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Memorandum

To: Tobie Black, Staff Assistant
Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force

From: Richard Withers, Legislative Fiscal Analyst ex. 8532 *RW*

Date: November 19, 2008

Re: Copies of Newspaper Articles Supplied to the Task Force

Upon your request on behalf of the Hon. Louis Butler, Chair of the Alcohol Beverage Licensing Task Force, I supplied copies of newspaper articles to you last week related to the arrest and prosecution of Michael McGee. I understand that these articles may be provided to members of the Task Force as background information. With the assistance of the Bureau's Library Section, a large number of articles were compiled. I selected those that appeared most informative. All the articles provided were published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and are copyrighted. I would therefore request that the articles not be reproduced or published, on the Internet or otherwise except for the fair use of Task Force members.

In the interest of transparency, I have prepared the following list of these articles which can be placed in the files of the Task Force so that the public will have information about the types of background materials reviewed by Task Force members.

May 29, 2007	"McGee arrested in corruption case – Details expected today from DA, U.S. Attorney"
May 30, 2007	"McGee faces bribery charges – Federal charges filed some state charges sealed"
May 31, 2007	"DA says McGee plotted beating – Alderman's lawyer says issue is a misunderstanding of street language"
May 31, 2007	"Process of awarding licenses must be reviewed, Barrett says"
June 1, 2007	"McGee election worker charged-People were paid \$5 to vote, complaint says alderman defends himself in call to radio show"

June 6, 2007	"State files new criminal charges against McGee – Wiretap issue will keep latest allegation sealed"
June 15, 2007	"McGee anti-crime group implicated in bribery – Federal investigation links organization to extortion"
August 17, 2007	"McGee had defended bar where man was fatally shot"
December 31, 2007	"FBI agent's affidavit links McGee, gang – Document says alderman muscled out citizens group"
May 19, 2008	"Trial brings McGee back to fore – Former alderman's state case may feature a few unusual twists"
June 6, 2008	"Document details federal McGee case – Ex-alderman accused of driving around demanding money"
June 17, 2008	"Witness says he paid McGee – Former alderman's federal trial opens"
June 18, 2008	"McGee wanted cash, jury is told – Store owners say a donation for beer license was norm"
June 19, 2008	"McGee exchange seen on video – Undercover agent paid \$900 bribe, he testifies"
June 21, 2008	"Defense chips away at McGee witness – Ex-alderman shepherded licenses, official testifies"
June 24, 2008	"FBI tape reveals plan to control licenses – McGee planned citywide shakedown Closing arguments today in ex-alderman's extortion trial"
June 25, 2008	"McGEE GUILTY – Former alderman convicted of extortion, bribery in dealings with store owners"
June 26, 2008	"Verdict revives reform talk – McGee trial details aldermanic privilege"
June 29, 2008	"Liquor license panel planned – After McGee conviction, task force will study city's approach to process"
June 29, 2008	"ALDERMANIC PRIVILEGE – A NEED TO RESTORE TRUST IN CITY LIQUOR LICENSING In the wake of Ald. Michael McGee's conviction, a licensing task force is a good first step. The goal: Ridding Milwaukee once and for all of the notion of aldermanic privilege."
October 18, 2008	"McGee admitted to false ID, records say"
October 28, 2008	"McGee sentenced to 6 ½ years in prison – Ex-alderman shook down businesses"

Please feel free to contact the Bureau if you have any questions or would like further information.

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