LOBBETING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant name

Human Rights Watch

2. Address

☐ Check if different than previously reported

350 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10118

34th floor

US

3. Principal place of business (if different than line 2)

City

State/Zip or Country

4a. Contact Name

Mr. James Ross

b. Telephone number

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c. E-mail

rossj@hrw.org

5. Senate ID 

82317-1:

6. House ID 

3634700

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year

2005

Midyear (January 1-June30) ☐ OR Year End (July 1-December )

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐

Termination Date

11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms

INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☐ $

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest $20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

13. Organizations

EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than $10,000 ☐

$10,000 or more ☒ $ 80,000

14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expensing accounting method. See instructions for description of options:

☐ Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions or...

☒ Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) Internal Revenue Code

☐ Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Revenue Code

Signature

James Ross, Senior Legal Advisor

Date

Feb 13, 2006

Printed Name and Title
LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each cod information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code FOR - Foreign Relations (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Treaties and Legislation:
  - DOD Authorization Bill; amendments on detainee interrogation and legal status, rendition of detainees to foreign countries.
  - DOD Appropriations Bill (including detainee amendment)
  - Darfur Accountability Act
  - Advance Democracy Act

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted [ ] Check if None

   Department of Defense (DOD); Department of State (DOS); Senate; House of Representatives; Office of the Vice President of the United States; National Security Council (NSC)

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above [ ] Check if None

Signature __________________________________________ Date ____________________________

Printed Name and Title: James Ross, Senior Legal Advisor
ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area FOR

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

Policies/Issues:
Afghanistan: Advocated for greater support for security in Afghanistan, particularly for women; advocated for support vetting of Afghan officials potentially involved in war crimes; advocated for access by the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission to detainees in U.S. custody. Advocated for U.S. support for the Transitional Justice Action Plan.
Burma: Called for increased U.S. pressure for democratic change and renewed sanctions. Advocated for U.S. pressure on other countries to support inclusion of Burma on the agenda of the Security Council.
Cambodia: Called on U.S. to press Cambodia not to return Montagnard refugees to Vietnam, where they face repression.
China: Urged U.S. to develop a code of conduct for internet companies doing business in China.
Colombia: Urged U.S. to oppose Colombian efforts to pass weak demobilization law for foreign terrorist organizations; urged conditioning funding for paramilitary demobilization process; opposed certification of compliance with aid conditionality requirements of FY2005 Foreign Operations Appropriations Act (Public Law 108-447).
Egypt: Urged U.S. to raise with Egypt concerns about arbitrary and mass arrests of suspects in counter-terrorism operations and torture in detention; condemned conditions of Free Trade Agreement on human rights program.
Urged Secretary of State Rice to protest State Department comments on Egyptian parliamentary elections.
Ethiopia: Urged U.S. to pressure Ethiopia to investigate human rights abuses in Gambella province.
India: Advocated for human rights protections for victims of the tsunami; advocated for freedom from religious persecution for victims of the massacre in Gujarat.
Indonesia: Supported continued prohibition on IMET/FMF to Indonesia given continued abuses by the Indonesian military. Urged U.S. to focus on human rights in Aceh following tsunami; urged that relief work in Aceh target displaced populations both from the armed conflict and the tsunami disaster. Urged the U.S. Department of and U.S. Trade Representative to raise the issue of abuses against child domestic workers with Indonesia a press for amending the labor law to afford core labor rights to workers in the informal sector, including dome workers; advocated for human rights language on security assistance to Indonesia under Foreign Operation HR 3057.
Iraq: Urged U.S. to establish process for returning to Iraqi government the originals of all documents seized coalition forces since overthrow of former government, and ensure that officials of the Iraqi Special Tribunal Iraqi criminal court have access to potential evidence in future criminal proceedings. Urged U.S. to investigate allegations of torture and ill-treatment of detainees by Iraqi security forces; assist Iraqi government to comply with international standards relating to treatment of children in detention. Urged U.S. Congress to ensure that assistance to Iraqi government not contribute to human rights violations; and urged against U.S. involvement in the creation or support of "death squads" in combating insurgency. Urged U.S. to ensure adequate funding for operation of Iraq Property Claims Commission. Urged U.S. military to prevent and prevent mistreatment of Iraqis in U.S. custody; and change checkpoint procedures that unnecessarily endanger lives of civilians.
ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area

16. Specific lobbying issues (continued from previous page)

Israel/Palestinian Authority: Urged U.S. to ensure that political agreements between the parties be consistent with human rights norms. Urged the U.S. to inform Israel that continued U.S. military assistance requires clear and measurable steps to halt serious rights violations and inform Palestinian Authority that any U.S. security assistance requires clear and measurable steps to halt serious rights violations by its security forces and by Palestinian armed groups; Urged U.S. to press Israel to cease all illegal settlement activity and to set up U.S. international mechanism to monitor settlement activity; urged President Bush to raise human rights and rule issues with Palestinian Authority President Abbas; Urged Senator Clinton to reconsider her support for the $280 million loan guarantees for the Bank of Asia.

Kyrgyzstan: Urged Kyrgyz government to resist pressure from Uzbekistan to return Uzbek refugees after Arakan massacre.


Middle East: Urged Bush administration to press for specific improvements in human rights in several count under the president’s Middle East democracy initiative.

Morocco: Called on U.S. to ensure U.S. counter-terrorism assistance is not used in commission of human rights violations and to press Morocco not to mistreat criminal suspects.

Nepal: Urged U.S. to press Nepal to end “disappearances” and torture; advocated for human rights language security assistance to Nepal under Foreign Operations bill HR 3057; urged U.S. to halt security assistance until human rights conditions are met; urged non-certification of Nepal under U.S. legislation condition military aid on human rights progress.

Russia: Urged U.S. to pressure Russia to amend their NGO law to conform to international norms.

Saudi Arabia: Urged Bush administration to take stronger steps to protest Saudi restrictions on the exercise freedom of religion.

Sudan: Urged U.S. to press for action in Darfur by the U.N. Security Council to end human rights abuses an violators accountable; urged U.S. support for sanctions related to Darfur crisis.

Thailand: Urged U.S. to protest Thai restrictions on civil liberties; Sought U.S. pressure on Thailand not to repatriate Cambodian refugees to Cambodia and to help find durable solutions for Burmese refugees in Thailand; Urged S. to condemn violations of humanitarian law by all sides to the conflict in southern Thailand.

Tunisia: Urged U.S. to monitor prison conditions, encourage access for independent monitoring procedures press Tunisia to bring prisons into compliance with international norms.

Turkmenistan: Urged that Turkmenistan be designated a “Country of Particular Concern” under the U.S. International Religious Freedom Act (Public Law 105-292).

Uganda: Urged U.S. to push for human rights improvements in war-affected northern Uganda and to press end to torture.

Uzbekistan: Urged U.S. to condition its relationship with Uzbekistan on an independent, international inquiry into massacre in Andijan, to close its military facility there absent progress, and to impose sanctions targeting President Karimov and government officials responsible for the Andijan massacre and ensuing cover-up. Urged U.S. to help ensure protection, evacuation and resettlement of Uzbek refugees in Kyrgyzstan. Urged Defense Department to support efforts to press Uzbekistan on human rights.

Vietnam: Advocated for the U.S. to support the rights of Montagnards who have faced violent reprisals by the Vietnamese government in Vietnam.
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15. General issue area code **CIV - Civil Rights/Civil Liberties** (one per page)

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Legislation/Treaties (continued):
- House immigration legislation (H.R. 4437): mandatory and indefinite detention provisions, access to judicial review, expansion of aggravated felony definition.
- Sex offender legislation.
- Material witness warrant legislation (S.1739).

Policies/Issues:
- Detention of and access to courts for alleged terrorism suspects held at Guantanamo Bay and other locations.
- Torture and ill-treatment and interrogation policies.
- Detention and treatment of aliens suspected of terrorism.
- Use of military commissions and combatant status review tribunals.
- Extraordinary renditions and use of diplomatic assurances.
- Death Penalty: advocacy in favor of abolition/against expansion.
- Juveniles sentenced to life without parole: advocated for legislation that would preclude children being sentenced to life with parole; relief for those subject to this sentence.
- Access to courts for vulnerable populations: advocated against restrictions on court access for immigrants, criminal defendants, prisoners and enemy combatant detainees.
- Mandatory minimum sentences: advocated against inclusion of such sentences in crime bills moving through Congress.
- Material witness warrants: advocated in favor of legislation to ensure that suspects not detained as material witnesses.
- Immigration reform: advocated for reasoned enforcement policies that respect and incorporate due process human rights protections.
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15. General issue area code  HOM - Homeland Security (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Treaties/Legislation:

• Defense Authorization Bill: amendments on detainee status, interrogation and rendition.

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ADDENDUM for General Lobbying Issue Area HOM

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- Use of military commissions and combatant status review tribunals.
- Extraordinary renditions and use of diplomatic assurances.
- Called upon Congress and Administration to enact statutory prohibition on cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment and to end incommunicado detention in CIA secret prisons.
- Urged U.S. to comply with its obligations not to return or transfer persons to countries where they are at risk of being tortured and to strengthen those obligations.
Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address
   Address
   City  State  Zip Code  Country

21. Client new principal place of business (if different than line 20)
   City  State  Zip Code  Country

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE
23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client
   First Name  Last Name  Suffix
   1  3  4

ISSUE UPDATE
24. General lobbying issues that no longer pertain

   Find the code to select below.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS
25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

   Name  Address  Principal place of Business
   City  State  Country
   Address
   C/O/SZ

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client
   1  2  3

FOREIGN ENTITIES
27. Add the following foreign entities

   Name  Street Address  Address  Principal place of business
   City  State  Province  Country
   City  State  Country

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, or affiliated organization
   1  3  5
   2  4  6

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