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Fred, answers to your questions to the Governor below. -Christine

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To: Gov. Eliot Spitzer  
From: Fredric Dicker, State Editor, New York Post  
Re: Questions

Dear Gov. Spitzer,

It has now been revealed that two of your top aides, Rich Baum and Darren Dopp, refused to answer under oath questions from Attorney General Andrew Cuomo regarding the biggest political scandal in modern New York history. As a result, I'd like to ask you the following questions for a report I'm preparing for the Post.

1- Did you know in advance that your aides were refusing to testify and if you did, did you approve of their decision?

These decisions were left to the lawyers in my office I was aware that Counsel's office had offered sworn statements in lieu of interviews.

2- Do you know if their decision not to testify was based on the advice of counsel?

My Counsel's Office was coordinating the responses to both investigations and it is my understanding that they offered the AG's office sworn statements in lieu of those interviews.

3- Precisely when did you first learn that a plan was underway involving the State Police and the Executive Chamber to "leak" information on Sen. Bruno in order to damage him politically? Who told you and what immediate action, if any, did you take?

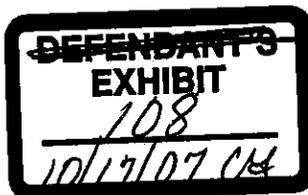
I was never aware of any plans to proactively put out information related to Senator Brund's travels. It was my understanding that there were requests from the media related to the use of state aircraft and at some point I was told the media had made a FOIL request.

5- What if any action did you take on July 5 after The Post revealed that the Spitzer Administration had engaged in an unprecedented State Police monitoring program that led to allegations that Sen. Bruno had improperly used state aircraft? I ask the question because you publicly denied after the report that any such effort was underway. We now know, of course, that it was.

That's entirely incorrect and inconsistent with the findings of the report. The report concludes that no law was broken and that no surveillance occurred. In the comments of mine you reference, I relied upon the information I was given at the time.

6- Will you agree to testify before a legislative committee about the circumstances surrounding the scandal if called to do so?

The need for Senate hearings on this issue is unfounded and serves only to distract state government from the people's business that must move forward.



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7- If Attorney General Cuomo's investigators had asked you to testify in the just-completed investigation under oath would you have agreed to do so?

This question is a hypothetical.