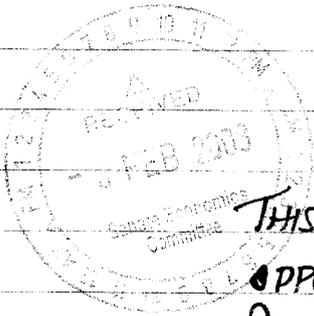


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THE SECRETARY.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE EVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY OPINION ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN. AS A PAYE TAXPAYER I FEEL COMPELED TO WRITE THIS LETTER ABOUT OUR INADEQUATE AND UNFAIR TAXATION SYSTEM. I HAVE BEEN A PAYE TAXPAYER ALL MY WORKING LIFE I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THAT THE TAX SYSTEM HAS NEVER BEEN A FAIR & EQUITABLE FORM OF TAXATION. THE RICH GET RICHER & THE POOR GET POORER. THE TAX SYSTEM IS THAT COMPLICATED THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO BE A RHODE'S SCHOLAR TO WORK OUT WHAT IT MEANS BUT TO A LAY-PERSON IT MEANS NOTHING. NO WONDER THE ACCOUNTANTS & TAX CONSULTANTS GET IT WRONG THERE IS SO MANY DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS. WHY IS IT THAT BUSINESS AND HIGH INCOME EARNERS PAY LESS TAX THAN A PERSON ON \$3,000. PEOPLE LIKE THE PACKER'S, MURDOCH'S & OTHER HIGH FLYERS PAY VERY LITTLE OR NO PERSONAL INCOME TAX. THE TAXATION DEPARTMENT TOOK KERRY PACKER TO TASK ABOUT TAX EVASION & HE THREATENED TO CLOSE DOWN ALL HIS BUSINESS INTERESTS IF THE MATTER WENT FURTHER. THE TAXATION DEPARTMENT WENT AWAY LIKE A LOST PUPPY WITH ITS TAIL BETWEEN ITS LEGS. WHAT WAS PACKER'S FAMOUS SAYING ANY-BODY THAT PAYS MORE TAX THAN THEY NEED TOO IS A BLOODY IDIOT. PACKER IS A KNOWN GAMBLER LOOKS LIKE HE WON THIS TIME BY CALLING YOUR



BLUFF. GERRY HARVEY APPARENTLY ONLY EARNS \$150
A WEEK WHICH MEANS HE DOESN'T PAY TAX. THE REST
IS MADE UP OF SHARES & DIVIDENDS. I PERSONALLY
DON'T THINK THAT IS A VERY FAIR SYSTEM. EVERY-BODY
SHOULD DECLARE WHAT THEY EARN. IF A PERSON EARNS
\$31,000 OR \$500,000 THEY SHOULD PAY TAX ON THAT
AMOUNT. BUT WHAT I DO GET PISSED OF ABOUT IS WHEN
PEOPLE BORT THE SYSTEM BY SPLITTING THEIR INCOMES
& CLAIMING TAX CONCESSIONS LIKE CARS & THE LIKE WHEN
THE PAYEE-TAX PAYER CAN NOT CLAIM FOR A SINGLE ITEM.
WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE IS GOOD FOR THE GANDER.
WE ARE WORSE OFF FINANCIALLY UNDER THE G.S.T.
I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW & WHERE OUR TAXES
ARE SPENT. I THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE MORE
ACCOUNTABLE. THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OR TREASURY
LOST 5 OR 6 BILLION DOLLARS ON THE OVERSEAS MONEY
MARKET. THAT MONEY COULD OFF BEEN BETTER SPENT IN
AUSTRALIA ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE BY IRRIGATING INLAND
AUSTRALIA TO HELP FARMERS IN TIME OF DROUGHT THUS
CREATING MORE EMPLOYEMENT OPPORTUNITIES & INCREASING
OUR EXPORTS A VERY SIMPLE SOLUTION. WE SHOULD NOT BE
GIVING AWAY MONEY TO OVERSEAS AID. CHARITY STARTS AT HOME
EVERY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD HAS THERE RICH-MIDDLE CLASS &
POOR. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT BUSINESS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO
TAKE THEIR MONEY OFF-SHORE TO SAFE HAVENS THUS AVOIDING
PAYING TAX. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER
EXPRESSING MY OPINION ABOUT ANY-THING. THIS IS FROM A LUMP-MAN'S
PERSPECTIVE. PAYEE-TAX PAYER THE BACK-BONE OF AUSTRALIA.
I DON'T EXPECT A REPLY KIND REGARDS 