

JOSEPH CARI'S TESTIMONY

Q. Mr. Cari, what did you and Governor Blagojevich discuss during that time period on the airplane?

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A. We got into a discussion about President Clinton and his view of why Clinton was successful and my view of why Clinton was successful, coming into this as a sitting governor. And Governor Blagojevich was very attuned that Governor Clinton at the time was able to raise a lot of money because, as a sitting governor, he thought -- and history does show that it's easier to raise money as a sitting governor than as a senator sometimes when you're running for the presidency.

Q. Did he explain why he thought it was easier to raise money as a governor?

A. **Yes, because the governor has the ability, unlike a U.S. senator, to give contracts, legal work, advisory work, investment banking work to a variety of individuals and companies.**

Q. Did he -- what, if anything, did he say about how that related to fund-raising?

A. **That because a governor had the ability to award contracts, that it was much easier to solicit people for contributions.**

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Q. And what, if anything, did he say in relation to how they might help his friends?

A. **That there were contracts, that there was legal work, that there was investment banking work, consulting work to give to people who helped them.**

Q. And when you say "them," who are you referring to?

A. I took that to mean -- them, meaning Governor Blagojevich and the people around him.

Source: Testimony of Joseph Cari in United States v. Antoin Rezko (Ex. 8 at 30-32)