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Ken,

We had a non-productive, unsatisfying pre-mediation conference call with Margarit Shaw this morning. Allegedly, Ms. Wang has some "smoking gun" tapes of phone conversations between the Assemblyman and [REDACTED]. To date, Ms. Wang has simply ignored three requests by the Assemblyman's counsel for a copy of the tapes to enable the Assemblyman - and us, of course - to assess the strength of their case and potential downside risk for settlement purposes.

We subsequently spoke to Ms. Shaw who agreed with us that we need more info they have before we have any earnest discussions with the Comptroller's Office and the Attorney General's Office; necessary predicates to us having any authority to commit any State dollars. She is going to push Ms. Wang to get us some specifics beyond her initial shock letter.

We are, as we advised, hardpressed to come up with even ad arguendo legal arguments and citations without more on the alleged "facts".

Thanks in advance for taking a look at this stuff,

Bill

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