Press Statement of Deborah Jeane Palrey April 30, 2007

I would like to comment on a few topics including last Friday's disclosure by ABC News, that former Deputy Secretary of State Randall L. Tobias was a customer of my previous business, *Pamela Martin & Associates*. First, allow me to say how genuinely sorry I am for Mr. Tobias, his family and his friends. I unfortunately know first-hand the impact such a revelation can have upon one's life. My family and I have suffered considerably since the onset of the Government's charges against me, last October.

As my civil attorney, Mr. Montgomery Sibley can confirm both he and I endeavored diligently for five months - from October of last year until early March – to maintain the confidentiality of the client records, including those of Mr. Tobias, Mr. Harlan K. Ullman and various other individuals yet to be named. It was only when the Government's AUSA's – Catherine Connelly, Daniel Butler and William Cowden – refused every reasonable offer Mr. Sibley and I extended their way to reconcile the civil matter fairly and upon the Government's decision to indict me criminally, in early March – *expressly stating to us at the time that they did not care whether or not client identities were revealed* - did Mr. Sibley and I make the determination to utilize the records for my defense.

Initially, thought was given to raising the requisite funds needed to mount an expensive criminal defense by selling the records. Within a short time, this option quickly was abandoned for fear the records would end up in the possession of an unscrupulous person or persons. It should be noted, the assessment here not to sell the forty-six pounds of telephone invoices was made irrespective of the Court's order prohibiting me from doing so, but was made independently as an ethically conscientious choice, by Mr. Sibley and me. Nonetheless, the decision ultimately was made to hand over the records to a responsible media outlet, in this case ABC News, in New York – without compensation and/or promises/guarantees of any sort. Even though, ABC News is under no obligation whatsoever to me, I do expect their reporting to help identify othe potential witness for my defense. For me, this is a necessity, since the Government has placed me in the untenable position whereby, I do not have sufficient monies to undertake this extraordinarily expensive task on my own.

My hope defense witnesses could be found by combing through the information indeed is being realized. Friday's admission by Mr. Tobias, that he engaged in legal activity while a customer of my firm supports my position all along I operated a sexual – albeit legal – business for thirteen years, from 1993 to 2006. I am dismayed however, by Mr. Tobias's refusal to come forward until now with this extremely valuable exculpatory evidence. Had he done so earlier along with the many, many others who have used my company's services throughout the years, I most likely would not be in my current predicament.

As for those however, who disobeyed my directives, their signed contracts and participated in illegal behavior, be they client or subcontractor, I would expect the Government - as a matter of fairness and to avoid any hint of 'selective prosecution' - to

charge each and every individual with the crimes of money laundering, racketeering and/or conspiracy, as well. After all, racketeering and conspiracy offenses in particular require two or more parties. Ironically, to date, I appear to be a single party of one.

Allow me to leave you with this thought, if I may. Surely, most people have established by now that mine is a very bizarre case. In fact, those few truly familiar with the actual details and nuances can attest without equivocation accordingly to this and much more. Even my now dismissed Federal Public Defender, Mr. A.J. Kramer has remarked in his sixteen years as Chief FPD for the District of Columbia, he has never seen a case quite like mine. Consequently, I would ask the press and media to put aside the titillation of the "Who's Who" list – at least in part - and instead investigate the disturbing genesis, the confounding evolution and the equally alarming continuation of this matter. I believe there is something very rotten at the core of my circumstance and without money to hire my own investigators, I must rely upon your acumen and talent to uncover the truth.

Thank you as always for your professionalism in this regard.