

## **FACT SHEET REGARDING THE DONATION AND OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION**

Q: What efforts have been made to contact the donor or persuade the donor to continue to support the Council?

A: Shortly after the June 2009 board of directors meeting, both Ronald Lindsay, president and CEO of CFI and its affiliates, and Tom Flynn, executive director of the Council, telephoned the donor and left messages. These were courtesy calls, to inform an important donor about the decisions of the board, which included Richard Schroeder replacing Paul Kurtz as chair. The donor did return Flynn's call a day or two later. Flynn was not available. A subsequent follow-up phone call from Flynn elicited no response.

Ronald Lindsay and Tom Flynn tried to contact the donor by telephone again in the late fall of 2009 with no success.

On or about January 19, 2010, Tom Flynn sent an e-mail to the donor. No response was forthcoming.

In March, Richard Schroeder, board chair, asked Paul Kurtz to contact the donor. Schroeder suggested that he and Kurtz write a joint letter to the donor. Kurtz declined. Neither the board of directors nor management has any evidence that Kurtz attempted to contact the donor.

In early April, Richard Schroeder and Ronald Lindsay sent the donor a letter discussing the financial situation of CFI and its affiliates and asking for clarification of the donor's intent. There was no response to this letter.

On or about April 20, Ronald Lindsay and Paul Kurtz had a conversation that addressed, in part, the financial situation of CFI and its affiliates. After confirming that Kurtz was very unhappy about his presence in the organization, Lindsay offered to resign effective December 31, 2010, if Kurtz succeeded in persuading the donor to make his usual donation by May 19 (the first day of the semi-annual board of directors meeting). It is unclear whether Kurtz made any effort to contact the donor. In any event, no donation was forthcoming.

Paul Kurtz, on his own initiative, resigned from the boards of CFI and CFI's affiliates on May 18, at which point no further effort was made to involve Paul Kurtz in communications with the donor.

Tom Flynn has telephoned the donor within the last two weeks. There has been no response to these phone calls.

Q: So is the donor not giving because the donor disapproves of some or all of the board of directors' actions concerning Paul Kurtz or is disappointed in Paul Kurtz's decision to resign from the board?

