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**From:** Brad Lips  
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**Subject:** catching up...  
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Dear Walt,

I'm back in the office today, and wanted to make sure to respond to your info request of last Friday. Thanks again for the good news regarding the year-end check from ExxonMobil.

My records show that we were able to give the following support to the developing world institutes you mentioned, out of last year's ExxonMobil donations that we had earmarked for Eco-Imperialism and related institute work.

- o IREN-Kenya, \$6000
- o IPPA-Nigeria, \$6434 (two grants of \$2500, plus we split cost of Thompson's airfare to a conf. with IPN)
- o Making Our Economy Right-Bangladesh, \$3500
- o Liberty Institute-India, \$5000 (this amount has been earmarked for Barun, but we remain waiting for his instructions about how best to wire it to him)

I also talked to Paul today about some other grants we can make with funds that remain. We will send \$2500 to Leon Luow's Free Market Foundation of Southern Africa. We hadn't supported them through the ExxonMobil-funded project budget in 2003 (though we did get another \$10K to FMF through our Health & Welfare project line). We also are going to get smaller grants over to Fraser Institute (helping on promoting topics relevant to Eco-Imperialism, etc.) and to Richard Tren's Africa Fighting Malaria group, though these also haven't gone out yet. Other institute funding in 2003 went to a couple Latin American think tanks involved in the translation and promotion of Paul's books.

As we discussed, we will make sure in the future to let grantees from this line know about the origin of funds and the partnership Atlas/ExxonMobil have to assist and promote their good work. I'll also copy Julian on grant messages to the developing world institutes, so everyone stays in the loop.

I'm also putting it on our "To Do" list to make sure a grant goes to the Molinari Institute, and that Tim Evans at CNE is made aware of your help since he introduced you to Cecile Philippe. I know that our Dir of Institute Relations, Jo Kwong, has been consulting with Cecile on her efforts since they met in London in late 2002. Last year, we used \$3000 (from a different funding line) to help her go to the Montreal Economic Institute for training in think tank management; MEI's Michel-Kelly Gagnon is really one of the top-notch younger think tank leaders in our network.

So anyway, that's a summary of where we stand at the moment. Please let me know if you have other questions. I know Paul has plenty of recent activity to report in conjunction with his efforts with CORE and CFACT.

Oh, one more note.... When you're able to send the check you mentioned, I think it would be helpful to include general language about how ExxonMobil wants to "help Atlas enhance its efforts in the developing world," which should allow us get matching funds later this year for at least a good portion of the donation, via the opportunity established by Templeton Foundation.

Best,

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