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### **“Billionaires for Bush” to Hold Nationwide “Cheney Is Innocent” Vigils and Launch the Dick Cheney Defense Fund**

*Nationwide Day of Action set for Saturday, August 14th, 2004*

**New York, NY, August 13th, 2004** — Billionaires for Bush (B4B), activists for the corporate elite, have declared August 14th “Defend Dick Cheney Day.” The Billionaires’ are appalled by the vast, middle-of-the-road conspiracy against Cheney that includes the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the Associated Press, Judicial Watch, the nation of France, and the U.S. Attorney in Houston. Dressed in their signature tuxedos, top-hats, gowns and tiaras, Billionaires will gather in cities nationwide on Saturday, August 14 to launch the Dick Cheney Defense Fund and hold “Cheney is Innocent!” vigils.

The SEC’s lawsuit against Halliburton for improperly inflating profit figures during Cheney’s watch was recently settled for \$7.5 million. But this issue won’t die easily. Four former Halliburton finance employees now contend that high-level and systematic accounting fraud occurred during Cheney’s leadership that goes far beyond the improper activities cited in the SEC lawsuit.

The Billionaires are prepared to defend Cheney against a long list of accusations, including: overseeing Enron-style accounting at Halliburton, the secret energy task force, Supreme Court cronyism, arranging no-bid contracts, dodging the draft repeatedly, bribery of Nigerian officials, and doing business with Iran, Iraq and Libya.

In Washington DC, the Billionaires will stage a “Cheney is Innocent” Vigil at 1pm at the Vice President’s home (the Naval Observatory, corner of Mass. Ave. and Observatory Ct. NW) and then retire to an undisclosed location. The Washington DC action will be emulated at landmarks in cities nationwide, including Orlando, Toledo, Phoenix, Scranton, Madison, Cleveland, South Palm Beach County and New York.

“Cheney might have been at the helm while Halliburton engaged in some creative accounting techniques, but the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) didn’t have to make a big lawsuit about it,” said Ivan Tital, Chair of the B4B chapter in Washington, DC.

“We at Billionaires for Bush will not stand idly by while our good friend is hounded by such shameless truth seekers,” vows Iona Bigga Yacht, Director of Field Operations for Billionaires for Bush.

#### **About Billionaires for Bush**

Billionaires for Bush is a do-it-yourself street theater and media campaign using humor to expose how Bush administration economic policies have favored the corporate elite at the expense of everyday Americans. Billionaires for Bush is organized as an independent 527 committee, with headquarters in NYC and over 70 chapters nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.BillionairesForBush.com](http://www.BillionairesForBush.com).

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