

1 Phone ringing  
2 FRANK JORDAN: Hello?  
3 D'ANGELO LEE: FRANK, can you hear me?  
4 JORDAN: Yes, I can hear you real well now, no echo.  
5 LEE: Well, good. What I was calling you for, to let  
6 you know, today I was tied up all day today with City  
7 Council day, so I wasn't able to get the information  
8 over to you. Ahh, I'll get it to you in the morning.  
9 I do have Commission tomorrow and I'll be, I'm on the  
10 Commission all day tomorrow, go in about 10:00. I'll  
11 probably get out around 7. So between ahh, 8 and 10,  
12 I'll fax that information over there to you, and if  
13 any other addition, additional information you need,  
14 you can give me a call. Let me give you some other  
15 numbers.  
16 JORDAN: Oh, okay, good. You mean, where I can  
17 reach you?  
18 LEE: My, my off, you can always call me at the city,  
19 and that number's 214-670...  
20 JORDAN: Alright.  
21 LEE: 0777.  
22 JORDAN: Okay. And ahh, and that is in a, so the  
23 214-729-3484 is, is...  
24 LEE: That's my cell number, and it transfers to my  
25 office as well. And my office number is 214...

1 JORDAN: Alright.

2 LEE: 485...

3 JORDAN: 1048?

4 LEE: No, 1258.

5 JORDAN: Oh, wait a minute, 1258. Okay.

6 LEE: That's my direct line. That comes directly to  
7 my phone.

8 JORDAN: Oh, okay, good. I'm glad that I finally got  
9 a direct line.

10 LEE: And, and that number, if I don't pick up, I  
11 won't answer it, but then I'll call and retrieve my  
12 calls from it, if I'm away from the desk...

13 JORDAN: Right, right. Well, okay ahh, D'ANGELO  
14 and ahh, so ahh, I'll look forward to getting that in the  
15 morning from you.

16 LEE: Okay and, and what I'm sending you is, I, a, a  
17 my DBA which is filed UI. And I'm gonna send  
18 you a list of properties that I've sold, that I built,  
19 cause I build houses as well. And you can contact those  
20 persons, them and, and then ahh, I'm gonna get you a  
21 letter from the city as well, and just some other  
22 people that know me, ahem, and hopefully that will  
23 suffice.

24 JORDAN: Ahh okay. Ahh it should. Let me ask you  
25 one other thing ahh, D'ANGELO. Do you have a second?

1 LEE: Yes, go for it.

2 JORDAN: Okay, ahh, you know I met ANDREA, I, I've  
3 never met your third partner.

4 LEE: Yes, sir.

5 JORDAN: And ahh I, I ahh is, is he a, a working  
6 partner with you or just ahh, or just in the  
7 partnership?

8 LEE: Yes, he's and, and let me, let me just give you  
9 a little clarity. On, on how I, how I do my business.

10 JORDAN: Okay.

11 LEE: Just UI for the City of Dallas? Many times I  
12 have to, I have to keep ahh, my business very separate  
13 from me being a Commissioner, because it could be  
14 misconstrued that I use my Commissioner's hat to  
15 influence developments and get involved in property  
16 deals. So, what I do do, is that I walk a very thin  
17 line when it comes to those things. So, ANDREA and,  
18 and, and RON, runs my business for me.

19 JORDAN: He's your business voice.

20 LEE: They run my business. They, so, so, I won't  
21 have to be the Commissioner on my own deals.

22 JORDAN: Okay. Maybe I...

23 LEE: So.

24 JORDAN: ...maybe if, if, if when the time comes,  
25 ahh, maybe I can, ahh, someday meet RON.

1 LEE: Yeah, that's fine. I invited you to my office,  
2 you're welcome to come at any time, they're always  
3 there.

4 JORDAN: Oh, you mean they work there?

5 LEE: We all work from the same office.

6 JORDAN: Oh, okay, in the same office.

7 LEE: Yes, I wanted you to come there, so you can see  
8 where we work, and see where we do business. And,  
9 and UI that I do, I have to do it because, you know,  
10 that's just the way my attorney tells me to do it, so  
11 it won't be any conflict of interest. You know,  
12 'cause you know, you know, you know how the City of  
13 Dallas is, they'll say Commissioner's out there doing  
14 a deal, and he's using his influence.

15 JORDAN: Now I know that. What is RON's last name?

16 LEE: SLOVACEK.

17 JORDAN: And spell that for me.

18 LEE: S-l-o-v...

19 JORDAN: S-l-o-b....

20 LEE: e-c-k.

21 JORDAN: e-c-k. So, that's a good Chekavo,  
22 Czechoslovakian.

23 LEE: He's an Anglo guy, and ahh, so ahh, I mean, you  
24 know, they, they do, they do my business.

25 JORDAN: Okay, well, I'm...

1 LEE: All of my deals,...

2 JORDAN: Glad that you, that you shared that with  
3 me, because I didn't know that.

4 LEE: Yeah that...

5 JORDAN: I didn't know that they operated out of the  
6 same office that, that, that you do.

7 LEE: Correct.

8 JORDAN: And ahh, and so ahh, ahh that, that is good  
9 to know. Ahem and, and so ahh, that ahh, ahh when  
10 you, when, when I'm asking for ahh, you know,  
11 references and, and ahh, and ahh names of, I mean  
12 addresses of properties ahh, ahh that, that you own,  
13 presently own. Do you have any now that you presently  
14 own, or are they all sold?

15 LEE: Yeah, I buy, I, I do infield as well. I buy  
16 lots, you know, I build them and I sell them.

17 JORDAN: Okay, so, but my point is, do you have any  
18 that you're operating now?

19 LEE: I don't, I don't keep any, any of my homes  
20 right now, I sell them off to, you know, affordable  
21 homes, and I sell them all off. I'm, I'm currently...

22 JORDAN: Okay, so this would, this would be your  
23 first ahh, venture going into ahh investment  
24 properties to, to ahh, to hold?

25 LEE: Oh no, I, I, I've owned investment pieces of

1 property. I sold them off, because you know I'm, I'm  
2 doing a 75 million dollar deal, so you gotta have  
3 resources to do that.

4 JORDAN: Well, true, but I, but now, you know, you  
5 ahh, these you're going to, you, you're not able to  
6 ahh, to ahh, to, to ahh, ahh work it the way that you  
7 have been, because these you have to, you have, you  
8 know, as we well know, for 15 years you have to be the  
9 owner, or have a substitution of collateral, if that  
10 time would come that you would need to see if you  
11 could ahh switch one, you know, and, and all.

12 LEE: Well I, I, I do have, I do have those  
13 properties available. UI, I have property in  
14 California. A lot of those UI, those properties are  
15 in my, you know, my partnership's name, and so, I  
16 mean, I'm, I'm well collateralized, that's...

17 JORDAN: Okay. Okay. I just want to have something  
18 like that, where I can ahh, because ahh, and, but I'm  
19 just saying, you know, with our deal, that you would  
20 be operating these properties.

21 LEE: Yeah, see, yeah my deal with you is with me,  
22 me directly...

23 JORDAN: Oh,...

24 LEE: To me.

25 JORDAN: So, so they're not involved in this.

1 LEE: Right.

2 JORDAN: Okay, now that clears that up then. So,  
3 quite possibly...

4 LEE: All they do, all they do for me, ahh, MR. JORDAN is,  
5 cause I am a developer, and because I'm a Planning  
6 Commissioner, it's real difficult for me to do my own  
7 deals, 'cause a lot of them are in my district.  
8 They're in the Southern Sector.

9 JORDAN: Uh-huh.

10 LEE: But what I had to do, was ahh, put another  
11 company together, and hire me some guys that, that do  
12 my deals. The LKC that's my company. Ahh, the ahh,  
13 the ahh, the ahh, high end homes I'm doing on Boulder  
14 Street, they're, those are my, that's my company. UI

15 JORDAN: Have you listed those that you're ahh, are,  
16 that you're gonna fax me?

17 LEE: Yes, I've listed all of those, but what I wanta  
18 be clear with you with, is on that, those deals are in my  
19 partnership's name because...

20 JORDAN: In the partnership's name?

21 LEE: Right, because I cannot, legally, legally, my  
22 partners cannot do business in the City of Dallas if  
23 I'm legally a part of it. My name is on it. They  
24 cannot get funding from the City of Dallas to do any  
25 infrastructure or grants or whatever.

1 JORDAN: So your name is left off of it?

2 LEE: Right, for that purpose.

3 JORDAN: Mm-hmmm. And then y'all have it ahh, ahh...

4 LEE: We have a silent partnership. We have relat,  
5 they under, you know I, I have, I have stock, you  
6 know, that I have, you know, just in case they act  
7 crazy with me. Then, you know, I, I'm covered that way.

8 JORDAN: Un-huh.

9 LEE: I have to protect myself in that. But,  
10 legally, ahh, because of the City of Dallas and my  
11 position, that, that's one reason why I did not want  
12 to be the Commissioner, because my attorney told me,  
13 he said, you know, D'ANGELO, it's gonna really  
14 interfere with UI, can't do any business in the City  
15 of Dallas, 'cause they're just gonna watch you like a  
16 hawk.

17 JORDAN: That, well, that, that would happen, but  
18 boy, that does in a, in a way, if you didn't have this  
19 ahh, partnership, you know, ahh formed, you would be  
20 ahh, ahh, you wouldn't be able to, to ahh, either you  
21 would have to give up your appointment to...

22 LEE: Right.

23 JORDAN: The ahh, City Planning Commission, or you  
24 would, ahh...

25 LEE: Well I'm not...

1 JORDAN: Would have to give up the other.

2 LEE: Yeah, eventually, I UI, eventually, you know,  
3 ahh, you know, 'cause if, if it comes UI then I'll  
4 just, I mean, I, I'd, I'd make more money doing my  
5 development. In public service I get no, I get no  
6 money for this at all.

7 JORDAN: Well, I know it. I...

8 LEE: So, I just, I, I do it just because COUNCILMAN  
9 HILL, you know, asked me to do it. I, I enjoy doing  
10 it. You know the benefits of doing it, I, he's gonna  
11 be the next mayor of the city, and they want me to be  
12 the next city council person. But I told 'em, I'm, I  
13 cannot go into politics broke. I have a family, I  
14 have to take care of myself, I'm a developer.

15 JORDAN: Mm-hmmm.

16 LEE: Now, as long as I can keep, keep doing my  
17 development, and be a Commissioner, I'm fine. But if  
18 it ever becomes a problem, then I'll just quit, I'll  
19 just...

20 JORDAN: Well the, well it would just ahh, that's  
21 right. Well, I understand a little bit more now.

22 LEE: Hold on FRANK, ahh UI, someone's at my door.

23 JORDAN: Okay.

24 LEE: Hold on.

25 A long pause

1 LEE: Hello, FRANK?

2 JORDAN: Yes.

3 LEE: Okay. That was my sons, my boys just came home.

4 JORDAN: Oh, okay. Well, D'ANGELO, ahh, ahh, why

5 don't you as, as I say then, ahh, I'll get back to you

6 after I've ahh, ahh, you know, ahh, ahh received your

7 fax and ahh...

8 LEE: And I want you, and I want you to feel free UI

9 the city, the city, you know, all my, everything I have

10 is ahh, is public record.

11 JORDAN: Mm-hmmm.

12 LEE: So, you could certainly call them, and ask 'em

13 anything you wanta ask about me. I have to file my

14 financials with 'em.

15 JORDAN: Mm-hmmm.

16 LEE: Ahh, you know, so they know all of my work.

17 JORDAN: Mm-hmmm.

18 LEE: You know, do a full background check on you

19 before you go for the city.

20 JORDAN: Okay.

21 LEE: You can always call down there and get whatever

22 type of clarity you need.

23 JORDAN: Okay. Well, and so, but, but there's no

24 problem with the funds, and with you being able to run

25 the properties, and to operate those and...

1 LEE: Not at all.

2 JORDAN: Not at all, okay. That's, that's...

3 LEE: I do very, I do very well.

4 JORDAN: Yes, well, I, I'm happy ahh, ahh for you,  
5 and certainly happy to ahh, you know, to hear that.  
6 So ahh, but it, ahh I will then I'll, I'll look over  
7 all of these. I did, I did lose out on that BONITA  
8 because they ahh, ahh, in fact they,  
9 you know they, they didn't appreciate...

10 LEE: They changed the price on it.

11 JORDAN: ...the fact that I didn't come back at, with  
12 'em. And, ahh...

13 LEE: Well, they...

14 JORDAN: ...and, and tell 'em one way or the other,  
15 and I should have. But I didn't know what to say to 'em.

16 LEE: Well, I think, I think the problem was they,  
17 they thought they was gonna get you to go cheaper.

18 JORDAN: Well, they, they offered it to  
19 begin with, and then ahh, you know, as I showed you  
20 the contract, and then they came in at 105. But ahh,  
21 you know, they offered verbally 115 to begin with, so  
22 I countered it with ahh, with 115. And, but they  
23 didn't, now that wasn't what they conveyed to me.  
24 They conveyed to me that they went ahead and committed  
25 themselves on something else when they didn't hear from

1 me. I'm just telling, you know, that, so that's still  
2 in the mix.

3 LEE: That's fine.

4 JORDAN: Yeah. Okay, well, D'ANGELO, ahh, ahh, you  
5 have take care of yourself. Have a  
6 good night and ahh, and I'll be, oh, you'll be all day  
7 tomorrow you'll be ahh, did you say or was that today?

8 LEE: Yeah, I'll be, I'll be on the Commission all  
9 day tomorrow.

10 JORDAN: Oh, okay.

11 LEE: What, now I want, I want you to come down, you  
12 know, come downtown. Come down there and see, and  
13 look and touch and feel and...

14 JORDAN: LAUGHING...

15 LEE: So, you can know who I am.

16 JORDAN: I wouldn't even know where to come,  
17 if I did.

18 LEE: Come, come to, come to City Hall, and I'm on  
19 the fifth floor in, in the red section, and just ask,  
20 just tell 'em you wanta go to the Commissioner's  
21 office and ahh, they'll, they'll show you where I am.

22 JORDAN: Oh, okay. Anyone can do that?

23 LEE: Yeah. Just, if you come in, park, just tell  
24 'em you're coming to see COMMISSIONER LEE. They'll,  
25 they'll put you in a, in the guest parking, then come

1 up to the fifth floor, to COUNCILMAN HILL's office,  
2 and just let them know you're here to see me, and  
3 they'll get me.

4 JORDAN: Oh, okay, well, that's, so that's only on  
5 certain days?

6 LEE: UI I'm there every Thursday, from like 10 in  
7 the morning, 'til about 7 or 8:00 at night.

8 JORDAN: That, so that's y'all's full day, isn't it?

9 LEE: To say the least.

10 JORDAN: Yes, I know what you mean. Okay D'ANGELO,  
11 I'm, I'm, I'm ahh, so I'll, ahh, I'll be talking with  
12 you soon.

13 LEE: And, and, and feel free to use the numbers, and  
14 you can call up there. I, I don't have a problem, I  
15 won't be offended.

16 JORDAN: Ahh, oh, ahh I, I understand that.

17 LEE: Yeah. You, you can call the city. There's no  
18 problem.

19 JORDAN: Oh, okay.

20 LEE: It's not a big deal.

21 JORDAN: Okay, well you take care then.

22 LEE: Alright, bye.

23 JORDAN: And thank you. Bye.

24 LEE: Bye

25 END OF TAPE

Target:	DAngelo Lee
Line:	214-729-3484
Session:	2002
Date:	03/09/2005
Start Time:	17:24:44 CST
Duration:	00:13:14
Direction:	Outgoing

5564