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CAUSE NO. 99-03487

ELIZA MAY

VS.

TEXAS FUNERAL SERVICE
COMMISSION, ROBERT WALTRIP,
SERVICE CORPORATION
INTERNATIONAL, and SCI
MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, and
GOVERNOR GEORGE W. HUSH, in
his official capacity as
Governor of Texas, and
Individially

* IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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* TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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* 261ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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6 MR. O'KEEFE: 'Huh? ...

7 MR. RANGEL: You want to flip over
8 there?

9 MR. O'KEEFE: I don't care. This is
10 fine.

here.

11 So
MR. RANGEL: Oh, okay. Let's stay

12 Sorry for asking.

13 EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. O'KEEFE:

15 Q. Mr. McNeil, I want to ask you a few
16 questions --

17 A. Okay, sir.

18 Q. -- if I can, sir.

19 Have you ever spoken with Governor Bush
20 personally regarding any aspect of the operation of
21 the Texas Funeral Service Commission?

22 A. One time I spoke with Governor Bush -- the
23 one and only time I've ever spoken to the Governor.

24 Q. Where was that, sir?

25 A. At the Fort Worth Zoo at a fund-raiser.

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1 They had a -- and that doesn't sound too good but,
2 anyway, that's where they met for the fund-raiser, at
3 the assembly building at the Fort Worth Zoo, which was
4 a very nice facility. He was there. I had an

5 opportunity to meet him for the first time there.

6 Q. And when was that, sir?

7 A. Just prior to his re-election in about
8 October or -- I don't know what date it was. When was
9 election, November, so just sometime before that.

10 Q. What year was that, sir?

11 A. When was he put into office last time?

12 MR. BISHOP: '98.

13 A. '98? So it would be in the fall of -- in
14 the fall of that. I don't have a date. I'm bad on
15 dates, Robert.

16 Q. (BY MR. O'KEEFE) Okay. And how long did
17 that conversation last, sir?

18 A. Probably a bit of 30 seconds.

19 Q. And what did you say?

20 A. I told him who I was, introduced myself to
21 him and said, Governor -- I said, I'm Dick McNeil with
22 the Commission. He said, Oh -- he said, Have you
23 got -- you and Bob Waltrip -- are you and Mr. Waltrip
24 got your problems worked out? And I said, no, we're
25 still trying to work on that Governor. I said, I hope

1 that we have not been an embarrassment to you or to
2 any of this administration. He said, You're not an
3 embarrassment to me. He said, Do your job.