

# A Guide to the Abramoff and DeLay Investigations

**A**NXIETY in the halls of the Capitol undoubtedly rose with the announcement that the well-connected lobbyist Jack Abramoff had pleaded guilty to conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion. The agreement with prosecutors means that Mr. Abramoff may be a witness against former associates and political allies; at least a dozen are being investigated for corruption.

A separate plea deal in Florida, for a case involving fraud in the purchase of a cruise ship line, is also in the works.

Republicans, with this year's midterm elections on their minds, continue to worry about the effects of several investigations aimed at some of Washington's most powerful figures.

There is much to keep track of: in the investigation of Mr. Abramoff, accusations of influence peddling and improper dealings with Indian tribes, among other things; in the money-laundering and conspiracy charges against Representative Tom DeLay, questions about the funneling of corporate money to Republican candidates; in the C.I.A. leak case, the special counsel's scrutiny of conversations between White House officials and journalists.

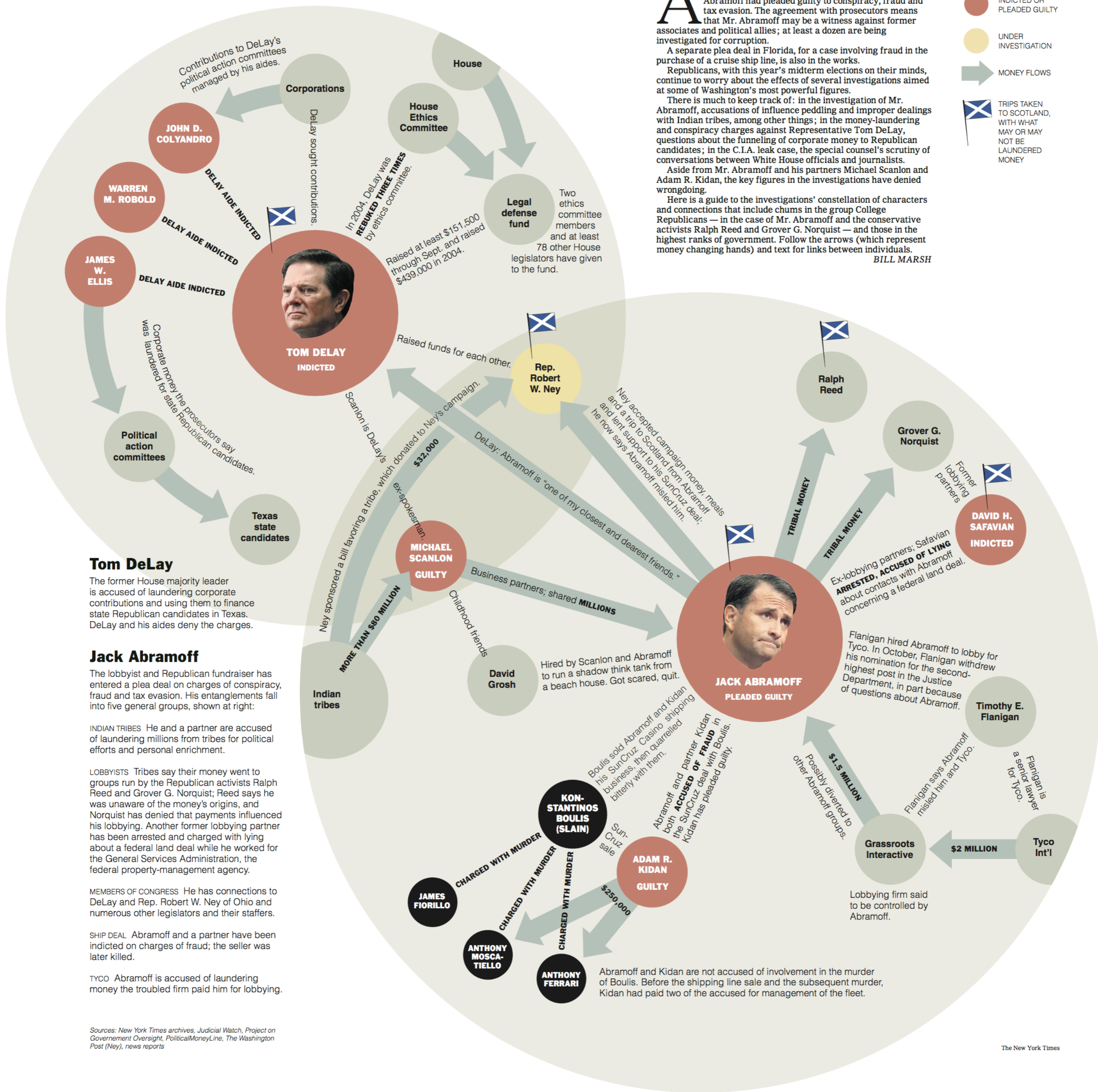
Aside from Mr. Abramoff and his partners Michael Scanlon and Adam R. Kidan, the key figures in the investigations have denied wrongdoing.

Here is a guide to the investigations' constellation of characters and connections that include chums in the group College Republicans — in the case of Mr. Abramoff and the conservative activists Ralph Reed and Grover G. Norquist — and those in the highest ranks of government. Follow the arrows (which represent money changing hands) and text for links between individuals.

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## KEY

- INDICTED OR PLEADED GUILTY
- UNDER INVESTIGATION
- MONEY FLOWS
- ▣ TRIPS TAKEN TO SCOTLAND, WITH WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE LAUNDERED MONEY



## Tom DeLay

The former House majority leader is accused of laundering corporate contributions and using them to finance state Republican candidates in Texas. DeLay and his aides deny the charges.

## Jack Abramoff

The lobbyist and Republican fundraiser has entered a plea deal on charges of conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion. His entanglements fall into five general groups, shown at right:

**INDIAN TRIBES** He and a partner are accused of laundering millions from tribes for political efforts and personal enrichment.

**LOBBYISTS** Tribes say their money went to groups run by the Republican activists Ralph Reed and Grover G. Norquist; Reed says he was unaware of the money's origins, and Norquist has denied that payments influenced his lobbying. Another former lobbying partner has been arrested and charged with lying about a federal land deal while he worked for the General Services Administration, the federal property-management agency.

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS** He has connections to DeLay and Rep. Robert W. Ney of Ohio and numerous other legislators and their staffers.

**SHIP DEAL** Abramoff and a partner have been indicted on charges of fraud; the seller was later killed.

**TYCO** Abramoff is accused of laundering money the troubled firm paid him for lobbying.

Sources: New York Times archives, Judicial Watch, Project on Government Oversight, PoliticalMoneyLine, The Washington Post (Ney), news reports