WILL NEWT FALL?

The speaker of the House has systematically built his empire through dubious transactions. In violation of federal law, Newt's political action committee, GOPAC, has hidden the sources of at least $10 million in donations. Gingrich has also been deceptive about where the money was spent. To cover up his misdeeds, he has kept a tight hold on the House Ethics Committee and is counterattacking his Democratic opponents, who fear exposing their own ties to special interests. Only with a popular cry for a complete accounting—and an insistence on an independent, nonpartisan investigator—will we learn the truth about the speaker's dealings. In the following article, veteran political reporter Glenn Simpson details how Gingrich is using his influence, especially with Ethics Committee Chair Nancy Johnson, to limit their investigation. He also explains what Newt fears the public will discover.

HELP US INVESTIGATE NEWT'S EMPIRE

Newt Gingrich has jealously guarded the names of the contributors to GOPAC, which he ran from 1986 until this May—even defying a lawsuit by the Federal Election Commission. *Mother Jones* has obtained a list of many of these until-now secret contributions. As a public service, we are releasing these documents on the World Wide Web. You can access them on the Internet at this address: **http://www.mojones.com**. Though many of Newt's contributors are corporate counsels, lobbyists, or executives, their donations have been duplicitously listed as gifts from individual benefactors. We have annotated, where possible, information about the donor companies, and what they might want back from Speaker Gingrich. If you have additional information about these contributors or why they would give money to GOPAC, we encourage you to contact us on our Web site or by mail. We will verify, amplify, and publish the findings.

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