The year 2002 was remarkably productive for the Center for Public Integrity, marked by the release of 40 investigative reports and the publication of the book Capitol Offenders. Approximately 1,300 news stories were written referencing Center findings or perspectives, and our authoritative coverage of Enron and Harken Energy led to our Web site registering a record 1.1 million unique visits.

**January**

**The Bush 100.** The Center released a report outlining the finances and affiliations of Bush administration officials, along with a searchable database. The report revealed that the average net worth of Bush cabinet officials is nearly ten times the average net worth of their immediate predecessors.

**January**

As the Enron scandal unfolded, four reports and a commentary on the Web site illuminated links between Enron and the Bush administration. The reports revealed that Enron officials were big political donors, that 14 administration officials owned Enron stock, and that Enron’s accounting firm, Arthur Andersen LLP, spent lavishly on contributions and lobbying. The coverage generated an enormous response: During the height of the scandal, the Center Web site received 50,000 hits a day.

**April**

**Kuchma Approved Sale of Weapons System to Iraq,** by Phillip van Niekerk and André Verlöy, was posted on our Web site. The report, describing how Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma personally authorized the sale of $100 million worth of high-technology anti-aircraft radar systems to Iraq in violation of U.N. sanctions, was accompanied by an audio tape of Kuchma making the deals. Within days of its release, U.S. aid to the Ukraine was suspended, and Kuchma was under criminal investigation in Kiev.

**May**

**Capitol Offenders: How Private Interests Govern Our States,** a book published by the Center for Public Integrity representing five years of research, found that legislators often have a personal financial stake in the laws they write, vote on, and champion on the statehouse floor. The book won the Investigative Reporters and Editors’ 2002 book award.
June
War On Error: Live Pictures Taken by U.S. Planes Were Freely Available, written by the Center’s International Consortium of Investigative Journalists member Duncan Campbell, described how the war on terrorism in Europe was being undermined by a military communications system that makes it easier for terrorists to tune in to live video of U.S. intelligence operations than to watch Disney cartoons or new-release movies. The system was swiftly repaired in response to the Center story.

July
The Center was the only organization to make Harken Energy documents it obtained from a FOIA request available online. Hundreds of national news stories cited the documents, which provoked two New York Times columns, 150 news stories in the U.S. and multiple TV reports, including a CNN back-and-forth about the White House’s view of the Center.

October
Making a Killing: The Business of War. The first reports of ICIJ’s two-year investigation into war profiteering were published. ICIJ members found that a handful of individuals and companies with connections to governments, multinational corporations and, sometimes, criminal syndicates in the United States, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East have profited from war commerce.

December
Outsourcing Big Brother: Office of Total Information Awareness Relies on Private Sector to Track Americans. Adam Mayle and Alex Knott reported on how a controversial Pentagon research program had hired at least eight private companies, at a cost of $88 million, to work on the effort.

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