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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand			
2. Registrant Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported Address 901 15th Street, N.W. Suite 700 City Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20005			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name John H. Zentay	Telephone (202) 371-6000	E-mail (optional) jhzentay@verner.com	5. Senate ID # 39974-2815
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self General Cigar Holdings, Inc.			6. House ID # 30883262

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2002 Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☒ OR Year End (July 1-December 31) ☐

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 ☐

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> >> \$ <u>\$180,000.00</u> Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> >> \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate accounting method. See instructions for description of method.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603 of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature _____ Date 8/5/2002

Registrant Name: Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand

Client Name: General Cigar Holdings, Inc.

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

15. General issue area code TRD (one per page)

16. Specific Lobbying issues

**International trade and sanctions policies and legislation. Policies toward Cuba.
Treasury/Postal appropriations, provisions on Cuba.**

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

☐ Check if None

Department of Housing & Urban Development

Department of State

Department of Treasury

Executive Office of the President

House of Representatives

Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Boggs, Virginia R.	
Brown, Jamie E.	
Grossman, Marla P.	
Sanchez, Ignacio E.	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

☐ Check if None

Swedish Match - interests are those of majority owner.

Signature _____

Date 8/5/2002

Registrant Name: Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & HandClient Name: General Cigar Holdings, Inc.**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

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

LOBBYIST UPDATE23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client
Brown, Jamie E.**ISSUE UPDATE**24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

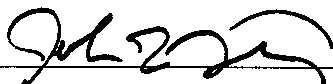
26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant or affiliated organization

Signature _____

Date 8/5/2002

