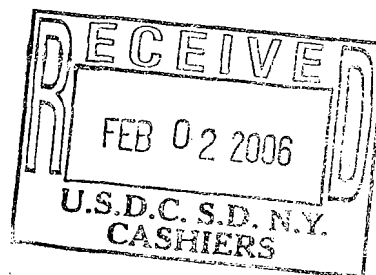


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

RONALD FERGUSON,
ELIZABETH MONRAD,
CHRISTIAN MILTON,
ROBERT GRAHAM and
CHRISTOPHER GARAND,

Defendants.

06 Civ. 0778

ECF CASE

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), for its Complaint against defendants Ronald Ferguson, Elizabeth Monrad, Christian Milton, Robert Graham, and Christopher Garand (collectively, the "Defendants"), alleges as follows:

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

1. This case concerns the conduct of four former senior executives of General Re Corporation ("Gen Re") – Ferguson, Monrad, Graham, and Garand – and a former senior executive of American International Group, Inc. ("AIG") – Milton – among others, to aid and abet a securities fraud committed by AIG. The Defendants and others at Gen Re and AIG

helped AIG structure two sham reinsurance transactions that had as their purpose to provide apparent support for AIG to add a total of \$500 million in phony loss reserves to its balance sheet in the fourth quarter of 2000 and the first quarter of 2001 – phony reserves that were supposed to stay on AIG’s books for at least two years. The transactions were initiated by AIG to quell criticism by analysts concerning a reduction in AIG’s loss reserves in the third quarter of 2000. These transactions made it appear as though AIG had increased its loss reserves in the fourth quarter of 2000 and first quarter of 2001 by a total of \$500 million, which was not true. The economic substance of the two transactions was that Gen Re was paying \$500 million in premiums in return for AIG reinsuring a \$500 million risk. In other words, the transactions had no economic substance, amounting to a round trip of cash; but they were designed to, and did, have a specific, and false, accounting effect.

2. Without the phony loss reserves, AIG would have reported further declines in its loss reserves in both quarters. Instead, as a result of the transactions, AIG’s financial results showed a false increase in reserves that AIG touted in the Company’s quarterly earnings releases. Although AIG and Gen Re had agreed that the sham deal would stay in place for two years through December 2002, the phony loss reserves remained on AIG’s financial statements, artificially boosting its loss reserves by \$500 million, for much longer. In a press release dated March 30, 2005, AIG admitted that the accounting for these transactions was improper and would be corrected. In its 2004 Form 10-K filed with the Commission on May 31, 2005, AIG restated its financial statements to recharacterize the transactions as deposits rather than as reinsurance. In that filing, AIG admitted that the transactions were “done to accomplish a desired accounting result and did not entail sufficient qualifying risk transfer” to qualify as reinsurance that would have allowed AIG to add loss reserves to its financial statements.

VIOLATIONS

3. By virtue of the conduct described herein, each of the Defendants is liable, pursuant to Section 20(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) [15 U.S.C. §78t(e)], as an aider and abettor of AIG’s violations of Sections 10(b), 13(a), 13(b)(2) and 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b), 78m(a), 78m(b)(2) and 78m(b)(5)] and Rules 10b-5, 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-13 and 13b2-1 thereunder [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5, 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1, 240.13a-13 and 240.13b2-1].

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. The Commission brings this action pursuant to the authority conferred upon it by Section 21(d)(1) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(1)], seeking a judgment:

- a. permanently restraining and enjoining each defendant from violating or aiding and abetting violations of the federal securities laws;
- b. requiring each defendant to disgorge any ill-gotten gains and to pay prejudgment interest thereon;
- c. requiring each defendant to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)]; and
- d. permanently barring each defendant, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

5. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to Sections 21(e) and 27 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78u(e) and 78aa].

6. The Defendants, directly or indirectly, have made use of the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, in connection with the transactions, acts, practices and courses of business alleged herein. Certain of these transactions, acts, practices and courses of business occurred in the Southern District of New York, including, among other things, portions of the negotiations concerning the transactions described herein. AIG also has its headquarters in New York, New York.

THE DEFENDANTS

7. **Ferguson**, age 63, is a resident of Fairfield, Connecticut. He was employed as the chief executive officer of Gen Re from 1987 through September 1, 2001, when he retired as chief executive officer and became non-executive chairman. In June 2002, Ferguson retired as non-executive chairman and began working for Gen Re as a consultant under contract until Gen Re terminated his consulting agreement in May 2005. Ferguson completed a series of actuarial exams in 1971 and is currently a fellow with the Actuarial Capital Society and a certified member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

8. **Monrad**, age 51, is a resident of New Canaan, Connecticut. She was Gen Re's chief financial officer from June 2000 until July 2003, when she left Gen Re to become the chief financial officer of another company. From May 2002 through July 2003, Monrad was also a member of the executive committee of Gen Re's Board of Directors. From 1997, Monrad was the chief financial officer of Gen Re's North American Operations. Monrad was licensed as a certified public accountant in Massachusetts in 1983, but her license expired on June 30, 1993.

9. **Milton**, age 58, is a resident of Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. He was AIG's vice president of reinsurance until he was terminated by AIG in March 2005. Milton was AIG's point person in the AIG/Gen Re transactions and took the lead role for AIG in structuring the transactions.

10. **Graham**, age 57, is a resident of Westport, Connecticut. He was a senior vice president and assistant general counsel at Gen Re, which he joined in 1986, until he retired from Gen Re in October 2005. Graham has been a member of the Delaware Bar since 1973 and a member of the Connecticut Bar since 1988.

11. **Garand**, age 58, is a resident of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. He was a Gen Re senior vice president and the head and chief underwriter of Gen Re's finite reinsurance operations in the United States from 1994 until August 2005. During the time period relevant to the AIG/Gen Re transactions, Garand also served on the board of directors of Gen Re's subsidiary, Cologne Re Dublin ("CRD"), located in Dublin, Ireland. CRD is the subsidiary that Gen Re used to effect the transactions at issue here.

FACTS

Background

12. This case is not about the violation of technical accounting rules. The Defendants structured two phony reinsurance transactions that had no real economic substance. They designed the transactions for the purpose of aiding AIG in manipulating its financial statements. The only economic benefit to either party was a \$5 million fee AIG paid to Gen Re for putting the deal together – a side agreement not reflected in the deal documents. The parties agreed in another undisclosed side deal that AIG would never have to pay any losses under the contracts, even though the contracts were written to appear as if AIG could incur \$100 million

in losses. Further, the premiums supposedly due AIG under the terms of the contracts were an illusion. In a roundtrip of cash, AIG gave Gen Re the money to pay the \$10 million in premiums as part of another secret side agreement. In order to mask the real reason for the transfer of funds between AIG and Gen Re (the prefunding of the \$10 million in “premiums” and Gen Re’s \$5 million fee for doing the deal), AIG and Gen Re commuted a separate, unrelated reinsurance contract between Gen Re and an AIG subsidiary, the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company (“HSB”). Gen Re and AIG also created a phony paper trail for the two transactions to make it appear as though Gen Re had solicited the reinsurance when all parties knew AIG sought the deal to manipulate its financial statements.

13. Each of the Defendants was aware that the true purpose of the transactions was to permit AIG to record and report phony loss reserves to calm analysts’ criticism of AIG’s reduction in loss reserves in the third quarter of 2000. Nevertheless, each of them knowingly took steps to help AIG accomplish its fraudulent purpose:

- Ferguson (Gen Re’s chief executive officer when AIG’s then chairman proposed the transaction) had discussions with AIG’s chairman that initiated the transactions. He then formed and directed the Gen Re team that executed the transaction. Ferguson also approved the structure of the deal, including the undisclosed side agreements that AIG would never have to pay any losses under the contracts and that AIG would prefund the \$10 million in premiums due AIG under the deal documents and pay Gen Re \$5 million for putting the deal together.
- Monrad (Gen Re’s chief financial officer) was involved in all aspects of the deal, including developing the initial structure that was proposed to AIG, communicating to AIG that AIG and Gen Re would be accounting for the transactions differently and making sure that AIG paid Gen Re its \$5 million fee and prefunded the \$10 million in premiums before any money was paid by Gen Re to AIG under the sham contracts.
- Milton (AIG’s senior executive in charge of AIG’s reinsurance) was the AIG point person assigned to work out the details with Gen Re for the sham transactions. He was involved in all aspects of the deal from AIG’s side, including structuring the terms of the deal and effecting the undisclosed side agreements.

- Graham (senior Gen Re executive and assistant general counsel) knowingly drafted the sham contracts to make it appear as if AIG was assuming \$100 million of risk in the deal and purposely omitted the side agreements between the parties that nullified any apparent risk on the face of the written contracts (*i.e.* the side agreements that AIG would not have to pay any losses under the contracts, that Gen Re was receiving a \$5 million transaction fee for the deal and that AIG was prefunding the premiums due AIG under the contracts). Graham also helped create the phony paper trail to make it look like Gen Re, and not AIG, solicited the transaction.
- Garand (Gen Re senior executive in charge of Gen Re's U.S. finite reinsurance operations) played a key role in structuring and effecting the undisclosed side agreements (namely, the payment of Gen Re's undisclosed fee and AIG's prefunding of the premium payments) and masking the true purpose for the transfer of funds between AIG and Gen Re.

AIG's Restatement

14. On March 30, 2005, AIG issued a press release announcing a delay in the filing of AIG's 2004 Form 10-K. In the press release, AIG disclosed that an internal review of AIG's books and records was being conducted that included issues arising from pending regulatory investigations. The release also discussed the AIG/Gen Re transactions. It stated that "the documentation [for the AIG/Gen Re transactions] was improper and, in light of the lack of evidence of risk transfer," the transactions should not have been accounted for as reinsurance. As a result, AIG stated it would adjust its financial statements to recharacterize the transactions as deposits, effectively reversing the reserves that AIG had posted as a result of the AIG/Gen Re transactions.

15. On May 31, 2005, AIG announced that it had completed its internal review and filed its 2004 Form 10-K. The Form 10-K included a restatement of its financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, and selected quarterly information for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2003 and 2004, and the quarter ended December 31, 2003. As part of the restatement, AIG amended its periodic quarterly filings on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2003 and 2004 in a 10-Q/A filed on June

28, 2005; for the periods ended June 30, 2003 and 2004 on a 10-Q/A filed on August 9, 2005 and for the period ended September 30, 2004 in a 10-Q filed on November 14, 2005. The restatement resulted in, among other items, a reduction of AIG's net income for the year 2004 by \$1.32 billion, which was an 11.9 percent reduction from the amount previously announced in AIG's February 9, 2005 earnings release. The restatement also reduced AIG's consolidated shareholders' equity by \$2.26 billion.

16. AIG also restated its accounting pertaining to the AIG/Gen Re transactions. AIG concluded in the 2004 Form 10-K that "the transaction[s] were] done to accomplish a desired accounting result and did not entail sufficient qualifying risk transfer. As a result, AIG has determined that the transaction[s] should not have been recorded as insurance. AIG's restated financial statements recharacterize the transaction[s] as [] deposit[s] rather than as insurance."

Overview of the AIG/Gen Re Transaction

17. AIG's fraudulent scheme involving Gen Re arose from the market's negative reaction to AIG's third quarter 2000 earnings release, issued on October 26, 2000. In that release, AIG showed an approximate \$59 million decline in general insurance reserves. The reduction in loss reserves drew criticism from market analysts. At least two analysts downgraded AIG after the earnings release, and AIG's stock price dropped 6 percent (down \$6.06 to \$93.31 per share) on October 26, 2000.

18. Concerned about analysts' reaction to AIG's declining reserves and the resultant negative impact on AIG's stock price, on or about October 31, 2000, AIG's chairman called Ferguson (who was then Gen Re's chief executive officer) to solicit help in structuring a transaction between AIG and Gen Re that would transfer \$200 million to \$500 million of "loss reserves" to AIG by year end through a reinsurance arrangement between AIG and Gen Re. In

conversations with Ferguson, AIG's chairman made clear that, while he was looking to increase AIG's loss reserves, the transaction he was contemplating was one that would *not* require AIG to take on any actual risk. Ferguson understood that what the AIG chairman was describing was not a bona fide reinsurance transaction, which would have required that AIG assume an actual risk from Gen Re, but rather a transaction that would only look like reinsurance for AIG's accounting purposes.

19. AIG was one of Gen Re's largest clients and Ferguson was eager to accommodate AIG's chairman. At Ferguson's direction, Monrad, Graham, Garand, and others worked out the details of the transaction together with Richard Napier (the Gen Re senior vice president responsible for Gen Re's relationship with AIG) and John Houldsworth (the chief executive officer of Gen Re's Dublin subsidiary, CRD) to fulfill the request by AIG's chairman. AIG's chairman assigned Milton, the head of AIG's reinsurance division, to act as the point person to work with Gen Re in structuring the deal. Working together, these individuals fashioned two retrocession contracts between CRD, Gen Re's subsidiary, and National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA ("National Union"), an AIG subsidiary. In insurance parlance, a "retrocession" is a transaction in which a reinsurer cedes to another reinsurer all or part of a reinsured risk it previously assumed (*i.e.*, reinsurance of reinsurance). One contract was effective December 1, 2000, and the second was effective March 31, 2001. These two contracts were the fraudulent basis for the addition of loss reserves to AIG's financial statements. In November 2004, at AIG's request, CRD and National Union commuted the first contract. On August 1, 2005, Gen Re notified AIG that it "cancelled" the second contract.

20. Under the contracts, National Union purportedly reinsured CRD for up to \$600 million in losses (\$300 million per contract). Attached to the two contracts was a skeleton schedule prepared by CRD that set forth these purported losses. The schedule listed the six underlying reinsurance contracts previously reinsured by CRD – “Contract A” through “Contract F” – the country of origin for each contract and the amount of “Reserves” associated with each contract. In consideration for the reinsurance from National Union, CRD was obligated to pay \$500 million in premiums (\$250 million per contract).

21. The contracts did not reflect the actual arrangement. As everyone involved understood, this was to be a riskless transaction for both AIG and Gen Re. Thus, although on the face of the contracts National Union appeared to assume \$100 million of risk over and above the \$500 million in premiums CRD was obligated to pay, this extra \$100 million of risk was pure fiction added to make it appear that the contracts transferred risk to National Union. In fact, National Union assumed no risk and CRD incurred no premium liability. Of the \$500 million in premiums set forth in the contracts, \$490 million was on a “funds withheld” basis (*i.e.*, the money was never paid to National Union but was retained by CRD). CRD was supposed to pay the remaining \$10 million to National Union according to the contracts, but AIG “prefunded” the \$10 million to CRD in what amounted to a round trip of cash in a side deal that was not reflected in the contracts.

22. The Defendants went to considerable lengths to aid AIG in its fraud by concealing the true nature of the transactions. AIG agreed to pay Gen Re a \$5 million fee for putting the deal together, but this fee arrangement was separate and was not reflected in the contracts. In order to effect the side agreements and conceal AIG’s payment of the fee and the “prefunded” \$10 million premium payment, Gen Re and AIG commuted a separate, unrelated

reinsurance contract, between Gen Re and another AIG subsidiary, HSB. And to make it look to outsiders (*e.g.* auditors) as though Gen Re had solicited the contracts when, in fact, AIG solicited the deal to manipulate its loss reserves, Gen Re and AIG deliberately created a sham paper trail suggesting that Gen Re, not AIG, had initiated the transaction.

23. Each of the Defendants understood that the deal was structured as a riskless transaction in which neither AIG nor Gen Re would profit or lose except for the \$5 million fee AIG agreed to pay to Gen Re for its trouble. Each of the Defendants was also aware that, contrary to what a company reinsuring losses would have done if the deal were legitimate, AIG did not perform any due diligence regarding the underlying losses it was supposedly reinsuring. In fact, during the course of the contracts, AIG did not seek or receive any claims or reports on loss activity and did not maintain an underwriting file for the two contracts with CRD.

Reinsurance Accounting Principles

24. The purpose of these transactions was to make it appear as though Gen Re was purchasing reinsurance from AIG so that AIG could record loss reserves associated with the reinsurance contracts. Had this been real reinsurance involving a real transfer of risk, AIG would have been entitled to record reserves in the amount of the loss that was probable and reasonably estimable. However, these were not real reinsurance contracts. Their purported terms were all undone in undisclosed side agreements. AIG assumed no risk, and the only economic benefit to either party was the \$5 million fee that AIG paid to Gen Re for putting the deal together. Because the transactions had no economic substance, the contracts should not have been accounted for at all. But even if some accounting for them was necessary, the transactions at best resulted in a liability owing to Gen Re and therefore should have been

recorded as deposits on AIG's books, *i.e.*, money owed to Gen Re, which would have had no effect on AIG's reserves.

The Defendants' Knowledge of AIG's Improper Purpose

25. All of the Defendants understood the fraudulent purpose of the transactions. Each of them was aware of AIG's concerns about analysts' criticisms of AIG's declining reserves in the prior quarter. Each of them also was aware that AIG wanted a risk-free transaction. Each Defendant participated substantially in structuring the transactions and effecting undisclosed side agreements to help AIG achieve its fraudulent purpose of adding loss reserves to its financial statements without incurring any actual risk. The Defendants also created a sham paper trail to aid AIG in its fraud to cover up the true nature of the fraudulent transaction.

The Defendants' Awareness of AIG's Desire to Add Loss Reserves to Quell Analyst Criticism

26. Milton was the AIG point person who dealt directly with Gen Re's Napier. Milton told Napier that AIG's chairman wanted a no-risk transaction in which Gen Re would transfer \$200 million to \$500 million of loss reserves to AIG by year end. Monrad, Garand, Graham, and others worked with Napier and Houldsworth to develop the deal's structure. Ferguson was kept up-to-date on the progress of the deal by Napier and Monrad. Over the course of several weeks in the fourth quarter of 2000, they developed a structure for the fraudulent transaction.

27. On October 31, 2000, Ferguson met with Napier and relayed the proposal that AIG's chairman had made in his telephone conversation with Ferguson that day: AIG's chairman wanted Gen Re to "transfer \$200m-\$500m of reserves to AIG for a six to nine month period" by year-end. In conversations with Ferguson, AIG's chairman also indicated that he did

not want AIG to incur any losses during the term of the deal. Ferguson cautioned that Gen Re should: “make certain we do not create (reporting) problems of our own.” Ferguson also told Napier that Milton would be the AIG point person on the deal.

28. On November 1, 2000, Napier sent an email to Ferguson and other Gen Re officials confirming that he spoke with Milton and that Milton confirmed that AIG “only want[s] reserve impact” from the deal “to address the criticism [AIG] received from the analysts” in the third quarter of 2000.

29. In a follow-up email on November 6, 2000, Napier advised Ferguson, Monrad, and others about his recent conversation with Milton: “The deal has changed a little. Instead of a 6 to 9 month duration, they are now seeking a 24 month term.” Ferguson replied: “Thanks, please keep me posted. Please do not make any pricing commitments or even pricing suggestions without talking to me.” Ferguson made clear that he wanted to be kept informed about the transaction and that he wanted to exert control over the pricing of the deal. Napier replied promptly:

We are pushing to meet Chris [Milton’s] commitment to [AIG’s chairman] that we will have general ideas by the end of the week. The next step will be to meet with AIG representatives to discuss the details of the structures. To fashion a final solution we need a better understanding of the impact they are seeking and the financial costs they are prepared to bear (aside from the cost of our product).

30. On or about November 7, 2000, Napier circulated a memorandum to Ferguson, Monrad, and four other high level Gen Re employees. The memorandum, which bore the subject line “MRG [AIG’s chairman] Reserve Project,” attached an analyst’s report dated October 27, 2000, regarding AIG’s third quarter 2000 earnings release issued the day before. The analyst’s report contained the following in the section on AIG’s reserves:

The market was disturbed by AIG’s net reserve decrease of \$59 million AIG has reduced reserves twice recently – in the second and fourth quarters of 1999 –

and the market reacted badly then as well. AIG bounced back in both cases because (1) like today, the explanation for the reserve decline was reasonable and (2) more important, no “other shoe” ever dropped. We don’t believe another shoe will drop this time either.

We do care a lot about reserves, and if we saw a steady trend of unexplained releases during a period of premium growth, we’d definitely be concerned. But that’s not the case here.

In his cover memo attaching this report, Napier wrote:

Based upon [the analyst’s] numbers, AIG reduced reserves \$59m. It will be interesting to understand more about the \$500m figure [AIG has] been using for [the proposed deal]. Perhaps [AIG is] planning for further releases in Q4 and are seeking a means to offset the cosmetic impact.

Structuring the No Risk Deal to Appear as a Risk Transaction

31. The Gen Re deal team turned to a Gen Re subsidiary in Ireland, CRD, to effect the transaction. In early November, prior to contacting CRD, Napier and Monrad met to discuss the transaction.

32. Both Napier and Monrad understood that the transaction would involve no risk. Napier’s contemporary notes of the meeting reflect this: “Deposit liabilities from [CRD] → AIG,” “non risk deal,” “NA problem, Sch F, Regulators” and “CRD no reports to anyone.”

33. The notes reflect the “NA problem,” meaning the “North American problem” that arises from a schedule to an annual report, known as “Schedule F,” which domestic reinsurance companies must file with state regulators. This report must provide certain specific information about each reinsurance transaction entered into, including the amount of premiums and the amount of reserves or deposit liabilities recorded relating to each transaction. If AIG and Gen Re both used domestic entities to effect the transactions, both companies would file a Schedule F reporting the transaction. If AIG reported the transaction as reinsurance while Gen Re reported the same transaction as deposits, this likely would raise red flags with the

regulators. Using CRD eliminated the “North American problem” because CRD is an Irish entity with no such reporting obligations.

34. On November 13, 2000, Monrad called Houldsworth, the chief executive officer of CRD, to see if he could assist in the transaction. Houldsworth also was the chief underwriter for the “Alternative Solutions” business unit of Gen Re, which wrote so-called “finite” reinsurance policies that could be used to smooth earnings. In a telephone conversation the next day, Houldsworth discussed the proposed transaction with Garand, who was a CRD board member and the head of Gen Re’s North American finite reinsurance division:

Houldsworth: The story I got from Betsy [Monrad] . . . was that some time in the last few days . . . [AIG’s chairman] phoned up Ron Ferguson and said ‘Ron, I need your help. We’ve reduced reserves . . . by 500 million to boost our third quarter results, but we’ve now realized that come the end of the year, the fact that we’ve taken down those old year reserves is going to be fairly apparent to anyone studying our group and we don’t like what’s going to happen in terms of stock market reaction or analyst reaction or whatever. We want to borrow 500 million of reserves off you for a couple years. . . .’ She [Monrad] was basically saying to me, is it possible for [CRD] to charge, to give AIG 500 million of reserves for a 500 million premium on a funds withheld basis for a couple years. . . .

Garand: It has to come from outside the US. It would be apparent in our numbers if we ceded it. . . .

Houldsworth: . . . if you do it in the States it’s just going to stand out like a sore, it’s going to look very odd in our numbers. . . . The way Betsy described it to me initially on the phone . . . she basically said just can you give \$500 million of reserves or deposit stuff to AIG and get it back in a couple of years which clearly we probably could do, but I just don’t see how that solves anything. So, I’ve got two choices. One is to let you go and talk to Betsy or one is I call her up and ask her myself, and I just wanted your advice on which one to do.

Garand: Well, she went to you. I think you should respond directly back to her. The issue over here is we can’t do it over here so she is looking for where in the group we can find something.

Houldsworth: Oh, yeah, yeah, but you're clearly understanding the motives, AIG's motivations and the issues in meeting those motivations better than I will, but either way I will talk to her and I will try and see where she is coming from. I think basically they were sitting in the office last night and she just thought 'oh god who can I call that might be able to help. Who has got \$500 million in reserves outside of the States without too much regulatory oversight that would cause, you know, those sort of problems.' It is fairly obvious that she was going to come in our direction really. There is nowhere else.

Garand: Yeah, I mean anything we do over here is going to be transparent.

Thus, Garand, like Houldsworth, understood the "North American problem" created by AIG's request, and he appreciated the need to find a way to avoid transparency in the deal.

35. On November 15, 2000, Houldsworth wrote an email to Garand, Napier, Monrad, and others summarizing Monrad's request and attaching a draft "slip" (*i.e.* term sheet):

Can CRD provide a retrocession contract transferring approximately \$500m of reserves on a funds withheld basis to the client with the intention that no real risk is transferred and that this may well be commuted or gradually reduced in a few years.

Houldsworth, Monrad, Napier, and Garand all understood that the proposed deal with AIG would involve transferring "no real risk" to AIG. They also understood, as Houldsworth noted in the same email, that any premium CRD paid would be repaid by AIG and that Gen Re would receive a fee or "margin" for doing the deal:

Given that we will not transfer any losses under this deal it will be necessary for [AIG] to repay any fee [(*i.e.*, premium paid by CRD)] plus the margin they give us for entering this deal.

36. In order to ensure that AIG would be able to record additional loss reserves, Houldsworth suggested structuring the deal so that it appeared to transfer significant risk to AIG by adding an illusory \$100 million to the coverage limit. In a telephone conversation between

Houldsworth and Monrad on November 14, 2000, Houldsworth told Monrad about his idea to create the appearance of risk transfer:

Houldsworth: I was thinking of doing something like a 600m, well they might not accept this, I presume they need risk transfer to put on the thing! So something like a 600m limit for 500m, obviously, underlying reserves 500m The only question is, in my viewpoint, clearly we got to have risk transfer in there, so I would say, you know, this 100m, if they think they are all deposits underneath you know we tell them we are not going to bill them [for the additional \$100 million] are they going to believe it, but again, that's up to them, they are going to have to leave a gap somewhere.

Monrad and Houldsworth both knew that AIG was looking for a no risk transaction and that there was virtually no risk associated with the losses they were proposing to have AIG reinsure.

As they stated in the same conversation on November 14, 2000:

Monrad: So let's assume they take the deposit liability I will tell you any way we structure it yes it's got to look more like deposit because they are not really looking to take risks! Well I think if we spend a lot of time trying to figure out how to transfer 500m of risk, we won't get this deal done in the time they want.

Houldsworth: Yeah, I mean as you say, if there's enough pressure on their end, they'll find ways to cook the books won't they?! [Monrad laughs] It's no problem there, it's up to them! We won't help them to do that too much. We'll do nothing illegal!

37. In a later conversation that same day between Monrad, Napier, and Houldsworth, they again acknowledged the lack of risk transfer in the transaction and the need for a "handshake" deal between Ferguson and AIG's chairman:

Houldsworth: There is clearly no risk transfer. You know there is no money changing hands.

Monrad: [AIG] may have a tough time getting the accounting they want out of the deal that they want to do. . . . They are not looking for real risk. . . .

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Napier: [W]hat would happen if we just did this where there was no risk? I mean we just charge them a fee for doing this deal.

Houldsworth: Well what I was thinking is if you know, we charge them, if we give them a fee on this, my idea would be for them to, they would have to come to you and say what that fee is plus some sort of margin, you must have agreed to give that to us before we will sign this deal, or at the same time as we sign this deal so you know, net, we get our margin and I think it's just the same thing, but I think to give them a deal with no risk in it and just charge them a fee you can assume their auditors are being pushed in one direction, but I think that's going too far. I think that's detail, you know they are going to come to that and if they suggest it, then fine, but I just can't see how on earth anybody, you know we can charge the 500m for a 500 limit and get them to book that as a reserve but I would be staggered if they get away with that.

Napier: Then the way to do this, if there is risk in this, the way to become whole requires [AIG's chairman] and Ron [Ferguson] to have a handshake.

Napier's contemporaneous handwritten notes from this call refer to a "side deal" to pay CRD its fee and refund the premium CRD would pay to AIG and that CRD "pay[s] AIG \$10M fee [*i.e.*, premium]; AIG pay[s CRD] \$10M fee back + fee for deal."

38. Shortly after this call, Ferguson met with Garand, Napier, and Monrad to receive an update. During this meeting, Monrad explained to Ferguson the basic outlines of the deal that would accommodate AIG's request for a no risk transaction. She described the use of Gen Re's Dublin offshore entity and the need to work out the mechanism for Gen Re to receive its fee and for CRD to get back the premium that CRD would pay to AIG. Ferguson made clear during this meeting that he was aware that the contracts would make it appear as though Gen Re was paying premiums for the deal and that this would mislead outsiders reviewing the transactions. Ferguson also made clear that he understood how the deal was structured, knew that there would be no real risk transfer under the deal and that AIG would make Gen Re whole

by returning or prefunding in a side deal all required premiums Gen Re was to pay under the deal documents.

39. Ferguson and Napier met again about the deal on November 17, 2000. Ferguson told Napier that he had spoken the night before with AIG's chairman to relay Gen Re's proposed structure. AIG's chairman informed Ferguson that AIG wanted to split the deal into two parts: \$250 million in 2000 and the other \$250 million in 2001. AIG's chairman and Ferguson also set the fee to be paid to Gen Re for doing the deal at 1% or \$5 million (1% of \$500 million) and agreed that the parties still had to perfect the return of the \$10 million in premiums to be paid to AIG by Gen Re for the deal. AIG's chairman told Ferguson that AIG's chief financial officer and Milton would be the point persons on the deal at AIG.

40. Ferguson asked that Napier relay to Milton what AIG's chairman and Ferguson agreed upon. Napier did so, and later that day he summarized his conversation with Milton in an email to Ferguson, Monrad, Houldsworth, and others:

Ron, I spoke with Chris [Milton] and brought him up to date on your discussion with [AIG's chairman] as follows:

- Dublin structure as outlined in [Houldsworth's November 15 email with attached slip]
- Fee = 1%
- Two tranches of \$250m (one for 2000, the other in 2001)
- [AIG's then chief financial officer] and Chris [Milton] will be the point people at AIG
- Among the details to be worked out is how to recover the [premium] we advance . . .

I will be sending a slightly edited version of [Houldsworth's draft slip] to Chris [Milton] as a discussion document. Betsy [Monrad] and I are to get together with them [AIG] at 4:00 on Monday.

Ferguson replied to all, instructing the Gen Re team to keep the transactions confidential:

Thanks. Note to all – let's keep the circle of people involved in this as tight as possible.

The Gen Re team dubbed the transaction “Project A” and “Project Alpha,” among other actions, in an effort to maintain confidentiality about AIG’s plans.

41. Similarly, the cover note to the underwriting file for the contracts states:

Specific guidance has been received from Ron Ferguson that this file is to be kept confidential and consequently to be kept locked in [a CRD underwriter’s] desk at all times. Permission to review this file is to be sought from the [CRD underwriter], [CRD CEO] John Houldsworth or [the CEO of Cologne Re Germany]. In CRD the only personnel authorized to review the file are [the CRD underwriter], John Houldsworth and [Houldsworth’s assistant].

42. Napier also sent an email to Milton and Monrad on November 17, 2000, following up on Napier’s telephone conversation with Milton earlier that day, which outlined the general structure of the proposed transaction and attached a draft term sheet:

Chris, below is a very general overview of the structure we propose. . . . As I mentioned this afternoon, Ron’s [Ferguson’s] discussions with [AIG’s chairman] established the following points [listing the bullet points in Napier’s email to Ferguson earlier that day reprinted above]. A point that may not be sufficiently clear in the discussion document is the term of the agreement. In accordance with our conversations, we anticipate terminating the agreement at 24 months via a commutation.

43. During a November 20, 2000 conference call, Monrad, Napier, Garand, Graham, and Milton discussed the proposed structure of the deal in detail. Graham, an assistant general counsel at Gen Re, joined the Gen Re deal team prior to this conference call to assist on accounting issues and deal documentation. During the call, Graham provided input on both topics. The parties also discussed mechanical issues including which AIG subsidiaries should be used to effect the transaction.

44. On this last issue, Graham sent an email to Napier, Garand, and Monrad shortly after the conference call ended, reflecting his understanding that the deal should be structured in such a way that no one could “connect the dots to CRD”:

In chatting with Chris Garand on the way back from the meeting, we discussed a possible scenario in which the initial transaction is between CRD and an AIG non-US entity, coming onshore as a related party reinsurance transaction between AIG entities.

If it's split up enough among AIG's US entities, the transaction would probably not reach the [state insurance] regulatory prior approval threshold for any of them (it would need to be reported on an after the fact basis).

The benefit of this approach would be that, since the AIG US entities would report the AIG non-US entity as cedants on Schedules F and P, any reviewer of the AIG US entity's statements wouldn't be able to connect the dots to CRD and beyond.

45. On December 7, 2000, Napier told Ferguson, Garand, Monrad, Houldsworth, and others in an email that he had heard from Milton and that AIG was ready to proceed with the deal as proposed in the draft term sheet Napier emailed to Milton and "in accordance with REF's [Ferguson's] conversation with [AIG's chairman]. Two installments, \$250m each, one for '00, the other in '01. We need to get together to discuss next steps." Graham undertook to draft the contract documents to send to Milton.

46. Milton and his counterparts at Gen Re also understood that the accounting for the transaction would not be "symmetrical," that is, that AIG and Gen Re would account for it differently. AIG planned to account for the transactions using reinsurance accounting to improperly add loss reserves to AIG's balance sheet. Gen Re, however, would use deposit accounting. In a telephone conversation on December 8, 2000, Monrad told Napier and Houldsworth that she had discussed this with Milton, who accepted it:

Monrad: We told AIG that there would not be symmetrical accounting here.

Houldsworth: Okay, fine.

Monrad: We told them that was one of the aspects of the deal they would have to digest.

Houldsworth: That's fine then. That should do it, shouldn't it? It's so unlikely to be an issue so . . .

Monrad: We haven't heard any push back from them in terms of can you change this, change that so . . .

Napier: It's quite to the contrary. When Chris [Milton] called he said we're going to take it as --

Monrad: It's a go.

Napier: -- we like it.

Houldsworth: Okay. Okay.

Monrad: Done.

The Sham Paper Trail

47. Although AIG had solicited the transaction to add loss reserves to AIG's balance sheet, AIG and Gen Re created a "paper trail" to make it appear to outsiders that Gen Re had proposed the deal. AIG proposing a transaction to assume losses from Gen Re (as opposed to Gen Re seeking a reinsurer to take the liabilities off its books) would appear odd to auditors and regulators and might have caused further scrutiny of the transaction.

48. The paper trail idea was first raised in a December 8, 2000 email to Napier, Monrad, and Garand in which Houldsworth asked: "Do we need to produce a paper trail offering the transaction to the client?"

49. Milton and Napier discussed Houldsworth's idea later that day, and Milton concluded that a paper trail was needed. Napier reported his conversation with Milton by email to Graham, Monrad, and Houldsworth later that day on December 8, 2000:

Chris [Milton] felt we should establish a traditional paper trail for this transaction. Rob's [Graham's] work on the contract should complete the trail.

Napier sent a separate email to Ferguson that day stating “the reserve transfer is on track. Rob Graham is drafting the agreement,” to which Ferguson replied, “thanks.”

50. As part of the paper trail, Houldsworth faxed Milton an offer letter and draft contract on December 18, 2000, which had been sent earlier to Napier, Monrad, and Graham for review and was edited by Graham. The letter stated:

I am writing further to your various conversations . . . with Rick Napier of our parent company in Stamford. I hope that I can give you a little more background on the proposal we hope that you will be able to help us with.”

After a page long discussion of the “primary objectives” CRD is “seeking to achieve,” the letter to Milton concluded:

I hope that the above gives you a feel for what we have in mind and look forward to any comments you may have in respect of either my letter or the attached ‘discussion’ draft slip. I hope that on further review AIG will be able to support this cover and look forward to working together over the next few years.

The offer letter to Milton falsely suggested that CRD was asking for AIG’s “help” and “support.” But Milton knew that it was AIG that had asked for help from Gen Re, as he indicated in a handwritten note transmitting Houldsworth’s fax to the head of AIG’s actuarial department in charge of AIG’s statutory accounting: “This is the General Re Deal that [AIG’s chairman] talked to me about.”

51. On December 22, 2000, Graham emailed the contract he drafted to Houldsworth with a copy to Garand, Monrad, Napier, and Ferguson, stating “once you’ve all had a chance to review, it will be in shape to share with AIG.” Ferguson replied to all: “Thank you all for working on this matter – it seems to be very very high profile at AIG and is much appreciated.” Garand replied, “looks good as is” after he had reviewed the contract and made sure that there was a commutation provision allowing Gen Re the option to end the contract “at our whim” and to take all funds in the experience account to ensure that there was no upside for AIG.

52. In a telephone conversation on December 27, 2000, Houldsworth asked Graham's advice regarding the mechanics of the sham paper trail:

Houldsworth: I'll be happy for [the contract] to go straight off to AIG today, when they put the real question out for Rick [Napier] as to who's gonna send that. Do we send that again with another [offer] letter?

Graham: I think the answer is you need to send [the contract]. What you want is, is for all of the deal correspondence on this thing really to come from you because it's your company that doing the deal.

Houldsworth: Yeah. Okay.

Graham: It's okay for our guys [in Stamford] to have meetings and conversations but any paper trail ought to really lead to Dublin.

During the same conversation, after Graham conferenced Napier into the call, Graham reiterated:

"What I said to [Houldsworth] is that all the paper trail for the deal really needs to go between Dublin and AIG, rather than from here to AIG."

53. Later on December 27, 2000, Houldsworth emailed Graham's contract to Milton with another cover letter for the paper trail that made it appear as if CRD solicited the transaction, when everyone involved in the deal knew it was AIG that solicited the deal to manipulate its loss reserves:

We are encouraged that you believe AIG will be able to provide us with cover for [the six reinsurance transactions that CRD had previously reinsured]. . . . Consequently we have drafted a contract wording for discussion purposes which I have attached for your examination. . . . I hope that on review of the draft agreement you will be able to support this cover and look forward to hearing from you shortly with your initial comments.

54. In a telephone conversation with Houldsworth and Napier on December 28, 2000, Milton confirmed receipt of Houldsworth's December 27, 2000 letter. He also told them he expected to send a reply email to Houldsworth that day accepting Houldsworth's proposal. Milton said that he did not need any further documentation by year end to book the transaction as

a year 2000 transaction, and that once Milton sent his reply email accepting the offer, the “paper trail” would be complete.

55. As promised, Milton sent his reply email completing the paper trail later that evening:

Just to confirm our 50% participation [50% in 2000 and the other 50% in 2001] in your adverse loss experience cover. Will review specific contract wording this weekend and get back to you if we need any changes.

Napier forwarded Milton’s email to Ferguson, Monrad, Graham, Garand, and others thanking them for their roles in completing the transaction and adding:

This is a very unique solution to a special need for an important client. It looks like all that is left are a few housekeeping matters that should be cleaned up in the next couple weeks.

56. In a telephone conversation on December 8, 2000, between Houldsworth, Monrad, and Napier, Monrad discussed the need also for a paper trail showing that CRD paid the \$10 million in premiums to AIG even though AIG planned to refund that amount:

Monrad: I think for paper trail purposes we want to make all the gross cash flows which is what I presume you expect too. . . . You need to have a wire that shows 10 million at some point left in your [CRD’s] account, and we need them [AIG] to give us 10 million back. . . . We need to get ten back and we need five on top of that, right?

Houldsworth: Yeah.

Monrad: For doing this.

Concealing Payments Through Undisclosed Side Agreements

57. The parties still needed to effect the undisclosed side agreements, namely AIG’s prefunding the \$10 million in premiums CRD was supposed to pay under the agreements and paying Gen Re its \$5 million transaction fee for putting the deal together. Gen Re did not want

to give National Union the \$10 million in purported premiums until AIG paid that amount to Gen Re, plus Gen Re's fee for doing the deal.

58. Milton proposed a solution to Napier: AIG and Gen Re would enter into a purportedly unrelated transaction to conceal the payment by AIG. The unrelated transaction, which was finalized in December 2001, involved an existing reinsurance contract between Gen Re and an AIG subsidiary, HSB. At the time, Gen Re held over \$30 million in an account that would be owed to HSB if the reinsurance contract were commuted.

59. Milton proposed the idea to use the HSB money to pay the \$10 million premium and the \$5 million transaction fee. Napier relayed this initially to Monrad and Houldsworth in an email dated February 9, 2001:

I have not forgotten the outstanding issues. I continue to follow up with Chris [Milton] at least weekly. Two recent developments:

- They [AIG] want to do part 2 in Q1 [2001] [referring to the second contract to transfer \$250 million in "reserves" to AIG]

We [Gen Re] are holding a large positive balance on a finite deal for HSB. AIG wants to unwind the transaction. Chris [Milton] is looking at ways we can use this balance.

60. Napier also relayed Milton's proposal to Ferguson, Monrad, Garand, and Graham. Napier further explained his conversations with Milton to Ferguson in a memorandum dated February 21, 2001, which was written to prepare Ferguson for an upcoming meeting with AIG's chairman. The second and third of over ten items listed in the memorandum dealt with "HSB" and the "Dublin Reserve Transaction," respectively. Napier informed Ferguson that:

We have a finite cover in place [with HSB], which will be unwound during the year. . . . We may be able to apply the positive balance to the Dublin transaction. Chris [Milton] and [AIG's chief financial officer] are working on the details and owe us a report.

61. Similarly, Napier wrote a memorandum to Ferguson dated July 20, 2001, in preparation for an upcoming meeting Ferguson was to have with AIG's chairman. The first item out of many dealt with the HSB commutation to fund the AIG/Gen Re deal. Napier informed Ferguson that: "We are winding up the finite cover and will use the proceeds to fund the reserve cover. Documents have been drafted and are on Chris [Milton's] desk."

62. In a telephone conversation on March 7, 2001, Graham and Houldsworth discussed the need for AIG to transfer the proceeds from the HSB commutation to Gen Re prior to CRD's "paying" any "premiums" under the contracts; they also discussed the leverage held by Gen Re if AIG failed to pay Gen Re its fee and prefund the premiums:

Houldsworth: We [Gen Re] aren't going to pay them [AIG] the fee [premium] yet. You know, we don't intend to pay them until we get the cash. If they turn around and start kicking up a fuss, I don't think they really want this made public, this transaction. I would be very surprised. There's a whole pile of things.

Graham: Yeah, I think it's likely that it will go through as planned, because [AIG] need[s] the relief.

63. Later in the same conversation, Houldsworth and Graham discussed AIG's accounting "issues" given that no risk was being transferred in the transaction:

Graham: I personally would have been a lot more comfortable if the deal had been inked before 12/31, and this is gray area stuff for large zeros.

Houldsworth: Yes, it's quite shocking actually.

Graham: There's folks at pay grades higher than mine that have made the business decision they're willing to do that.

Houldsworth: Well, I think the AIG situation more than ours – I mean from our view point, you know, this is Cologne Re Dublin, we haven't closed our accounts.

Graham: Sure.

Houldsworth: And to be quite frank, this route does not make a difference to our accounts. You know, there's no risk transfer in it. It's deposit accounted.

Graham: Sure.

Houldsworth: But they're the ones who you really look at and think wow, this is impressive.

Graham: Well, and their [AIG's] organizational approach to compliance issues has always been pay the speeding ticket, so, which is different than our [Gen Re's] organizational approach to compliance. So I'm pretty comfortable that our own skirts are clean but they [AIG] have issues.

64. AIG and Gen Re decided to commute the HSB contract and distribute approximately \$15 million from the HSB account to Gen Re, \$10 million of which would be later paid to National Union by CRD as premiums, with the remaining \$5 million to compensate Gen Re for doing the deal.

65. Three additional sham contracts were developed by Garand and Milton, with the assistance of Graham, Monrad, and Napier, to effect the transfers of the funds in the HSB account and mask the funding for the AIG/Gen Re transactions. First, Gen Re and HSB executed a commutation agreement on December 21, 2001, signed by Garand on behalf of Gen Re, under which Gen Re was expressly obligated to pay \$7.5 million to HSB (compared to the over \$30 million HSB otherwise would have been entitled to receive).

66. Second, Gen Re and National Union executed a retrocession agreement on December 27, 2001, signed by Garand on behalf of Gen Re and Milton on behalf of National Union, in which National Union agreed to reinsure Gen Re for any losses Gen Re became obligated to pay under its reinsurance contract with HSB. This was the very reinsurance contract that Gen Re and HSB had commuted just a few days earlier, eliminating the possibility that Gen Re could incur any losses under it. Nevertheless, Gen Re paid National Union

approximately \$9.1 million in “premiums” under their meaningless contract, thus concealing the true reason for the transfer of the \$9.1 million and obscuring that their source was the HSB account.

67. Third, to mask the purpose of the transfer of \$12.6 million from the HSB account from Gen Re to CRD, \$10 million to prefund the premiums that CRD would pay to National Union, plus approximately \$2.6 million for CRD’s portion of the fee AIG agreed to pay Gen Re under the two original agreements between CRD and National Union (\$5 million as originally agreed plus \$200,000 later characterized as interest), Gen Re and CRD entered into a sham reinsurance contract whereby CRD would pay \$400,000 in purported premiums to Gen Re for \$13 million in supposed reinsurance coverage. This sham agreement was signed by Garand on behalf of Gen Re and by CRD’s then chief executive officer. On December 28, 2001, Gen Re paid \$12.6 million to CRD as “loss payments” due under this newly created reinsurance contract. Gen Re kept the remaining approximately \$2.6 million as its share of the transaction fee. That same day, CRD transferred \$10 million to National Union for the premium supposedly due under the agreements.

68. The Defendants all understood that these contractual contortions were intended merely to mask the real reason for the transfer of funds between AIG and Gen Re.

69. Garand oversaw and was responsible for working out the details regarding how to effect the transfer of funds in a manner that would conceal the true purpose for the transfers. Garand came up with the idea, in a telephone conversation with Houldsworth on December 11, 2000, to transfer the \$12.6 million between Gen Re and CRD so the reason would not be apparent to outsiders reviewing the transaction: “On a totally unrelated contract, we [Gen Re] could write you [CRD] a losing transaction.” In addition to working out the details to mask the

true purpose of the transfer of funds between Gen Re and CRD, Garand was also the Gen Re point person to work out the details of funding the AIG/Gen Re deal with Milton.

70. Garand spent several months working out the details with Milton for the HSB commutation that AIG would use to prefund the \$10 million premium payment from Gen Re to AIG and to fund the \$5 million transaction fee owed by AIG to Gen Re. Ferguson stayed on top of these discussions and wanted to make sure that Gen Re received its fee. In an email to Monrad and others in August 2001, Ferguson remarked that he was surprised that “we [Gen Re] have not been paid” by AIG yet. Monrad replied to everyone: “While we have not yet been ‘paid’, we are holding the related cash that AIG has agreed to use from commutation of an existing HSB finite deal with a positive pot.”

71. Two days later, Ferguson sent a Gen Re senior executive an email with the subject line “AIG reserve transaction - slow moving,” stating that, “it is [Napier’s] opinion that AIG is not trying to stiff us on this transaction/fee but that rather it is caught up in the unwinding or restructuring of the HSB funding cover – which has gotten a bit slow and complicated owing to AIG changing their mind about how they want to handle the HSB unwind.” The executive responded: “I think we need to push [Napier] to get both of these items in the ‘done pile.’” Ferguson replied that Napier “is on it – he just wrote a letter to CM [Chris Milton].”

72. When the mechanics of the HSB commutation and the funding for the sham transaction were close to final, Garand sent an email to a senior Gen Re executive on December 18, 2001, “Subject: AIG wrap-ups,” seeking the executive’s approval for the transfer of funds for AIG/Gen Re transactions:

Earlier in the year we were wrestling with locking in our \$5mm intended economics [*i.e.* Gen Re’s fee] on the accommodation cover CRD wrote for AIG,

on which we were to take a \$10mm hit [*i.e.* the \$10 million in premiums CRD was obligated to pay per the written contract terms]. We are now virtually there, as soon as I get Milton to accept the commutation we are doing on HSB and the retrocession to AIG. Cash settlements are intended to flow on December 28th as follows . . . :

- 1) First, we will pay HSB roughly \$5mm in full settlement of all obligations. This compares to the funding cover pot of roughly \$31.8mm that we would otherwise be obligated to return . . . at year end.
- 2) From the \$26.8mm remainder we subtract \$10mm to prepay us for the \$10mm booking and cash loss that Dublin should reflect at the end of 2001.
- 3) From the \$16.8mm remainder we subtract \$5.2mm as our compensation (includes roughly \$.2mm of investment income to reflect that our \$5mm fees were due slightly less than a year ago, on average) for taking the CRD hit. . .

The only potential problem I can envision with Milton is how the \$16.8mm is split between him [Milton] and HSB, but the \$5mm is fully supportable, and HSB can well argue for more, though they are resigned to the fact that AIG is raiding their cookie jar.

73. On December 28, 2001, the Gen Re senior executive signed the necessary paperwork effecting the funding for the AIG/Gen Re deal.

Accepting Gen Re's "Reputational Risk"

74. The Gen Re defendants knew there was a "reputational risk" to Gen Re if anyone discovered the sham nature of the transactions. The general view apparently taken by the Gen Re individuals working on the AIG transaction can be summed up best by an email from Graham to Gen Re's then general counsel, dated December 22, 2000, regarding the transaction:

[T]he AIG project continues. It is now a two step loss portfolio deal between Cologne Re Dublin and National Union. . . . Our group will book the transaction as a deposit. How AIG books it is between them, their accountants and God; there is no undertaking by them to have the transaction reviewed by their regulators. Ron [Ferguson] et al. have been advised of, and have accepted, the potential reputational risk that US regulators (insurance and securities) may attack the transaction and our part in it.

75. In a December 11, 2000 telephone conversation between Houldsworth and Garand, Houldsworth emphasized the need to get Ferguson to sign off on the deal's "reputational risk" to Gen Re:

Houldsworth: We're going to ask . . . Ron [Ferguson] to sign off on the reputational risk. I think it's Ron's deal so he's the one that ought to.

Garand: Yep.

Houldsworth: I mean he's effectively done that by being involved but we may as well follow the rules.

Garand: Sure. Make him sign in blood.

Houldsworth: Well, I don't care what he signs in as long as I know it's him.

76. Ferguson was aware of and signed off on the potential reputational risk to Gen Re associated with the deal early on. In mid-November 2000, Napier and others at Gen Re met with Ferguson and discussed the potential reputation risk to Gen Re in doing the deal. Ferguson told them that any resulting reputational risk would be manageable.

AIG Improperly Adds Loss Reserves to Its Financial Statements

77. As the Defendants anticipated, AIG accounted for the agreements between National Union and CRD as if they were real reinsurance contracts that transferred risk from Gen Re to AIG, when all parties involved knew or recklessly disregarded that there was no risk transfer and that the transactions in reality had no economic substance, other than the undisclosed \$5 million fee AIG paid to Gen Re to create the sham transactions. By treating the contracts as if they were real reinsurance, AIG falsely inflated its Reserves for Losses and Loss Expense by \$250 million and its Premiums and Other Considerations by \$250 million in the financial statements contained in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, which AIG filed with the Commission on April 2, 2001. Similarly, AIG falsely inflated its Reserves

for Losses and Loss Expense by an additional \$250 million and its Premiums and Other Considerations by \$250 million in the financial statements contained in the Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001, which AIG filed with the Commission on May 15, 2001. AIG also falsely inflated its Reserves for Losses and Loss Expense by \$500 million and its Premiums and Other Considerations by \$500 million in total in the financial statements contained in the Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001, which AIG filed with the Commission on April 1, 2002.

78. These sham loss reserves stayed on AIG's financial statements filed with the Commission, improperly boosting AIG's loss reserves by \$500 million, until the first contract was commuted in November 2004 (AIG's loss reserves were then decreased by \$250 million) and until AIG restated its accounting for the transaction on May 31, 2005 (at which time the \$500 million were restated as deposits).

AIG's Fourth Quarter 2000 and First Quarter 2001 Earnings Releases

79. Reflecting the impact of the December 2000 contract between National Union and CRD, AIG issued its fourth quarter 2000 earnings release on February 8, 2001. In this release, AIG's chairman stated: "AIG had a very good quarter and year. . . . We added \$106 million to AIG's general insurance net loss and loss adjustment reserves for the quarter, and together with the acquisition of HSB Group, Inc., increased the total of those reserves to \$25.0 billion at year-end 2000."

80. Analysts reacted favorably to the added reserves and premiums, including one analyst who noted:

We think this quarter was a good example of AIG doing what it does best: growing fast and making the numbers. The key takeaways were 20% local currency growth in international life premium equivalents, an increase from last quarter's 18.5% growth rate, and another acceleration of growth in nonlife

insurance, with domestic general premiums growing 17.7% compared to 8.7% last quarter. *As important was the change in reserves: AIG added \$106 million to reserves and the paid/incurred ratio fell to 97.1%, the lowest level since the first quarter of 1999.* [emphasis added]

Finally, AIG put to rest a minor controversy from last quarter by adding \$106 million to reserves, worth 7.1 points on the combined ratio. This lowered the paid/incurred ratio to 97.1%, the lowest level since the first quarter of 1999. For the full year, reserve increases were 2% of earned premiums for a paid/incurred ratio of 99.1%, down from 100.2% in 1999.

81. Similarly, in AIG's first quarter 2001 earnings release issued on April 26, 2001,

AIG's chairman noted the loss reserves AIG had added to its books:

AIG had a solid first quarter, benefiting from a continuing strengthening of pricing in the commercial property casualty market, as well as strong performance by our overseas life insurance business and financial services businesses. . . . We added \$63 million to AIG's general insurance net loss and loss adjustment reserves for the quarter, bringing the total of those reserves to \$25.0 billion at March 31, 2001.

82. Analysts again commented favorably upon the added reserves.

83. Without the phony loss reserves added to AIG's balance sheet, AIG's reported loss reserves would have been \$250 million less in the fourth quarter of 2000, and \$500 million less in the first quarter 2001. This means that the \$106 million increase in reserves that AIG's chairman touted in AIG's fourth quarter 2000 earnings release was, in reality, a \$144 million decrease in reserves, and the \$63 million increase in reserves touted in AIG's first quarter 2001 earnings release was, in reality, a \$187 million decrease in reserves.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
Aiding and Abetting Violations of
Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5
(All Defendants)

84. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 83.

85. AIG and others, directly or indirectly, singly or in concert, by use of the means or instrumentalities of interstate commerce, or of the mails, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities, knowingly or recklessly, have: (a) employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud; (b) made untrue statements of material fact, or have omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and/or (c) engaged in acts, practices and courses of business which operated or would have operated as a fraud or deceit upon purchasers of AIG securities and upon other persons, in violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5].

86. Defendants and others knowingly provided substantial assistance to AIG and others in the commission of these violations.

87. By reason of the activities described, Defendants aided and abetted AIG's violations of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§78j(b)] and Rule 10b-5 [17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5].

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
Aiding and Abetting Violations of Section 13(a)
of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1 and 13a-13
(All Defendants)

88. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 83.

89. AIG failed to file with the Commission such financial reports as the Commission has prescribed, and AIG failed to include, in addition to the information expressly required to be stated in such reports, such further material information as was necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, in violation of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1 and 13a-13 [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a) and 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1 and 240.13a-13].

90. Defendants and others knowingly provided substantial assistance to AIG in the commission of these violations.

91. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants aided and abetted AIG's violations of Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1 and 13a-13 [15 U.S.C. § 78m(a) and 17 C.F.R. §§ 240.12b-20, 240.13a-1 and 240.13a-13].

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
Aiding and Abetting Violations
of Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act
(All Defendants)

92. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 83.

93. AIG failed to:

- a. make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflected the transactions and dispositions of its assets; and
- b. devise and maintain a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that:

- i. transactions were executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization;
- ii. transactions were recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles or any other criteria applicable to such statements, and to maintain accountability for assets;
- iii. access to assets was permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and
- iv. the recorded accountability for assets was compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action was taken with respect to any differences.

94. Defendants and others knowingly provided substantial assistance to AIG in the commission of these violations.

95. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants aided and abetted AIG's violations of Section 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)].

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
Aiding and Abetting Violations of Rule 13b2-1 of the Exchange Act
(All Defendants)

96. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 83.

97. AIG and others, directly or indirectly, falsified or caused to be falsified the books, records and accounts of AIG that were subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A)].

98. Defendants and others knowingly provided substantial assistance to AIG and others in the commission of these violations.

99. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants aided and abetted AIG's violations of Rule 13b2-1 of the Exchange Act [17 C.F.R. § 240.13b2-1].

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
Aiding and Abetting Violations of
Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act
(All Defendants)

100. The Commission realleges and incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 83.

101. AIG and others knowingly circumvented or knowingly failed to implement a system of internal accounting controls and knowingly falsified, directly or indirectly, or caused to be falsified books, records and accounts of AIG that were subject to Section 13(b)(2)(A) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(2)(A).

102. Defendants and others knowingly provided substantial assistance to AIG and others in the commission of these violations.

103. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants aided and abetted AIG's violations of Section 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78m(b)(5)].

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Commission respectfully requests that the Court grant a Final Judgment:

I.

Permanently enjoining Defendants, their agents, servants, employees and attorneys and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the

injunction by personal service or otherwise, and each of them, from violating or aiding and abetting violations of Sections 10(b) and 13(b)(5) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78j(b) and 78m(b)(5)] and Rules 10b-5 and 13b2-1 [17 C.F.R. §§ 240.10b-5 and 240.13b2-1] and from aiding and abetting violations of Sections 13(a) and 13(b)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. §§ 78m(a) and 78m(b)(2)] and Rules 12b-20, 13a-1 and 13a-13 [240.12b-20, 240.13a-1 and 240.13a-13].

II.

Ordering each defendant to disgorge any ill-gotten gains from the conduct alleged herein and to pay prejudgment interest thereon.

III.

Ordering each defendant to pay civil money penalties pursuant to Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(3)].

IV.

Permanently barring each defendant, pursuant to Section 21(d)(2) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78u(d)(2)], from acting as an officer or director of any issuer that has a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78l] or that is required to file reports pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act [15 U.S.C. § 78o(d)].

V.

Granting such other and further relief as to this Court seems just and proper.

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