give the documents to a judge for a definitive ruling before giving them to case prosecutors, according to the affidavit.

The government says Jefferson received the money in a leather briefcase last July 30 at the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Arlington, Va. The plan was for Jefferson to use the cash to bribe a high-ranking Nigerian official to ensure the success of a business deal in that country, the 100-page affidavit said.

All but \$10,000 was recovered Aug. 3, when the FBI searched Jefferson's home in Washington.

Nagin Re-elected; Calls for Unity

(AP) — Newly re-elected New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin expressed confidence that political opponents and business leaders would unite to rebuild his hurricane-stricken city.

"We're going to bring this city together. It's my intention to reach out to every segment of this community," Nagin said Sunday, a day after defeating Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu.

Nagin said he plans to put together a commission to decide on action in the next 100 days. Debris removal and housing will be top priorities.

The former cable television executive dismissed threats by some business people who supported Landrieu and said they would leave if Nagin remained in office.

"Business people are predators, and if the economic opportunities are here, they're going to stay. If not, they are going to leave," said Nagin, in his now-famous vernacular. "I think there's enough interest around the country that we're going to attract top businesses ... God bless them. I hope they stay but if they don't, I'll send them a postcard."

Nagin said he has spoken with Gov. Kathleen Blanco and President Bush, reiterating his desire to work together.

Nagin said he pressed Bush to help accelerate



New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin attends a Mass at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in New Orleans on Sunday, the day after his re-election. (AP photo)

the rebuilding process and to aid with removal of the debris. He also questioned the pending end of federal aid for some evacuees still living in Houston and other cities.

Oregon Soldiers Deployed to Mid-East

Brigade to train Afghanistan army

In a military ceremony at Camp Shelby, Miss., Gov. Ted Kulongoski deployed the nearly 1,000 soldiers from the Oregon National Guard's 41st Brigade

Combat Team to Afghanistan Monday, marking the largest overseas deployment of the Oregon Guard since World War II.

As part of Operation Enduring Freedom, the combat team will help train Afghanistan's military during the year-long deployment. The same unit deployed to Louisiana for nearly two months in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, where it assisted with relief efforts.

"As the 41st undertakes this long and difficult deployment, I

can tell you that we will not only miss their talent and dedication, we will miss their fighting spirit—the same spirit with which they volunteered to serve in the Guard and risk their lives in the defense of our nation," Kulongoski said.

"I want everyone who is part of this mission to know that you take with you my thanks, my deep appreciation, and my prayers. I will not sleep easy until you are all back home and in the loving arms of your families and communities."

Republicans Pushed NAACP Probe

(AP) — Several Republican members of Congress forwarded constituents' letters to the Internal Revenue Service claiming the NAACP had veered into political advocacy, a potential violation of the civil rights group's tax-exempt status, according to documents released by the NAACP.

The IRS began looking into the NAACP about a month before the 2004 presidential election after a speech by its Chairman Julian Bond that was largely critical of President Bush's policies.

Political campaigning is prohibited under the NAACP's tax-exempt status. The IRS said its inquiry would focus on whether Bond's speech was too political, and that the investigation is

among dozens into the activities of tax-exempt groups during the 2004 election season.

The NAACP received more than 500 pages of documents the IRS has gathered to begin its inquiry and posted them on its Web site. The group had made requests under the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents include letters that members of Congress sent to the IRS on behalf of their constituents. The lawmakers include Sens. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and Susan M. Collins of Maine, Rep. Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, the late Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina and former Reps. Larry Combest of Texas and Joe Scarborough of Florida. All are Republicans.



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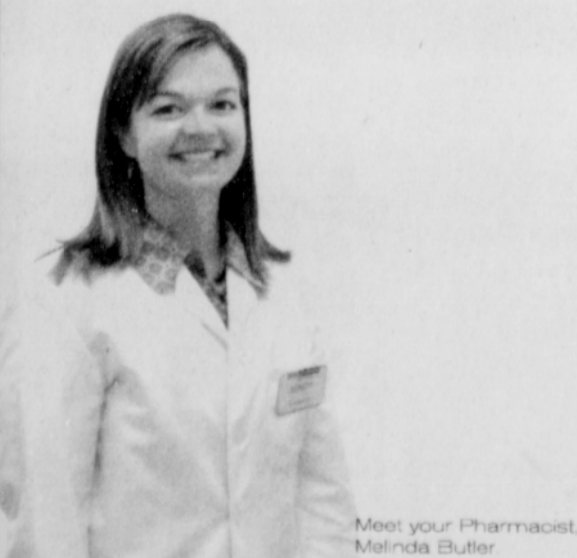
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