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This case is being handled by the Office's Public Corruption Unit. Assistant U.S. Attorney [REDACTED] [REDACTED] are in charge of the prosecution.

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Respected Attorneys:

PLEASE try to get Ghislaine Maxwell to give information on the former Gov. of US Virgin Islands, John DeJongh, who facilitated Jeffrey Epstein's construction and USE of his private Little St James Island. And about his wife, Cecile DeJongh, who managed Epstein's business front in St Thomas, VI for 20 years.

If we local inhabitants of St Thomas knew or thought we knew about what was going on, how could politicians who signed permits, who were aware of how Jeffrey E entered and left the STT Airport, though his own private exit, and WHO traveled with him, how could our Senators not know?

Our island is small, people know everyone's business, people gossip. The first rumours were started by local men who worked on the construction of the island mansion. Airport handlers and employees were aware of Epstein's facilitated access. Nobody was blind about his traveling companions.

Besides a good paycheck, what kind of business did Mrs. DeJongh actually oversee at Jeffrey's STT Office front that would keep her on retainer for 20 years?

This is not a hate letter against the DeJonghs.. But it is about our corrupt, non-functioning legislators who only know how to line their own pockets with Federal funds that travel much further than overstuffed inept department employees whose only professional qualifications are 'extended family'.

We follow the Epstein and now Maxwell cases because we are hoping some hard truths will come to light ,enough to scare current politicians from continuing the same old same old and getting away with it. Tons of Federal monies come here, but they disappear on the way to intended projects that never get done, just revised again and again by 'consultants'

We would also like to know who gave the order to the FBI to turn around mid-flight when they were coming to arrest DeJongh? Was it a lobbyist? Was it a favor called in? Or was it just gossip on a small island that spreads faster than our never-works phone company and power-always-off utility company.

We'd like you to follow the money, as they say. (Oh, and they are 4 years behind processing our 1040 and paying our refunds due).

Please help! Our 'helpers & protectors'' are too involved and too busy helping their own selves first.

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http://www.virginislandsdailynews.com/edition/page-a11/page_4699c502-e1a8-5441-a2dc-93d731aa2a57.html

These are merely the latest (not very good for your research) articles in today's paper. I gave up trying to save every expose that don't even shame our VI governing body. But maybe some poking around will scare this recent body into actually making 'A Change' to make up for the last 25 years of blatant graft that allowed Epstein and others right up to present day take the cream off the USVI and leave the citizens with the spoiled milk. Follow the money, especially through elected representatives who have never been held accountable. The citizenry is also complicit because the gov't is the largest employer, the only employer, so nobody blows a whistle because every family has some member employed, many not even qualified to do the job.

Please follow up your investigation of SOUTHERN TRUST Epstein's front in the VI. Citizens here are tired of the shenanigans of our legislators. The Feds send lots of money, make lots of junkets, and now we are even fair game for lobbyists. Although we are citizens, and sons can be drafted, we are not allowed to vote for president. BUT the GOP has been very interested in our nominating convention delegate votes.

There has an Economic Prejudice at work here since 70's...we are considered a Third World-type area where it is known, and has been TRUE, that the local populace is not well informed, the legislators are open to bribes, the payoffs for tricky investors huge. Check out how the EDC here has grown, a complete freebie, for folks who already have money and trust fund children who want to play at a job...going out of business makes good tax sense and you can leave after your year or two of fun in the sun.

Airport maintenance, construction workers, anybody that gossips all let word spread about what was going on at the 'pedophile island' since the early days. Governor deJongh's wife worked for Southern Trust while he had his finger in many other pies and needless to say heads of many other gov't permitting and regulation offices. Our legislature is a gravy train. And it got even better with EDC. And it may be interesting as to why Sussman, Segunda, Bloomberg, and many other high rollers are building here. I don't run in those circles so don't know names, but I see the McMansions going up.

So many 'blind eyes'. Why did a plane coming to arrest DeJongh be ordered to turn around mid-flight? What lobbyist called in a favor from Feds? *RAHM*

Thank you for reading my frustration and growing desperation.

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available to talk.

Documents obtained from the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority show how officials rarely pressed Mr. Epstein on his dealings, even as they granted lucrative exemptions that allowed him to pay as little as 10 percent of the effective tax rate in corporate income tax. The tax breaks are granted to companies that agree to minimum hiring requirements and commit to investing at least \$100,000 in an industry that advances the territory's "economic well-being." Currently 71 companies, including Southern Trust, receive the incentive.

Fee income	\$	8,000,000
Related investment losses		9,544,836
Income from subsidiary		25,744,256
Total revenues		<u>43,799,092</u>
General and administrative expenses		2,549,814
Total expenses		<u>2,549,814</u>
NET INCOME		40,799,278
RETAINED EARNINGS, beginning of year		134,569,177
RETAINED EARNINGS, end of year	\$	<u>175,308,455</u>

By the end of 2017, Southern Trust reported having \$175 million in leftover profits.

The development authority did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Government watchdogs and others have long criticized the territory's history of light regulatory oversight. "Rich people have tried to make it their residence and do business there," said Jack Blum, a Washington lawyer who has led corruption investigations for several Senate committees. "The idea was to keep it all out of the hands of the I.R.S."

Mr. Epstein set up shop in the Virgin Islands in 1998, calling himself a "financial doctor" who had decided to settle there after "vacationing up and down the world," according to a transcript of a hearing the next year as he sought tax incentives that were ultimately granted. During his extensive remarks — an official interrupted Mr. Epstein's soliloquy at one point to remind him he had only 15 minutes to make a presentation — he discussed working at Bear Stearns and opined about that "electronic mail" was rendering the fax machine obsolete.

He also boasted about managing money for Leslie H. Wexner, the longtime chief executive of the company that runs Victoria's Secret, who recently said Mr. Epstein had misappropriated large sums of money from him.

The end of their association is evident in the income statements of Financial Trust. The company reported fee income — money charged to clients for services, rather than gains from investments — of \$66 million in 2006. In 2007, the year that Mr. Wexner said he had cut ties with Mr. Epstein, Financial Trust's fee income was just shy of \$4 million. In 2008, it was \$100,000.

Financial Trust reported fee income of \$100,000 for the next three years, then none in 2012 — the year Southern Trust was founded.

In 2013, its first full year in existence, Southern Trust reported fee income of \$51 million.

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Perhaps Ghislaine Maxwell can fill in some blanks for Epstein's 'bewildered' friends

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This, alas, is why it's so hard to believe all the frightful bollocks about "not knowing" being spouted by so many rich and powerful former friends of Epstein. One of the most telling admissions in *Filthy Rich*, the Epstein documentary currently showing on Netflix, comes from the former telephone engineer on Epstein's private island. "You tell yourself that you didn't know for sure and you never really saw anything, but that's all just rationalisation. Jeffrey Epstein, he was a guy who concealed his deviance very well – but he didn't conceal it that well."

Well, quite. There are many cases of huge and systematic abuse where we still pander to the people who turned a blind eye to it, by saying that it was "a sophisticated operation". Epstein's operation was certainly expensive. But was it sophisticated? How sophisticated is it really when your private Caribbean property is known locally as "Paedophile Island"?

It was much the same with Michael Jackson, whose child abuse operation is again always described as "sophisticated". And yet, was it? The guy installed a massive fairground outside his creepy house, told people he slept with kids in his bed, and was dogged for decades by lawsuits from children – always boys, always around the same age, always alleging the same patterns of behaviour. Expensive, yes, but not sophisticated. Didn't need to be.

One of Jackson's former advisers once claimed to have said to him: "Michael, you're going to wind up in a lot of trouble. Why don't you stop all this stuff with the young boys?" Jackson's deathless reply was: "I don't want to." For me, that is the absolute definitive Michael Jackson line. "I don't want to." You can hear it now, in that unmistakable singsong voice, suffused with an absolute indifference to anything other than personal gratification, and the absolute conviction that one way or another you're going to get away with it. Which proved to be the case. Why don't you stop sexually abusing children? "I don't want to."

In the case of Jackson and Epstein's servants, the silence about the "lifestyle issues" of their employer is unforgivable, yet easily explained. They depended on the men for their income. But in the case of the many, many rich people who turned a blind eye to Epstein's grotesque predilections, there really is not even the slightest scintilla of a warped excuse. They knew enough to know. Donald Trump, of course, was the only one stupid enough to say it out loud, laughing in an interview that his friend Epstein's girls were "on the younger side". But please don't suggest Bill Clinton, an extremely clever man, was too stupid to make basic assumptions, or that even Prince Andrew couldn't have glommed on once Epstein had been convicted of procuring an underage girl for prostitution. Those are just the presidents and the prince; there are countless others besides. Perhaps Ghislaine Maxwell will fill in some of the blanks behind their blankness.

For now, you might think the truly bewildering thing is that so many people didn't say anything. You might think it's absolutely bewildering that these intelligent, privileged, financially cosseted individuals never confronted Epstein about something even they must have felt iffy calling a "lifestyle". And yet, it isn't bewildering. There is, of course, a perfectly simple reason why they never did the right thing. They didn't want to.

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To Julie K Brown, Reporter

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Dear Ms. Brown,

If you are interested in digging further into the Epstein mess, everyone on St John knew about Epstein's place on Little St James as it was happening, and with help from those in authority.

Workmen who built the buildings started the gossip on the street , so we had a head's up. Political, senatorial palms were greased as is the way with our bureaucracy here when permits are needed and restrictions overlooked.

Once Epstein started coming, airport workers noticed he did not have to pass through with the masses. He had his separate door and escort.

Permits and tax breaks were obtained by providing donations & fronts to serve as blindfolds to keep certain people 'employed'...how can you work for a 'front' for 20 yrs and not realize what was going on when Joe Blow on street did?

When then Gov DeJongh was to be picked up by Feds, who gave the order for plane to turn around mid-flight and leave him untouched. Follow that lead all the way to Congress and lobbyists with connections who just had to make a phone call and get a favor.

And while you are at it why was the son of the Chairman of the Republican National Committee sent to St Croix then moved to St John where he now lives and is buying up property. We can't vote for president, but we DO have 13 delegate votes to the nominating convention.

We are sick of the political swamp here as well but everybody is interconnected through family so we get nothing done – even with all the money the VI is given.

Same old story.... It doesn't reach the children or the man on the street. I have had ENOUGH!