

LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name:

HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH

2. Address:

350 FIFTH AVENUE, 34 FL, NEW YORK, NY 10118

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

4. Contact Name: JAMES ROSS

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Senate ID #: 82317-12

House ID #: 36347000

7. Client Name: Self

TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2007 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: Dec 30, 1899 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: => Income (nearest \$20,000): _____

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: => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 80,000.00

14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

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

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

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15. General issue area code: CIV (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

Legislation/Treaties | Department of Defense Authorization Bill: amendments on detainee status, interrogation and rendition (S. 1548) | Comprehensive immigration legislation (S. 1348) | Second Chance Act (H.R. 1593) | Material support legislation (H.R. 2764) | Amendments to the Military Commissions Act (S. 4060 and H.R. 1416) | Habeas Restoration Bills (H.R. 2826 and S. 185) | Close Guantanamo legislation (S. 1469 and S. 1249) | National Security with Justice Legislation (S. 1876) | Taping of Interrogations (H.R. 4951) | Policies/Issues | Detention of and access to courts for enemy combatants held at Guantanamo Bay and other locations | Torture and ill-treatment and interrogation policies of terrorist suspects | Detention and treatment of aliens suspected of terrorism | Use of military commissions, combatant status review tribunals, and applicable fair trial procedures | Extraordinary renditions and use of diplomatic assurances | Applicability and definition of fair trial/humane treatment standards in the Geneva Conventions | Death penalty: advocacy in favor of abolition and against expansion. | 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 | Immigration reform: advocated for fair recognition of homosexual couples under new immigration laws | Material witness warrants: advocated in favor of legislation to ensure that suspects are not detained as material witnesses | Immigration reform: advocated for reasoned enforcement policies that respect and incorporate due process and human rights protections | Vulnerable refugees and material support restrictions: protecting victims of terrorism from being defined as "supporters" of terrorism and barred entry into US

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SENATE

State, Dept of (DOS)

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

Name: DASKAL, JENNIFER

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: MALINOWSKI, TOM

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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Foreign Relations Treaties and Legislation | Advance Democracy Act (H.R. 1133) | Global Online Freedom Act (H.R. 4780) | Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act (H.R. 1) | Andijan Accountability Act (S. 2770) | Child Soldiers Prevention Act (S. 1175 and H.R. 3028) | Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill (H.R. 2764) | UN Human Rights Council legislation (S. 1698) Policies/Issues Afghanistan: Advocated for greater support for security in Afghanistan, particularly for women; advocated for US to support vetting of Afghan officials potentially involved in war crimes; advocated for allowing access by the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission to detainees in US custody. Bangladesh: Urged US to raise with Bangladesh concerns about the extra-judicial activities of Bangladesh's Rapid Action Battalion. Burma: Called for increased US pressure for democratic change in Burma and renewed sanctions in Burma; advocated for US pressure on other countries to support the inclusion of Burma on the agenda of the UN Security Council; urged US to press the UN to establish a commission of inquiry into war crimes and crimes against humanity in Burma. China: Advocated for the US to press for access to justice for Chinese citizens attempting to file class action lawsuits. Colombia: Urged effective enforcement of human rights conditions on US military and demobilization aid to Colombia. Egypt: Urged US to raise with Egypt concerns about arbitrary and mass arrests of suspects in counterterrorism operations and torture in detention. Ethiopia: Urged US to call for release of political detainees and deny assistance to abusive military units. Global: Urged US to take a stronger stance on the Voluntary Principles for Security and Human Rights in the extractive industries; advocated for a cut-off of certain categories of US military aid to countries that recruit and use child soldiers in violation of international law or support militias that recruit children. India: Urged US to push for accountability for those responsible for human rights abuses in India-administered Kashmir. Indonesia: Supported the continued prohibition by the US on International Military Education and Training (IMET) and Foreign Military Financing (FMF) to Indonesia given continued abuses by the Indonesian military; urged US to raise the issue of abuses against child domestic workers with Indonesia and to press for amending the labor law to grant core labor rights to workers in the informal sector, including domestic workers; urged US to raise with Indonesia concerns about human rights abuses by the Indonesian military that are exacerbated by the lack of oversight over legal and illicit business practices. Iran: Urged US to refrain from tying allocation of funds to activists and reform programs with programs of regime change. Iraq: Urged US to investigate allegations of torture and ill-treatment of detainees by Iraqi security forces; urged US to ensure that assistance to Iraq will not contribute to human rights violations; urged US military to prevent and prohibit mistreatment of Iraqis in US custody; urged US to accept a higher number of Iraqi refugees and to support other countries in the region who have Iraqi refugees; urged US to press Iraq to release 5 Iranian diplomats in Iraq or to provide adequate due process rights for these diplomats. Israel/Palestinian Authority: Urged US to ensure that political agreements between the two parties be consistent with human rights norms; urged US to inform Israel that continued US military assistance requires clear and measurable steps to halt serious rights violations and to inform the Palestinian Authority that any US security assistance requires clear and measurable steps to halt serious rights violations by its security forces and by Palestinian armed groups. Jordan: Urged US to make clear to Jordan that its counterterrorism measures should comply with international human rights guarantees; urged US to support Iraqi refugees in Jordan. Lebanon: Urged US to raise with Lebanon concerns that the Lebanese government avoid civilian casualties in clashes with armed groups; called on US to ensure that US counterterrorism assistance is not used in the commission of human rights violations. Libya: Urged US to push for improvements in human rights practices in Libya. Malaysia: Urged US to raise concerns about human rights abuses in the application of the Internal Security Act. Morocco: Called on US to ensure US counterterrorism assistance is not used in the commission of human rights violations. Nepal: Urged US to encourage Nepal to end "disappearances" and torture; urged US to prioritize human rights, particularly the impunity of the Nepal Army. North Korea: Urged US to raise with North Korea concerns about workers' rights issues at Kaesong Industrial Complex and to include human rights issues in any dialogue with North Korea. Pakistan: Urged US to condition military aid on democratic reform; urged US to advocate for women's rights issues in Pakistan; urged US to support free expression for journalists and human rights activists in Pakistan; urged US to push for accountability for those responsible for human rights abuses in Pakistan administered Kashmir. Philippines: Advocated for greater security in the Philippines, particularly for civilians targeted by radical armed groups; urged US to condition military aid on progress in the prosecution of members of the Philippine Armed Forces who have participated in human rights violations. Russia: Urged US to pressure Russia to amend their NGO law to conform to international standards. Saudi Arabia: Urged US to protest Saudi restrictions on the freedom of religion and the freedom of expression and association; urged US to discuss with Saudi Arabia the nature of diplomatic assurances for detainees who have been transferred from the detention center in Guantanamo Bay to Saudi Arabia. Sri Lanka: Called on US to push for an international human rights monitoring mission in Sri Lanka to investigate issues brought about by increasing violence in the country; urged US to address with Sri Lanka issues of child recruitment by armed forces with Sri Lankan government complicity and by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. Sudan: Urged US to press for action in Darfur by asking the UN Security Council to urge the Sudanese government to end human rights abuses and hold violators accountable. Thailand: Urged US to protest Thai restrictions on civil liberties; sought US pressure on Thailand not to return Cambodian refugees to Cambodia and to find durable solutions for Burmese refugees in Thailand; urged US to condemn rights abuses by all sides in the conflict in southern Thailand. Tunisia: Advocated for fair treatment of Guantanamo detainees returned to Tunisia. Uganda: Urged US to push for human rights improvements in northern Uganda and to press for an end to torture in Uganda. United Arab Emirates: Urged US to pressure the UAE to abide by international labor standards. Uzbekistan: Urged US to condition its relationship with Uzbekistan on an independent, international inquiry into the May 2005 massacre in Andijan and to impose sanctions targeting President Karimov and government officials responsible for the Andijan massacre and ensuing repression; urged US to help ensure protection from forced return and urgent resettlement of Uzbek refugees in

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Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine. Vietnam: Advocated for US to support the rights of Montagnards who have faced violent reprisals by the government in Vietnam; advocated for continuation of Vietnam's status as a Country of Particular Concern for its restrictions on religious freedom.

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Name: DASKAL, JENNIFER
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: MALINOWSKI, TOM
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: RICHARDSON, SOPHIE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: STORK, JOE
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A
Name: SZENTE GOLDSTON, VERONIKA
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Aug 15, 2007

Printed Name and Title: JAMES ROSS - LEGAL AND POLICY DIRECTOR