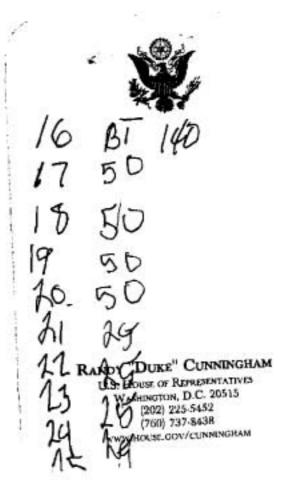
In this "bribe menu," the left column 1 represented the millions in government contracts 2 3 that could be "ordered" from Cunningham. The 4 right column was the amount of the bribes that the Congressman was demanding in exchange for the 5 contracts. For example, Cunningham's menu 6 offered \$16 million to Coconspirator No. 2 in 7 government contracts in exchange for the 8 contractor giving up his title to a boat ("BT") for 9 10 which Coconspirator No. 2 had initially paid \$140,000 ("140"). The next four rows indicate 11 that an additional million dollars in funding was 12 "for sale" in exchange for every additional 13 14 \$50,000 that Coconspirator No. 2 was willing to pay Cunningham. Once Coconspirator No. 2 had 15 paid Cunningham \$340,000 in bribes, the rates 16 dropped; and, as the final five rows reflect, 17 18 19 20 21 22



Cunningham would charge only \$25,000 for each additional million dollars that was awarded in additional government contracts.

Cunningham's malversation is unprecedented in the long history of Congress. It is a numbing betrayal, on an epic scale, correctly termed "outrageous" by the President of the United States. But not only did Cunningham betray the public trust; he also tampered with witnesses to interfere with the administration of justice. Thus, Cunningham's conduct not only corroded confidence in our system of governance; it attacked our very system of justice. Deterrence alone commands that the highest possible sentence be imposed.

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