

INTERVIEW OF JOSEPH CAMBRA

On 4/27/89, Richard E. Slowe, Business Risks International (BRI), interviewed Joseph Cambra. This interview was conducted at the office and in the presence of Mr. Cambra's attorney, Daniel L. Viveiros of Fall River, Massachusetts.

At the outset of the interview, Attorney Viveiros stated that he had advised Mr. Cambra that the interview was strictly voluntary, and that he had discussions with Mr. Cambra concerning what questions could be answered. Attorney Viveiros stated that he had some concerns regarding Mr. Cambra's criminal liability, as it was possible that the District Attorney could reopen a gambling case involving Mr. Cambra, based upon the fact that the statute of limitations had not run regarding some matters associated with that case which were never prosecuted. Attorney Viveiros stated that Mr. Cambra was charged with gambling violations (being a bookie) in 1984, and subsequently plead guilty in 1986 to certain gambling charges. As a result of the above, Attorney Viveiros stated he would advise Mr. Cambra not to answer some of the questions.

Mr. Cambra was asked how he came to know and become associated with former Major League Baseball player and present manager of the Cincinnati Reds, Pete Rose. Mr. Cambra stated that he was in Florida, where he owns a home, and was watching the Montreal Expos during their Spring training camp the first year that Pete Rose played for the Expos. Mr. Cambra advised that he believed this was in 1983. Mr. Cambra stated his reason for being there was that he is an avid baseball fan. Mr. Cambra further stated that he met Pete Rose through an individual whom he thought may have been named "Marty" (last name unknown). Mr. Cambra identified "Marty" as having a van which contained photographic or electronic equipment, and having a "small kid" with him, whom Mr. Cambra thought was "Marty's" grandson. Mr. Cambra stated that "Marty" told him he had to see Pete Rose, and asked if Mr. Cambra would keep an eye on the child. Mr. Cambra agreed and later bought the child a hot dog and a coke. According to Mr. Cambra, "Marty" was very pleased that he had kept an eye on the child and treated him well, and asked Mr. Cambra if he would like to meet Pete Rose. Mr. Cambra then met Pete Rose, and at this first meeting Pete Rose gave Mr. Cambra a baseball bat which Rose had hit with. Initially when Pete Rose first asked Mr. Cambra if he wanted a bat, Mr. Cambra said he could buy one for "10 - 15 bucks." According to Mr. Cambra, Pete Rose then stated that this bat was worth more because he had hit with it. After the aforementioned meeting, Mr. Cambra stated he began to associate with Pete Rose. Mr. Cambra advised that Pete Rose, gave him a bronze statue of himself. As a result of his association with Pete Rose, Mr. Cambra stated he would visit the Cincinnati Reds Spring Training Camp, in Plant City, Florida, stating Pete Rose was "a friend of his." Mr. Cambra produced a hotel receipt from the Holiday Inn, Plant City, Florida, covering the period of March 18-25, 1989, as a result of being at the Reds Spring training camp.

(Photo copies of the hotel receipt and American Express payment, consisting of two pages, are attached and marked Appendix A.)

Mr. Cambra stated that over the years since meeting Pete Rose, he and Rose established a "good friendship." Mr. Cambra advised that Pete Rose's wife, Carol, is like a daughter to him. According to Mr. Cambra he has been at Pete Rose's residence several times, yet denies ever having stayed overnight. Mr. Cambra stated he would often play with Pete Rose's youngest son, "Ty," while visiting.

Mr. Cambra was asked about Pete Rose's 1975 World Series Ring, currently in Cambra's possession. Mr. Cambra provided the following information; Mr. Cambra stated he had been talking to Pete Rose about the fact that his favorite team was the New York Yankees. Mr. Cambra told Pete Rose the 1975 World Series was a sore spot with Boston Red Sox fans, and he would like to have a copy of Rose's ring made, which Cambra would pay for himself. Mr. Cambra stated he felt the ring would be something he could show Boston Red Sox fans, as a conversation piece. Mr. Cambra informed Pete Rose that he knew the Balfour Company in Attleboro, Massachusetts, had made the ring, and that someone at Balfour could arrange to have a copy of the ring made, if Pete Rose would write a letter to Balfour authorizing it. Mr. Cambra identified the individual whom he knew at Balfour as Mike Pomton (phonetic). Mr. Cambra advised that a letter was sent to Bill Berch (phonetic), Vice President of the Cincinnati Reds Ball Club requesting authorization to make the ring, but the letter was never answered. Mr. Cambra then asked Pete Rose to write a letter requesting Balfour to make a duplicate ring, which Pete Rose did. Mr. Cambra stated that the only reason Pete Rose wrote the letter to Balfour was because he was Mr. Cambra's friend. According to Cambra, the letter which Pete Rose wrote was not initially sufficient to satisfy Mr. Scarpellini, an official at Balfour. Mr. Cambra stated that Mr. Scarpellini had the letter from Pete Rose for some time, but did not act on the request. Apparently Mr. Scarpellini needed confirmation from Pete Rose as well as approval of the Cincinnati Reds management. Mr. Cambra was not sure how Mr. Scarpellini was finally satisfied relative to obtaining an okay to make the ring, but thought that Mr. Scarpellini may have contacted Pete Rose personally, and was then informed that since Rose was the manager, he was therefore considered to be management, thus satisfying Mr. Scarpellini's request. Mr. Cambra stated that the ring initially cost \$600 because it did not have a diamond. Mr. Cambra advised Mr. Scarpellini that he wanted a diamond, which when added to the ring resulted in the cost of the ring being \$3,141. Mr. Cambra later issued a check made out to Mr. Scarpellini for the ring, totaling \$3,141 including the diamond.

Mr. Cambra was then asked about any checks he ever had in his possession issued by Pete Rose. Mr. Cambra provided a photocopy of two (2) checks which were issued to him by Pete Rose, both dated July 5, 1984, totaling \$19,300. One check was a personal check from Pete Rose in the amount of \$10,300, and the other was a cashier's check from the Royal Bank of Canada in the amount of \$9,000 (the photocopy of the checks is attached as Appendix B). Mr. Cambra advised that the copies of the checks were made from a previous photocopy of the checks, which he had initially made upon receiving them in the mail from Pete Rose. Mr. Cambra could not remember why he initially made the copies of the checks.

Mr. Cambra was asked why Pete Rose issued the above checks to him, and he stated that they were for a "Massachusetts Real Estate deal" he was in the process of becoming involved in with Pete Rose. According to Cambra, who has a Massachusetts Real Estate license, this deal could have been very lucrative, because real estate in the area was beginning to greatly appreciate. Mr. Cambra was asked to provide the details surrounding the real estate deal so that it could be independently verified. Mr. Cambra stated he could not provide any details, stating only that the deal "fell through." Mr. Cambra was asked if a Purchase and Sales Agreement had been signed, and he advised that the deal had not progressed that far. Mr. Cambra was then asked why Pete Rose would have provided money for a deal that did not seem to have taken any formal shape. At that point Attorney Viveiros stated that for personal reasons on Mr. Cambra's part, as well as a possible criminal investigation, no details surrounding the real estate transaction could be provided. Mr. Cambra was then asked how he had returned the money (\$19,300) to Pete Rose, and Mr. Cambra advised that he could not answer that question.

Mr. Cambra was asked if he ever had any other checks issued to him by Pete Rose, and he stated he never had in his possession any other checks from Pete Rose. When asked if the police had seized a check issued to him by Pete Rose, from his residence during a gambling raid on November 13, 1984, Mr. Cambra stated "they definitely did not." Mr. Cambra advised that the two checks dated July 5, 1984, had been deposited long before the gambling raid at his residence occurred. Mr. Cambra was then advised that a Massachusetts State Police Trooper who was involved with the gambling investigation had stated he saw a personal check issued to Joseph Cambra from Pete Rose seized during the gambling raid. Mr. Cambra stated he could not explain that, but again stated he never had any other checks from Pete Rose besides the two (2) dated July 5, 1984. Mr. Cambra was asked if he had ever displayed a personal check issued to him by Pete Rose to anyone, and he stated "no" he never had.

Mr. Cambra stated he never saw Pete Rose bet or gamble, and he never talked about baseball with him. Mr. Cambra advised that Pete Rose never bet on baseball with him. Mr. Cambra further advised that "bookies" in this area (New Bedford/Fall River) don't take baseball bets, as they can't make money on them. Mr. Cambra was then asked if Pete Rose had bet on other sporting events, specifically football, with him. Mr. Cambra stated he could not answer regarding any other sports, and stated that he was under the impression that the baseball commissioner's office was only concerned with Pete Rose betting on baseball.

Mr. Cambra was told that since he would not provide the particulars surrounding the alleged real estate deal in which Pete Rose issued him the two (2) checks dated July 5, 1984, it was impossible to independently verify the information and thus help clear up any speculation that the checks were related to gambling. Mr. Cambra was then asked, "what if Pete Rose himself asked you to provide the details based upon your "friendship", would you then provide the particulars?" Mr. Cambra stated he would not be able to provide any details regarding the proposed real estate deal, even at the request of Pete Rose.

Mr. Cambra was told that it seemed strange that Pete Rose would have given him so much money on July 5, 1984, on such speculation, after only knowing him since Spring training 1983 (approximately sixteen (16) months). Mr. Cambra again stated that he could not provide any information regarding the proposed real estate deal, stating again that Pete Rose never bet on "baseball" with him. Mr. Cambra was again asked if it was possible that the two (2) checks dated July 5, 1984, or perhaps another check from Pete Rose to him had been seized by the police during the gambling raid on November 13, 1984, especially in light of the police remembering the seizure of the check during that raid. Mr. Cambra stated he never had, at any time, any other check(s) from Pete Rose besides the two (2) dated July 5, 1984, and they were not in his possession at the time of the gambling raid.

Mr. Cambra was asked if he had any association with Tommy Gioiosa or Paul Janzen and he stated that he had never met either of them. Mr. Cambra stated that from what he has read in the media, Gioiosa and Janzen could not be very good friends of Pete Rose because of the things they are saying against him.

The interview was concluded by advising Mr. Cambra and his attorney that the answers Mr. Cambra provided regarding the checks issued to him by Pete Rose, did not allow for independent verification, and as such, there are questions about the checks that remain unanswered.

APPENDIX A

DEPARTURE DATE: 3-24
 CITY: W. Palm Bch
 RATE: 35 SK
 NO. GUESTS: 1

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| 315306 | | ROOM 7129-1 | | 235.07 |
| MAR 24 | | ROOM | | 35.00 |

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 STATE: MA
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APPENDIX B



PETE ROSE
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CINCINNATI, OHIO 45239

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PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

JOE CAMBRA

\$ 10,300.00

TEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED & 12/100 DOLLARS

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Joe Cambra U.S. \$ 9,000.00

AMOUNT 9000 DOLLARS 00 CTS

RE THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK NEW YORK, N.Y.

MARK BUTLER-DONOVAN
FOREIGN

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