



Bush, Harken and the Mystery Buyer

The large scale accounting frauds, corporate frauds, corporate bankruptcies, and corporate layoffs have brought about massive but unfocused nationwide anger that has yet to find a scapegoat.

Congressional Democrats are pushing the SEC to make public their records of the June 1990 stock sale of 212,140 shares of Harken Energy Corp. by George W. Bush, and to reopen the SEC investigation.

Why? To embarrass the president? To tie the Republican party to corrupt accountants and corporations? To win Democratic congressional seats in November? Doubtful. Democrats want more, much more. They want to bring down the Bush presidency.

George W. Bush received a fortuitous "cold call" from a California broker who had a buyer for a large block of Harken stock, a thinly traded stock of a little known corporation. Democrats want the name of the mystery purchaser.

What if the unidentified purchaser of George W. Bush's stock was:

- 1) A front for a political entity?
- 2) An owner or group of owners of the Texas Rangers baseball team?
- 3) A contributor to George W. Bush's father, the then president?
- 4) A "stock parking" transaction with friendly stock purchasers waiting in the wings?
- 5) Halliburton?
- 6) Something worse?

At the same time, George W. Bush may have been the honest beneficiary of sheer luck. Since most Americans believe in luck, having a lucky president may be held in high public esteem as was enjoyed by the lucky President Clinton.

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